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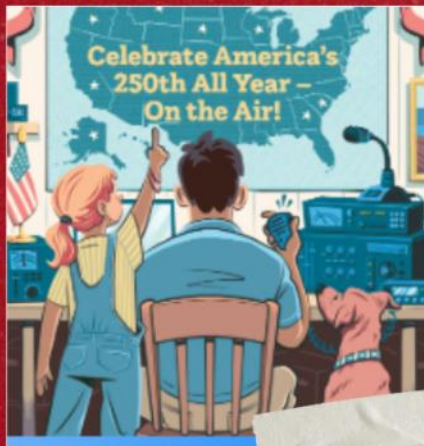


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9			BB SV



BE RADIOACTIVE THIS FEBRUARY!



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much more!



Late January has been a very cold month. Earlier today I had to remind my mom that winter is not halfway over...yet. If you are looking to escape the cold in February, Hamcation is coming up on the weekend of February 13-15. Usually, I try to attend this event, but work obligations will keep me closer to home turf this year.

Even if you are in a similar situation, there is still plenty of indoor stuff to do in the realm of ham radio here in the Allen County area.

W1AW is coming to Indiana this month. Listen for W1AW/9 to be on the air on HF and possibly on other bands here in Indiana between 2/4 and 2/10! Several local hams, including AC9EZ, will be helping with this activation! Listen to the bands for each state to be activated by W1AW portable throughout the year.

If you enjoy pursuing operating awards, several opportunities are available. The ARRL is offering the ARRL America250 Worked All States award, while QRZ.com is offering the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America award. Presentations on both award opportunities are scheduled for the February Fort Wayne Radio Club meeting on Friday, February 13th. Is there a better place that you can take your Valentine than a radio club meeting?

Please note that our next in-person VE session will be on Saturday, 2/28. More information is available in this edition of the Allen County HamNews.

Last month I made a short trip to Ontario to operate as VE9FWA during the SKCC Straight Key Month. On a very foggy and damp afternoon, I camped out in my truck on the north shore of

Lake Erie at Point Pelee National Park and operated on several HF bands from my mobile setup. I was initially planning on a second day, but things were a little too soggy for my taste. I hope to get back up to Canada again later this year.

It's about time to push the publish button for this edition, so perhaps I will see you at a club meeting or catch you on the air this month. Stay warm!

73,

Josh, W9HT/VE9FWA



VE9FWA on the air and trying to stay warm and dry in Canada

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.

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Allen County ARES Team Conducts a Simulated Emergency Test

This month the Allen County ARES team conducted a Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

The scenario was one when North East Indiana is hit by a severe ice storm. Large area of power outage, a dramatic increase in traffic accidents, we simulated we would support Parkview, Lutheran, and the American Red Cross, with communication

The start was to check-in on the W9TE 146.940MHz repeater. At each stage of the event a dice was rolled and the number 1 -6 came up. The corresponding numbered envelop would be opened and the next challenge started.

This is a list of the different challenges and how well we did.

Check-in 38.64%, of the total team, we feel this is a realistic number for an event of this type.

Assigned 41.18% of the operators that checked-in were given a location to support,

Out of service 52.94 % of the operators that checked-in were not able to support this SET, at this time.

NOTE 5.86% not reflected in the previous 2 categories are operators that checked-in as available but not assigned a location.

In this SET we simulated the loss of our repeaters and had to operate simplex. The next category reflects our ability to switch without notice.

Switch nets 85.71% of the operators that were assigned a location were able to move to a predetermined frequency.

Report to assignment 100% the operators were able to locate and check-in to their loca-

tion. This involved working with served agency's personal at their locations, working Hospitals.

NOTE each location was required to simulate 2 forms and transmit them to Net Control over radio, the next 2 categories reflect filling the forms out correctly and sending them to me over radio.

Task 1 100% of the operators were able to send General "Blood Availability" form.

