

Northeast Indiana ACARTS VHF/UHF Simplex Contest

May 16th - 7:00pm-10:00pm

(Sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society)

Purpose

- To promote FM Simplex operation.
- To provide a local, fun, fast contest with equipment most hams already own.

When

- Saturday, May 16th 2025, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM EDT. The contest is open to all radio amateurs. This contest is designed for hams to have fun over a short period. You don't need to devote an entire weekend, just an enjoyable Saturday evening. So, get a cup of hot chocolate, a comfortable chair, and sit down for a few hours to see who is on the air. There will be some rovers running around during the full contest period to keep activity going the entire time.

General Rules

- Only mode allowed is FM phone simplex on the 2-meter, 1.25-meter, 70 cm bands.
 - 2-meter Simplex **146.40 – 146.595, 147.405 – 147.585 15kHz spacing.**
 - 1.25-meter Simplex **223.40 – 223.52 20kHz spacing.**
 - 70cm Simplex **445.9125 – 446.175 12.5kHz spacing.**
- No contacts on calling frequencies. (146.52, 223.50, 446.00)
- Teams are permitted, but only one transmitter is allowed to operate at any one time.
- No repeater contacts, satellite, or EME, please stay on FM simplex frequencies. Stations can only be worked once per band. Rovers and portables can be worked again when they have moved to a different township.
- No cross-band, no split frequency contacts.
- Pre-arranging contacts by use of repeaters, telephones, or otherwise is not allowed, nor in the spirit of the contest. Requesting a move to another band during a contact is allowed.

Rover & Park Activation Special Rules

- Rovers are not allowed to drive and operate simultaneously. A solo rover must be stationary to operate. A rover team may operate while moving if one team member is designated as the driver and the driver does not operate the radio while moving.
- Rovers and portables cannot straddle township lines, only one township may be given during each contact. Rover and portable stations must remain in a township a minimum of 15 minutes.
- For Park Activation, you must operate within the park limits. To consider the park activated, three contacts must be logged to get park activation multiplier.

Operating Classes

- Base
- Rover
- Park Activation
- Portable - Limited to 5W, with transceiver mounted antenna

Exchange

Call sign, your sequential contact number, township, and county.

Note: You should not use a separate set of sequential numbers for each band. Start at the beginning of the contest and keep going in order even if you change bands.

Sample Contact Exchanges

KB9JDL this is K9FFF - Please copy Number 3, Jefferson Township, Noble County

K9FFF this is KB9JDL Rover - Please copy Number 13, Milan Township, Allen County

Scoring

1 point per contact.

Multiplier is the number of unique townships contacted.

For Rovers/Portables and Park Activations, multiplier is the number of unique townships/parks contacted plus the number of townships/parks activated. Final score = multiplier X contact points.

1st Place in each class will receive a certificate and bragging rights.

Log Format

Heading: Your name, call sign, operating category, & phone # or e-mail

Listing of contacts to include;

Your contact number, contact time (local or zulu (UTC), but please specify), their call sign, band, township, and county.

NOTE: For rovers and portables, include your township at time of contact, noting what county as well since some townships in different counties have the same name.

Logs may be submitted in any text format that you choose.

Entry Deadline

All logs, either paper or electronic should be received by June 20th, 2026. Make sure to include your name, call sign, and contact information (either phone or e-mail).

Send to; ACARTS FM Simplex Contest, PO Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN 46851

OR email to: sec@acarts.com

Winners will be announced at the July 21st, 2026 ACARTS club meeting and contacted via e-mail or phone.

Park Type	Park Name	Park #
City Park	Bloomingtondale Park E & W	FW-01
City Park	Bob Arnold Northside Park	FW-02
City Park	Brewer Park	FW-03
City Park	Buckner Farm Park	FW-04
City Park	Camp Allen Park	FW-05
City Park	Daryl B. Cobin Memorial Park	FW-06
City Park	Casselwood Park	FW-07
City Park	East Central Park	FW-08
City Park	East Swinney Park	FW-09
City Park	Foster Park	FW-10
City Park	Franke Park	FW-11
City Park	Gren Park	FW-12
City Park	Guildin Park	FW-13
City Park	Hamilton Park	FW-14
City Park	Hanna Homestead Park	FW-15
City Park	Harrison Square - Meyers Park	FW-16
City Park	Headwaters Park	FW-17
City Park	Historic Old Fort	FW-18
City Park	Homestead Road Park	FW-19
City Park	Hurshtown Reservoir	FW-20
City Park	Indian Village (Sears) Park	FW-21
City Park	Jehl Park	FW-22
City Park	Johnny Appleseed Park	FW-23
City Park	John Street Park	FW-24
City Park	Kettler Park	FW-25
City Park	Klug Park	FW-26
City Park	Kreager Park	FW-27
City Park	Lafayette Park	FW-28
City Park	Lakeside Park	FW-29
City Park	Lawton Park	FW-30
City Park	Lindenwood Nature Preserve	FW-31
City Park	Lions Park	FW-32
City Park	McCormick Park	FW-33
City Park	McCulloch Park	FW-34
City Park	McMillen Park	FW-35
City Park	Memorial Park	FW-36
City Park	Moody Park	FW-37
City Park	Noll Park	FW-38
City Park	Nuckol's Memorial Park	FW-39
City Park	Old Fort Park	FW-40

City Park	Orff Park	FW-41
City Park	Packard Park	FW-42
City Park	Psi Ote Park	FW-43
City Park	Rea Park	FW-44
City Park	Reservoir Park	FW-45
City Park	Rockhill Park	FW-46
City Park	Roosevelt Park	FW-47
City Park	Rudisill/Fairfield Park	FW-48
City Park	Salomon Homestead Park	FW-49
City Park	Shoaff Park	FW-50
City Park	Study Park	FW-51
City Park	Tillman Park	FW-52
City Park	Vesey Park	FW-53
City Park	Waynedale Park	FW-54
City Park	Weisser Park	FW-55
City Park	Wells Street Park	FW-56
City Park	West Swinney Park	FW-57
City Park	Zeis Park	FW-58
City Park	Rivergeenway	FW-59
County Park/Nature Preserve	Fox Island	AC-01
County Park/Nature Preserve	Metea Park	AC-02
County Park/Nature Preserve	Payton Park	AC-03
County Park/Nature Preserve	Cook's Landing	AC-04
County Park/Nature Preserve	Allen County Hanauer Reserve	AC-05
County Park/Nature Preserve	Deer Run Wilderness Area	AC-06
County Park/Nature Preserve	Bicentennial Woods	AC-07
County Park/Nature Preserve	Blue Cast Springs	AC-08
County Park/Nature Preserve	Fogwell Forest	AC-09
County Park/Nature Preserve	Fox Fire Woods	AC-10
County Park/Nature Preserve	Maumee River Overlook	AC-11

