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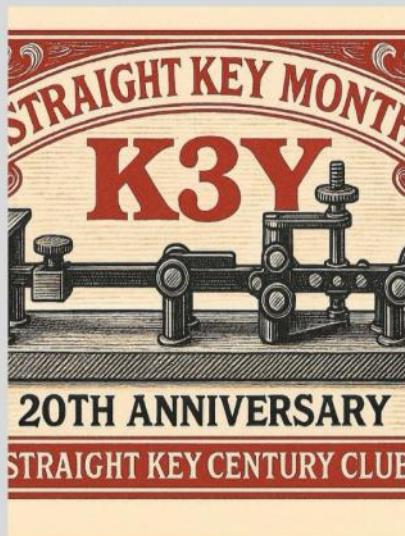
Happy New Year of 2026!

From FWRC, ACARTS, and FWDXA



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much more!

hamming it up with the editor

W9HT/VE9FWA



Well, I just watched the ball drop in Time Square in New York City—Happy New Year of 2026 to you and your families!

New Year's Day seems to be a time of reflection on the year past and of wonder about the year ahead. This edition of HamNews is a bit of a mixture of both elements. Looking back at 2025...You can find some photo highlights of the 2025 Fort Wayne Hamfest in this month's newsletter (courtesy of Don, WB9TYJ). From what I have heard, the Hamfest was a success and planning is underway for 2026. Several clubs & groups held Christmas gatherings, including the Fort Wayne Radio Club and the Little Red Barn Net (I hear that the ACARTS Christmas event was also enjoyable).

2026 will likely be a busy year in the ham community here in Fort Wayne. In January, there is the annual K3Y SKCC event that will be held throughout the month (along with a special K3Y/9 special event station at N8KR's station). Check out the information in the articles in this month's newsletter.

This is the ARRL Year of the Club, so look for special club events throughout the year.

Our next local VE session will be held by FW VE team on Saturday, 2/28. Thank you to each member of the VE team. See the information in the ad in this edition of HamNews.

The Winter Games will be held in February, so multiple special event stations should be on the air during both the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Most importantly, this year is the 250th anniver-

sary of our country. In honor of this momentous event, the ARRL is sponsoring the America250 WAS Award and special portable W1AW operations throughout the country. Additional information is available on the ARRL website.

Well, it's getting very late (or very early, depending on how you look at the clock). Again, Happy New Year of 2026!

73,

Josh, W9HT/VE9FWA

P.S. The next ARRL board meeting is coming up this month. If you have any questions or concerns about the League, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Central Division Director Brent Walls, N9BA.

ALLEN COUNTY HAMNEWS

HamNews is a monthly, joint publication of the Fort Wayne Radio Club, the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society, and the Fort Wayne DX Association.

Articles are written by members and friends of the three clubs. New submissions for HamNews are always welcome. Please send your information to the editor within two days of the end of the month for inclusion in the next edition.

HamNews Editor

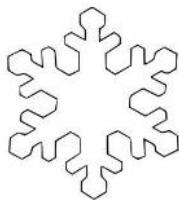
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December 2025

LRBN Update

Greetings, fellow hams!



We've had another fantastic month on the Little Red Barn Net (LRBN), held Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM on 3.820 MHz LSB. Early check-ins start around 8:45 AM, and we typically welcome 10 to 15 participants daily. Despite some continuing rough conditions on the 80m band, the net remains lively and fun, with each day's topic sparked by the check-ins themselves—always something new and interesting!

Biweekly Lunch Gatherings

Every two weeks, we host a lunch meet up, alternating between North and South Fort Wayne. Attendance usually ranges from 10 to 15 folks, and it's a great opportunity to enjoy good food and even better company.

This month, we met on:

12/4/25 at Smokey Bones

12/18/25 at Don Hall's Gas House for a Christmas Lunch (photos follow on the next page)

Both were wonderful events filled with camaraderie and conversation.

Upcoming Lunch Dates (All at 11:30 AM)

1/8/26

1/22/26

2/5/26

See below for information on the mobile webpage about upcoming lunch locations.

Stay Connected

Want to join the LRBN email list? Just send your email address and call sign (or name) to:

Email: gmrepair1(at)aol.com

Text/Call: 260-437-4676

Net Control Schedule

Monday: KU8T – Tom

Tuesday: K9FW – Al

Wednesday: N9TB – Tom or KD9HAV – Norm

Thursday: KE9IWX – Jim

Friday: WB9TYJ – Don (followed by Amateur Radio Newsline—thanks, Don!)

Online Resources

Mobile Web Page: <https://gmrepair1.wixsite.com/mobile> (includes lunch details, dates, photos, and more)

Groups.io Page: groups.io/g/lrbn (Sign up to vote on future lunch locations. Reach out if you need help joining!)

Netlogger Tools

Net Controls use the Netlogger program, available at netlogger.org.

For smartphones, check out:

Android: Net Scraper or Netlogger Companion (Play Store)

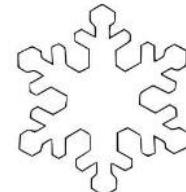
iPhone: Netlogger Companion (App Store)

Thanks for being part of the LRBN community.

Merry Christmas

73,

KU8T - Tom



2025 LRBN Christmas Lunch



Hamsplatter

Fort Wayne Radio Club P.O. Box 15127, Fort Wayne, IN



It is now 2026 and I am wondering how I came to once again become the president of the Fort Wayne Radio Club.

Since 1994, I have been on the Board Of Directors (BOD) continuously and have previously served as president for several years. This time, the idea is to prep our new Vice President, Tom, KU8T, who may take over for 2027.

Tom has a lot of great ideas going forward and wanted to ease into the role.

First of all, I want to thank outgoing President, Adam, KD9NRT, for his service as well as his YL, Meghan, KD9ODP, for taking the VP role. Both have served the FWRC well, and Adam is continuing on in a BOD position. We encourage all to consider joining the BOD as it is a fun way to enjoy Amateur Radio while helping the club.

I have the following vision for the club as it moves forward into its second century. My hope is to focus on two areas:

OPERATING: Amateur Radio is all about Communication! I want the FWRC to be an active club which means getting as many of us as possible on the air!

RECRUITMENT: We need to be a resource for the local ham community for not only getting your FCC license, but also getting the most out of as people grow in ham radio

The ARRL has designated 2026 as THE YEAR OF THE CLUB and I want that for us, too. Here are some of the

activities that I would like to participate in as a club:

Return to Fox Hunting, with possible Saturday outings, and an emphasis on learning the techniques and technologies associated with direction finding.

Operate in POTA with a spring outing and an August or early Fall outing, with accessibility for all license classes. With Tom leading the charge, we want to bring the fun of POTA to more hams.

Continue with support for SKCC. Maybe even some code classes...

Special Event Stations; maybe return to Parkview Field.

Go for another TOP CLUB win in the state for the Indiana QSO Party.

Field Day: typical operation; good fellowship and food!

Operate other contests such as VHF QSO Parties or CQ WW DX or ARRL 10 meter contest.

For the recruitment part, how about doing theory classes and continuing the VE testing and the Elmer Corps?

This is an ambitious goal for the year of the club, and with the BOD alone it cannot happen, so the club will be looking for plenty of member volunteers to step up and lend a hand! As we have always stated, you don't have to be on the BOD to lead or help out with club activity! Please consider doing your part to move forward and have fun doing it!

That's it for now but stay tuned for several SK auctions or sales coming soon!

73,

Steve, W9SAN

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FWRC Christmas Banquet





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VE SESSION

February 28

Get your first ham radio
license or upgrade!

SATURDAY, 2/28/26, 10AM-NOON

**CUNNINGHAM BUSINESS CENTER
INDIANA TECH
CORNER OF MAUMEE & ANTHONY AVES.
FORT WAYNE**

- Preregistration preferred; walk-ins accepted.
- Testing will conclude by noon.
- Cost: \$15 (\$5 for less than 18 years old); fees covered for first-time applicants by FWRC!
- For more information, please contact Josh, W9HT at [drjoshlong \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:drjoshlong@gmail.com) or 260-749-9851.

State of the Arts

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AT WWW.ACARTS.COM

From the ACARTS Vice President & Hamfest Chair- man's Desk

As I am sitting here hours before the start of the new year, I think back on this past year on what we as a club have worked towards. The Board of Directors and club officers did a very extensive dive into the club by-laws and constitution to update them to current time frame. We also worked very hard in bring the 146.880 machine back up to better working operations with a new controller, power supply and other miscellaneous items that were

beyond their life cycle.

This year's Hamfest was one for the books as we fully pushed what we started in 2024 to go fully digital. We had our hiccups and set-backs, but I think we did a great job in hosting the 2025 Hamfest. With everything that we learned in 2025, we are taking that information to improve 2026 and make it even better. Please keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming information and questions that we will be releasing.

Don't forget to renew your ACARTS membership through Ham Club Online so that you can keep making improvements and helping the club grow. Also, don't forget that we will be having our club officer elections in January, those can be looked over in emails that have been sent out earlier or by going to Ham Club Online.

Thank you to all that made this year a great year both with our club and the Hamfest. We look forward to seeing you in 2026 at club events or on the air.

Happy New Year & 73 all!

Fred Gengnagel, KC9EZP



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from
highlights





2 Topics: Old Magazines and DXCC on a Contest Weekend

By Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

Old Magazines

At the FWDXA meeting on December 4, Kelley NT9F mentioned the book from which he built his first radio – *The Boy Electrician* by Alfred Morgan. This got me thinking about the two books and the magazines that got me interested in Amateur Radio (and short-wave listening) during my early years. The books were *The Short-Wave Mystery* in the Hardy Boys series and *SOS at Midnight* by Walker A. Tompkins. Figure 1 shows the magazines that I remember the most.



Figure 1 – Some Old Magazines

During my SWL days, White's Radio Log in *Radio-TV Experimenter* was important for frequencies of the AM broadcast band stations and the international short-wave broadcast stations. They also had ham radio construction projects.

I used the September 1960 issue of *Electronics Illustrated* to study for my Novice license – it had all the questions and had a Novice station construction project. The January 1960 issue of *Popular Electronics* had a construction project for a two element 15-meter beam, which I built and put up. The January 1962 issue of *QST* announced and had the rules for the February 1962 Novice Roundup. That was my first “contest”, and it helped me on my way to WAS.

The April 1963 issue of *73* had a great summary of the various ham radio receivers. I was always interested in receivers, as my Novice and early General

receiver was a National NC Sixty Special (NC-60). The NC-60 didn't have an RF stage, so its sensitivity on 15-meters and 10-meters was not the greatest. The March 1968 issue of *Ham Radio* had a construction project for a 10-meter Yagi, which I used in my later General days. I used the tubing from the earlier 15-meter beam.

DXCC on a Contest Weekend

I enjoy the three-week period that has the CQ WW DX CW contest (late November), the ARRL 160-meter contest (early December) and the ARRL 10-meter Contest (mid-December). I believe contests are a great way to add to your DXCC totals, to your WAS totals and to your WAZ totals. Several FWDXA members participated in CQ WW DX CW in November – N9SE, W9HT, AA9H (at K9CT) and me, too. Anyone else?

I don't know how W9HT did, but in last month's *Allen County HamNews* he said he made a few hundred contacts. I was also part time throughout the weekend – I made a couple hundred contacts. N9SE was more serious. He worked DXCC on 15-meters and 10-meters in about 12 hours of operation during his single-op all-band operation.

The crew at K9CT (which included AA9H) did a Multi-Two effort, and ended up working DXCC on 10-meters, 15-meters, 20-meters and 40-meters. They missed DXCC on 80-meters by two countries. Thus, they almost made 5BDXCC (Five Band DXCC). There were many others who did 5BDXCC.

This brings up the interesting question – has anyone ever done 6BDXCC in a contest weekend? I went through many old results of the CQ WW DX contests, and I found two operations that made 6BDXCC. One was CN8WW (Multi-Multi) in the CW weekend of the 1999 contest (they just squeaked by with 100 countries on 160-meters). The other was EA8ZS (also Multi/Multi) in the CW weekend of the 2002 contest (they had 101 countries on 160-meters). I'm sure I could have found more if I had kept digging.

Tuning Up

WITH AC9EZ

Back on HF: 80-10 meters

Welcome to 2026, my fellow radio bugs! 2025 is in the history books and a new year full of potential is ready for exploration and discovery. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season!

Speaking of potential, a new antenna has just joined the ac9ez antenna farm – the homebrew 80m ocfed. As mentioned a few months ago, my intention was to put up an 80m off-center fed dipole (abbreviated ocfed). That intention was accomplished, with the new dipole getting installed on December 23.

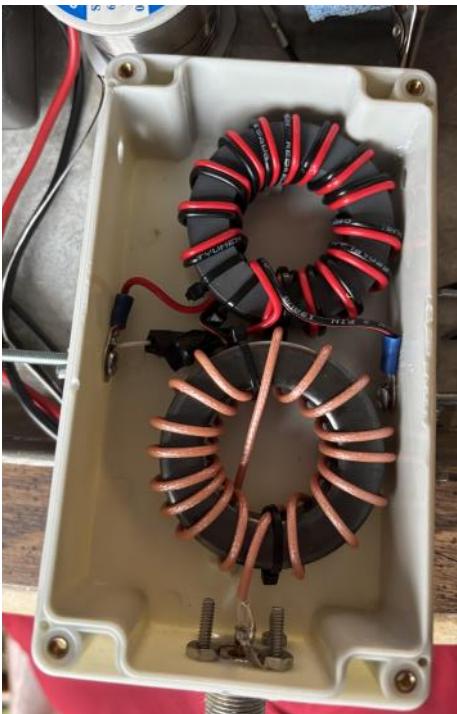
This month, I'm going to give a quick recap on the installation and a few of the interesting quirks of this antenna.

#1) The design of this ocfed was created by Rick Westerman, DJ0IP. Rick's design is unique in two distinct aspects. First, his version of the ocfed uses an interesting "hybrid" balun approach, with a 4:1 Ruthroff (voltage) balun wound on a type 61 Ferrite toroid, with a 1:1 Guanella (current) balun immediately following and wound on a type 43 Ferrite toroid. This hybrid balun provides both the 4:1 impedance transformation needed to match the ocfed to 50 Ohm coax cable as well as the current choking needed to prevent the excessive common mode current (cmc) that typically travels back along the coax into the shack. CMC is a notorious issue with ocfed and DJ0IP's hybrid balun is an elegant solution to this troublesome problem.

#2) The other unique contribution Rick's design accomplishes is a multi-band approach not seen with many ocfed. DJ0IP, through extensive field testing, has found a few unique split ratios of the ocfed that enables the antenna to cover more than the standard harmonically-related bands. A typical

ocfd is fed in a one-third/two-third split, with the antenna covering 80-40-20-10 meters. However, DJ0IP found that other split ratios (such as a 29.7% split ratio) can actually cover more than the aforementioned frequencies. In my case, I chose the 29.7% split ratio, with the short leg being about 40 feet long, while the long leg is roughly 95 feet long.

#3) The ocfed is currently installed as an inverted vee, with the short leg running almost straight east while the long leg runs to the south/southwest. The apex of the antenna is currently about 40 feet up – probably the tallest height I've managed to achieve with an antenna! The antenna is suspended via a rope passing through the hybrid balun box and over a large tree limb, so the wire portions of the antenna are not under any significant strain.



#4) The hybrid balun is housed in a weatherproof enclosure I purchased off Amazon. Both the 4:1 and 1:1 baluns are housed within the enclosure. The 4:1 Ruthroff is wound using #18 awg wire purchased off Amazon, while the 1:1 Guanella is wound using RG-174 coax cable (also purchased off Amazon). The RG-174 coax feels a bit "cheap," as the shield is rather fragile and fiddly to work with. However, since

the antenna is functional I believe the coax is workable – just be aware of potential issues with that coax. If I ever redo the antenna, I'll probably swap out the RG-174 for something slightly thicker like RG-58.

#5) The wire for the antenna is black house wire I purchased from Menards about a year or so ago (I believe it's #14 awg stranded THHN wire). The black coloration of the wire really helps to mask the antenna's presence, giving it a "stealth" appearance.

#6) Feeding the antenna is a combination of three sections of RG-213 coax cable. It's a heavy coax run, but because a rope supports the overall antenna system I'm not too worried about breakages. Losses with that thick of a coax cable (and a matched system) are not excessive on hf.

#7) Performance of the antenna has been very satisfactory. Signals are loud and strong, although dx conditions don't seem to be particularly favorable. I have worked many POTA stations with good signal reports both ways, and a few special event stations and dx stations have entered the log on all bands from 80-10 meters. With this ocfed, I can cover 80-40-20-17-15-10 meters, missing only 30 and 12 meters. However, I have an elevated trap vertical for 30-17-12, so I'm all set for all bands 80-10 meters (and 6-70cm minus 222 Mhz using my tri-band vhf/uhf yagi).

The most difficult part of the antenna was building the hybrid balun which is also the most critical component. If the hybrid balun is not functional, the antenna will not function correctly. To the best of my understanding, my hybrid balun is working, although I do notice a little bit of cmc in the shack. However, even at 90 watts, I am not getting any "rf burns" from my metal cw paddles, so the cmc is minimal and acceptable.





Installation point for OCFD antenna

Would I recommend this design of antenna? At this point with my limited experience, I would say yes. The design offers a lot of bands for a comparably cheap price. Also, if you build the antenna yourself, you have the knowledge needed to repair or rebuild the antenna in the event of an eventual breakdown. Performance seems good, but I'll need to see how well the antenna performs in the upcoming ARRL International DX Contests (coming up in February and March).

For those interested in building this antenna, here is the weblink to DJ0IP's excellent instructions. <https://www.dj0ip.de/off-center-fed-dipole/80m-ocfd/d-i-y-80m-ocfd/>

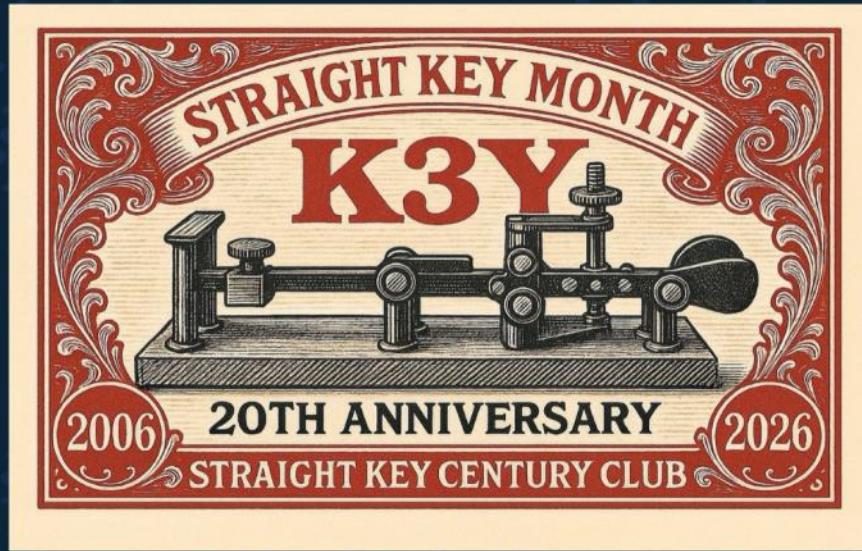
73, Happy New Year, and see you next month!

De Jim AC9EZ



Get INVOLVED!





SKCC K3Y/9 January Event

For the past 19 years, the Straight Key Century Club has designated January as their special celebration month. Members all over the world sign up to operate as a K3Y station. Last year there were more than 250 different K3Y stations and there were over 50,000 qso's made by those stations! This year's event begins at 0000utc on January 2nd. For us, here in Fort Wayne, it will begin Monday (January 1) night at 7pm local time. Each K3Y station will have a portable designator such as K3Y/1, K3Y/9, K3Y/AS, K3Y/EU etc depending on their call area. Local operators will operate as K3Y/9. The K3Y stations will give a true signal report, their location, name, home call, and SKCC number. If you make contact with a K3Y station, send a true signal report, your state, your name, and your SKCC number or "NONE" if you don't have a number. This is an all mechanical key event so keyers and computer generated cw are not used. The special K3Y link/page on the SKCC website is loaded with K3Y info and will tell you who is operating along with keeping track of your contacts . . . yes, once you contact a K3Y station and he submits his log, that contact will appear on the K3Y log search and individual stats. This is always a fun event and, if you want to learn more and participate with fellow FWRC members , read about the special event station event on the next page!

Local



Summary for December 2025

Operating activities during the month of December follow.

The SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES) aims to bring together operators with different skill levels in a regularly scheduled, informal operating event lasting 36 hours. The event starts at 1200 UTC on the 2nd Saturday of each month and ends at 2359 UTC on Sunday. Participants can operate for the full 36 hours.

For the WES on December 13-14, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown.

WA9BBN	94
KU8T	83
K9FW	50
NJ0U	48
WB9TYJ	41
KA9GKE	34
WG9K	35
W9GOO	31
W9SA	23
WB9EAO	23
K9FMX	10
W9HT	10

The two-hour Straight Key Sprint (SKS) occurs on the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 0000 UTC. For Indiana operators the start is on Tuesday evening.

For the SKS on Tuesday evening December 23, 7-9 PM local, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown:

K9FW	46
WA9BBN	30
AC9EZ	19
WB9TYJ	15
W9HT	14
W9GOO	12

See this month's operating events calendar for dates for this month's SKCC WES and SKS.

Catch you on the air in January.

73!

Ed, WA9BBN

K3Y/9 W9TE Special Event January 10/11, 2026

Multi 4-Radio Station at N8KR QTH

JOIN IN – OPERATE – LIS- TEN – VISIT

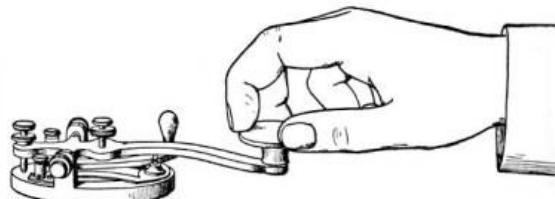
This will be our 8th year operating this special event as a multi radio/operator station using the Fort Wayne Radio Club callsign W9TE! We've had as many as 15 station visitor/operators during past operations and there's room for many more. Even if you aren't an SKCC member or don't know CW, stop and visit and watch and put on some headphones and listen to what's going on. The shack will be open and in operation from 7am Saturday morning through 9pm Saturday night and again on Sunday from 8am to 1pm.



The K3Y/9 crew from last year—join the fun this year!

Ken's shack is in a room in the back of the garage and is quite roomy. If you decide to come, there will be a special SKCC SIGN with a garage door opener attached. Push the button, the door will open and come on in!

There's
plenty of
room!



FOR SALE

This section of the Allen County HamNews is available for local hams to list any ham radio related gear for sale or to place any ham radio related want ads.

Listings are posted for one month, but can be renewed upon request of the editor.

Please see page two for contact information.



DENTRON DTR2000L AMPLIFIER 40m only. Band switch went bad. Working great on 40m. Tube is 8877. Have ran it on ft8 at 1000w output for quite some time and no over heating. New capacitors in the power supply. Some scratches. Can demonstrate. Pickup only and payment by cash. See pictures. Runs 2500vdc on the plate . With 40w in 1200w out. Comes with the original manual. Asking \$725. Contact Al, K9FW at [k9fw\(at\)frontier.com](mailto:k9fw(at)frontier.com) for more information.

Wanted: A used 25-30 ft tower for a 7 element 2m and 450 beam. Contact Steve Chobot, WB9RKB at 260-414-8370 or via email at [stevej\(at\)chobot.com](mailto:stevej(at)chobot.com).

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OPERATING EVENTS

2026

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ARRL KIDS
DAY

10-11

NA QSO PARTY,
CW

10-11

SKCC WEEKEND
SPRINTATHON

17-19

ARRL JANUARY VHF
CONTEST

28

SKCC 2 HOUR
SPRINT

This information comes from the WA7BNM Contest
Calendar at contestcalendar.com and is gratefully
acknowledged. It is deemed accurate as of the time of
publication.