Task 2 100% of the operators were able to send HICS-251 form

Prepared 57.14%. This category represents our ability to anticipate the needs of our served agencies. We were able to adjust, and completed 100% of the tasks that we were assigned, but it did take longer than normal time frame (3.5 hours).

I have requested all of the operators complete a self-assessment of their experience and form and complete a mitigation plan. I have 5 action items that on which I am currently working.

Overall, we were successful and took many learnings for improvement.

I need to report that the feedback we received from our served agencies was outstanding, as were the reports received from the ARES operators. Each team was impressed by the others level of professionalism and courtesy.

I thank each of you for your time and support of the Allen County Amateur Radio Emergency service (ARES). I look forward to working with each of you.

73,

Dan Ungemach, N9PAP

LRBN Update for January 2026

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:

1/8/26 at Casa on W. Jefferson and on

1/22/26 at Don Halls Prime Rib (photos follow on the net site found later in this article)

Both were wonderful events filled with camaraderie and conversation.

Upcoming Lunch Dates (All at 11:30 AM)

2/5/26

2/19/26

3/5/26

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 Newslines—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/lrnb (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:

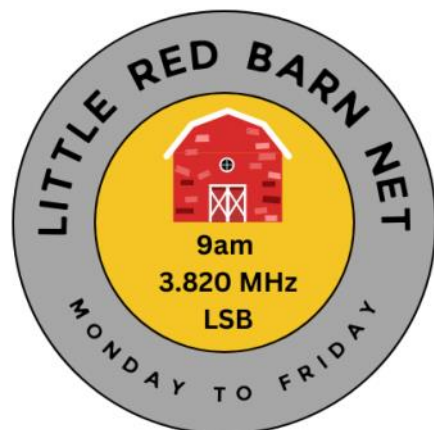
Android: Net Scraper or Netlogger Companion (Play Store)

iPhone: Netlogger Companion (App Store)

Thanks for being part of the LRBN community. I hope that you are able to join the LRBN during the month of February!

73,

KU8T - Tom



Hamsplatter

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Heading Toward Spring

January has been brutal! When Winter Field Day came around on the 24th and 25th, the storm that stretched across the country was a good demonstration of what ham radio could do when conditions were not the best. I ran the WFD and got a kick out of the South Texas section and Florida stations reporting shirt sleeve weather, but that is all gone now. If you operated the event, even from the warmth of your home shack like me, it must have been a help to all those who were signing “outdoor” as their category!

By the time you are reading this, Groundhog Day will probably be over, but hopefully some of you may be able to work K3HWJ, the special event station for the Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club, on the air to celebrate the nation’s best known weather prognosticator. The little rodent will let us know if we have 6 more weeks of win-

ter, or just 45 days. I would really like to get their certificate to add to my wallpaper.!

As this year is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, activities are planned around the country and Amateur Radio is no exception. The ARRL is allowing certain stations in all 50 states to operate as W1AW and if you contact all of them there is a special certificate. The folks at QRZ.COM are also planning their own event and certificate, but the rules are a bit more complicated. Our February meeting will include discussions of these and how to participate.

Also planned for the meeting I would like to start with short presentations, about 5 to 10 minutes in length, on technical subjects to improve our understanding of electrical, electronics, and RF. I guarantee no heavy math, just a fun way to learn!

See you at the meeting and on the air!

73,

Steve, W9SAN

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FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2026

The January meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held on the 9th of January, 2026. It occurred at the Red Cross complex on East California Rd. starting at 6:39 pm. It was hosted by newly elected club President Steve Nardin, W9SAN and there were about 17 attendees

Steve led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited all present to introduce themselves with their name and call-sign.

Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the Treasury numbers as of 9 January, 2026 as follows:

Checking Acct.	\$7,239.28
Savings Acct.	\$510.00
Vanguard	\$25,000.001
Year-To-Date Expenses	None
Year- to -Date Income	\$90.00

The club currently has 95 members as of the meeting date.

