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## FWRC Field Day Photos



photo by Al Burke, WB9SSE



photo by Vic Guess, WB9UZA

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## Earl Eugene "Gene" Hooper, K9CRA, SK

Earl Eugene "Gene" Hooper, K9CRA, became a Silent Key the morning of July 1. Gene was the father of FWRC member Phil Hooper. Visitation for Phil's father will be Monday, 7-9 p.m. and the funeral service will be Tues. evening at 7 p.m., all at D.O. McComb & Sons facility on Maplecrest Rd. Mr. Hooper will be interred at a private ceremony in Columbus, IN on Wednesday. Phil's store is closed until Thursday, 7-08-09.



photo by Al Burke, WB9SSE

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**Deadline for the August issue is Friday, 8/7/09.**

**Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!**

### Internet Home Pages:

**Fort Wayne Radio Club:**

<http://www.FWRC.info/> (pending)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FWRC/>

**ACARTS:** <http://www.acarts.com>

**Ft. Wayne DX Assoc.:** <http://www.qsl.net/fwdxa/>

**ARES:** [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Allen\\_Co\\_IN\\_ARES/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Allen_Co_IN_ARES/)

**IN\_PACKET Yahoo Group:** [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IN\\_PACKET/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IN_PACKET/)

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**President's Corner**



First I want to thank Adolph Wozniak, WA9WTJ, for his presentation on the subject of coaxial transmission lines and Maxwell's Equations at the June General Meeting. Unfortunately I was out of

town and unable to attend; but, everyone I have talked to has told him how fascinating it was. I also want to thank Steve Nardin, W9SAN, for his time going over the Field Day pre-planning information at the June meeting.

That is the perfect transition to talk about Field Day. I am happy to report that once again Field Day was a big success. The weather cooperated both Saturday and Sunday with no rain or storms, the food and entertainment on Saturday night were excellent, and we made more contacts than we have in many, many years. If you did not make it to the site at IPFW you missed a great opportunity and a lot of fun. I will have the numbers tallied and make a full report at the July General Meeting on Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. If you have never been there, Vic has a map attached below.

But back to Field Day. At one of our general meetings earlier this year before the site change was final, I stated that the club needed to decide what we wanted Field Day to be. There was a lot of discussion but I don't believe we ever answered the question. The board went ahead and made the site change from the Girl Scout Camp to IPFW as an experiment. Now we need to hear from you. What did you like or dislike about the new location? And we still need to answer the question "What do you want Field Day to be?" How do you measure Field Day success?

One of the biggest reasons to move Field Day was to be more accessible to the public by being in town. We had more promotion this year than

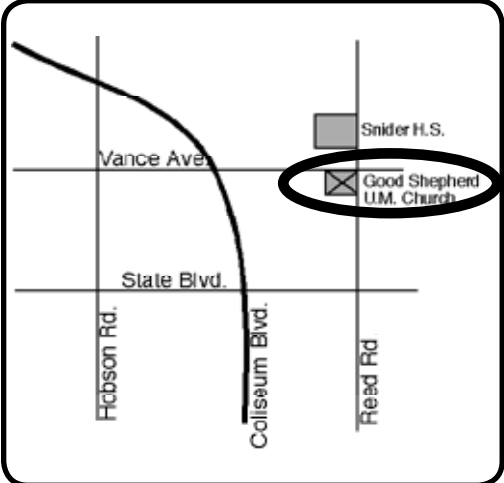
any year that I have been in the club and a more accessible location, but I do not believe that we had any more visits from the public that we did at the Girl Scout camp. And I don't think that we will. People are so busy in their "free" time that they have their summer weekends planned months in advance based on their own priorities. I don't believe that Field Day will ever be a great recruiting tool. But we will get into this more at the July meeting.

The other topic at the July meeting will be to get a consensus on what the club wants to do for the 146.91 repeater now that the fund raising effort is complete. We will let you know how much money there is for the project and go over our options and let the club vote on their favorite option. This will be a very important discussion.

