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## Bob Sievers, W9FJT - Silent Key

ROBERT S. "BOB" SIEVERS [W9FJT], 90, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at Riverbend Health Care Center in Fort Wayne. Born in Fort Wayne, he was a Radio Personality with WOWO Radio for 50 years. He was a commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and the Korean Conflict. He co-authored the first Instructional Manual for Radar Operations while in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, charter member of Foster Park Lions Club, board member of S.P.C.A., member of Fort Wayne Amateur Radio Club, board member of Diehm Museum, Naval Reserve of Fort Wayne and Retired Officers Association. Survivors include his wife, Harriet of Fort Wayne; daughters, Carolyn (Mal) Davis of Wautoma, Wis., Cynthia (Greg) Fett of Toledo, Ohio; granddaughters, Dana Schoof, Jennifer Fett, Lisa Fett and Lindsay (Jason) Miller; great-grandchildren, Devin and Jade Miller; and his dog, Mamie. Service is 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield



W9FJT with WB9ULN

Ave. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorials to Allen County S.P.C.A. or WOWO Penny Pitch Fund.

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**Deadline for Oct. issue is Friday, 10/5/07.  
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



Our sympathy to the family of Bob Sievers, W9FJT, who became a Silent Key this past week. Bob's notoriety as a broadcaster on WOWO over the years here in Fort Wayne is unquestionable. Those of us in the ham community that met him also appreciate his many contributions to amateur radio. Bob was a Lifetime member of the Fort Wayne Radio Club and will be missed in our community.

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. Earlier this year we focused our attention on being prepared as amateur radio operators. The focus of National Emergency Preparedness Month is on making sure each of us and our families are personally prepared in the event of an emergency. The Office of Homeland Security has created a website that is filled with ideas, instructions and recommendations on making those preparations. The url is: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). Visit the Ready America section for details.

Speaking of preparedness, the Indiana ARES Section of the ARRL now has a Yahoo Group page for anyone interested in ARES communications. The group originally was for section appointees but has now been open to anyone interested in ARES operation. Search the groups page at [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) for INARES and follow the instructions for requesting access.

It was great seeing everyone at the Tailgate Hamfest last month. Hopefully you had a chance to stop by, peruse the wares, and maybe even find a bargain or two. Thanks to all of you that took the time to bring things out for the fest. I would especially like to thank Phil Hooper, KB9IZ for bringing some of his store inventory. It's great to once again have a local resource for ham stuff.

September also begins the "walk-a-thon" season. Listen for On-air announcements for these opportunities to hone your emergency operations skills. Usually these take just a few hours of your time and the groups we help out are always grateful. The

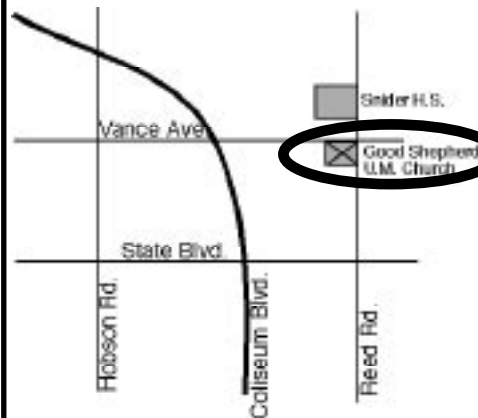
first that I am aware of at this time is the American Heart Association walk on September 15<sup>th</sup> and I am sure there will be several more. Also coming up in October will be the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). This scouting event is a great way to demonstrate amateur radio to young people. More information on how you can help will be coming out shortly.

Finally, at the September meeting, we will begin to take nominations for the club officer positions. It is a great time for all of you to begin thinking about running for any of the positions that will be open. We have a great club and always need good people to lead the club throughout the year. Please come to the meeting and let us know that you are interested.

That's it for now. Cold weather is coming...better finish up those antenna projects before it becomes too cold. (There is no truth to the rumors that antennas erected during sub-freezing temperatures operate better than those installed during the summer!)

73, de Jim, KB9WWM

**September Meeting**  
**Fri., Sep. 21, 7:00 PM**  
**Nominations**



### Fort Wayne Radio Club Tailgate Hamfest



photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA

[more Tailgate Hamfest photos on pg. 8](#)

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## President's Message



This month's message starts on a sad note. Fort Wayne and the Ham Radio community lost a great and well known voice. Bob Sievers, W9FJT, and WOWO radio personality became a silent key on September 3, 2007. His voice was well known on broadcast radio as WOWO was heard in 28 states, and sometimes across the sea. Most of us grew up listening to him on the "Little Red Barn" on those snowy winter mornings hoping that they would announce that schools were closed. Others remember talking to him on the ham bands, and knew him as W9FJT, and the phonetics he used were "Fifty Jumping Tigers". He was also heard at our annual Fort Wayne Hamfest, as one of the announcers. He will be missed by all whom knew him.

