

# Allen County HamNews

Fort Wayne Radio Club

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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## ACARTS Family Picnic

The August general meeting is our annual Family Picnic. The date is August 18, 2007, and will be held at the home of Jim Boyer, KB9IH. The starting time is 1:00 PM. The club will

provide the meats and drinks. Bring your favorite side dish to share. Come join us for good food and conversations with your fellow hams. See the map [pg. 5] for directions.

73, Vic, KA9LTV

## Six Meter Net Going Weekly

The six meter SSB net goes weekly! Now every Tuesday night at 8:00 pm on 50.580 MHz, join us for some low-key operating fun on the magic band! Look for W9SAN, K9RFZ, or KB9LOF as the control operators, and get in on the rag chewing.

73, Steve, W9SAN

## ARRL Sept VHF QSO Party

Join the FWRC on September 8th and 9th for the ARRL SEPT VHF QSO PARTY!!! Yes, it is that time again for W9TE to warm up

the VHF bands for some high frequency fun. Location most likely will be on the Continental Divide, but stay tuned, we're working on something a little higher in elevation. Operation is planned for 50, 144, 220, and 432 MHz bands. All those interested please contact Steve, at W9SAN@ARRL.NET. Check out the information on the VHF QSO party at WWW.ARRL.ORG.

<<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2007/sepvhf.html>>

73, Steve, W9SAN



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**Deadline for Sep. issue is Friday, 9/7/07.**

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

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<http://www.fortwayneradioclub.org>

**ACARTS:**

<http://www.acarts.com>

**Ft Wayne DX Association:**

<http://www.qsl.net/fwdxa/>

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## President's Corner



August has arrived and with it the hot days of summer. There is no better time to head indoors and play with the radios. You might even have some time to work on that kit or project on the bench or maybe clean out

the shack and pack things up to bring to the Tail Gate Hamfest (see below).

Unfortunately I was unable to make it to the July meeting and for that I apologize. I am sure, however, that Chad, W9GGA, did a fine presenting his information on the National Traffic System and the Public Service Roll program. Its good to keep our familiarity with the NTS and formal traffic as we don't know when we may be called to pass formal traffic.

August brings us our annual "Tail Gate Hamfest" to be held at the church on our regular meeting night. It always is a lot of fun to peruse the trunks of the attendees to see what treasures might be waiting for you. It is also a great time to bring some of the goodies from home and see if it might find a new home. If nothing else, it's a great time to just talk with other hams you might not have seen in a while. The "Tail Gate Hamfest" will be held August 17<sup>th</sup>, in the parking lot of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

Speaking of the tailgate, the board has explored the possibility of having this event in the parking lot of Meisner Electronics. Because of the timing this year, we decided to maintain the church lot, however, next year we are seriously considering a move to the lot at Meisner's.

The other major issue facing the club is the repeater site on Leo road. There are a number of things related to the site that are of importance to the club. First of all, as you may have been aware, the PA's on the '76 and 444 repeaters failed at about the same time. The technical group quickly evaluated the problem and repaired the PA's. The

repeaters ran only on the exciters for a few days but are now back in normal operation. At about the same time it was noted that, once again, vandals had struck the shack and removed the grounding system from the outside of the shack. The board isn't sure if the two are related but we highly suspect that to be the case. We are currently attempting to fence in the shack and hopefully will be doing so before the snow flies. The AEP folks have been contacted for specifications and for permission to install the fence. Finally, we still have a fairly high power consumption at the site and unfortunately we have been forced to turn on the air conditioning in the shack. Hopefully we will be installing a more efficient air conditioner in the near future.

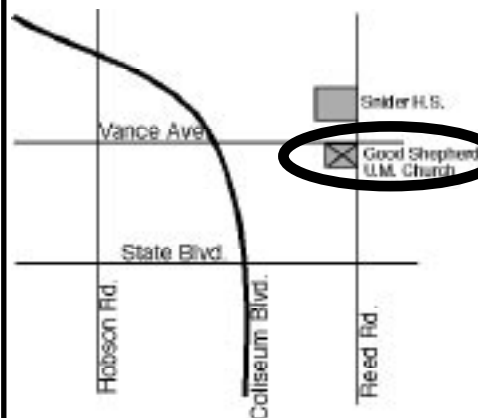
That's about all the new for now. Keep cool and see you at the Tailgate!