Don't forget the July General Meeting, Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Tom / N9TB

**FWRC Meeting**  
**July 17, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Program: What do you want Field Day to be?**



## Fort Wayne Radio Club Meeting Minutes 19 June 2009

The June Meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 19 June 2009 with Board member Steve Nardin serving as host. There were about 30 persons present.



### Old Business:

Steve Nardin started the meeting by having all in attendance to introduce themselves and their calls.

Since the May meeting consisted of the Spring Banquet, and there was no business meeting, there were no minutes.

Steve provided a briefing on the results of the VHF QSO party that had occurred the prior weekend. They put up two towers and operated on 6 & 2 meters accumulating 23,232 points (versus about 2,300 points during last years QSO party).

Bob Streeter gave the Treasurer's report. As of 19 June 2009 the club had realized an income of \$1,748.46, expenses year-to-date of \$555.70, and had \$77.00 in cash plus \$7,824.37 in checking/savings. The repeater antenna replacement fund had collected about \$380.00 in donations to date.

### New Business:

Jim & Annie Pliett and Al & Carole Burke announced that they each were willing to donate \$100.00 (i.e. \$400.00 total) towards antenna replacement work at the Robison Park site. If this were added to the \$380.00 already collected for the antenna fund and the total then matched from the club treasury as had been previously established by the Board of Directors, then the (Robison Park) antenna fund would be up to approximately \$1560.00.

Steve Nardin provided a briefing on Field Day preparations including a satellite overview of the IPFW site showing the intended placement of towers, tents, generators, the porta-potties and so forth.

Following the business meeting, Adolph Wozniak provided an informative discussion on Maxwell and Heaviside's work which led to the development of the radio art and science. And he discussed Hertz's work on transmission lines including a working model of the original coaxial transmission line that Hertz developed around the turn of the 20th century

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Burke, WB9SSE

## More FWRC Field Day Photos



photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA

**— more photos on pages 7 & 8**

# STATE OF THE ARTS

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P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN

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## President's Message



A reminder that there will be no Board or General Meeting this month. I would like to thank Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, for last month's program about

emergency communications. He covered what the ARES and RACES organizations do and the requirements to participate. He also explained the FEMA courses that are available for hams to take. It took us a while to get Joseph to one of our meetings to do a program. He teaches at IPFW on the nights that we have our meetings. The semester has ended and we were able to arrange for him to talk to us. Last year we went to a Wizards game for our June program.

There is a new net starting up on the 88 repeater on Thursday nights at 9:00 PM. It is about emergency preparedness for the home and your neighborhood. It will be different from the ARES net. It will deal more with personal issues and how to prepare yourself and your neighborhood for emergencies. It will be moderated by Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ.

Now a report from the green thumb. Everything is growing fast. There are tomatoes and peppers appearing on the vines, and it won't be long before they will be ripe. Now the big chore of pulling weeds every few days. They seem to grow faster than the plants, and need to be pulled. They can suck up water needed by the plants. I also have a lot of wildlife in my yard. Most recently, I looked out my computer room window and saw several squirrels, a rabbit, a chipmunk, and the usual variety of birds at my feeders. One day I was watering my tomatoes and peppers and saw several robins doing something interesting. They would pick up dried grass and rub it in the ground where I had watered. They would also come back and stir up the ground to make mud. They would then get a beak full of mud and fly off. A sure sign they were building a nest. They would come within a foot or two of me, as if asking "more water please". They are the only birds that I know of that are not afraid of humans.

A reminder that our annual Family Picnic is the August program. It will be on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and

will be held at the QTH of Jim Boyer, KB9IH. The start time will 1:00 PM. The club will be providing the meats and drinks. We ask you to bring your favorite side dish or desert to share. Everyone always has a good time. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

That's all I have for this month. Have a fun July.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV



## Meeting Schedule

**General Meeting:** There will be **no** Board or General Meeting this month.

**Next Board Meeting:** 8/11/09, 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



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## June 2009 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic announced that the June program would be a presentation on ARES and RACES by Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ. He added that there would be no meetings in July and that the August meeting would be the club picnic on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the QTH of Jim, KB9IH.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that the vendor letters for the Hamfest should go out soon, and that envelopes would have to be purchased this year. He added that he distributed 300 Hamfest flyers at the Dayton Hamvention this year.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

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## June 2009 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes



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Vic announced that there would be no meetings in July and that the August meeting would be the club picnic on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jim, KB9IH.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that he and Dave, W9LKH, visited the repeater shack last week and turned off the heaters and turned on the air conditioning. They also checked on the status of the 147.255 MHz and 443.800 MHz repeaters.