Last month was our annual family picnic. I would like to thank Jim, KB9IH, and Corrine Boyer for hosting the picnic. Jim did a good job cooking the burgers and brats. There were no burnt offerings. The group was small, but everyone enjoyed the good food, and conversation.

The Hamfest is coming up soon. You should be hearing from your area managers about working at the Hamfest. If you want to have the same job and time slot, contact your manager if you know who he/she is.

At the time of writing this message, I have not yet finalized a program for this month. Since September is National Disaster Preparedness Month, I am looking at a program along that line. One person that I have in mind is on vacation this week. Since we help with communications in disasters, I thought a speaker from one of the agencies would be appropriate. A look at what they do in a disaster, and their command and control structure. As soon as I have a agency and the speakers name set, we will send out a e-mail, and post it on the web site.

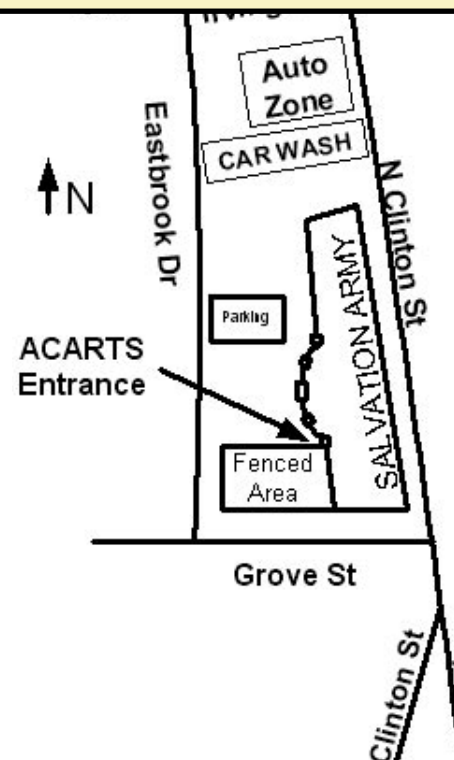
And now a final word from Computer Man. This is hopefully the last time you hear from him. He has arrived in the 21st Century. My Windows 98SE machine finally bit the bits and bytes. I got the final BSOD (Blue Screen of Death). It was a lucky thing that a few days before I backed up my favorites, as I have about 200 of them. My computer started acting up two weeks ago as it would lock up from time to time and require a hard reboot. My new machined is a real power house. I decided to get more machine than I need right now. But, I will not have to update it for a long time. It has an Athalon Processor that is

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## Meeting Schedule

**General Meeting:** Sep. 18, 7:30 PM. - Program: TBA

**Next Board Meeting:** Oct. 9, 7:30 PM All members are encouraged to attend.



**ACARTS Pres. Report, cont'd.**

a 64 bit dual core. It came with 2GB of ram, and has two empty slots. It has a built in memory card reader, and a pocket media drive bay. The DVD burner is a LightScribe writer. You can buy special discs that let you burn an image on them. This machine cost me about the same as the first computer I bought in 1991. That machine was a Tandy TL3. It was the first Windows based machine. It had a 80286 processor at a blazing speed of 25 MHz, and came with 8 MB of ram. It also had a 20 MB hard drive. I am in the learning stages of Vista Home Premium, and it is somewhat different from 98SE. I got used to Outlook Express, but Vista does not have that. It comes with Windows Mail, which is the replacement for Outlook Express. I have Works 9 on my computer, and hopefully the spell checker there will link to my email program. If you have some tips for me about spell checkers that can be used with Windows Mail let me know. That is all I have for now.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

**August 2007 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic asked if anyone had any ideas for the September program.

He reminded everyone that the club picnic would be held on Saturday, August 18th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jim, KB9IH. A short discussion about how much food to provide followed.

Dan, KB9NGM, stated that he is working on the forum schedule for the Hamfest.

Jim, KB9IH, said that he is in the process of obtaining the parking passes for the Hamfest and that there would be only 600 issued because the club is not renting the lower hall.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

**ACARTS Picnic photos**

photos by Vic  
Guess, WB9UZA

# FWDXA

## The Huntsville (AL) Hamfest - Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

**Ft Wayne DX Association** This year's Huntsville Hamfest hosted the ARRL National Convention. I had the good fortune to attend this event, and thoroughly enjoyed my first hamfest in a southeastern state.

Upon arrival, I ran into Scott W4PA and Al W1AEL of Ten-Tec, and the three of us, along with Don W9CW (from CQ), went to dinner. Our dinner conversation ranged from the obvious (how are Ten-Tec and CQ doing?) to old keys to general Amateur Radio topics.

The hamfest began at 9 AM Saturday morning, and was in the Von Braun Center (named after rocket scientist Werner Von Braun) in downtown Huntsville. I immediately checked in with Bill NC1L (DXCC Manager at ARRL HQ), and helped him with DXCC applications. I checked several DXCC applications, and a 200-grid VUCC application.

I next attended the contest forum sponsored by the Alabama Contest Group (headed up by Tim KY5R). Ned K1GU (from the Tennessee Contest Group) led off with an Introduction to Contesting. After Ned's excellent presentation, I snuck out to attend Dr David Hathaway's talk on solar cycles. Dr Hathaway is a solar physicist with the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, and he talked about the Sun and the intricacies of solar cycles, including the latest predic-

tion for the end of Cycle 23 and the magnitude of the forthcoming Cycle 24. Just listening to Dr Hathaway's presentation made the entire hamfest worthwhile (at least in my opinion!).

After Dr Hathaway's talk, I snuck back into the contest forum to catch Jim VE7ZO's talk about WRTC2006 in Brazil. After VE7ZO, it was my turn. I was last on the contest forum agenda, and gave my presentation on propagation planning for contests.

After the contest forum, I attended the DXing 101 forum by Wes W3WL. Wes is a Ft Wayne native (he went to Central Catholic), and gave a great introduction to DXing. There were a lot of new HFers in the audience, and Wes did a great job answering their questions – which included audience participation activities.

Late in the afternoon (in between the forums) I managed to find an extra ticket to the sold-out Saturday evening DX banquet (someone couldn't make it after buying a ticket). The speaker was Bob K4UEE, and he talked about the January 2007 VU7 DXpedition. Everyone enjoyed his presentation, and I personally have to admit that the meal was the best I've ever had at any DX or contest banquet.

Although the hamfest continued on Sunday, I headed home Sunday morning. I had a nice chat with Dick W9GIG (Central Division Director) at the Huntsville airport while waiting for my flight, and he confirmed that he will again be coming to the Ft Wayne hamfest in November.



## News

When the newsletter is posted the ARMAD Freedom Walk / 911 Event will be history. Thanks to all Amateur Radio Operators that helped make the event a success.

On September 16 - 19 Emery McClendon / KB9IBW has been invited to Washington DC to be a part of the activities of Families United for A Strong America, and Veterans On The Hill. The trip is being organized to show support for our Troops, and Veterans, and includes groups and people that provide that support from around the Country. This trip will afford me the opportunity to present Amateur Radio, and ARMAD. The trip includes visits to both Houses of The Legislature, The Pentagon, and The White House. There will be meeting with key members, and other activities. This is a great way to spread the word about our hobby, and to demonstrate our support for our Troops, and Veterans.

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

Sincerely;  
Emery / KB9IBW  
www.armad.net

## Incredible But True

Those twisty, screw-in fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) were invented 30 years ago at General Electric by Ed Hammer. Although executives at GE liked Ed's invention they didn't want



to spend the money on manufacturing facilities so they shelved the idea. It wasn't until details of the design leaked out to competitors that the bulbs began to be produced. (So much for corporate bureaucracies!)

Hammer has published more than 40 papers and was awarded the Edison Medal by the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers in 2002.

## Indiana Section News for July 2007



The following Amateur Radio Operator became a Silent Key during July: James "Frank" Taylor KC9FCO, July 12, Elwood. He will be missed.

Tony Langer W9AL, Indiana SEC, reports that ARES is growing. Please get involved by promoting ARES. New concerns about disaster preparedness have put hams in a new light. Some of our local agencies and communities are looking to prepare themselves for emergencies and they know that communications are always an issue. As a result of this Amateur Radio is an asset, and you can take advantage of this opportunity by becoming a resource. Our membership needs to hold training sessions, participate in state-wide drills and to develop relationships with community leaders. In a disaster, the demand for our services will be high, and building membership is important to the success of ARES. To help everyone in Indiana communicate with each other and exchange ideas, I have started a Yahoo group: INARES. It's located at: <<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Inares/>> I recommend that you all join up, because it's not going to work if we don't all use it.

September is National Preparedness Month. It's a good time to show off our local ARES Groups and what we do in educating the public about the importance of emergency preparedness. For more information check out: <<http://www.ready.gov/america/npm07/index.html>>.

The Simulated Emergency Test is coming up soon. You should start planning for it now. The Official SET weekend is October 6 and 7, but you may hold your local SET any time throughout the fall season to tie into your local served agencies. For more information check out <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/setguide.html>>.

Don't forget that the 4th Sunday of each month there is an ARES net on or about 3.910 MHz at 1200Z. Please participate!!

The ARRL September VHF QSO Party is September 8. A number of Indiana clubs will be participating. I have received word that the Fort Wayne Radio Club (FWRC) will be on the 50, 144, 220, and 432 MHz bands.