Willi Tucker-Hall, KD9ZDP asked that the list of Elmers and their areas of expertise within the club be updated and re-posted. She also noted that she had the dates for regular club meeting and Board of Directors

meetings confirmed with the Red Cross.

Steve noted that 2026 was declared by the ARRL as the year of the club with the intent of getting club memberships more involved in club activities. Several activities Steve intends to focus the club on include

- Field Day
- The Indiana QSO Party
- Fox Hunting
- The VHF QSO Party
- SKCC
- POTA

In regards POTA, club Vice President Tom Rupp, KU8T wants to have the club involved in activating a POTA station in May and again in August at Rousch Lake, operating on 40 meters from 8:00 am until 10:00 am and then 20 thru 10 meters from 10:00 am forward. Tom notes the site has shelter and picnic tables.

Considering activities, we should set aside a day or two to have a Robison Park shack clean-out party. We should once more go through that building and eliminate items that are just taking up space. The same can be said for the club trailer which is packed to the gills for Field Day. Some of the items in the trailer are of questionable value anymore. Communications Manager Charles Ward, KC9MUT claimed he actually ran across a worn and battered Wouff-Hong (look it up) the last

time he was rooting around in a dustier part of the trailer.

In another approach towards more member involvement in club activities we should consider developing a HF or VHF YL net and let the ladies lead the way. Or consider organizing some YL / OM contests throughout 2026.

Jerry Eitner, KD9QHI described additional opportunities, via ARES, of membership involvement by means of training in Cross Band Operating, GPS location training, Directed Net Control Operation and so forth.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC





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February 28

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- For more information, please contact Josh, W9HT at drjoshlong (at) gmail.com or 260-749-9851.

State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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**From the
ACARTS
President**

Attention all ACARTS Members:

Be sure to vote for 2026 club officers before the February general meeting. Ballots should have been received via email. Contact Fred if you have any questions.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

FEBRUARY ACARTS MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

**STARTS AT
7PM**

**AT THE RED CROSS
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65 Years and 7 Solar Cycles

have an RF stage – I

started oper- ating

By Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

In early January of this year, I received an e-mail from the QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association) congratulating me for being a ham for 65 years. My first reaction to the e-mail was “Holy *&\$# – I’m old!” But thankfully I realized there are others just as old (or even older).

heard few signals on the 15m Nov-ice band.

Cycle 20 – I was at Purdue and then served my active duty in the US Army during this cycle. My senior year at Purdue at W9YB on 10m was great with their Collins gear and a Yagi on the roof of the Memorial Union.

from DX locations (ZF Cayman Islands and V2 Antigua) during this big cycle.

Cycle 22 – I was still in Texas for a couple years during this cycle, then moved back north to Ft Wayne for the rest of the Cycle 22 years. The Ft Wayne QTH allowed me to put up more and bigger antennas which helped in addition to operating in another relatively large cycle.

Cycle 23 – Although Cycle 23 was an average cycle, propagation was good enough to get on the DXCC Honor Roll during this cycle.

Cycle 24 – This cycle was the smallest in my lifetime (and the 4th smallest in recorded history). Regardless of this, I attained Top of the DXCC Honor Roll in 2009 when I worked FT5GA on Glorioso Island on September 18, 2009. It only took several decades to get to the Top of the DXCC Honor Roll!

Cycle 25 – All I can say is I’m still having fun in Amateur Radio, and hope to at least see the start of Cycle 26 around 2030. We shall see.

Cycle	solar min	solar max	solar max value	solar min
19	Apr 1954	Mar 1958	285	Oct 1964
20	Oct 1964	Nov 1968	157	Jun 1976
21	Jun 1976	Dec 1979	233	Sep 1986
22	Sep 1986	Jun 1989	212	Aug 1996
23	Aug 1996	Nov 2001	180	Nov 2008
24	Nov 2008	Apr 2014	116	Dec 2019
25	Dec 2019	perhaps Oct 2024	perhaps 161	perhaps 2030

Table 1

For example, at Ken N8KR’s QTH on Saturday January 10 for the SKCC (Straight Key Century Club) K3Y/9 event, I again had an in-person chat with Ed WA9BBN. He and I had our first QSO on 40m CW on January 12, 1962. At the time, Ed was WN9BBN in Chicago (he’s now in Ft Wayne) and I was WN9AVT in Hammond, IN.