73

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Jim, KB9WWM

## Tailgate Hamfest

**Fri., Aug. 17, 6:00 PM**



## Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes 20 July 2007

The July 2007 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 20 July 2007 with Vice President Woody Woodbury serving as the host. There were about 20 persons present.



### OLD BUSINESS:

Woody Woodbury started the meeting by calling all to attention for the pledge of allegiance.

The June minutes were read and there were no corrections.

Bob Streeter presented the June Treasurer's report. As of 20 July 2007 the club had realized a year-to-date income of \$2,089.04, & year-to-date expenses of \$1,665.74. The club had cash on hand of \$150.36 and had \$6,321.51 in checking/savings.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Baker summarized the results of the club's Field Day efforts. We ran as a 6A operation and are claiming a total of 4,698 points which is our best outing since 2002 and was up 1,100 points from last year effort. We had a record number of contacts on CW (692), 445 of them on 40 meters. 230 of our contacts were on phone. And for the first time in memory, brass from the Red Cross paid the site a visit and were given a cook's tour of the operation.

Tom noted that a VE testing session would occur the first Saturday in August at the Boy Scout office from 09:00 till noon.

Woody Woodbury noted that the August meeting will be our annual Tailgate Hamfest and will occur in the GSUMC parking lot.

Al Burke reported that all repeaters are functional. Maintenance had recently been required on the 146.76 MHz, 444.875 MHz and 146.94 MHz machines, all during the period of about one week (during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday period). The 146.94 MHz machine (up at the Parkview site) needed a squelch adjustment and power to the controller recycled to get it percolating. Meanwhile, the power amplifiers in both the 146.76 MHz and 444.875 MHz machines (out at Robison Park) had failed and these systems were running on their exciters for about one week. Jim Pliett repaired

both of the power amplifiers and they were replaced a few days ago. So now both repeaters are again operating normally.

Chad Beach suggested the club consider offering auto-dial features (and perhaps reverse-autopatch features) for paid-up club members on the 146.94MHz machine. He noted that the 146.94 machines controller is capable of both functions and could accommodate up to 99 autodial numbers. Woody said the subject would be put on the agenda for discussion at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Following the business meeting the 50-50 raffle was held. The \$14.00 pot was split between the club treasury and Wilbur, KB9IQW.

The July presentation was provided by Chad Beach, W9GGA, who discussed the fine art of traffic handling.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Burke, WB9SSE

## Taylor University Balloon Launch

I received a call from Jeff Daily of Taylor University asking for the help of the club.

On Aug 11, 2007, the club will be launching a hot air balloon containing an amateur repeater. The repeater, I believe will be 2 m in 440 out. I believe he is looking for volunteers to test the system once airborne.



The balloon will be part of a national balloon launch to be held in October which will try to establish a linked net, I believe.

I have asked him to come to the board meeting next week to fill us in.

Al or Steve, if you would like to call him for more details, you may do so at 466-9455.

Thanks,

Jim, KB9WW

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## President's Message



A reminder that our annual Family Picnic is the August general meeting. It will take place at the home of Jim Boyer, KB9IH. Read the article in the newsletter for details and a map. We did not have any meetings last month because of vacations and festivals and other activities.

In thinking what to write about, I decided to re-visit the past. In the early days of the Three Rivers Festival, the ham radio community was an active participant. The biggest event that we took part in was the opening day parade. We provided the communications between the staging area and the reviewing stand. Any changes in the line up was relayed to the stand so that the announcers would have the correct line up. That information was also given to WPTA 21 Alive for their broadcast. We also had hams along the route stationed on garden tractors. In the early days, the floats were towed by garden tractors. They had backup tractors along the route in case of a breakdown. We had a ham every few blocks to watch for breakdowns and any other problems such as a medical one.

One year I recall that it was only 8:00 AM, two hours before the start of the parade, and it was already over 90 degrees. Some of us also helped the Red Cross in those early years as they had one of their RV's there as a first aid station. We were there in case they would need to call an ambulance. We would use something called auto-patch. Remember what that is ?. Remember this was in the mid 80's, before there were cell phones. We also participated as an festival event. We set up a display about Ham Radio, and had a special event station. We let the public send messages from the festival, and we also had special event QSL cards made to send to stations that we made contact with. If I remember correctly, the display was called The Wonderful World of Ham Radio. We did

get a lot of interest in the display, and some of the current hams got their first exposure to Ham Radio from this event, and became hams. Many of us have fond memories of those days. I hope a few of mine help you recall some of yours.

I need some suggestions for a program for September. If there is something that you would like to hear about, let me know. That is all for this month. See you at the picnic.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

## Meeting Schedule

**Family Picnic** (replaces the Aug. general meeting) - Aug. 18, 1:00 PM, QTH of KB9IH (see map on pg. 5)



### ARMAD News

Hello Everyone:

ARMAD 2007 is history. It was a very nice event this year, and promises to continue to grow. We are receiving letters of interest from other Military Support Groups, Organizations, and Amateur Radio Operators and Clubs.

Several media outlets have expressed interest in writing stories for their publications about Amateur Radio and ARMAD, and having ARMAD as a guest segment on their programs.

The first Amateur Radio Operator at the scene of the Ground Zero disaster has expressed interest in working with ARMAD during our 911 event, and will send a certificate to any Ham or Non - Ham working him. This is quite an honor. We are also attempting to link our event with the other 911 Special Event Stations.

ARMAD will once again sponsor the 911 / Freedom-

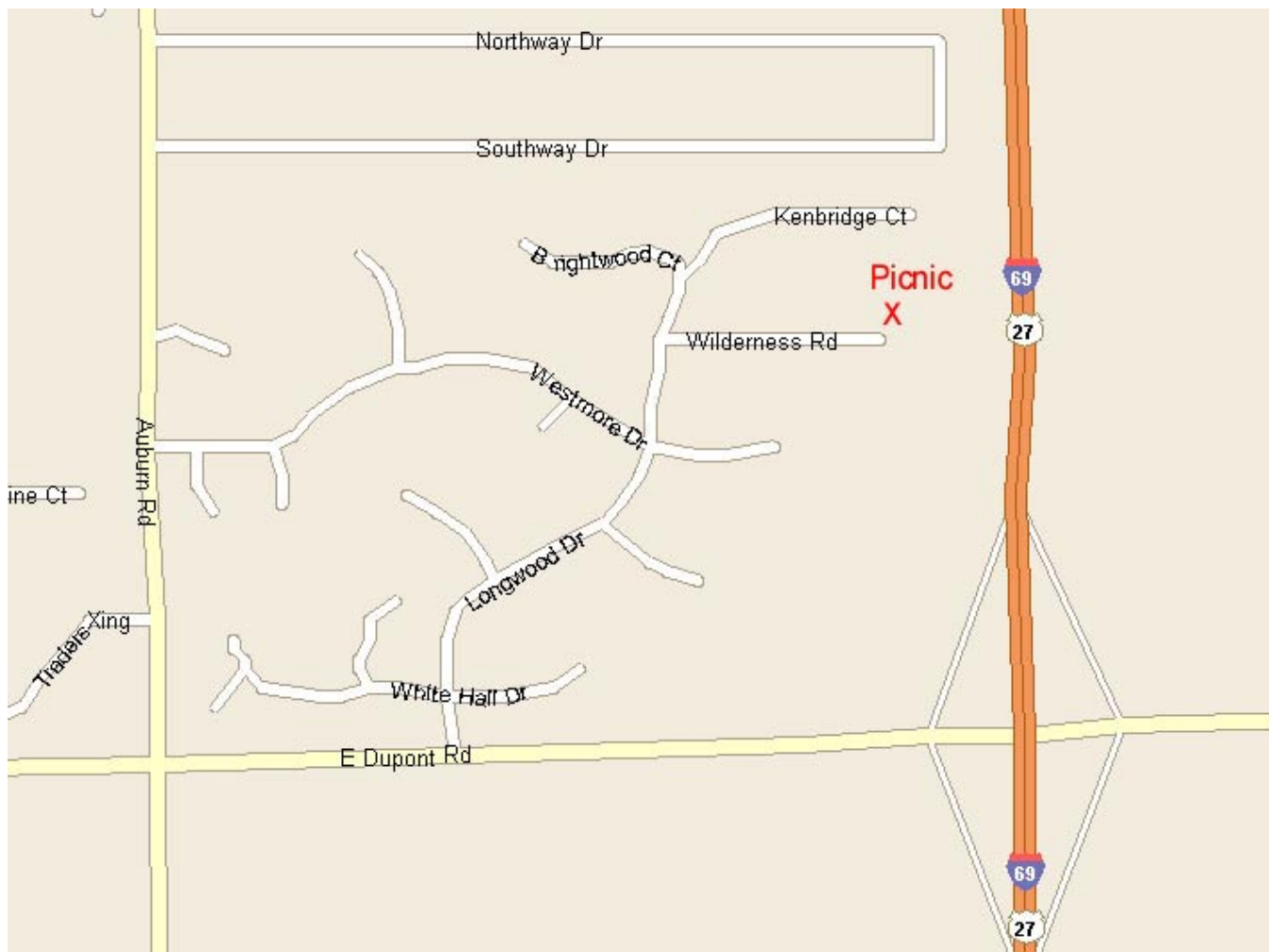
walk for the Department Of Defense here in Fort Wayne. The event will be held on 9/11/2007 at the Liberty Tax property on Bluffton Road. There will be guest speakers, music, and a special tribute to those that lost their lives on that tragic day as a result of terrorism.

Please visit [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net) for updates and more information about ARMAD Events. We will also work with Military Appreciation Day, and The Kruse WWII Museum on October 6, 2007.

There will be no Golden Corral event this year. Thanks again to all area Amateur Radio Operators, and our local Clubs for your help and support during ARMAD events. Working together we can promote our hobby, and gain new Operators.

Let's "Ham It Up For The Troops."

Sincerely;  
Emery / KB9IBW



Map to ACARTS Picnic

# FWDXA

## Ft Wayne DX Association

### A Quick Trip to ZF Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

In conjunction with a family vacation to the Cayman Islands in mid July, Vicky and I joined Joe W6VNR/ZF2AH in putting ZF1A on the air for the 2007 IARU HF Contest. We participated as the Cayman Amateur Radio Society (CARS) station. It had been quite a while since we last visited ZF (November 2001 to be exact), and we looked forward to seeing how the island (and the CARS shack and antennas on ZF1EJ's property) had recovered from Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

The re-built ZF1A shack is now approximately twice as big and is much quieter without the well pump in the operating room. A welcome addition when the shack was rebuilt was the addition of a bathroom in an adjoining room - that means no more late-night treks to another building to relieve oneself.

The antennas did not fare well with Ivan. The main 90 ft tower with the TH6 didn't survive (see the accompanying photos). The shorty-40 (a Cushcraft 40-2CD) on a 45 ft sailing mast didn't survive, either. The 60 ft HBX tower with a Mosley tribander came through ok, but it was replaced due to being in overall poor condition due to exposure to salt and humidity.

The new tower is impressive. It has a much wider base than the old 90 ft tower, it is 10ft higher, and it has a 17 element log periodic array (48 ft boom) covering 40-10 m. It really plays well.

Vicky and I arrived on noon on Friday before the contest. After checking into our hotel on Seven Mile Beach, we had a quick lunch, ran some errands in preparation for our family's arrival on Monday, visited John ZF1DJ, and then headed out to the ZF1A shack.

We met Joe W6VNR at the shack, and he had already set up the station (a TS-850 with an Alpha 78) and was playing around on 20 m. We chatted for a while, and declared that we were ready to go.



Fig 1 The 'old' main tower right after Hurricane Ivan

Although the contest started Saturday morning at 7 AM local time (1200 UTC), Vicky and I didn't get out to the shack until around 9:30 AM (we came down to ZF primarily for the family vacation, so radio was the second priority on the list). After visiting with ZF1EJ for a bit, we made our first contest QSO around 10 AM.

We started on 20 m, and spent most of the contest there. We did have a short QSY to 15 m before lunch, but QSOs were few and far between and we went back to 20 m after about 15 minutes. We broke for lunch just before noon (which we had at the hotel since we were on an all-inclusive package), and came back around 2:30 PM for more 20 m work. When we broke for dinner (we again ran back to the hotel), Joe took over and stayed on 20 m until Vicky and I arrived back at the shack. Around 10 PM we QSY'd to 40 m, and stayed there until we called it quits for the contest about an hour later (the contest didn't end until Sunday morning at 7 AM, but we had no desire to operate through the night).

Vicky ended up doing most of the operating, as she always attracted a bigger crowd than me (I wonder if wearing tighter underwear would help me?). We didn't set any records, but Vicky, Joe, and I had fun handing out the CARS multiplier.

We did make it back to the shack Sunday evening, and Vicky got on the 3905 Century Club nets (40 m and 80 m), and handed out many YL ZF contacts (she was a regular on this net when she was going for her 5BWAS, and she was even the 40 m net control station on a regular basis).



Fig 2 The 'new' main tower, with the 40-10 m log periodic array at 100 ft (that's a C3 on the right).

## Indiana Section News for June 2007



The following Amateur Radio Operator became a Silent Key during June: Verne M Garrett WA9LCM (June 7). Verne was a longtime resident of Columbus, Indiana, a Life Member of the ARRL, and was active in the Columbus ARC before moving to Florida. Condolances to the Family and Friends of WA9LCM.

From Newt KJ9J: Only 2 sessions of QIN were missed in June. This is a good record for the summer. Traffic counts were lower than May, but the number of checkins was up from 141 to 171. This is most encouraging for the summer months. If you haven't checked in the QIN for some time, give the NCS a surprise, and drop your call on 3535 KHz at net time. Most of the net members operate at 18-20+ wpm, but the NCS will gladly slow down for you if you QRS to him.

From Tony Langer W9AL: Thanks to Dave N9YNF for all the help he is providing, and for agreeing to host the Emergency Communications Forum at the Indianapolis Hamfest in July. Four new Emergency Coordinators have begun their appointments: Dale Schrom K9KRT in Marshall County, and Christopher Lynce KC9DBM in Floyd County. Larry B Jones KB9FHP is now the EC for Orange County and Lyndon Phillippe K9EZL for Knox County. Good Luck to these new appointees.

The following ECs reported Field Day activity: KB9OLZ Starke Co., N9SIU Johnson Co., N9FEB Marion Co., KC9EJL Jasper Co., KB9BBI, Elkhart Co., N9YNF Vigo Co., WB9EFH, Vanderburgh Co. Look for an article in the September issue of QST about the amateur radio support for the Indiana State Ardent Sentry exercise that was centered in Marion County.

On June 19th, the U.S. Coast Guard held a simulated earthquake that affected 13 states. Vanderburgh County was the center of the command and control. ARES and RACES memers provided communications for the first two hours since all cell phones and public service radios were "off the air". This exercise was extensive. Amateur radio operators were assigned to the Area Command, the Coast Guard, and Marathon Oil. Other amateurs were assigned to hospitals, police, Health Department, the Marathon storage area along the Ohio River, and the EMA EOC. A total of 35 messages were passed using VHF simplex, packet, and HF to the State EOC. (fm WB9EFH)

The Indiana Radio Club Council (IRCC) is now taking nominations for the 2007 Outstanding Amateur of the Year Award. Each year, one Hoosier Amateur Radio operator is selected to receive the award for outstanding service and dedication to Amateur Radio. The award will be presented during the Fort Wayne Hamfest/Indiana ARRL Convention in November. Nominees will be judged on years in Amateur Radio, years in a service role, active in public service, and active as a mentor to new hams. Also considered is participation as a ham radio instructor, volunteer examiner, and whether this person actively recruits new hams, especially young people. This is a basic criteria and your application should not be limited to just these areas. The more information, the better. Please include your nominees email address or telephone number for the follow-up notification. Nominations are due by midnight September 31, 2007. Jack Parker W8ISH, Chairman IRCC.

The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity during June: KC9BHI, N9ZMY, KB9NYC, KE9WI, N9XVB, WA9PSV, KF9EX, WB9RVN, NA9L, WD9BKA, WB9NCE, KB9RFO, W3ML, W9THD, KA9QWC. If your Net Manager's callsign does not appear in this list, then your net's activity is not being reported to our Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHI. Please send net activity reports to John at: kc9bhj@arrl.net.

**June Section Net Activity:**

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS
ITN	3910KHz	1230/2030	2571	191	1491	60
QIN	3535KHz	1330/2300	171	73	932	58
ARES	3910KHz	4TH SUN/MO@1200Z	1	0	6	1
HOOSIER VHF NETS 15 REPORTING			94	8	2347	77
HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2)			24	0	--	60

**June ORS Traffic Reports:** KJ9J 207, NA9L 82, K9GBR 78, K9PUI 54, W9ILF 22, W9PC 22, KA9QWC 11, AB9AA 10, N9HM 6.

**June PSHR Report:** NA9L 1/40 2/40 3/30; Total 110 Points

James S. Sellers K9ZBM

Indiana Section Manager





## Contesting Software - Gary Stebbins

During Field Day several times it was mentioned to me that there is an interest in being able to network computers during the contest.

I have been using N1MM Logger for about 18 months. It requires a Windows based PC with Win 98 or newer and at least a Pentium III 700 MHz and a minimum of 128 MB of RAM. The desktop PC I used last year for FD was 700 MHz P III with 384 MB of RAM and Windows 2000 OS. It worked fine. This year most of you saw the new laptop I was using running XP.

I have been reading some reviews on Eham concerning logging and contesting programs <http://www.eham.net/reviews/products/27>

Another program that looks promising is called Win Test. But it is not FREE. One contesting club in Virginia has used TR LOG, N1MM and others and switched to Win Test and said it was great. Better than the ones they had used before. Win Test was written in Europe. [http://www.win-test.com/rubrique.php?id\\_rubrique=1300](http://www.win-test.com/rubrique.php?id_rubrique=1300)

As I mentioned above I have been using N1MM Logger for Phone, PSK and RTTY contesting and it seems to work well. I have not attempted to use multiple PC's yet with it.

Please keep in mind with N1MM you can use Ethernet connections between each of the PC's but each computer will maintain it own copy of the log database.

Now, someone also mentioned going wireless. I am not sure that would be a good idea in an RF intense environment such as a contest. Carl, K9LA does not believe it would be a good idea either due to the amount of RF (I think he would know since he is a contester and an RF engineer). Also most wireless routers (even 802 N) are slower than a direct connection over CAT 5. We would need one hub (10/100) with 8 ports to connect 8 PC's together. N1MM will support up to 16 PC's on a network. Only the master computer would need to connect to the DX Cluster for DX Spots via a TNC. The others would use Telnet to receive (i.e. mirror the master).

[www.n1mm.com](http://www.n1mm.com)

The manuals for Win Test and N1MM are available on each site and are in PDF format (free to download).

73,

Gary

[Editor's Note: For a listing of some of the Mac software go to either

<<http://www.versiontracker.com/macosx/>>

or

<<http://www.macupdate.com/index.php?os=macosx>>.

Type in either "ham radio" or "amateur radio" in the search field (try both searches).]

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## National Preparedness Month

from *The ARRL Letter*

– September is National Preparedness Month and Amateur Radio operators are joining a wide variety of national, state and local organizations, including the US Department of Homeland Security, in

educating the public about preparing for emergencies. When unexpected natural or man-made emergencies occur, our greatest individual defense is preparedness. Getting an emergency supply kit, making an emergency plan, and identifying preparedness and response resources within our communities are several things we can do to prepare ourselves. This nationwide effort is to encourage individuals and families to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Free preparedness resources are just a click away in English <<http://www.ready.gov>> and Spanish <<http://www.listo.gov>>.







**Test Points**

25-Aug-2007  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH  
 (419)795-5763

VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA  
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY  
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

11-Oct-2007  
 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: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER  
 HOMAN BUILDING  
 GREENCROFT BLVD  
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

27-Oct-2007  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH  
 (419)795-5763  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA  
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY  
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

27-Oct-2007  
 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  
 COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725



**Ray Resac, N9ZTD - SK**

Raymond J. Resac [N9ZTD], 69, died Friday, July 20, 2007. Born in Richland Center, Wis., he served in the Air National Guard during the Berlin Crisis. He was an assembler with International Harvester for 21 years, retiring in 1982. He was currently a self-employed truck

driver. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and loved fishing, woodworking, and photography. Survivors include his wife, Patricia K. Resac of Fort Wayne; son, James C. (Julie) Resac of Rice Lake, Wis.; daughter, Ann M. (Tim) Buja of Rockford, Ill.; son, Scott A. Resac of Fort Wayne; granddaughters, Diana M. Resac, Megan E. Buja and Nicholle L. Resac; brothers, Richard (Dawn) Resac of Fort Wayne, Ronald Resac of Rockford, Ill., and Rodney Resac of Fort Wayne. Memorials to St. Jude Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund. - Published in the Fort Wayne Newspapers from 7/22/2007 - 7/23/2007.

Ray was a former member of Fort Wayne Radio Club.

**2007 Foxhunt Schedule**

Aug 6 6:30 PM  
 Sept 10 6:30 PM  
 Oct 1 6:30 PM  
 Nov 4 1:30 PM  
 Dec-No Hunt

All foxhunts start at off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds. - Carl, N9NRO



**Regional Hamfests**

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
11 Aug 2007	Lima, OH	419-227-6573	FAIRRADIO@fairradio.co
19 Aug 2007	Lafayette, IN	765-446-7747	http://www.w9reg.org/hamfest
19 Aug 2007	Warren, OH	330-240-1824	http://www.w8vtd.org
8 Sep 2007	Grand Rapids, MI	616-897-6885	http://www.grahamfest.org
9 Sep 2007	Findlay, OH	419-423-3402	hamfest@findlayradioclub.org
15-16 Sep 2007	Peoria, IL	309-369-7428	http://www.peoriasuperfest.com
23 Sep 2007	Cleveland, OH	800-CLE-FEST	http://www.hac.org

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



## For Sale & Wanted

For Sale: Grundig Satellite 800 Millennium shortwave receiver. 100 kHz to 30 MHz, AM, SSB. Also includes the 118-136 MHz aircraft band and FM stereo broadcast band 88-108 MHz. Check this radio out on eBay and eHam. If you want a serious shortwave receiver, call Howard Foss

at 260-749-9033.

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For Sale: Fox hunting equipment

1. Roof rack for mounting rotating 2 meter beam.
2. Crank rotor for turning antenna, chain drive.
3. Old rotor with just the pot in top of rotor to give signal to the meter read out.
4. 12 volt inverter to supply 110v to the meter.
5. Old antenna meter to indicate heading of beam.
6. 2 meter beam

Come and look and check it out to see if you can use it. I have no idea what it is worth, make an offer.

contact Vic Keller, n9gk at arrl.net, 260-485-0384

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For Sale:

- Yaesu FT-101E transceiver with FV-101B external VFO and instruction books: \$350
- Yaesu FT-227R "Memorizer" 2 meter FM with instruction book \$100
- magnetic mount 2 meter car antenna \$15 obo (or best offer)
- 12 element 2 meter beam antenna \$25 obo
- Cushcraft tri-band 4 element antenna for 10, 15, and 20 meters, model A-4 (brand new, never assembled) \$100 obo.
- Free: Cushcraft tri-band, ATB-34, badly damaged (for parts) to anyone willing to disassemble or cut it apart enough to extract it from the brush and saplings which have grown up around it and take the whole thing.
- Free: 5 element 2 meter beam antenna. Condition unknown on this one.
- Free: 3 boxes of old ham magazines; CQ from the late fifties or early sixties, 73 magazine, Ham Radio magazine, and QST, all from the 70's and maybe some from the 60's.

All above equipment worked fine when last used, but it has been stored for around 20 years. If desired, I will bring the transceivers or amplifier to the purchaser's shack, if local, so it can be tested before purchase, or, recognizing that after this long, some switch contacts will probably need to be

cleaned, I will knock off 20% if you take it "as is."

Jerry L. Miller WD9ACE  
8626 Monroeville Rd.  
Hoagland, IN 46745  
260-639-3914

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Free:

2-element cubical quad; reflector loops behind the driven loops. I added 10-meter loops, so it is now for 20/15/10 meter bands. A very-well-made welded aluminum-alloy "spider" or "hub" supports the 8 fiberglass spreader arms. Loops are regular 14-gauge copper antenna wire. Nylon cords are tied between the outer ends of "driven" and "reflector" spreaders for stabilizing. Mounted on a 30-ft. tower, hinged at bottom and anchored to the house at eave. Home-brew rotator at bottom of tower - motor and gearbox (I think from a roto-tiller). Rotator is relay-controlled, with selsyn direction indicator at the remote control box. Relay switching of the 3 driven loops into one feedline - switch included in the rotator control box.

Fiberglass spreaders have survived wind and ice storms during almost 30 years.

Whoever wants this antenna may have it for taking it down and hauling it away. I will help with getting it down, disassembling, and getting you all the hardware, control box, feedline, control cable, etc. - even the block-and-tackle that I use for raising and lowering the tower.

I will be glad for someone to get some use out of this antenna. If someone in your club is interested, please let me know.

L. Dwight Farringer KF9LS 260-982-2844

### ECHO LINK Info

ECHO LINK NODE:

maintained by: KB9RLW

Simplex Frequency: 145.700 FM only

Node number: 16686

Random connection: dial "00"

Hang up or disconnect: dial "#"

Identify: dial "\*"

## 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 \$12.00/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  \$12.00 / 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

### **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 p.m. on 147.015+
- 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 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 pm EDT or EST on 50.580  
MHz Net controls: K9RFZ & W9SAN

### **Miscellaneous Nets**

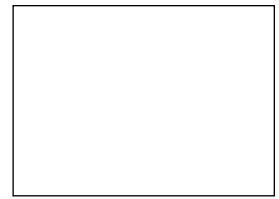
**Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685

**Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

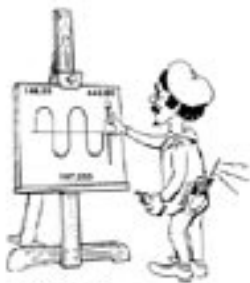
**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

**160 Meter "No-Name" Net:** Sunday 8:00 PM Indiana time, 1966 kHz, Wednesday 3866 KHz. Everyone welcome! Contact Larry Temenoff, KB9OS for more info.

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### Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
8/6/07	6:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
8/7/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
8/14/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
8/17/07	6:00 PM	FWRC Tailgate Hamfest	GSUMC parking lot
8/18/07	1:00 PM	ACARTS Picnic	QTH of KB9IH
9/7/07	---	deadline for Sep. ACHN items	
9/10/07	6:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
9/11/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
9/11/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
9/18/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
9/21/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
10/1/07	6:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
10/5/07	---	deadline for Oct. ACHN items	
10/9/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
10/9/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/16/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/19/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC