

# Allen County HamNews

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Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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## FWRC Tailgate Hamfest Photos



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## President's Corner



As I write this message this evening, Labor Day is right around the corner. It is hard to believe that the "unofficial" end of summer is already here. For me, Labor Day signals the start of my camping season. The summer is just too hot

for me.

I would like to send condolences from the club to Phil Hooper (AB9IZ) and his family on the passing of Phil's mother early in August. Our prayers were with you, Phil.

I would also like to take a moment to welcome Brian (KC9EEC) back to the Fort Wayne Radio Club repeaters. Brian came before the board last month to request permission to access our machines once again and the board unanimously granted his request.

Emergency Communications also come to mind at this time of the year. This past week, we did have a weather event with a tornado touching down near Decatur. I am also listening to the Hurricane Net on 20 meters as Ernesto nears landfall in the Carolinas. Take a moment this weekend to check your equipment in the event that you may be called on to provide emergency communications. Now that summer is nearing an end, I hope to convene the work group preparing the Allen County Emergency Communications Plan. I hope that we can have a draft ready for presentation at the September club meeting.

It is once again to begin preparing our slate of officers for our election to be held in November. We will take nominations for the offices at the September meeting. Please consider running for an office as the more input we have from the club the better our club can become.

I have also been informed that the Echolink is back on the simplex frequency while a new link transmitter is being pursued. It seems that the link transmitter overheated after some sort of a feline incident at Kevin's (KB9RLW) home. By the way, if you see Kevin, thank him for hosting the Echolink for us. (If you have a UHF transmitter collecting dust, please let Kevin know, he may be able to put it to good use.)

There is a VHF QSO party being held September 9-11. As far as I know there are no plans for the club hosting a site for the contest but feel free to participate. Also the Sunday of that weekend (September 10) is the Findlay Hamfest. The Findlay Fest is one of my favorites as the weather is usually good and the table sales are fantastic. If you want something to do on the 10<sup>th</sup>, take the short drive to Findlay and have a good time.

This past week I participated in the 6 meter AM net being resurrected by Steve Nardin (WB9ZIY). It was my first at operating in the AM mode and although there weren't any antiques on the air (radios, that is) it was fun. Please join Steve on the last Tuesday of the month on 50.58 mhz. The more the merrier as they say.

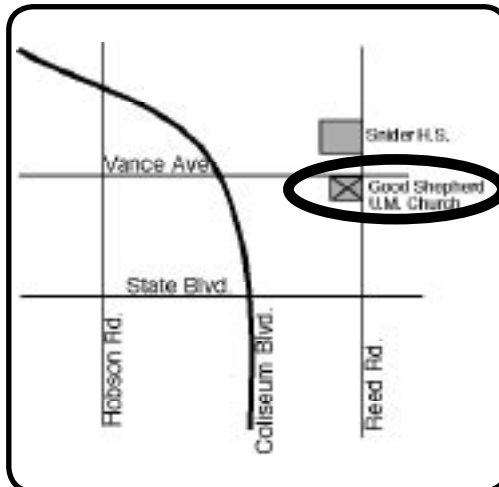
That's about it from here. Hope to work you on the air and maybe even make that eyeball with you at the ACD festival in Auburn.

73's for now. See you at the meeting.

Jim, KB9WWM

## September

**FWRC Meeting:**  
**Fri., Sep. 15, 7:00 PM**  
**Program: Nominations for**  
**Nov. elections**



More FWRC Tailgate Hamfest Photos

photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA



# STATE OF THE ARTS

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## President's Message



Can you believe that summer is over? It won't be long before November is here. That means a few happenings of importance will be taking place. There will be elections for our county, state, and national representatives. We will also have elections for AC-ARTS officers and managers. But the big event will be the Fort Wayne Hamfest. This is our big fund raiser that keeps our repeaters operating. The Hamfest takes a lot of people to make it a success, so volunteer to help out. Last month was our annual Family Picnic. I would like to thank Jim and Corrine Boyer for once again hosting the picnic. I was unable to attend as I had to work that weekend. From the pictures that Vic, WB9UZA sent me, it looks like everyone had a good time. The weather even cleared up in time to hold the picnic.

I still haven't gotten my list of ham radio projects started. My new job has kept me very busy with no time to get them started. I am working six days a week until the new store opens later this month. After that things should return to a normal schedule. Maybe I can get some of them done before the snow starts to fly. The repeaters are functioning well, and we continue to check them so that they stay that way. From time to time they will act up, and we will attempt to fix them as soon as possible.

I could use some ideas for a program for October. Let me know what you want to see or hear about, and we will try to make it happen. It is hard to come up with a program if we do not know what you want to see. Well, that is all I have for now. See you at the meeting.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

## ACARTS September Program

Standing Up for Standing Waves

A demonstration of standing wave ratios for antennas and transmission lines.



## Meeting Schedule

**General Meeting:** Sep. 19, 7:30 PM - **Program:** video - "Standing Up for Standing Waves"

**Next Board Meeting:** Sep 12, 7:30 PM All members are encouraged to attend.



## ACARTS Picnic Photos



## August 2006 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.



Vic stated that the August General meeting would be the annual picnic at the home of Jim, KB9IH, on Saturday, August 19th at 1:00 p.m.

He asked if anyone had any ideas for the September General meeting program.

Howard, N9ADS, said that the Hamfest vendor mailing was sent out and he was getting responses.

Joel, KB9RH, stated that there had been no recent severe weather events.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH



## Interoperability Vital To First-responder Missions

from *The ARRL Letter* – Interoperability called vital to public safety first-responder missions: California Department of General Services Senior Telecommunications Engineer Glen Nash, K6GSN, told a Radio Club of America (RCA) breakfast meeting August 9, that wireless communication among public safety first responders is a critical tool to satisfying their mission requirements. The meeting was held during a national convention of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO) in Orlando, Florida. An APCO past president, Nash chairs the Technology Committee of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC). ARRL has a relationship with both organizations. Nash explained that the need for interoperability comes into

play during police chases crossing jurisdictional lines and mutual assistance among neighboring fire departments to multi-agency drug enforcement and major emergencies involving multiple -- and sometimes distant -- agencies. Nash believes interoperability is not simply a technology problem. In addition to technical barriers to wireless interoperability, he cited cultural, social and language or terminology differences. "There are many areas where we need to approach the problem, and many factors to resolve to make it happen," he concluded. More than 100 attended the breakfast meeting, one of a series held every year by the Radio Club of America at conventions. Founded in 1909, the Radio Club of America is the world's oldest radio communications society. It promotes cooperation among those interested in the advancement and scientific study of radio communication.

# FWDXA

## Ft Wayne DX Association

### Amateur Radio in 1926

Carl Luetzelschwab  
K9LA

When I bought the 2006 ARRL Handbook (Eighty-Third Edition) last year, I was pleasantly surprised to find a reprint of the 1926 Handbook included in the package. The 1926 Handbook was the first one published by the ARRL, and it was touted as "A Manual of Amateur Short-Wave Radiotelegraphic Communication". I browsed through it and found it very interesting in the comparison of Amateur Radio back then to Amateur Radio now. In fact, I found it so interesting that I gave a presentation about 1926 versus 2006 to the Branch County Amateur Radio Club in Coldwater, MI. Let's take a look at some of the highlights of that presentation.

First, note the sub-title of the 1926 Handbook cited above. Back then all we had was telegraphy (code). Phone operation was still on the horizon for us Amateurs. Along those lines, our transmitters had evolved to CW (spark was outlawed) thanks to the invention of the vacuum tube. Most of our receivers were regenerative types - like the old Heathkit Tenners, Sixers, and Twoers (remember those?).

There were three license classes in 1926: Second Grade, First Grade, and Extra First Grade. All three required code proficiency, the two highest required an oral exam, and your station needed to be inspected prior to transmitting. Our bands in 1926 were 1.5 - 2.0MHz, 3.5 - 4.0MHz, 7.0 - 8.0MHz, 14.0 - 16.0MHz, 56.0 - 64.0MHz, and 400.0 - 401.0MHz.

In 1926 we only had nine call districts - there was no W0 call district. Those states that are

now in W0 were in the Ninth district. And the Sixth district included NV, UT, AZ, and Hawaii.

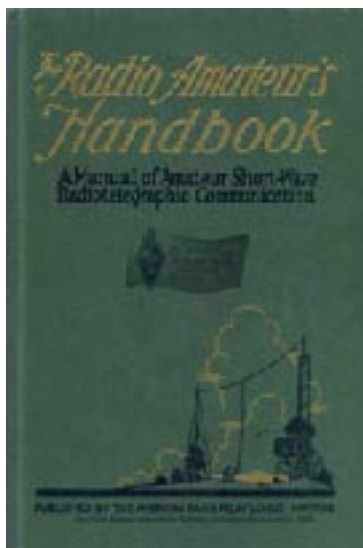
Some of the punctuation used in CW was different compared to now. For example, the comma in 1926 was dit dah dit dah dit dah. That's now a period. In a like manner, some of the Q signals were different back then. QRL was "I am receiving you badly". QRZ was "your signals are weak". QSB was "your tone is bad". And QSK was "the last radiogram is cancelled".

In 1926 Amateur Radio didn't have prefixed yet. Call signs were a number followed by letters. To identify your country, the concept of International Intermediates arose to resolve this. For example, the International Intermediate for the US was U. The International Intermediate for Cuba was Q. If Cuban station 1DD called US station 6CGW, he would send 6CGW uq 1DD. Only when prefixes came to be did the French word for 'from' (de) go in between calls.

The phonetic alphabet was a bit weird in 1926, too. Larry WB8R (the President of the Branch County ARC) would have been Watch Boy 8 Rot.

Finally, many Amateur Radio manufacturers advertised in the 1926 Handbook. Most are now gone, but several still have familiar and recognizable names: Vibroplex, National, and E F Johnson are a couple. I also found a full page ad from Slagle Radio, which was located in Ft Wayne. The President was L S Slagle, and his call was 9II.

In summary, I enjoyed reading the old the 1926 Handbook. It made me appreciate what we have now.



## Indiana Section News for July 2006

Jim McDonald KB9LEI reports that their club's June/July license class has 16 new licensees in the Muncie area. Congratulations!! The Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club will be participating in a community preparedness fair with the local Mormon Church and during the Boy Scout Fall Camporee, both on October 14. Most, if not all, Boy Scouts in the Indianapolis area have fall camporees planned for that weekend. Other clubs interested in participating on this weekend or at some other time should check with their local Scouting organization for dates.



Trevor Fulk N9YM of Indianapolis, has been awarded the Earl I. Anderson Scholarship Award of \$1,250, from the ARRL Foundation Scholarship Committee. Congratulations, Trevor, and Good Luck!

Don't forget that September is National Preparedness Month. ARRL is a National Preparedness Month Coalition Member. Saturday September 16 is National Preparedness Day for most organizations. Check with your Emergency Coordinator to see about participating in this program.

Our Section Emergency Coordinator, Dave Pifer N9YNF, reports a very quiet month for ARES activities, although there were lots of activities between parades, marathons, and bike events. All of the reports from ECs and DECs are highly appreciated. There were 14 Public Service events reported with a total of 1030.5 person-hours of participation by Indiana amateurs. There were 77 ARES operations with 1227.3 person-hours of participation. Thanks to everyone who helped out in these activities.

QIN Co-Net Managers Newt Straup KJ9J, and Dick Hickok K9PUI wish to say thanks to everyone who participates in keeping alive a traditional way of communication (CW). CW is not obsolete: it was the first form of digital communication.

The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity during July: KC9BHI, N9ZMY, N9DGQ, KE9WI, KB9UAG, WA9PSV, KF9EX, WB9RVN, WB9NCE, WR9G, WD9HTN, KA4HGX, KC9EGN, and KA9QWC. If you do not see your VHF/UHF Net Manager's callsign here, than no report of your net's activity was sent to our Indiana Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHI <kc9bhj@arrl.net>.