Those 65 years translate to being a ham during seven solar cycles – Cycles 19 through Cycle 25. Again, “Holy *&\$# – I’m old!” My comments about those seven solar cycles follow. The solar maximum numbers in Table 1 are smoothed sunspot numbers from the Version 2 data record.

Cycle 19 – Cycle 19 is the largest cycle in recorded history. I received my Novice in October 1961 during the decline at a smoothed sunspot number of 71. That didn’t matter to me, as I knew nothing about solar cycles and propagation. Anyway, my receiver was an NC-60 which didn’t

Cycle 21 – I lived in apartments until the transfer with Motorola to Texas in April 1979, where I bought my first house and put up a tower. That was great timing for me, as I took advantage of the peak of Cycle 21 – a relatively big one. I also

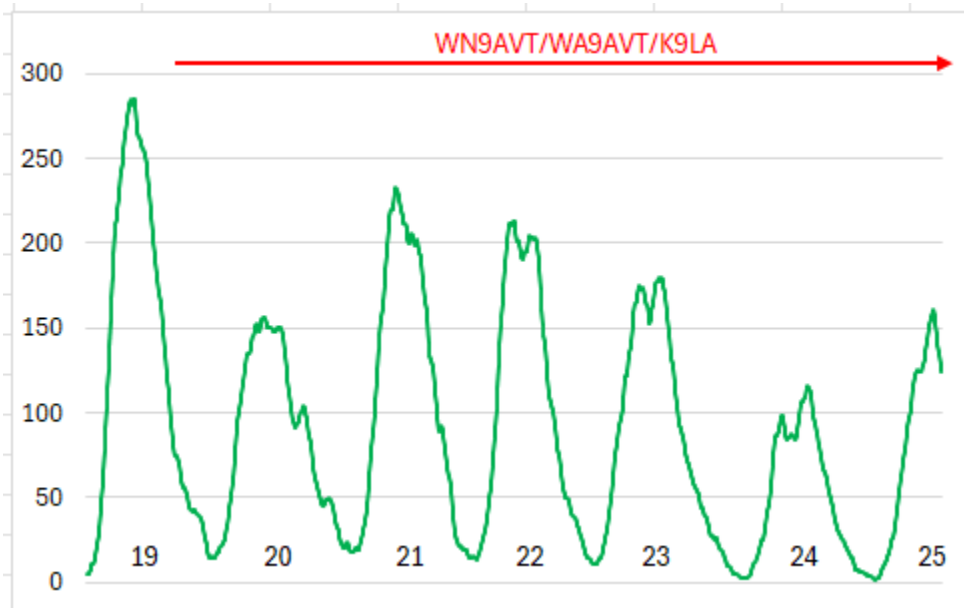


Figure 1



Testing the 80m OCFD

Hello my fellow radio bugs! The January doldrums may be with us in terms of weather. However, hf propagation is up and it's a perfect time of year to make some great contacts on the radio!

This month, I'm going to give a quick synopsis of the testing I have been doing with the new 80m ocf. As you may recall from a previous column, I just installed the new 80m ocf on December 23 of last year. Since then, I've been putting the antenna through its paces and I finally am ready to give the antenna a "verdict."

The best way I know to test an antenna is to subject it to a variety of operating conditions. I'm going to break down my testing into three specific operating scenarios: general operating, contesting, and dx'ing. Let's start with general operating.

Generally a Great Performer:

One of my unofficial New Year's resolutions was to re-start logging non-contest contacts on paper in my ARRL paper log. There's nothing like flipping through an old paper log and reliving the moments you made some fantastic contacts.

For my general operating tests, I cruised the hf bands on

80,40,20,17,15 and 10 meters, looking to test the general coverage of the antenna.

In looking at my logbook, I find a variety of contacts, with many POTA stations making it into the log. Contacts with POTA stations were made primarily on 20m, but a few 17m and 15m POTA contacts also made it into the log. All of those contacts were made with a power output of 80-90 watts using cw or ssb.

But digital modes were not forgotten. On 12/26, I sat down to make some ft8 contacts on 40 meters, with several domestic stations entering the log.

I would be remiss if I did not attempt at least a few ragchews, and sure enough my log holds some pleasant memories of cw ragchews made as recently as this month, with NF7N entering the log on 1/24 after a great 40m cw qso.

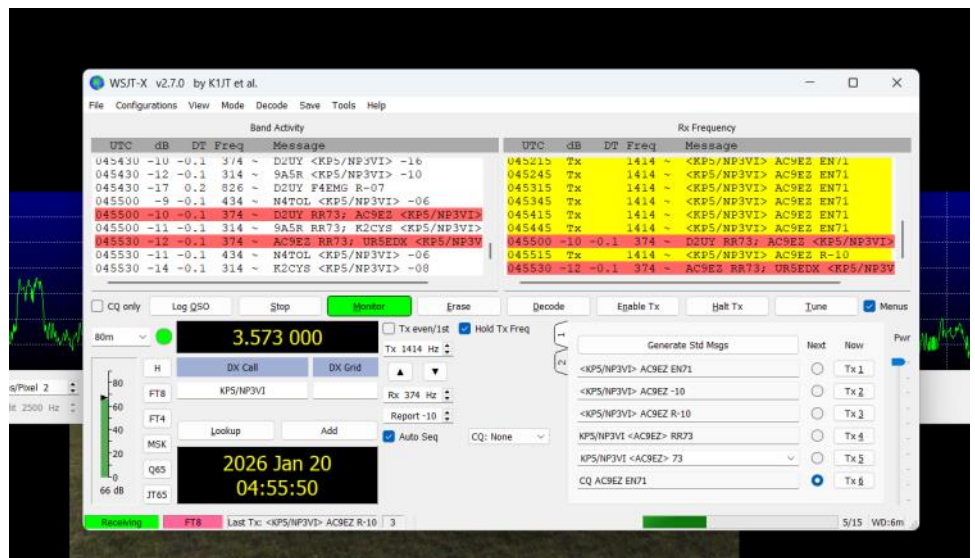
Contesting:

Contesting and dx'ing are some of my most favorite elements of amateur radio (pretty much a

three-way tie with activating a POTA entity or chasing POTA). For contesting, I entered a variety of events including the SKCC December straight key sprint (SKS), the SKCC January weekend sprintathon (WES), and Winter Field Day (also held in January).

All three events provided good opportunities to test out the antenna's coverage and I was quite pleased with the results. Both SKCC events yielded a goodly array of contacts with no real issues in hearing or being heard.

Winter Field Day was particularly informative. Operating off and on for a couple of hours on Saturday and Sunday, I made a total of 405 qsos on all contest bands from 80-10 meters. The ability to qsy or jump from band to band without needing an external antenna tuner was a pleasure I have not known for many years at the ac9ez home station. Signals were loud and strong for the most part, although several weak stations



were worked through a variety of qsb and qrm.

I was particularly pleased with the rates I was able to hit during the contest. Several times I was able to hit high rates on ssb, with one particularly fruitful run yielding about 120 contacts in 60 minutes on 20m ssb. In total, I worked 185 cw contacts (with a new cw paddle just added to the shack) and 225 ssb qsos. See the included image of my N3FJP software during the contest.

Dx'ing:

Chasing dx was one of the primary reasons I decided to build this antenna (contesting was another motivating factor). I was keen to see how the antenna would perform, particularly at its 40' height.