Area Nets (updated as of 1/1/26)					
Daily			Tuesday		
8:00 AM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	7:30 PM	147.150+	21 Repeater Group Net (97.4 PL)
8:30 AM	3.912	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	8:00 PM	50.580 USB	FWRC 6-Meter SSB Net
6:00 PM	3.910	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	9:00 PM	146.940-	Allen Co. ARES Training Net (141.3 PL)
6:30 PM	146.880-	IMO (alternate is 146.940)	Wednesday		
7:00 PM	147.015+	Tri State Two Meter Net	8:00 PM	145.270-	Whitley Co. ARES (141.3 PL)
8:00 PM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM	50.580 FM	FWRC 6-Meter FM Net
Week-days			Thursday		
9:00 AM	3.820	Little Red Barn Net (NewsLine on Friday after net)	8:00 PM	D-STAR	Indiana D-STAR net (Note 3)
Sunday			8:00 PM	50.580	AM 6-Meter AM Net
8:00 PM	444.550+	Whitley Co. ARC Sunday Night Net (141.3 PL)	8:30 PM	145.510 simplex	Allen County ARES Digital Operations Team Training Net (Note 4)
8:30 PM	146.910-	"No-Name" Net also on EchoLink Node number 519521	Saturday		
9:00 PM	145.53 simplex	Northeast Indiana Packet Net 1200 baud (Note 2)	8:00 PM	146.685-	Huntington ARES(141.3 PL)
Monday					
8:00 PM	224.780-	Fort Wayne 224 Net			

1. All times local time.

- NEIPN is direct accessible via any BPQ Chat Node (or through Node hopping etc.) via other packet frequencies in this area and other areas through other nodes (it is locally direct accessible on 145.53 in NC & NE Indiana/NW Ohio and SE Michigan using KA9LCF-11, KC9VYU-11, N9LCF-11, N9PXO-11, K9BIF-11) Most BPQ Nodes use an SSID of -11.
- Reflector REF024B.
- Net starts using BPSK-31 and switches to BPSK-250 after roll call to pass traffic etc. NBEMS suite of software (FLDIGI, FLMSG, and FLAMP) is preferred.
- Indiana HF Traffic Nets Web Site: <http://www.inarrl.org/index.php/public-service/indiana-nts>
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Allen County Area Voice Repeaters (updated as of 1/1/26)								
RX freq.	RX access	TX freq.	TX access	mode	network	callsign	owner	use/nets
145.33000	141.3	144.73000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog		W9FEZ	Mizpah	
146.76000	141.3	146.16000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog		W9TE	FWRC	
146.88000	141.3	146.28000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog		W9INX	ACARTS	SKYWARN, Red Cross, IMO Traffic
146.91000	141.3	146.31000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog	EL 519521	W9TE	FWRC	Echolink, No Name Help & Swap Net
146.94000	141.3	146.34000	141.3	FM/C4FM	Not net- worked	W9TE	FWRC	ACARES
147.25500	141.3	147.85500	141.3	FM analog		W9INX	ACARTS	
224.78000	141.3	223.18000	CSQ	FM analog		W9FEZ	Mizpah	Ft. Wayne 220 Net
442.63750	CC1	447.63750	CC1	DMR	Brandmeister	N9MTF	N9MTF	ACARES DMR Net
442.99375	W9TE-B	447.99375	W9TE-B	D-STAR	D-STAR	W9TE	FWRC	
443.10000	CC1	448.10000	CC1	DMR	Crossroads	K9MMQ	K9MMQ	ACARES DMR Net
443.80000	141.3	448.80000	141.3	FM analog		W9INX	ACARTS	Red Cross
444.25000	141.3	449.25000	141.3	FM analog		W9AVW	W9AVW	
444.80000	CSQ	449.80000	CSQ	FM analog	IRLP 8177	W9FEZ	Mizpah	
444.87500	141.3	449.87500	141.3	FM analog		W9TE	FWRC	

Allen County GMRS voice repeater (updated as of 1/1/26)								
RX freq.	RX access	TX freq.	TX access	mode	Special use	Nets	Callsign	Owner
462.675	141.3	467.675	141.3	WFM ana.	Red Cross	ACARTS	WRDC557	ACARTS

Allen County area data systems (updated as of 1/1/26)											
RX freq.	RX access	TX freq.	TX access	mode	network	BBS/ MBX/ PBBS	owner	net alias	network node	KA-node	digipeater
144.39	141.3	144.39	CSQ	APRS	APRS	W9INX-1	ACARTS	INFW	W9INX-2	W9INX-7	W9INX-8
145.53	141.3	145.53	CSQ	packet	NEIPN	W9INX-1	ACARTS	INALEN	W9INX-6	W9INX-7	W9INX-8

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ACARTS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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New Member Yes No / Existing Member Yes No / Additional Household Members*: Yes No
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Family membership¹ \$25.00 / year

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