July Section Net Activity:

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS
ITN	3910 KHZ	1230/2030	2058	78	949	48
QIN	3656 KHZ	1330/2300	189	50	908	55
ARES	3910 KHZ	4TH SUN/MO @ 1200Z	6	1	10	1
HOOSIER VHF NETS 14 REPORTING			704	12	1514	63
HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2)			9	6	--	62

July ORS Traffic Reports: K9PUI 52, WA9JWL 49, K9GBR 29, AB9AA 18, N9HM 14, NA9L 8, WB9NCE 6, KA9QWC 6, WB9GCH 2.

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## Two Radio Amateurs To Be Aboard Shuttle Atlantis

from *The ARRL Letter* – Two radio amateurs to be aboard shuttle Atlantis: Mission Specialist Heide Stefanyshyn-Piper, KD5TVR, and Dan Burbank, KC5ZSX, will be the only US Amateur Radio licensees aboard the shuttle Atlantis, scheduled to head for the International Space Station Sunday, August 27, at 2030 UTC. The only woman on Mission STS-115, Stefanyshyn-Piper will be making first trip into space since becoming an astronaut 10 years ago. Burbank previously flew on Mission STS-106. In addition to Stefanyshyn-Piper and Burbank, the STS-115 crew consists of Commander Brent Jett, Pilot Chris Ferguson and mission specialists Joe Tanner and Steve MacLean, who represents

the Canadian Space Agency. This mission will mark the first time in nearly four years that a space station component will be added to the orbiting outpost, which is home to NAISS. During three spacewalks, Atlantis crew members will install a second set of solar arrays on the space station -- doubling the station's ability to generate power from sunlight -- and the P3/P4 truss to support the arrays. No Amateur Radio operation from Atlantis is planned. The ISS recently did an orbital "re-boost" to place the station at the correct altitude to support the rendezvous with Atlantis as well as September's Soyuz launch of the Expedition 14 crew.



## Amateur Radio Awareness Day Is September 16



from *The ARRL Letter* – September is US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Preparedness Month, and Saturday, September 16, is Amateur Radio Awareness Day. For the third straight year, the ARRL and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) groups across the US will join a coalition of more than 200 national, regional, state and local organizations taking part in Preparedness Month activities. ARES is a partner with DHS through the Citizen Corps program. ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, says local ARES groups and clubs will be making presentations to civic organizations, at schools and at regional fairs to showcase Amateur Radio.

“More than 4000 ARRL ‘Hello’ campaign <<http://www.hello-radio.org/>> brochures have gone out in the past few weeks alone to prepare for the month-long initiative,” he said.

To highlight Amateur Radio Awareness Day, ARRL public information officers (PIOs) will promote the DHS’s “30 Tips for Emergency Preparedness” <[http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial\\_0711.xml](http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0711.xml)> to attract news media coverage. Some tips on promoting National Preparedness Month are on the ARRL public relations Web pages <<http://www.arrl.org/pio/contact/2006/08/SEPTEMBER>>.

ARRL Public Service Team Manager Steve Ewald, WV1X, notes that the underlying theme of National Preparedness Month is to encourage everyone to be aware of and prepare for emergencies all year long.

“Amateur Radio operators, led by ARRL Field Organization leaders across the country, are encouraged to consider this year’s ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) -- as well as all preparations and post-SET evaluations -- as a demonstration of your participation in National Preparedness Month,” Ewald said. The target weekend for the 2006 SET is October 7-8 <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/setguide.html>>.

A major ham radio presentation during September will take place on the West Coast. ARRL Southwestern Division Director Dick Norton, N6AA, says Amateur Radio Expo 2006 <<http://lafair.b2v.org/>> will be held in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Fair. “They will staff the exhibit over four weekends,” Norton said, noting that the fair annually attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Amateur Radio Expo 2006 will get under way the weekend of September 9-10 and will feature a special event station plus interactive presentations to demonstrate the many facets of ham radio.

In a related vein, Pitts says he’d like to see a tighter relationship between ARES organizations and the League’s corps of volunteer PIOs.

“Too often something happens, and everyone grabs a radio. No one grabs a camera or laptop and gets the word of ARES actions out to the media until long after the story becomes stale,” he observed. “We have wonderful stories to tell, but we are too busy to tell them when they are fresh.”

Pitts said he and the ARRL Public Relations Committee are working on ways to better integrate public relations and emergency response actions at the local level.

Pitts says that according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), families should plan on being totally on their own for up to four days. “That’s like being back in ancient times: no cell phone, no Internet, no 911,” he said.

## “Backward Sunspots” May Herald Start Of Solar Cycle 24



from *The ARRL Letter* – The recent appearance on the sun of two so-called “backward sunspots” may mean solar Cycle 23 is drawing to a close and Cycle 24 now is under way or soon will be. At least that’s the thinking of some scientists.

“We’ve been waiting for this,” said Solar Physicist David Hathaway of the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, after the first backward spot showed up. “A backward sunspot is a sign that the next solar cycle is beginning.”

The term “backward” refers to the sunspots’ magnetic polarity. One such sunspot appeared briefly July 31, then disappeared, but its significance was that its magnetic polarity was just the opposite of current Cycle 23 spots.

Another more robust backward spot, Sunspot 905, appeared in late August -- although it subsequently began to dissipate -- and some sun gazers are saying Cycle 24 already has begun. ARRL propagation guru Tad Cook, K7RA, this week called it “the second sunspot of the new Solar Cycle 24.”

“Eventually there will be more of the new reversed sunspots than old ones from Cycle 23, and that occurrence is one way to mark the beginning of the next sunspot cycle,” he said. Radio conditions will not improve any time soon but over a period of several years of the course of the 11-year cycle, perhaps peaking around 2010.



## Test Points

12-Oct-2006

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: PAUL F COREY

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COM WORK

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER

HOMAN BUILDING

GREENCROFT BLVD

GOSHEN, IN 46525



28-Oct-2006

Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER

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Email: N9QCL@ARRL.NET

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: PEABODY LIBRARY

1160 E STATE ROAD 205

COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

28-Oct-2006

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

04-Nov-2006

Sponsor: W5YI VEC - ALLEN COUNTY

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JULIAN F FRANKE

(260)484-1728

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: ANTHONY WAYNE AREA COUNCIL

8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD

FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

## ARRL Certification and Continuing Education

from *The ARRL Letter* – ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration: Registration remains open through Sunday, September 24, for these ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) program online courses. Classes begin on Friday, October 6: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009), Analog Electronics (EC-012) and Digital Electronics (EC-013). These courses will also open for registration Friday, September 22, for classes beginning Friday, November 3. To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page <<http://www.arrl>.



## 2006 Foxhunt Schedule

March 5 – 1:30 PM

April 2 – 1:30 PM

May 1 – 6:30 PM

June 5 – 6:30 PM

July 10 – 6:30 PM

Aug 7 – 6:30 PM

Sept 11 – 6:30 PM

Oct 9 – 6:30 PM

Nov 5 – 1:30 PM

Dec. – none

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
9 Sep 2006	Grand Rapids, MI	616-897-6885	<a href="http://www.w8dc.org/swap.htm">http://www.w8dc.org/swap.htm</a>
10 Sep 2006	Findlay, OH		<a href="http://www.bright.net/~kanga/w8ft/">http://www.bright.net/~kanga/w8ft/</a>
16-17 Sep 2006	Peoria, IL	309-692-3378	<a href="http://www.peoriasuperfest.com">http://www.peoriasuperfest.com</a>
17 Sep 2006	Adrian, MI	517-467-6303	<a href="http://www.w8tqe.com/">http://www.w8tqe.com/</a>
17 Sep 2006	Cincinnati, OH	513-531-1011	<a href="http://gcara.org">http://gcara.org</a>
24 Sep 2006	Cleveland, OH	800-CLE-FEST	<a href="http://www.hac.org">http://www.hac.org</a>
8 Oct 2006	Crown Point, IN	219-662-0594	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/w9lj/">http://www.qsl.net/w9lj/</a>
8 Oct 2006	Kalamazoo, MI	269-388-4865	<a href="http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com/">http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com/</a>
21 Oct 2006	Holland, MI	616-394-9821	<a href="http://www.hollandarc.org">http://www.hollandarc.org</a>
22 Oct 2006	St. Joseph, MI	269-429-3629	<a href="http://www.blossomlandara.org">http://www.blossomlandara.org</a>

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:

- General Radio 1840A 20 watt audio output meter \$15.00
- General Radio 1432M decade resistor box \$5.00
- Precision NECO-11 120V-120 V 1000 watt isolation transformer

\$15.00

- Diamond D130 25-1300 MHz antenna \$35.00
- Tri-Ex MW65 65 foot crank-up tower \$300.00
- 440 MHz vertical antenna \$10.00
- Kenwood TM421A 440 MHz FM Transceiver with MC48B and RC10 microphone and VSWR power meter \$50.00

Paul Welty, WB9EBX, 260-485-5931, apfwelty(at)verizon.net

## IRCC Outstanding Amateur Of The Year 2006

The Indiana Radio Club Council is still taking applications for the 2006 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 Ft. Wayne Hamfest 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 so they too can be notified of their nomination.

Nominations are due by midnight September 23, 2006.

E-mail your nomination to: w8ish@arrl.net

Jack Parker, W8ISH  
IRCC Vice Chairman

## Remember 911 in Fort Wayne

At very short notice I have been asked to spearhead an event for 911. This event is a National effort of the U.S. Defense Department. {Op America Supports You}



I have decided to take the challenge, to plan a "FREEDOM WALK" 911 - 2006. The event will take place at 7:30 P.M. on Sept. 11, 2006 at the Allen County Court House Square. It will be a Candle lite Vigil.

We will have a Chaplin say a prayer, The Allen County Commissioners speak, and several other short speeches. If you know anyone that would like to speak or help us organize let us know. The program should last about 45 to 60 minutes.

Please help us spread the word and ask people to attend. This is a 1st for Fort Wayne as there has never been a remembrance of 911 here.

We would like to get local Law Enforcement, Fire and EMT'S, and our Military people involved also.

Thank you very much for spreading the word. Please feel free to call the local media, and radio talk shows to advise them of this event.

You can find information at <http://www.americasupportsyoud.com/americasupportsyoud/index.aspx>

This endeavor is being organized by Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, and Fortwayne Patriots.

We are planning to organize this as an annual event for our City. If you want to help please let us know.

For more information email us at [fortwayne@asyfreedomwalk.com](mailto:fortwayne@asyfreedomwalk.com).

Also Rex Mercer, 260-609-3461 or Emery McClendon, 260-485-4120

Emery, KB9IBW

## 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 8:30 p.m. 146.94(-)  
**6 Meter AM Net:** Last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm EDT or EST  
 on 50.580 MHz <-- NEW

### **Miscellaneous Nets**

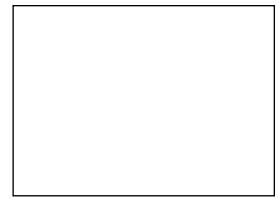
**Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685

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

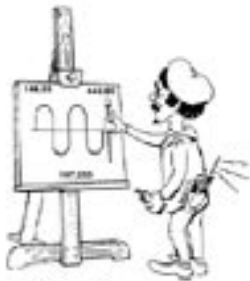
**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. on 444.550 +. (The  
 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been  
 dropped.)

**160 Meter "No-Name" Net:** Sunday and Wednesday nights at 8:00  
 PM Indiana time. On 1966 kHz. Everyone welcome!

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TO:



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### Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
9/11/06	6:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
9/12/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
9/15/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
9/19/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/7/06	---	deadline for Oct. ACHN items	
10/9/06	6:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
10/10/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
10/10/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/17/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/20/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
10/27/06	---	deadline for Nov. ACHN items	
10/31/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
11/5/06	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
11/10/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
11/14/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/18-19/06	9-4, 9-3	Fort Wayne Hamfest	Memorial Coliseum
11/21/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center