I have been quite pleased with the results of my dx chasing.

Looking through my logbook, dx contacts with the new 80m ocfw include the United States, Canada, PJ2, HI3, V31, KP4, CO2, KH7, EA1, EG8, TZ4, and KP5. A possible qso with HA8 also made it into the log, but I don't think he quite got my callsign correct.

The KP5 qsos were the real prize for me, as I had been trying to make contact with the ongoing dxpedition KP5/NP3VI for several days. The chair time spent in chasing the dxpedition paid off, as I worked the dxpedition on ft8 on both 30 and 80 meters.

Summary:

No antenna is perfect, and my 80m ocfw is no exception. The antenna is really nothing more than a dipole. It may have a fancy feedpoint network, but it's simply a dipole. However, a simple dipole can be a great

performer, and the results I'm observing with this antenna indicate to me that this antenna may be just what my station needs. With multi-band coverage, good signal reports during on-air events, and the ability to get through small pileups, I'm very pleased with this antenna. Overall, I would recommend this design to any station looking for a good, low-maintenance, multi-band antenna they can install at their home station.

73 es good dx!

De Jim AC9EZ

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callsign	spotter-callsign	distance mi	freq	mode	type	snr	speed	time	seen
W3OA	AC9EZ	445	3557.0	CW	CQ	12 dB	17 wpm	2322z 11 Jan	61 seconds ago
N8DXE	AC9EZ	178	3557.0	CW	CQ	34 dB	18 wpm	2322z 11 Jan	63 seconds ago
W79U	AC9EZ	57	3557.0	CW	CQ	19 dB	17 wpm	2322z 11 Jan	66 seconds ago
W8WVV	AC9EZ	192	3557.0	CW	CQ	33 dB	17 wpm	2322z 11 Jan	67 seconds ago
K9LC	AC9EZ	216	3557.0	CW	CQ	25 dB	18 wpm	2322z 11 Jan	87 seconds ago
KM3T-5	AC9EZ	698	3557.0	CW	CQ	27 dB	17 wpm	2322z 11 Jan	89 seconds ago
AC0C-1	AC9EZ	536	3557.0	CW	CQ	17 dB	18 wpm	2322z 11 Jan	90 seconds ago
W2Z7I	AC9EZ	521	3557.0	CW	CQ	20 dB	16 wpm	2320z 11 Jan	2 minutes ago
W4KAZ	AC9EZ	502	3557.0	CW	CQ	17 dB	16 wpm	2320z 11 Jan	3 minutes ago
K3LR	AC9EZ	238	3557.0	CW	CQ	39 dB	17 wpm	2317z 11 Jan	6 minutes ago

The Fort Wayne Mob annual K3Y/9 Multi-Multi: The Recap

Once again, for the 9th time, many SKCC members from the Fort Wayne, Indiana area gathered together to activate K3Y/9 for the January WES. Each year Ken, N8KR, invites the local SKCCers (and any local hams) to his shack for the Saturday event. With multiple antennas and 2 fixed stations, members spend the day making contacts while enjoying food and fellowship. With more than 50 SKCC members in the community, the local Fort Wayne Radio Club makes a special emphasis on SKCC and allows them to use the club's call: W9TE. (By the way, W9TE has Senator status as 20,000S!)