The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity during July: KC9BHI, N9ZMY, KB9NYC, KB9JLF, KE9WI, N9XVB, WA9PSV, KF9EX, WB9RVN, WB9FHP, WB9NCE, KB9RFO, W3ML, W9THD, KA9QWC. If your Net Manager's callsign does not appear in this list, then your net's activity was not reported to our Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHI. Please send net activity reports to John at: [kc9bhj \(at\) arrl.net](mailto:kc9bhj@arrl.net)

From Jack Parker W9ISH, IRCC Chairman: The September 30th deadline for accepting nominations for the 2007 Outstanding Amateur of the Year award is drawing near. Nominations for this Indiana Radio Club Council award are open to all amateurs in the State of Indiana. We prefer one nomination per club or organization. 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 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. I repeat: The More Information The Better. Please include your nominees e-mail address or telephone number for followup notification. Nominations are due by midnight September 30, 2007. Please mail your nomination to: [w8ish \(at\) arrl.net](mailto:w8ish@arrl.net)

### July ORS Traffic Reports:

K9GBR 135, K9PUI 124, NA9L 93, W9ILF 38, AB9AA 15, W9PC 15, KA9QWC 13, N9HM 9. July PSHR Report: NA9L 1/40 2/40 3/30; Total 110 Points.

James S. Sellers K9ZBM

Indiana Section Manager





## FCC To Lower Vanity Call Sign Fees September 17

from *The ARRL Letter* – The FCC will reduce the regulatory fee to obtain or renew an Amateur Radio vanity call sign by more than 40 percent starting September 17. In a Report & Order (R&O) released August 6, “Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2007,” in MD Docket 07-81, the Commission will cut the fee from its current \$20.80 to \$11.70. This marks the lowest fee in the history of the current vanity call sign program. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 11 years of the current program -- from a low of \$12 to a high of \$50. The FCC says it anticipates some 14,700 Amateur Radio vanity call sign “payment units” or applications during the next fiscal year, collecting \$171,990 in fees from the program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal last year. Call signs issued prior to 1996 are not considered vanity call signs, even if the holder was able to request a specific call sign.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>> and clicking on the “New Users Register” link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC. License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the ARRL Amateur Application Filing FAQ Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/application-filing-faq.htm> l>. The FCC’s forms page <<http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>> also offers the required forms.

[more Tailgate Hamfest photos](#)



Jeff Daily from Taylor Univ. holding one of their balloon transponders.





## Test Points

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

22-Dec-2007  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: WALTER C VOGEL  
 (419)394-2976  
 Email: AWVOGEL@BRIGHT.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA - HOMELAND  
 SECURITY BUILDING  
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY  
 ALSO CONTACT: LOUIS THOMAS  
 419-238-2812  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

## IPFW Amateur Radio Class

In the recent IPFW Continuing Studies Catalog, page 50:

GETTING ON THE AIR: EARNING YOUR FIRST  
 HAM LICENSE

This is a course that will be taught by Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, running from Jan 19 to Feb 23, 6 meetings plus Saturdays 9 to 11 am. Cost: \$40.00 Check the IPFW website for details.

73, Steve, W9SAN

## 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
15-16 Sep 2007	Peoria, IL	309-369-7428	<a href="http://www.peoriasuperfest.com">http://www.peoriasuperfest.com</a>
23 Sep 2007	Cleveland, OH	800-CLE-FEST	<a href="http://www.hac.org">http://www.hac.org</a>
29-30 Sep 2007	Belvidere IL	708-457-0966	<a href="http://www.chicagofmclub.org">http://www.chicagofmclub.org</a>
20 Oct 2007	Holland, MI	616-394-9821	<a href="http://www.hollandarc.org">http://www.hollandarc.org</a>
28 Oct 2007	Massillon, OH	330-837-3091	<a href="http://www.marcradio.org">http://www.marcradio.org</a>
17-18 Nov 2007	Fort Wayne, IN	260-579-2196	<a href="http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm">http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm</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: 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

\* \* \*

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, dis-assembling, 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**

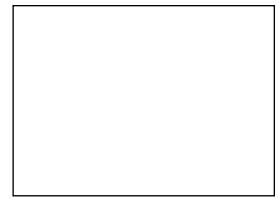
**Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685

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

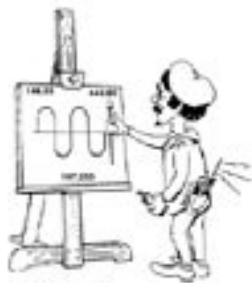
**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

**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
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
10/30/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
11/2/07	---	deadline for Nov. ACHN items	
11/4/07	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
11/9/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
11/13/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/17-18/07	9-4, 9-3	Fort Wayne Hamfest	Memorial Coliseum
11/20/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/30/07	---	deadline for Dec. ACHN items	