Dave, W9LKH, reported that the APRS system is working but with apparently very low transmit power.

After refreshment, a presentation of ARES and RACES was made by Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

## Taylor University Balloon Launch

Taylor University launched a balloon at 2:00 PM EST Saturday, 27 June at the Fort Wayne Amateur Radio Club Field Day site at IPFW in Fort Wayne Indiana.

The balloon carried a crossband repeater (Uplink 144.360 Downlink: 446.025) and was tracked via APRS: 144.390 KB9ZNX-1.

Jeff Dailey, KC9QCD, a Taylor University Research Engineer reported the following summary:

“The flight was a success. Launch at 2:00 PM from IPFW campus, no wind . Average ascent rate of 1000 feet/min. Burst at 3:38 PM maximum altitude of 102,784 feet. Landing at 4:27 PM 2 miles west of Geneva IN. Flight heading 168 degrees from launch to landing. Down range distance 37 miles.

Recovery made by Taylor University Ben Fisher, Will Mitchell, University of St. Francis Dr. Teresa Beam family and friends.”



above photos by Al Burke, WB9SSE

[more photos on pg.10.](#)

## ARRL QSL Services

- Gary Stebbins, KC9GGV

# FWDXA

### Ft Wayne DX Association



The final courtesy of any QSO is the exchanging of QSL cards. Exchanging a QSL card within the United States is generally easy because you can simply send your QSL card along with a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) and you can usually expect a card in return. Your postage cost is only 88 cents.

As propagation improves as Cycle 24 ascends, you can expect to start hearing more and more DX stations on the airwaves. If your goal is to attain the DXCC Award from the ARRL, you will have to work a minimum of 100 countries (more accurately termed entities).

Ok, so you have worked several DX stations. To prove you have worked them you will need the QSLs in order to apply for your first DXCC award. If you QSL directly with all of the stations overseas that you worked, it can become a very costly proposition. For each overseas contact you will need TWO airmail envelopes (one with your return address), your completed QSL card, foreign first class air mail postage (alternately, two \$1 bills will usually suffice) or an International Reply Coupon (IRC) and a USPS airmail postage stamp (98 cents). This means a single QSL confirmation will cost a minimum of \$3 in postage. That means a DXCC award could actually cost \$300 (or more) to complete if you sent all of the cards direct to each overseas country you worked.

A source of foreign air mail postage is Bill Plum DX (email: plumdx@msn.com). He offers nested airmail envelopes, foreign airmail postage and other DX supplies. If you email him, he will send you back his latest price list. When sending QSLs to some entities, foreign postage may be a better choice than the green stamps mentioned earlier (one green stamp is a \$1 bill). Some overseas postal systems have high levels of lost mail and pilferage. When sending a card direct via airmail NEVER put call signs on the envelope. That is red flag for postal thieves.

Thankfully, many DX operations have QSL Managers located here in the United States. In those situations you can send your card to the QSL manager. Your total cost would be 88 cents postage. In some instances they may request you donate a few dollars to support the DX operation.

Now if you are an ARRL member you have one of

the best benefits available for working DX. That is the Incoming and Outgoing QSL bureaus. To send your cards overseas (to countries that have QSL bureaus) you can mail them in bulk to ARRL Headquarters in Newington. Detailed information is available on the ARRL web site. Search for "Outgoing QSL bureau". I usually wait until I have about 75 cards before I send them to the ARRL. Seventy-five cards is equivalent to about one-half pound. The Outgoing QSL bureaus charge \$5 for one-half pound of cards. That works out to about 7 cents per card. You will need to sort your cards by entity or QSL manager per the instructions for the outgoing bureau. QSLing by bureau is generally slow. It may take from six months to two years before you receive a return QSL card.

