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And much,

much more!



It is hard to believe that June is already here. That means that ARRL Field Day and several other events are right around the corner!

Once again, the Fort Wayne Radio Club will be hosting **ARRL Field Day** at Jefferson Township Park on Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th. Whether you are interested in operating, enjoying the potluck, making conversation, or just seeing what Field Day is all about, you are invited to come on by! I am hoping to bring out my satellite antenna and try to make a contact or two through the International Space Station, SO-50, or maybe another ham satellite.

The Allen County ARES team is hosting an **ARES Summer Challenge** on Saturday, June 13th. See the ad in this edition of HamNews for more information on this event.

Next, the next **in-person VE session** will be held on Saturday, June 13th at 10am at the American Red Cross building. More event information is available later in the newsletter. If you plan to take a test, be sure to bring your FRN with you. If you need an FRN number, you can find more information here:

[https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/html/Register New FRN.htm](https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/html/Register%20New%20FRN.htm) .

On the ARRL front, I included an update on the next page about the League's **Pass the Bill initiative** (for the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act). If you have not done so already, please send your local Congressional representatives a letter by visiting the following website at:

<https://www.arrl.org/current-legislation> .

Last month at least 24 local operators participat-

ed in the annual **Indiana QSO Party** event. Initial results are available from Ken N8KR this month—see his synopsis in this month's article.

Thanks be to God, we did not see much severe weather in the month of May. Don WB9TYJ also includes a synopsis of several **Skywarn** activations from last month.

Finally, I had a chance to attend last week's Little Red Barn Net Luncheon. WB9TYJ and KU8T reminded me about this bimonthly outing during a morning chat on the 146.91 repeater about an hour before the luncheon! A good time was had by all (photos are included elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter).

I hope to catch you on the airwaves and at Field Day this month.

73,

Josh, W9HT

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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Special Update: Senator Ted Cruz Praises Amateur Radio Operators for Emergency Preparedness in New Video

Senator Ted Cruz, in a strong pre-Memorial Day message publicly highlighted the critical role that Amateur Radio Service volunteers play during disasters, praising and thanking ham radio operators who provide essential communications when storms and emergencies knock out power and cellular networks and communities are cut off. Sen. Cruz observed that in these emergencies it is ham radio operators who step forward, bringing with them the tools, expertise, and the commitment to reconnect people when it matters most. He noted this dedication was clearly demonstrated in 2017 when Hurricane Harvey's catastrophic flooding devastated communities across Texas and that it was demonstrated again more recently in the horrific Camp Mystic floods. He emphasized that as the Nation prepares for yet another summer storm season, ham radio's role remains just as vital as ever.

You can view Senator Cruz's video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZNeMXyCQ7Y&feature=youtu.be>

Stating that while future emer-

gencies will come, Sen. Cruz pointed out that so would Amateur Radio — ready to respond, ready to serve, and to make a difference. He ended his statements, thanking ham radio for its courage and commitment, noting that Amateur Radio's work strengthens our communities.

Senator Cruz is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. His comments align with the ARRL's ongoing efforts to strengthen and protect Amateur Radio's role in emergency preparedness and public service communications.

His comments also reflect growing Congressional recognition of the value Amateur Radio Operators bring to communities across the country. ARRL continues to advocate for legislation that protects and strengthens Amateur Radio's role in emergency preparedness and public service communications.

ARRL's nationwide grassroots campaign supporting the bipartisan Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act has generated more than 155,000 letters to members of Congress in support of H.R. 1094 and S. 459. The legislation seeks to ensure that Amateur Radio Operators can install and maintain effective outdoor antennas at residences where private land-use restrictions might otherwise prohibit them, helping communities maintain resilient emergency

communications capabilities during disasters.

ARRL Legislative Committee Chairman and West Gulf Division Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, said the continued outreach effort has required "long hours on the ground and an uncountable number of personal meetings with Senators, Representatives, and their staffs" to raise awareness of the importance of Amateur Radio to our country.

"The most recent proof that those efforts have, and are, increasing Congressional support for Amateur Radio is evidenced by the decision of Chairman Cruz to publicly share his personal views on the value and importance of Amateur Radio to the Nation," Stratton said.

ARRL encourages Amateur Radio Operators to participate in our letter writing campaign, located at www.arrl.org/HOA, in support of the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act and to share information about the public service role Amateur Radio plays in communities nationwide.

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Skywarn Update for May 2026

May 18, 2026



SKYWARN
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Northern Indiana was under a severe thunderstorm watch as warm moist and unstable air moved NE into the area. A line of moderate to severe thunderstorms formed in eastern Illinois and western Indiana. This line moved ENE into the area prompting severe thunderstorm warnings throughout the area. Most of the weather reports were wind related. Peak gusts in Allen County were 43 mph in the NE sections of Allen County to 55 mph at Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA). The line moved ENE rapidly into Ohio and was dissipating as the day progressed.

The following radio operators checked in: W9GGA (net control), WB9TYJ (net control), KB9WWM, KD9QHI, N9UKE, KC9JR, KB9RH, KD9RAF, N9PAP, W9CLC, KD9ZDW, KD9OKT, K4OWX, and KC9PVE.



Image 1

Area serviced by the Northern Indiana Weather Office,
National Weather Service



Image 2

Local NWS radar image

May 19, 2026

Once again, Allen County and its vicinity were placed under a severe thunderstorm watch until 7pm local time. Most of the line segments and clusters yielded heavy rain and moderate winds. Reports of hail were noted SW of the immediate Allen County area.

The following Skywarn operators checked in: WB9TYJ (net control), KB9WWM, KE9IWX, K1TUX, KB9JR, KD9QHI (net control), N9RNV, and N9PAP.

We would like to thank all the operators who check in and pass on weather information. The National Weather Service appreciates your efforts.

Hopefully as summer continues, the weather will be tranquil and nice, but we still need to be prepared for the severe weather that may come with frontal passages and afternoon buildups in the Midwest.

The 2nd severe weather season will be approaching as fall begins--stay tuned.

73,

Don, WB9TYJ



Event Information

Join us for a day of fun competition, Cookout, and socializing. Compete in skills like GPS navigation for search and rescue skills, using Winlink All mods, and other general knowledge.

Points will be awarded in each area to determine the winner of the "top ARES Station" award and bragging rights for the year.

Use the new Go-kit radios, Task book's signoff (bring yours) Best Go-Box competition

Certificates awarded for mentoring others, best go-box, most creative solutions.

Register for this event by sending an email to.

N9PAP@YAHOO.COM



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**June 13th
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LRBN Update for May 2026

We had another great month on the LRBN — “Little Red Barn Net” — Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM on 3.820 MHz (LSB). Check-ins usually start around 8:45 AM. We average 10 to 15 check-ins per day. Even though the 80-meter band has had its challenges lately, we’re still having a great time with self-generated topics each day from our check-ins — always a lot of fun and good conversation.

Bi-Weekly 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:

- 5/14, Salvatori’s West
- 5/28, Hall’s Prime Rib on State Blvd.



More photos from both events are available on the mobile-friendly website found later in this column.

Both were wonderful events filled with camaraderie and conversation.

Upcoming Lunch Dates (All at 11:30 AM)
6/11
6/25
7/9

Stay Connected

If you would like to be added to the LRBN email list, please contact Tom at:

- Email: gmrepair1@aol.com
- Phone/Text: 260-437-4676

Please include your email address and call sign or name.

Net Control Operators

- Monday – KU8T (Tom)
- Tuesday – K9FW (Al)
- Wednesday – N9TB (Tom) or KD9HAV (Norm)
- Thursday – KE9IWX (Jim)
- Friday – WB9TYJ (Don)

After the net each Friday, we air Amateur Radio Newsline — thank you, Don!

Online & Net Resources

- Mobile-friendly website: gmrepair1.wixsite.com/mobile (includes lunch info, dates, photos, and more)
- Groups.io page: groups.io/g/lrbn (Sign up required — this is where we vote on upcoming lunch locations. Let us know if you need assistance.)

Net Control Operators use NetLogger. You can download the program in the Download Center at netlogger.org.

For smartphones:

Android (Google Play Store): NetLogger Companion or Net Scraper

iPhone (Apple App Store): NetLogger Companion

Looking forward to hearing you on the air and seeing you at lunch in May!

73,

KU8T - Tom

Little Red Barn Net Lunch Out



LRBN 5/28/26 Lunch



Ham splatter

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



Time for Field Day Fun

When June rolls around, ham operators have basically one thing in mind: FIELD DAY! The ARRL Field Day event is always held on the fourth 'full' weekend in June and this year that means the 27th and 28th. The Fort Wayne Radio Club will once again run the Field Day event from Jefferson Township Park in New Haven, IN. All are welcome, club members or not; licensed hams or not. Come on out and experience the essence of Amateur Radio and see how we can operate without reliance on infrastructure, in the field and without commercial power.

This will be a great opportunity to see the refurbished club trailer. The generator has been cleaned up and serviced; the power panel rebuilt into an easier to deploy unit; and, the trailer contents are organized and stored in new containers with the goal of making deployments and packing up easy for all involved. Setup will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, so we would love to have lots of help with the station and antenna setup. An operators meeting will be held at 12:00 noon to orient all operators. The Field Day starts at 1:00 pm EDT (1700 UTC).

A meal on Saturday evening will be held at approximately 5:30 pm. The club will provide the main course meats and participants are asked to carry in a main dish or side dish or dessert to share with everyone. Ken, N8KR, along with and Charles, KC9MUT, our communications manager, are taking the lead for the planning, so there may be tweaks to the schedule, but here are the highlights:

- 9:00 am Saturday, June 27: full set up begins
- 12:00 noon: operators meeting
- 1:00 pm: On Air Field Day begins and runs for 24 hours.
- 5:30 pm: Field Day meal starts
- 1:00 pm: Sunday, June 28; On Air Field Day is done; all transmitters silent

Sunday afternoon, we need plenty of help for safely taking down all stations and antennas!

If you can help with any aspect of Field Day, from set-up to operating to take down, please come on out and join us and help make the weekend a successful and fun event for all!

In May, our Vice President, Tom, KU8T, organized and ran a great POTA operation! See his column elsewhere in this edition.

73,

Steve, W9SAN

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2026 POTA Activation Report

Group POTA Trip to Roush Lake (US-4208) & Kil-So-Quah (US-5683)

All went pretty well overall. I KU8T and N9PWM had a problem with my go-box and IC-706MKIIG, but only while running on battery power. I switched over to my backup set-up and finished the activation using the G90 at 20 watts with an end-fed antenna. I ended up with 14 QSOs.