The popularity of this annual event captured the attention of the local Fort Wayne television stations where two of them did specials on the K3Y/9 gathering 3 years ago! This year was a banner year for us as we had four stations in operation with 13 different operators along with 5 additional ham visitors. We set up each station with headphone splitters with two headphones at each station. Not only does that allow visitors to listen in, it also helps us mentor and assist new and timid operators. Steve – W9SAN, our

Fort Wayne Radio Club president, was revisiting code which he had learned many years ago and spent a lot of time sending and having some assistance in copying and logging. Steve has a good fist and completed many qso's at the 20 meter station. Joseph – AD9HW, a local 15 year old newbie ham who is finishing up learning CW spent a half hour sending CQ's and giving out reports: reports that included HIS name with W9TE. The smile on his face when stations on the other end sent his name back was priceless! Joseph's brother Andrew (Ted) – AD9HV spent time at the 20 meter station with Steve – AC9XS. During the day I learned that our blind ham needed absolutely no help logging. Using his own special laptop computer, Steve – AC9XS logged 60 contacts and when he finished he emailed the log to me for merging into our master log! Al – K9FW sat at the 30/40 station from 7am to 9:45 pm . . . not bad for an old guy!!! Mark – KD9UYC drove up from Fishers, Indiana (our only out-of-towner) with curiosity of what we're all about and ended up spending most of the day with us and operated continuously for hours! Bruce – N9DGL provided transportation for Steve and came back Sunday morning for a few more contacts. John – NJ0U brought in his equipment and set up station

#4. Ed – WA9BBN and Rose – KA9GKE came early with lots of goodies and refreshments and spent the long day with us! Jim – KR9U came over Friday night to set up station #3 and then returned for some time on Saturday. And I can't forget the two who has been with us every year we have been doing this: Joe – WB9EAO and Josh – W9HT. We enjoyed having Carl – K9LA not only come and operate, but to actually work us on 4 bands after returning to his home!

There were so many of the *Mob* who helped set up, brought in snacks and pop and pie and ice cream, and cookies and pizza! We had a blast and look forward to another year. 560 qso's! . . . and what about ***the MOB?*** Dave-W1DV started referring to us in Fort Wayne as *the Mob* because there are so many of us active in SKCC events!

Check out the photos from the event on the next few pages.

I hope that you are able to join us next year for the 2027 K3Y/9 event!

73,

Ken N8KR



2026 K3Y/9 Special Event

in photos, part 1





2026 K3Y/9 Special Event

in photos, part 2



Summary for January 2026

Welcome to our new local SKCC members:

AD9HW, Joe, #30718

AD9HV, Ted, #30722

Operating activities during the month of January 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 January 10-11, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown.

W9TE (mult-op)	510
AC9XS	60
AC9EZ	29
W9GOO	21

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.

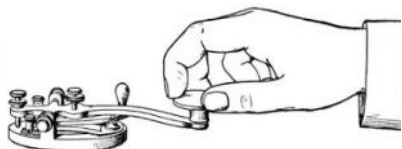
For the SKS on Tuesday evening January 27, 7-9 PM local, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown:

K9FW	49
W9HT	23
WA9BBM	17
WB9TYJ	12
W9GOO	9
KA9GKE	5

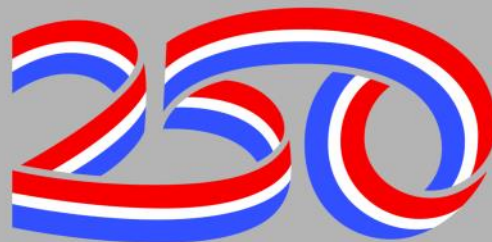
Catch you on the air in February.

73!

Ed, WA9BBN




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Listen for W1AW/9 to be on the air from Indiana from 2/4/26 - 2/10/26 and for W1AW portable from all of the other states throughout 2026 in honor of the America 250 celebrations. More information is available on the ARRL website.



Check out
the classi- 
fied ads on the
next two pages!

**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.



Murch UT-2000A antenna tuner. 80-10m. Nice condition. Setup for end fed. Asking \$150. Contact Al, K9FW at [k9fw\(at\)frontier.com](mailto:k9fw(at)frontier.com) for more information.

For Sale:

- Alinco DX-70 160-6m mobile radio. Includes mobile mount, hand microphone, power cord, and manual. Excellent for mobile or POTA—or for about anything else you need. \$200
- Icom ID-5100A 50W VHF/UHF dual band digital mobile transceiver. D-Star, GSP, and all that sort of jazz. Everything is in the original box ready for your use. \$300

Both radios are in very good working and cosmetic condition. Photos available on request.

Contact the newsletter editor for more information on either of these items. Contact information is on page 2 of this edition of the Allen County HamNews.

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).

- Jetstream 140-525 MHz swr/watt meter. \$40
- Sperry multimeter. \$30
- Workman very strong mag mount. NMO. \$10
- Capacitor meter. \$20
- MFJ-1701 antenna switch. \$60
- NanaVNA-H4 handheld vector network analyzer. \$50
- Graphing multimeter. \$50
- Transistor tester interface. Tests much more than transistors. \$25

All items are in new to like new condition with very little to no use.

Contact Terry, K9FMX via text at 260-705-7128 to purchase or for information on these items.

FOR SALE

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OPERATING EVENTS

FEB

4-11

W1AW/9

SPECIAL EVENT

FEB

9-13

ARRL SCHOOL CLUB

ROUNDUP

FEB

14-15

SKCC WEEKEND

SPRINTATHON

FEB

21-22

ARRL INTERNATIONAL

DX CONTEST, CW

FEB

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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 2/1/26)					
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.

2. 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.

3. Reflector REF024B.

4. 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.

5. Indiana HF Traffic Nets Web Site: <http://www.inarri.org/index.php/public-service/indiana-nts>

6. Please note that this information is provided by the local amateur community—thank you! *If you see any information that is incorrect or out of date, please send any needed additions, deletions, or corrections to the newsletter editor at drjoshlong (at) gmail.com.*

Allen County Area Voice Repeaters (updated as of 2/1/26)								
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 2/1/26)								
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 2/1/26)											
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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After a short delay, the 3Y0K dxpedition to Bouvet Island should be on the air later in February. Stay tuned to DX news outlets and to the cluster for updates.

A fillable version of this form is also available at: <https://new.acarts.com/forms/acarts-app.pdf>



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Fort Wayne, IN 46851-0342

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Membership applications can be sent via Email, Postal, or in person at a member/board meeting. Membership applications & payments via credit card can also be filed out directly online at <https://www.Hamclubonline.com>

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FWRC Membership Application for 2026

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____
License Class: _____
Street address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone #: (____) _____
* Email address: _____
* (@arrl.net domain is unreliable. Please use an alternate email address if you have one).
ARRL Member? _____ (ARRL membership helps the club maintain ARRL affiliation)
May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster & on our club web site? Yes or No

Fort Wayne Radio Club dues:

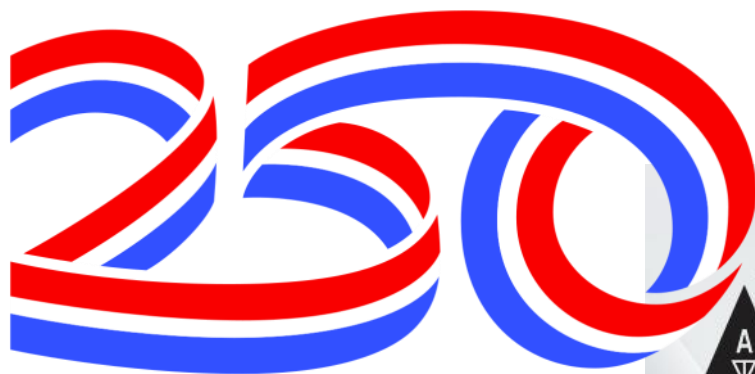
Regular membership	\$20.00 / year
Family membership ¹	\$25.00 / year
Student membership ²	\$5.00 / year
Associate membership ³	\$15.00 / year

(Memberships for July-December are ½ the stated amounts)

Please attach a check to this form (paying by check is strongly encouraged) made out to:
Fort Wayne Radio Club (check number _____) and bring to a club meeting or mail to:
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P.O. Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5127

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