To receive your bureau cards, you will have to have pre-paid envelopes on file with your Incoming QSL Bureau. The incoming bureau you should use depends on your call area assignment. There is detailed information on the ARRL web site. Search for "Incoming QSL bureaus". If you are assigned a "9" call then you will use the Northern Illinois DX Association (NIDXA) bureau (<http://qsl.nidxa.org>).

Each bureau has information on setting up your account to receive QSL cards. The cost for 12 envelopes with postage is currently \$9.24 with NIDXA. Each call suffix is assigned at least one card handler. Your card handler will wait until he has one ounce of cards in the envelope before he sends them to you. One ounce will be 7 to 10 cards.

After you've worked your first 100 countries and you have the QSLs to prove it, what do you do next? Carefully read the instructions for preparing your DXCC award application on the ARRL web site. When you have your cards all ready for the first 100 countries, contact a DXCC card checker (Carl K9LA is our local card checker - he can be reached at [k9la@gte.net](mailto:k9la@gte.net)) and he will gladly check your application for your first DXCC award.

With the activation of the ARRL Logbook of the World (LoTW) in 2003, you may be able to confirm some or all of your DX contacts solely via that method or a combination of QSL cards and LoTW confirmations. More and more DX stations are participating in the LoTW every month. I'll have more on LoTW in a future FWDXA column. For now, 73 and Good DX!



More FWRC Field Day Photos





## For Sale & Wanted

### Estate Sale

- 1- Kenwood TS-440S HF transceiver \$425
- 2- Kenwood PS-50 DC power supply for TS-440 \$125 (list \$249.95)
- 3- Kenwood communication speaker \$25
- 4- 2 meter Kenwood 5memory channels FM transceiver TM-201B (45w-5w)
- 5- Cushcraft A3S tri-band beam \$295 (list \$429.95) (on Rohn tower)
- 6- Yaesu G450XL antenna rotor & azimuth controller \$125 (list \$249.95)
- 7- Rohn BX-48 self supporting tower (like new \$325) list \$479.95 (tower is standing)
- 8- Cushcraft ARX2B 2mtr vertical \$45 (list \$55.95) on Rohn tower
- 9- Uniden Bearcat BC-145XL 16 channel scanner \$35
- 10- MFJ 259 HF-VHF SWR analyzer frequency counter 1.8-170 MHz \$150 (list \$219.95)
- 11- Yaesu YS-500 SWR & power meter 140-525 MHz \$45
- 12- Archer 21-525A 1kw SWR & Field strength meter 3-30 MHz \$20
- 13- Archer rotor control Radio Shack #15-1225B \$25
- 14- AEA 232 Pakratt Model PK-232MBX (make offer) for packet
- 15- Eltratek G70-496 3 position antenna coax switch \$15
- 16- Gemini Rabbit (1) 910 MHz TX (1) 910 MHz RX \$20 pair (list \$32)
- 17- Plurtek Optic Pro 12000P computer scanner \$45
- 18- Hyundai 4335 33 MHz 32 bit (1992) laptop \$25
- 19- A Open 56 X CD-ROM List \$29.95 new
- 20- 2 ea small white computer speakers \$5 each
- 21- CTX Desktop Computer AMD K6 MMX enhanced processor 56K modem \$95
- 22- 2 each keyboards \$5 each
- 23- AUX 1 & AUX2 Master Switch (make offer)
- 24- Cushcraft APR-18 8 band vertical 80-10 m
- 25- Realistic TRC-492 CB base station (made after 1999) \$25
- 26- Gemini 12 db Pre Amp 50-450 MHz \$20
- 27- flexible arm desk lamp \$8
- 28- Microphone desk stand with mic hanger \$5
- 29- Macom Industries model AB-2 Cable TV 2 position switch \$8
- 30- Vecor 710A Multimeter AC-DC Ohms \$10
- 31- Micronta 24 hour clock \$5
- 32- 2 spools of coax make offer
- 33- ARRL ham radio wall map \$2

contact Gene Fisher @260-385-9959

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For Sale - Cleaning out the shack!