After getting home, I found the issue — a loose connection and about a 1-volt drop across a fuse holder.

Between the three transmitters, we made just over 100 QSOs total. Forty meters seemed good in the morning. Carla (KD9ITZ) was making contacts right and left, ending up with about 32 QSOs using a G90 at 20 watts with an end-fed antenna.

Jim (KE9IWX) also did very well with 55+ QSOs on FT8. He was using a vertical antenna with radials and located at camp site in Kill-So-Quah.

We had 7 operators present: KD9ITZ, KB9OS (assisting), KE9IWX, N9KE, KG9FM, N9PWM, KU8T. All were registered users, although not everyone activated this time.

The weather was a little windy but cool and had a fun time as a group.

Planning another group activation this fall hope you can join us.

73,

Tom, KU8T

THE FORT WAYNE VE TEAM PRESENTS
IN-PERSON VE TESTING:
JUNE
13

Saturday, June 13, 10am-noon at the Red Cross Building, 1212 E. California Rd., Fort Wayne, IN (right off Coliseum Blvd. & Parnell Ave.)

Preregistration is preferred, but walk-ins are accepted. Testing concludes by noon or after last exam.

Cost: \$15 (\$5 for under 18). Fees covered for first-time examinees and applicants by the Fort Wayne Radio Club!

For more information, contact Ms. Willi, KD9ZFP at kd9zfp (at) gmail.com or 260-348-1171.



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Field Day 2026—Fort Wayne Radio Club
Jefferson Township Park, 1702 Webster
Rd., New Haven, IN

Saturday, 6/27-Sunday, 6/28

Everyone is welcome to attend! See the
next page for the details.

Field Day 2026 – Fort Wayne Radio Club
Jefferson Township Park – 1702 Webster Road – New Haven, IN
Saturday, June 27 – Sunday June 28

Time to get organized for the BIG 2026 ARRL Field Day! Club members have been working on our club trailer and getting its contents organized and ready for the big event! Charles has been working on the computer network and logging computers along with assuring the generator will be operational. Many have already stepped forward to help but we have a long way to go to get fully staffed! Last year we had 6 stations in operation with 34 people involved. We scored #12 out of 34 station in our 6A category. Let's try to top that this year! Please take a look at the Field Day organizational page at the bottom and find a spot where you can help and join our team. While many participants are around to help with set-ups and take-downs, its good to also have designated workers who can take charge and make it all happen. Another important post is our Safety Officer – extra special eyes to make sure we always careful. Many station/band slots are available. **Contact Ken – N8KR at hotmail.com** and let him know how and where you can help. Our club has 3 radios available along with dipoles for all bands. With the size and flexibility of Jefferson Township park, we have room for all and the pavilion is big enough to keep us out of the sun or out of the rain!

PR Director: Willi - KD9ZFP

Safety Officer: _____

Generator/Technology/BBQ: KC9MUT - Charles

Set-up Crew: N9KE - Kevin

Take-Down: N9KE - Kevin

Station Coordinator/Manager: N8KR – Ken

FT-8 Station: _____

10m: SSB _____ CW _____

15m: SSB _____ CW _____

20m: SSB KC9MUT-Charles CW _____

40m: SSB _____ CW WA9BBN – ED + N8KR - Ken

80m: SSB _____ CW _____

VHF (2m/440) Station: _____ (no repeater)

GOTA Station: _____

Copy Field Day Bulletin: _____

Photographer/Video: _____

Xtra Ops: _____



What is ARRL Field Day? You're Invited!

ARRL Field Day is a radio communications event that brings together amateur radio operators (also called "hams") within your community. The theme for 2026 Field Day is **Amateur Radio: A National Resource** – highlighting the many ways that wireless technology connects people across distances near and far. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun! ARRL Field Day is the most popular ham radio activity held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend in June each year, more than 31,000 hams get together with their radio clubs, schools, or friends to operate from remote locations.



For many radio clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights on their annual calendar. A typical Field Day site will showoff many aspects of amateur radio and its many roles.

Some groups use Field Day as an opportunity to practice their emergency communications readiness. ARRL Field Day is an annual demonstration and invites the general public and organizations to see how amateur radio can serve in an emergency, **When All Else Fails**®. Hams are well-known for their communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations. Despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they are so complex — ham radio has been called into action, again and again, to provide communications in crises when it really matters.

Amateur radio also inspires the next generation of technical leaders by providing a hands-on sandbox where students gain experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

For those with a competitive spirit, Field Day stations compete to make radio contacts with as many other stations as possible while learning to operate radio equipment in challenging situations and less-than-optimal conditions. These same skills are used by hams who volunteer to help with large, preplanned, non-emergency events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fundraisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades, and exhibits at fairs, malls, and museums.

Who is ARRL?

With more than 137,000 members, ARRL is The National Association for Amateur Radio in the US. Our mission is to promote and protect the art, science, and enjoyment of amateur radio, and to develop the next generation of radio amateurs. ARRL and our affiliated radio clubs provide benefits to members to discover radio, to develop new skills, and to serve your local community.

What is Amateur Radio?

Often called "ham radio," the Amateur Radio Service is a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. It is made up of people who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data, and pictures through the airwaves to places near and far without depending on commercial systems. The amateur radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications. Not only can hams build and modify their equipment, but they can also create new ways to communicate via the airwaves — and do it as a globally connected community. Many people in the hobby form lifelong friendships with people they wouldn't have otherwise met. Many rock stars, Hollywood actors, and heads of state (and even your neighbor down the street) are ham radio operators. You can be, too! Get started at ARRL Field Day!



Order Official ARRL Field Day Gear
www.arrl.org/shop

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

10 April 2026

The April meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club occurred on 10 April 2026 at the Red Cross complex at California Rd. It was hosted by club President Steve Nardin, W9SAN and there were about 30 members in attendance. It started at 6:35 pm.

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

Steve announced that clean-out and clean-up of the club trailer would commence at 9:00 am tomorrow inside Kevin Emenhiser, N9KE's farm equipment maintenance building in Hoagland. This will allow us to do the work completely out of the weather in a heated environment.

He also announced that the Indiana QSO Party would occur on the 1st Saturday in May from 11am to 11:00 pm EST on Ham bands including 180, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. The FWRC has won this contest eight times, six in a row. Let's continue the practice in 2026. Ken Rogner, N8KR suggested that the FWRC sponsor a plaque commiserating the 2026 contest

Larry Temenoff, KB9OS noted that the Auburn NIARA repeater was down due to a faulty duplexer. He proposed the FWRC lend them a spare duplexer we

had in our inventory until NIARA could work the problem of their duplexer, and made a motion to do so. The motion was seconded and voted "yes" in the affirmative and so soon W9OU will be back on the air with our loaned duplexer.

Larry then gave a presentation entitled "Ghost Communications" on the OSI Level 7, the physical layer, that is part of the implementation of data networks. It specifically addressed the use of fiber optics and RF links. This was followed by a presentation by Steve Nardin addressing the "War of the Currents" that described the battle between Edison who championed the dc system of power generation and transmission versus Westinghouse who backed the ac system at the turn of the 20th century.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC



FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

8 May 2026

The May meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club occurred on 8 May 2026 at the Red Cross complex at California Rd. It was hosted by club President Steve Nardin, W9SAN and there were about 26 members in attendance. It started at 6:33 pm.

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

The Treasury Report indicated that as of 8 May, 2026 our financial statistics were as follow:

Checking account balance
\$6,412.43

Savings account balance
\$510.06

Vanguard Fund balance
\$25,286.82

Year-to-Date Income
\$570.27

Year-to-Date Expenses
\$1,307.12

Year-to-Date Vanguard Interest
\$286.82

Current Club membership
124 members

Ken Rogner, N8KR announced that 23 logs from club members were submitted for the Indiana QSO Party contest held earlier in the month. Somewhere in excess of 900,000 points were being claimed. Time will tell if we are once again victorious.

Ken also mentioned that an SKCC activity would commence tomorrow starting at 8:00am and run for 24 hours. Why not join the fun and improve your cw skills?



Steve announced that Field Day would occur at Jefferson Township Park just east of New Haven. We have used this venue as our Field Day site and it has worked out great. We will be looking for “Band Captains” who will manage the various stations throughout the weekend. More details about these positions and other volunteer tasks will be discussed at the June meeting. Steve mentioned that the club now has two IC7300’s for use during the weekend.

Steve announced that work has completed on the task of upgrading the club trailer. A lot of no longer used items were removed and repair of the roof vent was accomplished. The trailer now has a permanent license plate. The power distribution panel was reworked to significantly reduce its size and

weight. Steve thanked Kevin Emehiser, N9KE for making his farm maintenance building available which allowed all the work to be performed indoors in a heated environment and out of the weather.

Steve noted that work to action various ham related items from Tim Kearny, ND9T and Ed Paragi, WB9RMA estates have been in process. All items from the Kearny estate have been sold and sale of items from the Paragi estate (including a working R-391 receiver) is in process. FWRC members are getting the first shot at this material.

Josh Long W9HT and Willi Tucker-Hall, KD9ZFP announced that a V.E. test session would occur June 13th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Red Cross facility.

Tom Rupp, KU8T gave a presentation regarding a POTA activation that will take place tomorrow, May 9th at Rousch Lake. Tom provided copious information about the Rousch Lake location and how to get involved in a POTA activity and invited any and all to attend.

Larry Temenoff, KB9OS, proposed that, considering the state of our treasury, that the club consider making a financial donation to the newly established radio club at PFW to help nur-

ture its growth.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC

- Did you participate in the Indiana QSO Party last month?
- Did you submit an INQP log with an FWRC affiliation?
- Did the FWRC come out on the top of the heap in the INQP club category?
- Just curious? See initial results on the next page.
- Check out the details in the July edition of the Allen County HamNews!

CQ INQP CQ INQP

Sponsored by **HDXCC** *the Hoosier DX and Contest Club*

Indiana QSO Party 2026 Fort Wayne Radio Club Shines Again

This year's INQP is now in the books and we're anxiously awaiting the official results from the INQP organizers. From reporting directly from our members, our club did exceptionally well with 23 logs submitted by our club members. Here's some notable info from the weekend:

- KD9RAF made all of his qso's on 40 meters
- K9BLI only worked Indiana counties with 40 qso's
- KD8YNG was SSB only working 60+ stations
- KD9ITZ operated from Allen and Adams counties along with activating a park for POTA
- KB9OS assisted Carla-KD9ITZ with the POTA activation
- W9SA represented FWRC from Noble county
- N9ZI was strictly CW from Wells county
- K3HZP made over 250 contacts on CW and made 5 DX contacts
- AC9EZ did a nice job with a mixture of ssb and cw to maximize his score this year
- KU8T made nearly 250 contacts on both ssb and cw
- WA9BBN had the highest single op FWRC club score and had Scotland call him
- N8KR was joined by W9HT for a multi multi operation producing 1425 qso's

Here's a complete rundown on all of our claimed scores:

W9LAN	8	8	Allen
KD9WLY	448	456	Allen
W8HOM	1000	1456	Allen
K9LA	1248	2704	Allen
KD9UJU	1248	3952	Allen
KD9RAF	1664	5616	Allen
KB9OS	1782	7398	Adams
W9SAN	1824	9222	Allen
WB9NOO	2700	11922	Allen
K9BLI	2816	14738	Allen
KB9OZI	4408	19146	Allen
KD8YNG	5070	24216	Allen
KD9ITZ	5244	29460	Adams + Allen
KC9UR	10094	39554	Allen
K9FW	12376	51930	Allen
W9SA	14880	66810	Noble
N9ZI	17920	84730	Wells
KR9U	25896	110626	Allen
K3HZP	25560	136186	Allen
AC9EZ	36720	172906	Allen
KU8T	50616	223522	Allen
WA9BBN	59280	282802	Allen
N8KR (+W9HT)	618884	901686	Allen

23 Logs Submitted – 24 Operators – 3,000 QSO's
901,686 claimed score

73 de Josh-W9HT and Ken-N8KR



MONROE HAMFEST

and Computer Show

only a few weeks away on

Father's Day - June 21, 2026
7:30 am to 1 pm

Presented by:
The Monroe County Radio Comm. Assoc.

Monroe County Fairgrounds
M-50 at Raisinville Rd
(2 miles west of Monroe, MI)

Free Parking

Indoor Facilities / Trunk Sales
Computers and Equipment
Distributors / Hot Food
Overnight Camping available
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Go to: <http://www.mcrca.org>

Click on Hamfest in the top blue ribbon
You can now order tables and tickets online using
Paypal or email Fred KA8EBI at ka8ebi@yahoo.com

This is an ARRL approved Hamfest.

State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN

News from ACARTS this month...

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

JUNE ACARTS MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

**STARTS AT
7PM**

**AT THE RED CROSS
BUILDING, FORT WAYNE**

MORE MEETING AND EVENT
INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT
WWW.ACARTS.COM

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The ARRL's Clean Signal Initiative - Part 3

By Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

The April 2026 column discussed the CW transmission bandwidth parameter with respect to the ARRL's Clean Signal Initiative (CSI). Last month's column (May 2026) discussed the intermodulation distortion parameter. This month's column is the third parameter of the CSI.

Composite noise

Composite noise is the total noise emitted by a transmitter away from the carrier frequency. At work, we called this broadband noise. Many of our radio requirements had a specification limit for broadband noise.

Figure 1 shows this noise for an earlier era radio – an ICOM IC-761 from the late 1980s.

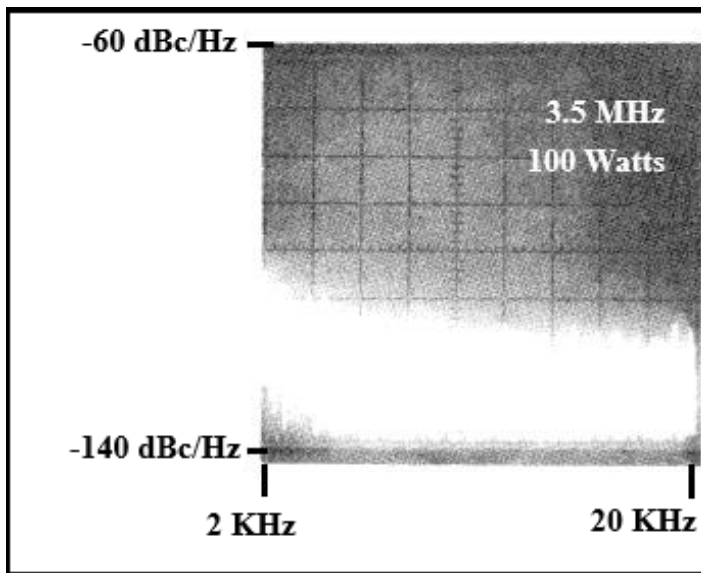


Figure 1 – ICOM IC-761 composite noise on 80m

The noise at 20 kHz away from the carrier is about -115 dBc/Hz. Let's assume a CW bandwidth of 500 Hz. The noise is now -88 dBc/500 Hz. With the transmit power at 100 watts (50 dBm), the noise at the antenna terminal is 50 dBm – 88 dB = -38 dBm in a 500 Hz bandwidth.

Figure 2 is the composite noise for my Ten-Tec OMNI VI Plus.

The OMNI VI Plus noise at 20 kHz away from the carrier is about -135 dBc/Hz. That translates to -58 dBm in a 500 Hz bandwidth. The composite (broadband) noise of the OMNI VI Plus is 20 dB less than the IC-761.

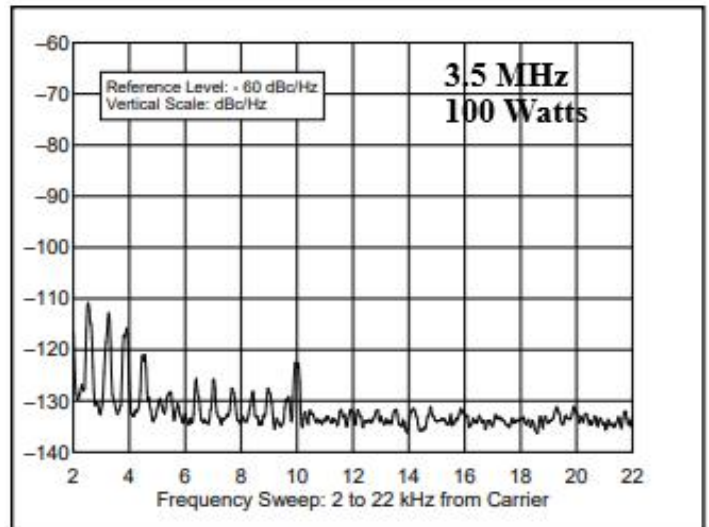


Figure 2 – OMNI VI Plus composite noise on 80m

That is a significant amount when a receiver is close by – for example, in a multi-transmitter operation in a contest or with many stations in a Field Day operation.

What broadband noise will do is increase the noise floor in your receiver. As an example, the man-made noise floor on 80m in a rural noise environment is around -93 dBm in a 500 Hz bandwidth – this is about an S5 on your S-meter. Sure, the transmitter's broadband noise will be attenuated by the distance from the transmitter to the receiver, but it could still be high enough to increase your noise floor.

If the transmitter is using a 1 kW amplifier, the broadband noise will be at least 10 dB worse than at 100 Watts. I said 'at least' as the amplifier itself will add some more noise in addition to simply amplifying the transmitter noise. And an antenna with gain will increase the noise even more if pointed at your receiver. I recall many years ago when a local here in Fort Wayne would step on his foot switch to go into transmit – my noise floor on the same band increased very noticeably when he did that.

In summary, I'm glad that the Clean Signal Initiative has been set in motion to allow the transmitter to catch up with the receiver improvements. These improvements won't happen overnight, so please be patient.



Indiana QSO Party Wrap-Up from AC9EZ

Happy June my fellow radio bugs! I wonder – does this make us “June bugs?”

But puns aside, I hope you all are having a wonderful start to your summer. Summer is a fleeting time that brings with it many opportunities for outdoor operating and traveling.

This month, I thought I would revisit the Indiana QSO Party (INQP) and describe some of my observations of the contest. As many of you probably know, the Fort Wayne Radio Club has won top-club for several years in a row. Although official results have not yet been announced, I think the FWRC is in a very good position to win another top prize and plaque for this event.

For me, this year’s INQP was a very limited effort, as I was busy with final exams and projects at the university. However, I was eager to put in a few hours’ worth of time as I was testing out my homebrew off center fed dipole in its first state qso party experience.

A Brief Recap of the Antenna

The antenna I used in this year’s INQP is my homebrew ocf, based on a design by the German amateur DJ0IP. DJ0IP has an awesome [website](#) you can visit that describes how to build his version of the ocf.

The key to DJ0IP’s design is that he uses a unique combination of transformer/choke at the feedpoint of the antenna. This combination reduces common mode current (CMC) running on the outside of the coax, helping to mitigate potentially painful rf burns and cleaning up the radiation pattern of the antenna (also hopefully not wasting as much rf energy!)

One additional benefit of DJ0IP’s design is his selection of a very lop-sided feedpoint. The traditional ocf is fed at a point approximately one-third from the end of the antenna, creating a short and long leg. In DJ0IP’s design, he feeds the antenna closer to 20% from the end of one of the legs. This choice of feedpoint distance allows the antenna to operate on more bands than is common for the typical one-third/two-third split ratio, allowing operation on all or parts of 80,40,20,17,15,12, and 10 meters with a single antenna (with varying levels of swr on each band).

The big advantage of the OCFD is not in its gain or radiation pattern – after all, it basically functions as a dipole for each band. As my old friend Mike, WB9DLC (now sk) used to say, “A dipole is a dipole.” Rather, the advantage of the OCFD is that I can change bands instantly without needing to retune the antenna for each band. Those quick band changes let me scoop up multipliers quickly, returning to my run frequency within a few minutes. Also, since the antenna is coax fed, I have no loss through any antenna tuner, further improving the overall efficiency of the antenna system.

INQP at AC9EZ

My experience at AC9EZ was, overall, very pleasant during the INQP. As a low power station, I typically ran no more than 80 or 90 watts during the event. Holding a run frequency where I could call “CQ INQP” and not get bumped by higher-power stations was quite easy. I found several occasions where I could easily sit on a run frequency for nearly an hour without ever feeling I was getting squeezed out by big gun stations.

Band changing was equally successful. If I found 15m cw was inactive, I could easily jump down to 20m and

hunt for more qsos. Switching between 80,40, and 20 meter cw, I found plenty of stations to work without wasting time on constant retuning.

Run rates during the contest were surprisingly good. I frequently found times where I was working three or even four stations a minute, although typically I was down to one or two stations a minute.

Band conditions were intriguing. When I started in the late morning/early afternoon, I experienced strong, rapid qsb, with stations calling me initially at a strong signal level, only to dive below my noise floor half a second later. Conditions in the evening were much improved, with stations staying at a relatively static level.

Overall, I was able to make about 230 qsos in just a few hours of operating, primarily on cw, with a total score of just over 30,000 points. Although I would have loved to operate more in the event, I am happy I got a chance to test out my antenna and make some contest qsos for team FWRC.

Future Plans

There are a few items that I will be changing for new year’s INQP. I need to trim the ocf’s legs so that the antenna resonates a little higher in each band. Also, I should investigate adding an additional “back up” antenna, that will cover the major contest bands, just in case a well-aimed tree branch hits the ocf right before the contest.

But this working of designing and installing antennas for a personal amateur radio station is what makes being an amateur radio operator so cool. You can’t get this kind of experience in any other hobby and I wouldn’t trade the joy of maintaining station AC9EZ for any experience in the world.

73 es good dx! De Jim AC9EZ



Summary for May 2026

Local Member News

One of our very active local SKCC members, Steve, AC9XS (SKCC# 23280S) has moved to Norton Shores, Michigan. He will be missed but we can still work him on CW, especially during SKCC events. Thanks for being part of our local group Steve.

Overview of basic SKCC awards

As mentioned in the last Allen County Ham Newsletter this section will be the start of an overview of three basic SKCC operating awards Centurion, Tribune, and Senator. This month will be part one of a three part series. A thorough detailed description of each award can be found on the SKCC web page.

Achieving SKCC awards is purely a personal matter. However they can serve several purposes. One of them is to set personal goals in CW activity and achievement. Another is to help other SKCC members achieve their awards when you contact them with your C, T, or S after your SKCC number. More will be said about this in the next installments.

Centurion Award

The Centurion Award is achieved when an SKCC member makes contact and exchanges SKCC number and name with 100 different SKCC members. In practice RST and QTH (state or country) is usually part of the exchange. A log of the 100 contacts is sent to the Centurion Awards manger and a notice of the achievement is emailed to the member. The letter C is appended to his SKCC number.

A note on SKCC logging

The free logging program SKCCLogger is extremely useful and highly recommended for logging SKCC activity. Among a lot of other features, it has an Award Processor that will calculate and create an application file to send to the Award Manager.

Next month the Tribune award will be described. Stay tuned.

Operating activities during the month of May 2026 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 May 9-10, 2026, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown.

N8KR	134
WA9BBN	71
W9SA	51
WG9K	40
WB9EAO	31
KA9GKE	21
WB9TYJ	12
W9HT	9

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, May 26, 2026, 8-10 PM local, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown:

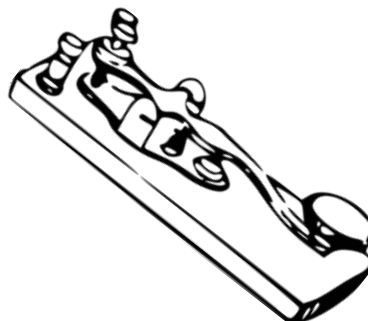
WA9BBN	31
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Please see the radiosport calendar later in this edition of the Allen County HamNews for this month's dates for WES and the Sprintathon.

Catch you on the air in June!

73!

Ed, WA9BBN



P.S. Please come back to next month's column for an explanation of the details for the Tribune SKCC operating award!



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.

For sale: Kenwood TS-2000 HF/VHF/UHF transceiver in good working condition. Includes DC power cord and hand microphone. As a bonus, a matching Signalink USB soundcard interface and cables is included! Asking \$650.

Contact Al, K9FW at [k9fw\(at\)frontier.com](mailto:k9fw@frontier.com) for more information.



Stock image of Kenwood TS-2000 for reference.

The following items are also available for sale:

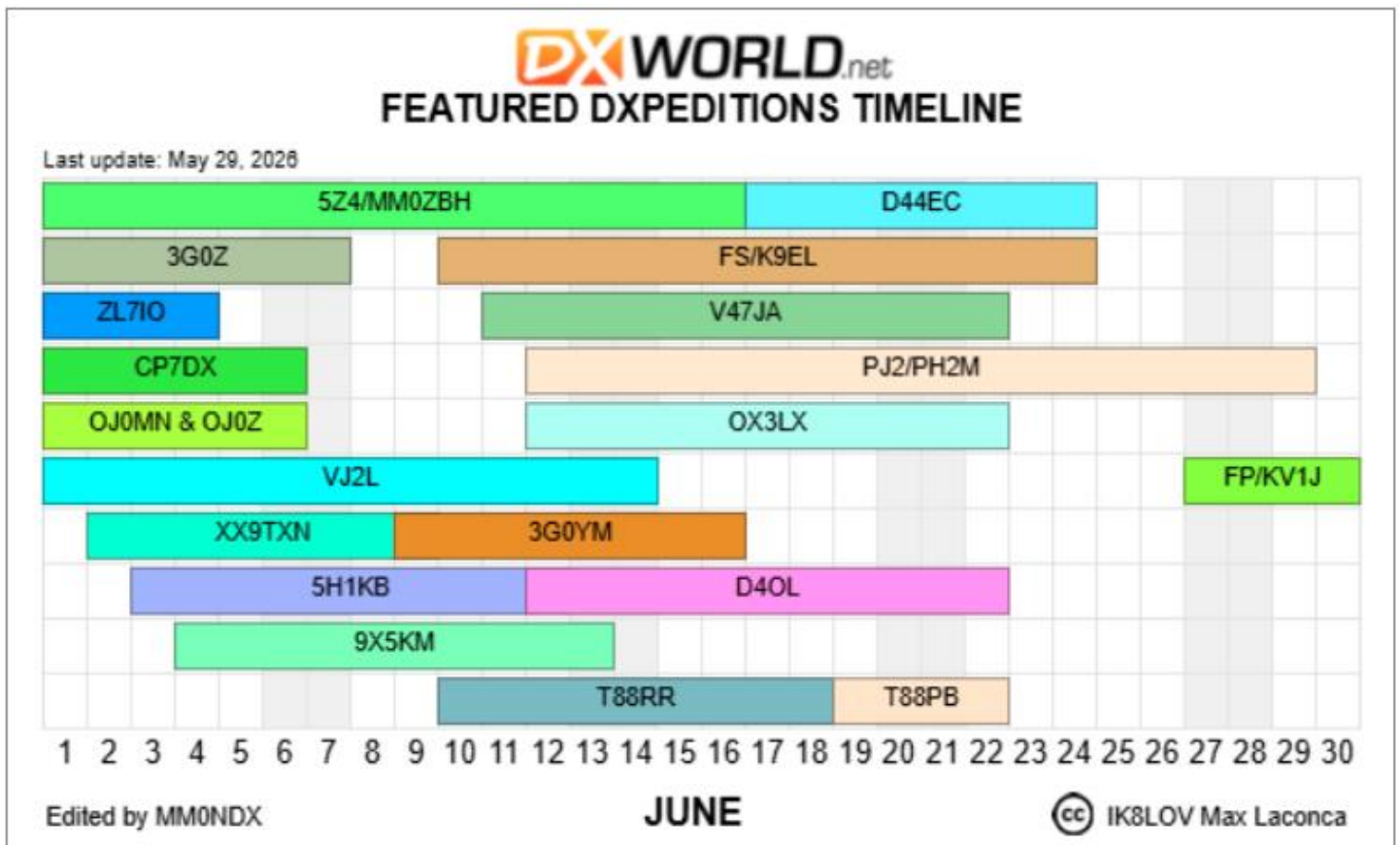
- Ten Tec Argosy 2 HF radio. In good cosmetic and operating condition. Includes a hand microphone and a Ten Tec power supply. \$200
- Radio Shack HTX-202 2m handheld radio. In good cosmetic and operating condition. Includes AA battery holder, antenna, and speaker microphone. Has PL tones, so you would be all ready to access local 2m repeaters! \$20
- Kenwood R2000 general coverage receiver for 100 kHz to 30 MHz, covering AM, FM, USB, LSB, and CW modes. Works and in good cosmetic receiver, but the receive quality is lower than expected. \$25
- Kantronics KPC-9612 packet radio TNC. \$40

For information on these items, contact the newsletter editor. Contact information is available on page 2.

June 2026 Radiosport and On-Air Events

Monthly Operating Events: June 2026 (times and dates are based on UTC)	
6/6-6/7	Kentucky QSO Party
6/6-6/7	ARRL International Digital Contest
6/13-6/14	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
6/13-6/15	ARRL June VHF Contest
6/20-6/21	West Virginia QSO Party
6/20	ARRL Kids Day
6/24	SKCC 2 Hour Sprint
6/27-6/28	ARRL Field Day

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.



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Area Nets (updated as of 6/1/26)					
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.inarrl.org/index.php/public-service/indiana-nts>

Allen County Area Voice Repeaters (updated as of 6/1/26)								
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 networked	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 6/1/26)								
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 GMRS Net	WRDC557	ACARTS

Allen County area data systems (updated as of 6/1/26)											
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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A fillable version of this form is also available at: <https://new.acarts.com/forms/acarts-app.pdf>



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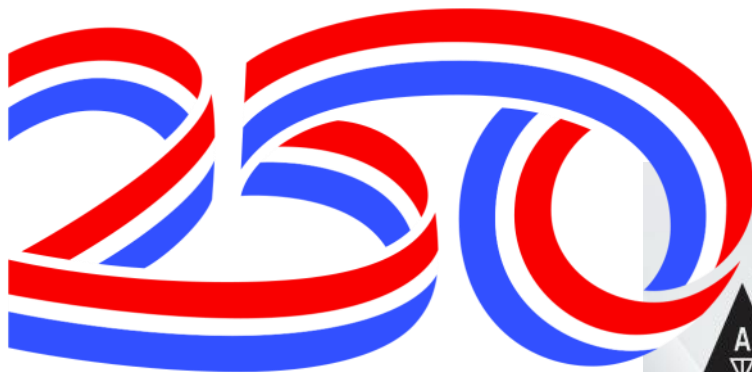
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