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**And much, much more!**



This month marks a remarkable milestone in the history of our country, the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. The annual 13 Colonies Special Event offers a fun opportunity to make contact with stations in each of the original 13 states and in other locations that are prominent in the founding of our nation. A certificate is available for participants in the special event. More information is available at <https://www.13colonies.us/>



I had the opportunity to visit several different locations for last month's 2026 ARRL Field Day in Columbia City, Auburn, and Fort Wayne. It was a great chance to see how some of our local communities showcase amateur radio, to make some contacts, and to enjoy great camaraderie (and food). Thank you to everyone who participated in any Field Day events this year.

Next month I hope to share news about a recent ARRL Teachers Institute, a program that the ARRL hosts for educators. It should include some neat stories!

Please mark your calendar for a few upcoming hamfests, including Auburn, Elkhart, and the Fort

Wayne Tailgate Hamfest. Information for these events can be found in this edition of the Allen County HamNews.

May God bless the United States of America, and I hope that you have a great 4th of July celebration this month!

I hope to catch you on the airwaves and at some of the upcoming local hamfests!

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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# June 2026 Skywarn Update

The ACARTS have made some nice enhancements to the repeater systems. Now when Skywarn is activated we will be on 2 repeaters: 146.88MHz and 443.800MHz. The repeater will be linked together during activations. Both systems may be used to report severe activity. Additionally, the repeaters will also report "weather watch" and similar during activation. Lastly, the courtesy tone will be shorter with a slight tone difference.

## June 6, 2026

A Severe Thunderstorm Watch was issued by the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center (SPC) at 1400hrs for the area. As the segmented line moved east, the system dissipated. Hence, the net was terminated at 1926hrs.

Stations checking in include: WB9TYJ (NCS), KE9IWX, and KB9WWM.

## June 10, 2026

A Meso discussion turned into a Severe Thunderstorm Watch around 1743hrs per the SPC. A line of severe thunderstorms intensified in Illinois and Wisconsin and was moving east. Hail, high winds and heavy rains were reported in that area. As the system moved east, the line started to dissipate as it was "running into an inversion." No reports of severe weather were noted in the vicinity.

Stations reporting include: W9GGA (NCS), WB9TYJ, W9KMH, N9PAP, KB9JR, KE9CTA, and W9HRX.



# SKYWARN

## WEATHER.GOV

## June 11, 2026

An active weather night in the tristate region as tornadoes, thunderstorms, hail, and high winds moved through the region. The SPC started out with a tornado watch around 2000hrs, which ultimately turned into Tornado Warnings and Severe Thunderstorm warnings throughout the region. Multi-vortices tornadoes were noted west and northwest of our region as the cold front moved east. High winds were reported in the vicinity as FWA reported officially 70mph winds. Multiple wind reports of 70mph were noted, as well as, 75-79mph, in and around the New Haven area. Multiple power outages were seen throughout the area. As the system moved east, the frontal boundary started to dissipate.

The following stations reported in to the net: WB9TYJ (NCS), KD9QHI (NCS), KB9WWM, KB9JR, KB9JWC, KE9AUL, W9KMH, KA9IPA, KD9OKT, KE9IWX, N9PAP, W9GGA (NCS), NT9F, W9HT, WB9NOO,



N9RNV, W9SAN, KD9RAF, and W9BGJ.

## June 16, 2026

Once again, an active SKYWARN afternoon and night! The SPC issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch for the entire listening area. Allen County was spread once again, however, counties to the north and south of us ended up with severe thunderstorms with hail, high winds, and tornadoes. Steuben, Dekalb, and Williams County (Ohio) had a tornado on the ground and was moving east further into Ohio.

The following operators checked in: KB9WWM (NCS), WB9TYJ (NCS), KD9QHI, NT9F, W9KMH, KB9RA, and N9PAP.

On a side note, our fellow ham radio neighbors to the north have 2 new ECs (emergency coordinators): KE9IWX Jim for Dekalb Co. and Jerry KD9QHI for Noble County. Skywarn protocols are being fine-tuned there. The Skywarn frequency for that area is 147.015 (141.3hz), the NIARA repeater.

Thanks for checking in. Hopefully July will be more stable, but you never know. Keep your eye to the sky.

73,

*Don WB9TYJ*

# ARES Update for June 2026



On June 13, the Allen County ARES team conducted its first Summer Challenge training event. The day began early with Event Coordinator Dan, N9PAP, sending an email containing a detailed list of tasks for participants to complete.



The challenges included determining their current GPS location and identifying two locations based on landmark GPS information. The final GPS position led participants to the main event location at Buckner Park, 6114 Bass Road, Fort Wayne.



The email also included several Winlink assignments that members were required to complete from their home QTH. These tasks included:

- A Winlink check-in sent via the internet
- A GPS report transmitted over VHF
- A weather report sent via HF

After arriving at the park, participants spent time practicing with a variety of go boxes, VHF and HF antennas, and portable communications equipment. Jerry, KD9QHI, set up his portable repeater system and demonstrated its capabilities. The system performed exceptionally well and proved to be a valuable asset for field operations.

The team also engaged with members of the public, answering questions and showcasing the various communications equipment and capabilities of amateur radio. Dan, N9PAP, was interviewed by News 15, and the segment aired during the evening broadcast.

Congratulations to Allen, WB9VUN, who was recognized as the Allen County ARES Ham of the Year and received the Ham of the Year Trophy. Well deserved, Allen!

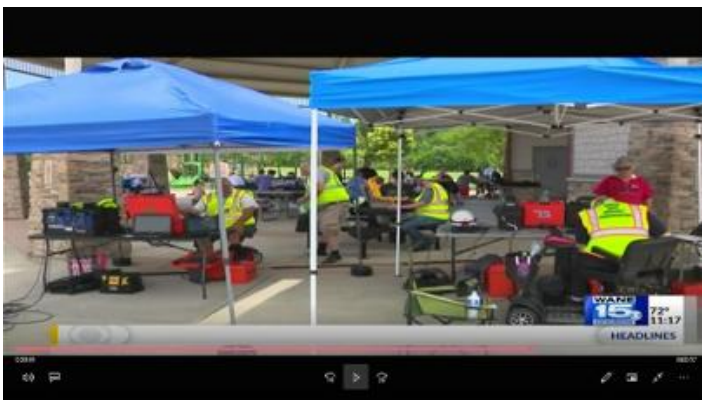
Special thanks also go to several team members who provided outstanding support throughout the event: Jim, KB9WWM; Jerry, KD9QHI; Ken, N9JFS; John, W9NEG; and our newest member, Brian, KE9FML. Thank you all for your dedication, support, and commitment to Allen County ARES.

The Summer Challenge was a great success, providing valuable training opportunities, hands-on practice, and public outreach while strengthening the skills and readiness of our ARES team.

73,

*Daniel Ungemach, N9PAP / W5EU894*

ADEC, Indiana ARES 3<sup>rd</sup> District



# LRBN Update for June 2026

## About the LRBN

The Little Red Barn Net, a group of Amateur Radio operators, continues in memory of the late Bob Seivers and Ron Gregory, personalities on the Little Red Barn Show on Radio Station WOWO years ago. We started the lunches on Feb 2011 at Sara's, and we appreciate all the attendees.

## Update for July

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

We continue to host lunch every two weeks, alternating between North Fort Wayne and South Fort Wayne. We typically have 10 to 15 participants at each gathering.

This month's lunches included:

- June 11, 2026 –Halls Tavern of Coventry
- June 25, 2026 – Big Eyed Fish on Wells Street

As always, great food and even better fellowship!

Upcoming lunch dates (11:30 AM each day):

- July 9, 2026
- July 23, 2026



- Aug 6, 2026

## Stay Connected

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

Email: gmrepair1 (at) 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) with News Line

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

## Online & Net Resources

Mobile-friendly website: <https://>

[gmrepair1.wixsite.com/mobile](https://gmrepair1.wixsite.com/mobile) (includes lunch info, dates, photos, and more)

Groups.io page: [groups.io/g/lrbn](https://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 at [netlogger.org](https://netlogger.org) (available through the Download Center). For smartphones, the following apps are available:

- Android: NetLogger Companion or Net Scraper (Google Play Store)
- iPhone: NetLogger Companion (Apple App Store)

73,

*KU8T Tom*

J O I N T H E F U N



W I T H T H E L I T T L E R E D B A R N N E T

# Hamsplatter

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## Update from the Vice President

Steve W9SAN has been spending quality time with his family, so I wanted to provide a few club updates to you.

We had another great FWRC Field Day operation at Jefferson Township Park just east of New Haven, IN.

The club was operating as 7A. I know we had over 600 contacts, so the bands were in good shape. We operated on 40, 20, and 80m at night.

There were quite a few people in attendance with great weather and cooler temperatures as opposed to past years. See the complete report from Ken N8KR in this edition of the Allen County HamNews.

Please join us at the next FWRC General Meeting on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 6:30PM at the Red Cross building. The meeting topic will be a Field Day wrap up.

I hope to see you at the FWRC meeting on July 10th!

73,

*Tom KU8T*

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## FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES JUNE 2026

The June meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club occurred on 12 June 2026 at the Red Cross complex at California Rd. It was hosted by club President Steve Nardin, W9SAN and there were 29 members in attendance. It started about 6:30 pm.

Al Burke, WB9SSE was not able to attend the meeting so he arranged to have Willi Tucker-Hall, KD9ZFP capture the minutes and they are essentially provided verbatim below. Many thanks to Willi for standing in for me.

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

Treasurer's Report – June 12, 2026

- Checking account balance is \$6,671.26.
- Savings account balance is \$510.10.
- Vanguard Fund balance is \$25,363.08.
- Year-to-Date Operating Income is \$2,830.27.
- Year-to-Date Operating Expense is \$3,308.29.
- Year-to-date Interest Earned at Vanguard is \$363.08.
- Year-to-date Interest Earned at Partners First FCU is \$0.10.

- Year-to-Date Gain or Loss of Liquid Assets is -- \$478.02.
- Current Club Account Total Liquid Assets, Year to Date = \$32,544.44.

Current club membership is 125 members.

For the most part, the meeting discussions focused on Field Day 2026. Reaffirmation that it is at Jefferson Park in New Haven. QRP - Steve and Charles on Friday evening.

Rules and points for Field Day include:

- Equipment must operate on generator / solar.
- Media release or link, 100 points.
- Public info table with brochures, 100 points.
- Elected officials attend, 100 points.
- Official served agency attend, 100 points.

Concerns were expressed about interference, self-jamming mitigation / filters, and the location of the clubs/ collection of low-pass filters. Steve will check Robinson Park.

The GOTA station to be manned by Larry and Carla, who may also set up a POTA operation.

The N1MM software will be installed on laptops for logging.

Larry mentioned the spare equipment (a MP33 tri-binder) at PFW.

The annual FWRC tailgate hamfest will be held on Friday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the PFW Garage 3 on the 2nd level. Larry asked if we could all donate proceeds to the new PFW radio club. There were no objections.

Again, special thanks to Willi Tucker-Hall for taking notes during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned about 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Al Burke, WB9SSE*

Secretary, FWRC



# Field Day 2026 Highlights



## 2026 W9TE Field Day Preliminary Report de N8KR

Another Field Day in the books, and this one was outstanding. The Fort Wayne Radio Club set up 7 stations at the New Haven area Jefferson Township Park. Charles – KC9MUT led the charge bringing the club trailer and generator and his BIG grill Friday evening. The set-up crew showed up Saturday morning and went to work with the physical setup. Charles oversaw that along with getting the 7 laptops networked with the N1MM logging software. The computers networked with ease and stayed linked together throughout the weekend. We had 7 band/mode “captains/teams” setting up stations and antennas. Rigs included the club’s two Icom 7300’s: one at the 10 meter station and one at the 20 meter cw station, an Icom 706 at the 160/80 meter station, a Yaesu FT-1 at the 15 meter station, an Elecraft K-3 at the 40 meter station, a Yaesu FTDX-3000 at the 20 meter ssb station, and another Yaesu at the 6 meter station.



The erection of antennas and assembly of the stations went very smoothly thanks to the pre-Field Day organization of the club trailer and the fine set up crew. There were many hands and working together to make sure we could be on the air by 2pm Saturday afternoon. Charles, KC9MUT, made sure our trailer was transported on site and took charge of setting up the generator and the logging network of laptops. Three of the 7 stations operated solely on battery. It was interesting to note that one 100 amp/hour LiFePO4 battery powered the 40 meter station for the entire 24 hours of Field day with the radio running 100 watts cw and ssb without needing a charge. (the radio was never turned off!) This led our discussions about future Field Day operations relying on battery power eliminating the need to run the generator. If we continue at Jefferson Township Park (and I know the request has already been made to “pencil us in” for next year) we can use the existing commercial power for lights and computers. I’m sure this topic will be discussed at a future club meeting.

While we had officially 27 sign-ins of visitors/operators, there were many more present that missed the sign-up table. Willi – KD9ZFP made sure we had stick-on name tags with markers to help us with names of our many new ops. Larry – KB9OS and Carla – KD9ITZ were there with the GOTA station and as ambassadors of *good will* and ham radio camaraderie. New visitor/ops/helpers included Matt – K9MRL, Dave – KD9QFR, and Sebastian – KB9TTL who also set up his gobox station as the 80 meter station. Kevin – N9KE was instrumental in the set ups and take down operation along with working with Dave – QFR in on air operating and helping understand his Icom 7300. Soon-to-be ham Adam made his first ssb contact on 10 meters under the supervision and guidance of Josh – W9HT. Rich – KC9PUX dedicated his time on 6 meters making 50 FT-8 contacts on that band!

Antennas included club dipoles on 10, 40 and 80 meters, the club monoband 3 element 20 meter yagi, a 30 foot vertical for 20 meters, a 15 meter vertical and an omni directional antenna for 6 meters.

We were officially 7-A this year (7 stations club portable), and here’s the initial breakdown:

- |         |          |    |     |          |    |             |
|---------|----------|----|-----|----------|----|-------------|
| • 160   |          |    | SSB | 3 qsos   |    |             |
| • 80 CW | 11 qsos  | 80 | SSB | 55 qsos  |    |             |
| • 40 CW | 162 qsos | 40 | SSB | 100 qsos |    |             |
| • 20 CW | 178 qsos | 20 | SSB | 125 qsos |    |             |
| • 15 CW | 12 qsos  | 15 | SSB | 12 qsos  | 15 | FT8 71 qsos |
| • 10 CW | 25 qsos  | 10 | SSB | 9 qsos   |    |             |
| • 6 FT8 | 50 qsos  |    |     |          |    |             |

**Total QSO’s 813**

Image 1



The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

# AUBURN HAMFEST

## Saturday, July 18, 2026

### Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

1600 S. Wayne St. Auburn, IN 46706

OPEN 9 AM TO 2 PM • TALK-IN: 147.015 (141.3) 7:00 AM • LOAD-IN: 7 TO 9 AM

**FREE** Admission

6,000 SQ. FT. INDOOR DISPLAY



**FREE** AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG  
**Museum**

View an amazing collection of classic motor vehicles.

**FREE** Parking

More Parking and Handicap Spaces available this year.



FOOD VENDOR

On the parking lot. Provided by Dave K9TZ

NEED MORE INFO?

**VE Testing starting at 10:00 AM**

Early load in, Friday 2pm to 4pm

E-MAIL: [auburnhamfest@w9ou.org](mailto:auburnhamfest@w9ou.org)

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT [W9OU.ORG](http://W9OU.ORG)  
**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

Indoor Vendor Tables: \$10 ea.  
Order online now at [www.w9ou.org](http://www.w9ou.org)  
Outdoor Sales - One raffle ticket purchase for each parking space.  
Contact: [auburnhamfest@w9ou.org](mailto:auburnhamfest@w9ou.org)

Raffle Prizes:  
1st-YAESU FT 891  
2nd-XIEGU G90 HF 20W SSB/CW/AM/FM  
3rd- ICOM IC-T10 Handheld  
And more drawing prizes  
Ticket Prices \$5.00 - Buy 2, get 1 Free!

# State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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## From the ACARTS Community Manager

### Upcoming ACARTS Meetings

Come out to encourage and support our FWRC members as they present informative tidbits at the upcoming ACARTS general meetings (7:00pm at the American Red Cross in Fort Wayne).

- July 21 - Jerry Etnier (KD9QHI), presenting / reviewing info on Repeaters
- August 18 - Charles Ward (KC9MUT), presenting about fox hunting (traditional and alternative fun ways to hunt with radio)

### ARRL Licensing Exam Dates:

The FWRC VE team has in-person licensing exams scheduled for Aug 22nd and Oct 24th.

Location: the American Red Cross, 1212 E California Rd, 10am - noon



Register for exams at all license levels, walk-ins welcome.

*Thanks and 73,*

*Willi, KD9ZFP*



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# Downsizing

By Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

In my February 2026 column earlier this year, I mentioned that 2026 would be my 65th year as a ham. That got me thinking. I've collected quite a bit of Amateur Radio stuff over those years. Much of it was saved under the thought that I'd maybe use it someday. Let's face it – if I haven't used it in several decades, it may never be used. And it's just taking up space. In fact, I bet I've forgotten what all I have.

Additionally, my goals in Amateur Radio are changing a bit, too, as I get older. I don't see myself doing any serious contesting anymore – in other words, hours after hours of sitting in front of a radio doesn't turn me on as it did in my younger days. But I want to continue with casual contesting, as it's always great to say 'hello' to old friends (at least to the ones that aren't Silent Keys!). This says I'd still need antennas for all HF bands.

With respect to DXing, I want to stay at the Top of the Honor Roll. I've never been interested in working band-modes, and I believe just having a 20-meter antenna would allow me to put any new DXCC entity in the log. As a result of all this, I've been

cleaning out the shack, the garage and the auxiliary garage. I have seven HF transceivers, one Heathkit Sixer, three HF amplifiers, two vintage stations (each consisting of a transmitter and a receiver), three more vintage transmitters, five more vintage receivers and a bunch of accessories. Holy cow!



This effort has also bled into my antenna farm and some of my issues about what I have now. One problem is using remote antenna switches when it's extremely cold – sometimes they don't work. Another problem is turning my 14-30 MHz antenna (my Tennadyne T6 log periodic) many times in contests (this would still happen even though I'm just casually contesting).

Here's what I'm thinking of doing going forward. As for antennas, a 40-meter/80-meter/160-meter trapped inverted vee at about 55 feet would be sufficient for casual contesting. An omnidirectional 20-meter through 10-meter horizontal antenna at 60 feet (no rotator) would suffice for my desire to stay at the Top of the Honor Roll and still play around on 17-meters, 15-meters, 12-meters and 10-meters. For 6-meters, I'm leaning towards a horizontal copper loop made by Dick W9SR (SK). These three antennas would each have a separate coax cable coming into the shack – thus no remote antenna switches anymore.

I also have a 4-element 10-meter monobander, two 3-element 10-meter monobanders, a 3-element 15-meter monobander, two 3-element 6-meter monobanders and a 4BTV trap vertical antenna (40-meters, 20-meters, 15-meters and 10-meters). What happens to these is still up-in-the-air (no pun intended). I also need to address all the rigs, amps and two extra towers.

Let's see how much I can get done in the next several months.



## QRP Mobile – An Interesting Operating Challenge

Hello my fellow radio bugs!

Another Field Day is in the books and the patriotic month of July has arrived. I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe field day. Unfortunately, this year I was not able to attend the FWRC field day effort (more about that experience in a future column).

In the meantime, I thought it would be fun to share a quick recap from one of my operating experiences this month while traveling in North Dakota – qrp mobile.

### The Basic Setup

From late May to June, I had the opportunity to visiting some friends and relatives in North Dakota. Naturally, I like to bring the ham radio set along for these trips, and this year was no exception.

For my vacation kit, I brought along my qrp transceiver, the Yaesu FT-818nd (5 watts output max on battery power), a few hamstick antennas mounted on a triple magnet mount, a 6 amp-hour LiFePO4 battery to power the radio, and the usual accessories (mic, cw paddles, etc).

Operating qrp is a bit of a challenge even with full-size antennas. The fact is that a 5 watt signal will be a little more than 12 dB down in signal strength compared to a traditional 100 watt output transceiver. If you add the low radiation efficiency of a hamstick antenna to the equation, qrp mobile becomes a lengthy exercise in patience.

But that's part of the fun of qrp – seeing who can

hear your weak signal!

### Any Success?

During my time operating in North Dakota, I was pleased to work a variety of stations across the country using my qrp mobile set up. Here is a quick summary of the states/provinces I worked while qrp mobile:

VE3, MI, SC, NY, OR, FL, TX, CO (there may be a few others but they only gave their Parks on the Air park number)

All of these stations were worked with 5 watts output on 20m cw and ssb (primarily cw). Two of the most notable contacts included W1AW/7 and KB6NU, one of the most well-known ham radio bloggers.

### Observations

To be completely transparent, operating qrp mobile is not all that it is cracked up to be. A number of stations simply could not pull out my signal – an understandable issue given my low power output, low radiation efficiency from the antenna, and general operating conditions. However, I was surprised at how often my signal made it through for a solid contact.

I would call my experience a success since I both (A) had fun and (B) made more than a dozen qsos. It was incredible how strong many of the signals were, especially as I drove through central North Dakota.

So, what's the moral of the story? Even 5 watts and a hamstick is enough to get your signal across the country and even the continent. If you are looking for the next ham radio challenge, try out qrp mobile!

*73 es good dx de Jim ac9ez*





## Summary for June 2026

Overview of basic SKCC awards -- Part 2

### The Tribune Award

After achieving the Centurion Award the next SKCC operating award is the Tribune. The Tribune Award is achieved when a Centurion makes contact and exchanges SKCC number and name with 50 different SKCC Centurions, Tribunes, or Senators, in any combination. Again, in practice RST and QTH (state or country) is usually part of the exchange. The initial Tribune Award is Tx1. The "x1" means the initial 50 contacts. As a preview for next month, Tx8 (50 X 8 = 400 contacts) will need to be achieved before starting on the Senator Award.

It should be noted that any SKCC Centurions, Tribunes, or Senators that were worked to achieve the Centurion Award can be worked again to achieve the Tribune Award.

As before, a thorough detailed description of each award can be found on the SKCC web page.

After achieving the Centurion Award, you can help other SKCC members achieve their awards when you contact them with your "C" appended to your SKCC number as you continue working on your Tribune award.

A note on SKCC logging. As a reminder, 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 Senator Award will be described. Stay tuned.

Details from the SKCC operating activities during the month of June 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 June 13-14, 2026, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown.

KU8T	100
WA9BBN	85
WG9K	21
K9FMX	18
W9SA	15
KA9GKE	14
N8KR	11

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, June 23, 2026, 8-10 PM local, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown:

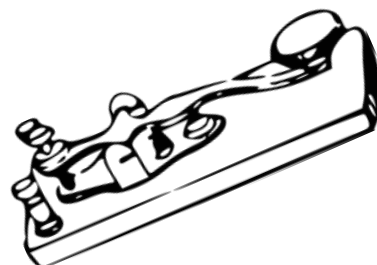
N8KR	40
WA9BBN	21
W9HT	7
KA9GKE	6

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 July!

73!

*Ed, WA9BBN*





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.*

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The following items are also available for sale:

- Yaesu FT-817ND qrp transceiver. In excellent cosmetic and operating condition. Includes hand microphone, DC power cord with power poles, manual, original box, and other extras. \$475
- 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
- Kantronics KPC-9612 packet radio TNC. \$40
- MFJ-962D antenna tuner. In excellent cosmetic and operating condition. Includes power cord and cover. \$150

For information on these items, contact the newsletter editor. Contact information is available on page 2. These items will also be available at the Auburn hamfest this month!

# July 2026 Radiosport and On-Air Events

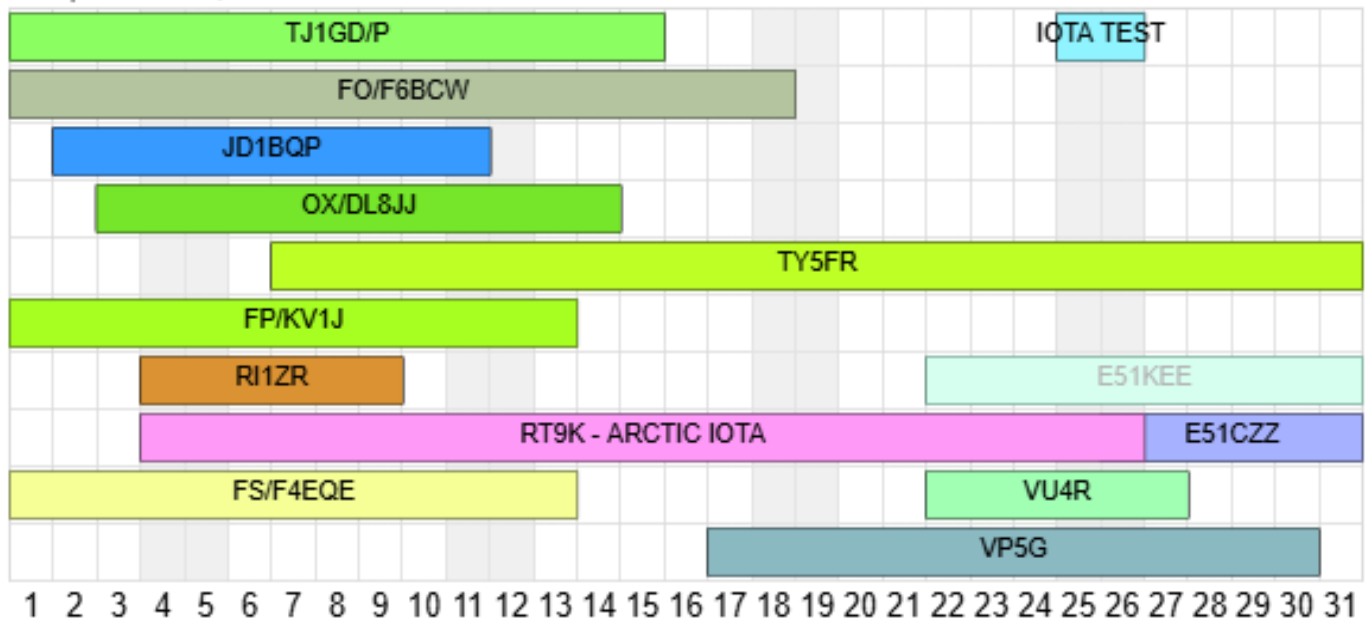
Monthly Operating Events: July 2026 (times and dates are based on UTC)	
7/1-7/7	Annual 13 Colonies Special Event
7/1	RAC Canada Day Contest
7/4-7/5	CQ WW VHF SSB/CW Contest
7/11-7/12	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
7/11-7/12	IARU HF World Championship
7/22	SKCC 2 Hour Sprint
7/25-7/26	RSGB IOTA Contest
7/25-7/26	Alabama QSO Party

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.



## FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: June 30, 2026



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Area Nets (updated as of 7/1/26)					
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>
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.*

<b>Allen County Area Voice Repeaters (updated as of 7/1/26)</b>								
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	

<b>Allen County GMRS voice repeater (updated as of 7/1/26)</b>								
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

<b>Allen County area data systems (updated as of 7/1/26)</b>											
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://acarts.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ACARTS-2026-Form.pdf>



## Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society – W9INX

P.O. Box 10342

Email Completed to: [Sec@ACARTS.com](mailto:Sec@ACARTS.com) & [Tres@ACARTS.com](mailto:Tres@ACARTS.com) Fort Wayne, IN 46851

### ACARTS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

New Member  Yes  No / Existing Member  Yes  No / Additional Household Members\*:  Yes  No  
 Change in any contact information?  Yes  No \*Attach additional membership forms for each family member  
 Membership type:  Full Member or  Associate Member or  \*\*GMRS Family Group

Do you want the Allen County Ham News Monthly Newsletter Emailed to you?  Yes  No

Amateur Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ OR/& GMRS Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current ARRL Member?  Yes  No ARRL Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use a

Nickname:  Yes  No: If so, what is your Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Type:  Home  Cell  Work Publish\*:  Yes  No

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Type:  Home  Cell  Work Publish\*:  Yes  No

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Publish\*:  Yes  No

Each member must have a UNIQUE email address; family accounts cannot use the same email for multiple persons in the Hamclubonline.com system database. Please use the backside of this page for other GMRS family household members.

\*Website Publication Information is only visible to registered Active members of HCO & ACARTS.

**Membership Dues are calculated as follows:**

	Quantity	Total
Full Membership \$20 per calendar year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)	_____	\$ _____
Associate Membership* \$10 per calendar year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)	_____	\$ _____

Partial year membership's are pro-rated per month (at \$1.67 per month for Full and \$0.83 per month for Associate, until Dec 31 of each year). Please email [Tres@acarts.com](mailto:Tres@acarts.com) for details and to make payment of an initial partial year.

**Total Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\*Associate Memberships also include Licensed Household members, non-FCC licensed members, and Students (under 18 Y.O.).

\*\*We only ask that GMRS family groups pay for a membership for the primary license holder (but we do request that you list additional household member's names that may use your GMRS call-sign for our records). ACARTS Licensed Amateur Radio Operator members do not need to pay additional fees for GMRS use.

ACARTS appreciates your continued support, and your membership dues helps pay to keep the repeaters maintained.

ACARTS USE ONLY: Entered Date: \_\_\_\_\_ HCO Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees Paid:  In Person/ Online via:  Cash  Check# \_\_\_\_\_  HCO/Square CC Trx#: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Year/  Partial Year? \_\_\_\_\_ HCO Updated? \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

## **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:

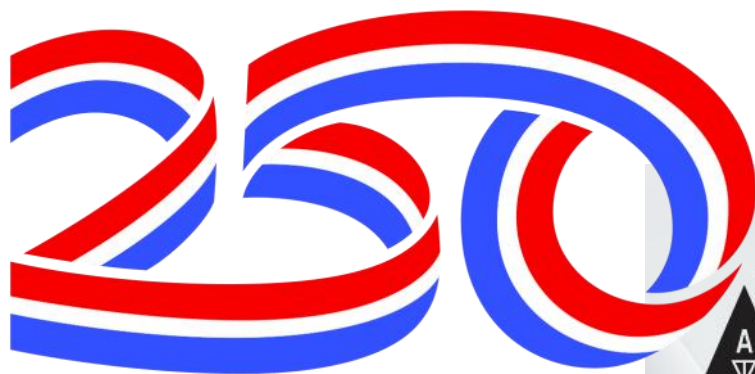
Regular membership	\$20.00 / year
Family membership <sup>1</sup>	\$25.00 / year
Student membership <sup>2</sup>	\$5.00 / year
Associate membership <sup>3</sup>	\$15.00 / year

(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:  
Fort Wayne Radio Club  
P.O. Box 15127  
Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5127

- 1: Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.
- 2: K-12 or full time student.
- 3: Unlicensed member.

# AMERICA



**2026 ELKHART EAST HAMFEST**  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)**

**Northern Indiana Event Center**  
21565 Executive Parkway - Elkhart, IN 46514

More details are available on our website  
at: <https://www.elkharteasthamfest.com>.

The Northern Indiana Event Center is  
a state-of-the-art convention facility  
located at the MH/RV Hall of Fame in  
Elkhart, Indiana. (Toll Road at Exit 96)

Questions? [elkharthamfest@gmail.com](mailto:elkharthamfest@gmail.com)



## Welcome and Join us!

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150 table flea market of retail and consumer vendors, HAM radio license exams for all classes.  
\$9.00 admission includes discounted admission to the RV Hall of Fame

\$15.00 per table (\$20 the day of event)  
Includes 120v/220v electric service.

One free admission per vendor / children under 14 free.

Talk-In: K9DEW Mishawaka Repeater (147.330+ 131.8pl)

**Additional Reservation Info: [elkharthamfest@gmail.com](mailto:elkharthamfest@gmail.com)**  
Northern Indiana Event Center - 21565 Executive Pkwy - Elkhart, IN 46514



# FWRC and PFWRC PRESENT TAILGATE HAMFEST 2026

Friday, August 14, PFW Campus,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Parking Garage 3

- Starts 6:30pm, setup begins at 6pm.
- Free admission and free tailgating.
- Everyone is invited to come.



Lots of deals, fun, and no bees!