- 1) Icom AT-160 Automatic Antenna Tuner. New in box, never used. \$150.00
- 2) Yaesu 140=520 MHz SWR & power meter. \$40.00
- 3) 1 Kenwood & 1 Cobra FRS radios. Sold together only. \$25.00
- 4) VHF/UHF dual band HT antenna, 15.5" long. \$10.00

All items in excellent condition, prices firm.  
Call Ron, WB9AA, 747-3816 after 4:00 PM.

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For Sale:

QST collection: 1954 through 2006. All issues, plus some random 73 and Ham Radio magazines. Asking \$25.00 Call Steve, W9SAN, 260-482-4039 or W9SAN(at)ARRL.net.

Includes early BYTE magazine collection, plus Microcomputing.

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Free: Various pipes and rods for antenna experimenting and repairs. Several 10' lengths of 1.25" dia (I think) steel pipe, several 10' lengths of 3/8" solid aluminum rod, about a dozen elements from a beam with plastic insulating mounts in the center of each one, and other various pipes and rods.

Free to whoever wants to haul it away.

Don Gagnon WB8HQS,  
260-484-3317  
don(at)digiwonders.com

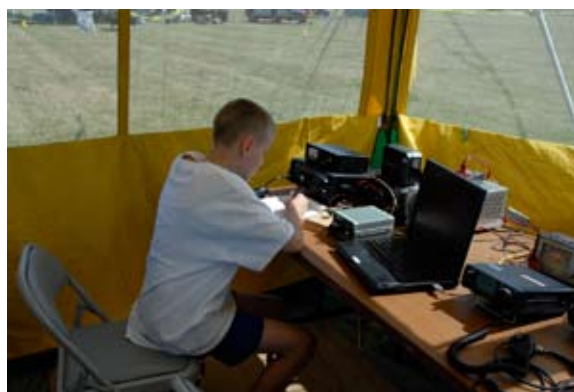
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For Sale:

Tower (Rohn HDBX-48 – some rust)  
Cushcraft 11 element 70cm beam (A449-11)  
Cushcraft 20 element dual phase beam (A148-20T)  
Comet 146/443 MHz 8.5/12 dB gain collinear antenna (GP-9)  
Cornell-Dubilier CDE HAM II rotor (now HyGain)  
Discone antenna (50-1200 MHz)  
4 - approx 120 foot runs of Beldon 8214 equiv low loss coax  
2 – approx 120 foot and 1 70 foot run of RG8X “mini” RG8 coax  
1 - approx 120 feet of R&L 8 conductor (2/16 6/18) rotor cable  
Cross boom for 70 cm beam antenna  
Cross boom for discone and inverted V longwire  
Estimated 15 foot very heavy duty mast pipe out of the rotor  
In the air now - I will tilt over, you disassemble and haul away.  
- \$1100

Don Gagnon WB8HQS,  
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## More FWRC Field Day Photos



photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA



**Test Points**

09-Jul-2009  
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC  
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: PAUL F COREY  
 (574)262-4414  
 Email: K9MV@ARRL.NET  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: WWW.GOSHENARC.ORG/VE\_TESTING.HTML  
 GREENCROFT BLVD  
 GREENCROFT RETIREMENTCOMMUNITY  
 SENIOR CENTER  
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

25-Jul-2009  
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC  
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER  
 (260)503-9008  
 Email: N9QCL@ARRL.NET  
 VEC: W5YI VEC  
 Location: PEABODY LIBRARY  
 1160 E STATE ROAD 205  
 WWW.WCARC.ORG  
 COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

25-Jul-2009  
 Sponsor: ADAMS COUNTY ARES  
 Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: DEREK C AUGSBURGER  
 (260)701-4610  
 Email: AB9SO@MCHSI.COM  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: CHURCH OS THE ZAZARENE  
 604 SPRUNGER ST  
 BERNE, IN 46711

28-Jul-2009  
 Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC  
 Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: JAMES C DAVIS  
 (765)664-9848  
 Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING  
 135 N BRANSON ST  
 MARION, IN 46952

01-Aug-2009  
 Sponsor: W5YI VEC-ALLEN COUNTY  
 Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: THOMAS C BAKER  
 (260)747-2714  
 Email: N9TB@ARRL.NET  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: BOY SCOUT HQ-ANTHONY WAYNE AREA COUNCIL  
 8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD  
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

25-Aug-2009  
 Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC  
 Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: JAMES C DAVIS  
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 Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING

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22-Sep-2009  
 Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC  
 Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
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 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING  
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26-Sep-2009  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
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 (419)238-5560  
 Email: SKOUTS@BRIGHT.NET  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA  
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY  
 BUSINESS US 30 EAST  
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

08-Oct-2009  
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC  
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: PAUL F COREY  
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 Email: K9MV@ARRL.NET  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: WWW.GOSHENARC.ORG/VE\_TESTING.HTML  
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 SENIOR CENTER  
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27-Oct-2009  
 Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC  
 Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
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 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
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 MARION, IN 46952



**2009 Foxhunt Schedule**

Jan.	No Hunt	13 July	6:30 p.m.
8 Feb.	1:30 p.m.	3 Aug.	6:30 p.m.
1 Mar.	1:30 p.m.	14 Sept.	6:30 p.m.
5 Apr.	1:30 p.m.	4 Oct.	1:30 p.m.
4 May	6:30 p.m.	1 Nov.	1:30 p.m.
1 June	6:30 p.m.	Dec.	No Hunt



All foxhunts start at off track betting parking lot, Wash-  
 ington Ctr. & Lima Rds.

**Regional Hamfests**

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
11 Jul 2009	Indianapolis, IN	765-985-2811	<a href="http://www.nci-hamfest.com">http://www.nci-hamfest.com</a>
19 Jul 2009	Van Wert, OH		<a href="http://www.w8fy.org">http://www.w8fy.org</a>
23-25 Jul 2009	Elk Grove Village, IL	630-879-0983	<a href="http://www.csvhfs.org">http://www.csvhfs.org</a>
1 Aug 2009	Columbus, OH	614-846-7790	<a href="http://aladdinshrine.org/hamfest.htm">http://aladdinshrine.org/hamfest.htm</a>
16 Aug 2009	Lafayette, IN	765-446-7747	<a href="http://w9reg.org/hamfest/index.htm">http://w9reg.org/hamfest/index.htm</a>
21-23 Aug 2009	La Porte, IN	219-929-4500	<a href="http://www.pcarc.net/">http://www.pcarc.net/</a>
22 Aug 2009	Osgood, IN	812-689-3161	<a href="http://www.441775.com">http://www.441775.com</a>

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm> or <http://www.arrrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



**The Foxhunt Chronicals  
June 2009 – Al Burke, WB9SSE**

The 5th FWRC foxhunt for the 2009 season was held on Monday the 1st of June 2009 with temperatures in the 70's, and with a promise of stormy weather.

The June hunters consisted of four teams including Jim & Kim Machamer, KB9's DOT & DOS plus Brian & Debra Jenks, W9BGJ & KB9ZQG, the team of Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN and Bob Parisot, KF6CCN, the team of Carl & Renee Thomas, WB9YBI & KC9KTG, and the team of Jim & Annie Pliett, K9OMA & KA9Y-YI plus Al & Carole Burke, WB9's SSE & RUS.

The role of the Fox was provided by Charlie Ward, KC9MUT & Phil Hooper, AB9IZ. They were ensconced at the limit of Allen County on a bridge crossing the St. Mary's river on South County Line Rd. They attached their mag-mount antenna horizontally on the side of the bridge and blasted away at 25 watts or so.

The hunt started promptly at 6:30 p.m. with the hunt-

ers stationed at the Off-Track Betting Parlor at Lima and Washington Center Roads. Charlie and Phil began taunting the hunters with a very weakly heard signal at the OTBP but enough for a bearing so that the pack of rapid hunters caravanned east and then south towards the fox's lair.

The team of Woody Woodbury and Bob Parisot (on his first FWRC foxhunt) were the first to locate Charlie and Phil. They were followed by Carl and Renee Thomas and then the Pliett / Burke team and finally by the Machamer / Jenks team in that order.

Following the hunt everyone relocated to the Steak-N-Shake at Illinois Rd. and I69 and proceeded to chow-down on various goodies including desserts.

The July hunt is planned for Monday, 13 July (note this is one week later than normal) starting at 6:30 p.m. from the OTB parking lot. Woody Woodbury (and hopefully Bob Parisot) will serve as the fox. Hope to see you there.

Al Burke, WB9SSE

**Year To Date Foxhunt Scores**

K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	W9SAN	KC9CGN	WB9YBI	KC9KTG
9	9	9	9	1	9	10.5	8
KB9DOS	KB9DOT	KC9AFE	KC9MUT	AB9IZ	KF6CCN	WB9BZJ	KB9ZQG
8.5	8.5	7	9	6	4	1	1

**balloon launch, cont. from pg. 5**



photo by Vic Guess, WB9UZA



## Membership Application for ACARTS - and/or - FWRC

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_-4 Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted?  Yes

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site?  Yes  No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$17.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered?  by snail mail  download from web site.

### A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

- Regular membership  \$12.00 / year
  - Additional family members <sup>1</sup>  \$6.00 / year
  - Student membership <sup>2</sup>  \$6.00 / year
  - Associate membership <sup>3</sup>  \$6.00 / year
- (New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

- Regular membership  \$15.00 / year
  - Family membership <sup>1</sup>  \$21.00 / year
  - Student membership <sup>2</sup>  \$6.00 / year
  - Associate membership <sup>3</sup>  \$15.00 / year
  - Mailed newsletter premium  \$17.00 / year
- (Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.
2. K-12 or full time student

3. unlicensed member
4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

ACARTS  
PO Box 10342  
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Fort Wayne Radio Club.  
PO Box 15127  
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club. **Payment by check is strongly encouraged!**

### ACARTS Voice Repeaters

- 146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority
  - 147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority\*
  - 443.800 (+) General use
- (All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

### ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

- 144.390 (s) APRS - wide
- 145.530 (s) W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

- Voice: 146.76 (-) General use
- 146.94 (-) General use with autopatch
- 146.91 (-) EchoLink connection repeater  
Node number 16636
- 444.875 (+) General use
- ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

### Area Traffic Nets

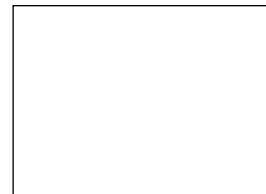
- (please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)
- IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. on 146.88-
  - Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7:00 p.m. on 147.015+
  - 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wed. at 7:30 p.m. on 147.150
  - Help and Swap Net:** Mondays at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)
  - 6 Meter SSB/AM Net:** Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. EDT or EST on 50.580 MHz  
Net controls: K9RFZ & W9SAN

- Daily Indiana Traffic Net** 3.910 @ 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. local times
- Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net** 3.535 @ 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. local times

### Miscellaneous Nets

- Allen Co. ARES Training Net:** Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.94 W9TE repeater.
- Emergency Preparedness Net:** Thursdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 168.88 repeater
- Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685
- Whitley Co. ARES:** Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)
- Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. on 444.550 +
- 160 Meter "No-Name" Net:** Sun. 8:00 p.m. Indiana time 1966 kHz., Wed. 9:00 p.m. 3866 KHz., Cross-band link on 146.49 MHz. Everyone welcome! Contact Larry Temenoff, KB9OS for more info.
- Little Red Barn Net:** M, W, F @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz. Net control is K9ODF
- Northeast Indiana Packet Net:** Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on 145.530 @ 1200 baud. We use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor" settings on so you can see everyone.

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TO:



### Activities Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
7/13/09	6:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
7/17/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
8/3/09	6:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
8/7/09	--->	deadline for Aug. ACHN items	
8/11/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
8/11/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
8/15/09	1:00 PM	ACARTS Family Picnic	QTH of KB9IH
8/21/09	6:00 PM	FWRC Tailgate Hamfest	GSUMC parking lot
8/28/09	--->	deadline for Sep. ACHN items	
9/8/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
9/8/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
9/14/09	6:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
9/15/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
9/18/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
10/2/09	--->	deadline for Oct. ACHN items	
10/4/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
10/6/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC