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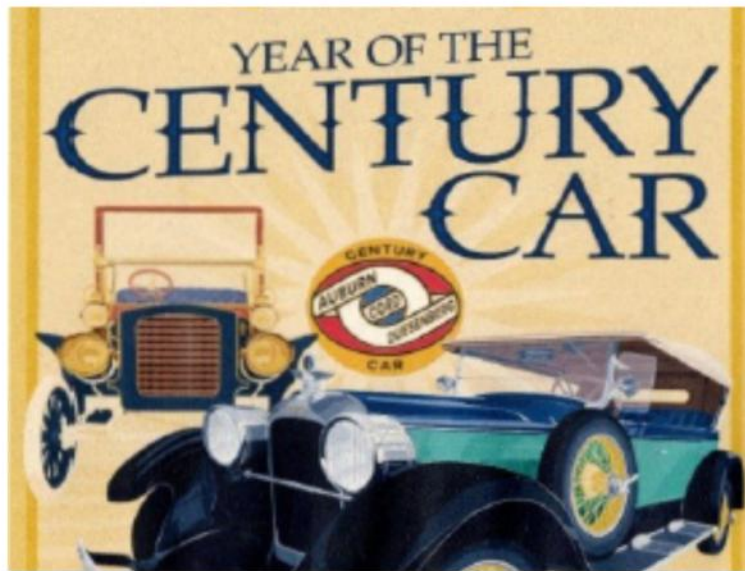
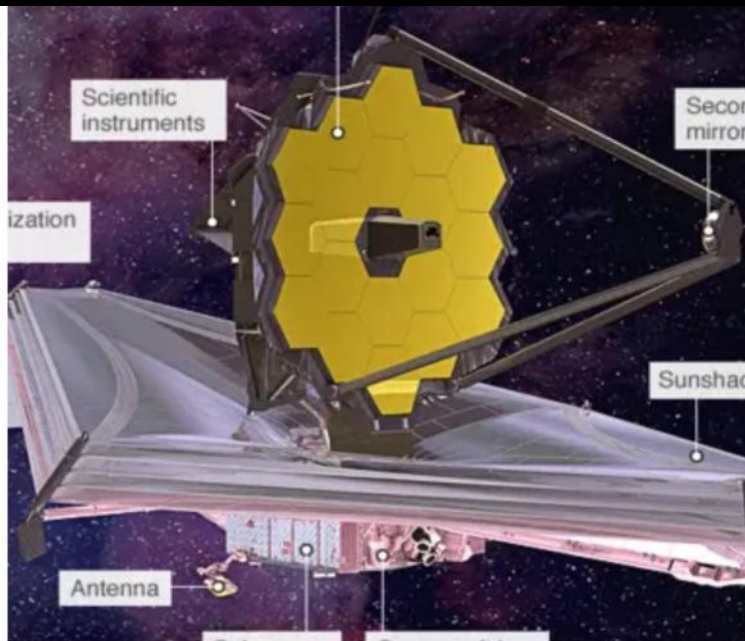
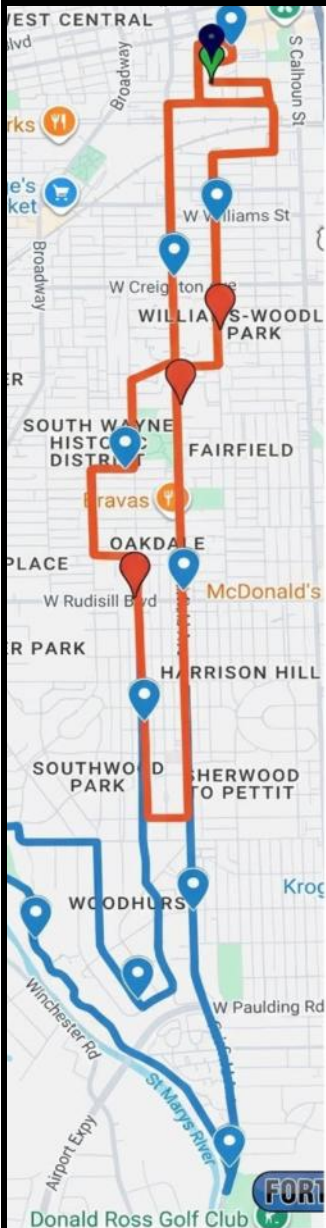
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much more!



Once again the publication deadline for the Allen County HamNews has snuck up on me. While I am in a bit of a rush to hit the publish button, I do want to share a few highlights for September with you.

First, **ARES** will be supporting the Fort for Fitness Half Marathon in Fort Wayne on Saturday, 9/26. If you are able to support this effort, please contact Jerry KD9QHI at kd9qhi (at) gmail.com or at 260-704-8018.

Second, multiple virtual **Skywarn** training are available this month! Please see the message from Don WB9TYJ in this edition of HamNews. Given the ongoing possibility of severe weather through the next several months, these events should be of general interest to the entire local ham community. (This should be a great opportunity for me to refresh my knowledge as well.)

One of the highlights of last month in the local ham community was the annual **Tailgate Hamfest** at PFW. I was happy to sell a number of items, and it seemed as if the attendees had a good time. (These may have been the fastest two hours in August for me!)

Speaking of upcoming hamfests, this edition of HamNews includes some late-breaking information about the upcoming **2026 Fort Wayne Hamfest** at the Coliseum in November. Please see the ACARTS message about this event, as well as the flyer that has been included in this month's newsletter. If you are able to volunteer to support this year's event, please reach out to the ACARTS team as mentioned in the ACARTS section of this month's newsletter.

It's about time for me to wrap up this column and

get this month's newsletter on its way to you. I am hoping to attend a number of ham radio and ARRL-related events throughout this month. Perhaps I will see you there.

Putting on my ARRL Central Division Director badge for a moment, please let me know if I can support your club in any way.

Have a great month of September, and I hope to catch you on the airwaves!

73,

Josh, W9HT

P.S. Don't forget about the annual K9A special event station for the 2026 Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival out of Auburn. The folks in the NIA-RA club are offering a nifty QSL card and certificate if you make contact with them during this event. Check it out!

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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Skywarn® Spotter Training

Fall 2026 Virtual Training Session

Registration Is Open

<https://www.weather.gov/crh/spottertalks?type=all&wfo=IWX>

[Register at the above link](#)

September 5 and September 24 at 1pm EDT.

September 15 at 6pm EDT.

[Additional Spotter Training Resources](#)

General Information • You only need to attend ONE session. • Training is free to attend • Registration is required for virtual sessions and strongly recommended for in person sessions as limited seating is available • Program lasts approximately 2 hours - we will take a brief stretch break • The training IS NOT county specific • Recommended age is 14 and older

Equipment Requirements for Virtual Sessions • Computer with Internet Access • Active Email Address • Audio Capability (Must have speakers, microphone is optional) • Phone access is available if speakers/microphone do not work on your computer • Software installation (GoToWebinar)

Questions? Call: 574-834-1104 (8 am to 4 pm ET)

Email: nws.northernindiana@noaa.gov

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So if anyone is needing an upgrade and or refresh training...go ahead and sign up !

LRBN Update for August 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:

- Aug. 6, 2026—Hall's Tavern at Coventry
- Aug. 20, 2026—Ziffle's Rib Bar

As always, great food and even better fellowship!

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

- Sept. 3, 2026
- Sept. 17, 2026



- Oct. 1, 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 Newslines and ARRL Audio News—thank you, Don!

Online & Net Resources

Mobile-friendly website: [https://](https://gmrepair1.wixsite.com/mobile)

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 at 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

Hamsplatter

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Into Fall

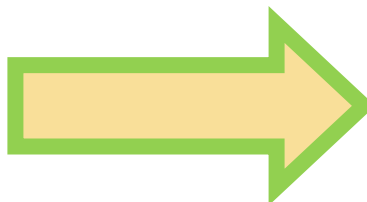
On August 14th, the club held its Tailgate Hamfest once more, and once again used the parking garage # 3 at the PFW campus. Attendance was good and all appeared to have a good time. Special thanks to the PFW Radio Club for assistance with securing the site. Also, a big TNX to Carl and Vickie Luetzelschwab, K9LA & AE9YL, for the donation of many items to the club! We sold about 60% of the items and still have many left for sale or free at upcoming club meetings. The club had some items from the repeater shack that were also sold.

As many of you have already heard, Indiana Michigan Electric company is replacing its tower at the Robison Park substation site. It is still unclear how our 76 and 875 repeater antennas will be handled at this time. What is certain is that the club will have to pay a considerable sum for new antennas, feedline, and mounting hardware plus the labor of tower climbers to install all the hardware. The amount is unknown currently. Since the antennas and feeds are now just about 60 years old, re-

placing them with new is the only way forward! Our hope is for 2 VHF and 1 UHF folded dipole arrays, similar to the ones at the WLDE site, which should give us many years of service.

I have promoted an idea presented by several club members to create and support a "Remote Operating Team", which would help those who need an external station and antenna to get on the air. Volunteers have been few, but I believe that there must be many out there that can benefit from having access to a remote station for HF/VHF/UHF. I will continue to push for the club to support and even help finance this effort. Many of us are at the age where ending up in an assisted living environment is a real possibility, and we should help make this infrastructure available to club members in the future.

Finally, we have the INQP shirts on order. If you are entitled to a free shirt, we will contact you next week on how to pick up. Most will be at the September meeting, but we can make adjustments if you are unable to attend the meeting.



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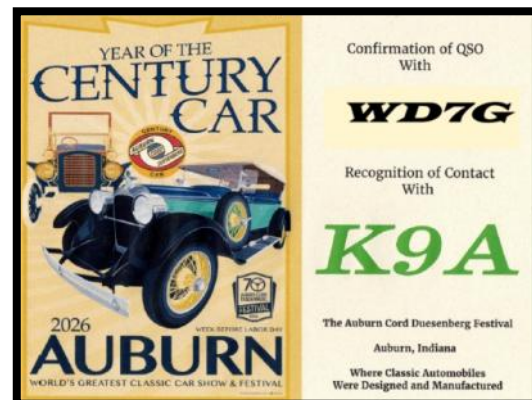
At the beginning of the year, which the ARRL has designated as “Year of the Club”, I stated that the club wants more operating events for members. With INQP and Field Day both roaring successes, we look to continue being “Radio Active”. Winter Field Day is the last weekend of January, and we are working on a location that looks very promising. About 10 people have stated their desire to help, so stand by for more information. Also, how about CQ WW in October? This is usually a blast and easy way to work a bunch of countries in a short time. The ARRL 10 meter contest in December is another one that would be fun, especially for Tech class licensees who have SSB privileges on the 10 meter band. Any other suggestions?

Since the club nominations for club officers will be in September, I want to put in a plug now for all of you to consider serving on the Board of Directors! Not only are our jobs not difficult at all, but can be a lot of fun and you can learn a lot about how the club operates. Please think about it and consider running for any BOD position!

73,

Steve, W9SAN

2026 Special Event Station K9A



August 29, 2026 0000z to September 12, 2026 2359z

The following Modes will be used: CW, SSB, FT4 and FT8

Operating Schedule: September 4, 2026 and September 5, 2026 - 9AM - 7:00PM

QSL Information:

For a QSL card only, Please send your QSL card and a SASE

For a Certificate and QSL Card Please send your QSL card and \$5.00 USA. Make the Check out to Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association. We will furnish Certificate, QSL Card, Envelope, and Postage. There will be no download to Log Book of the World or eQSL.

The mailing address for this special event station is:

K9A - NIARA P. O. Box 145 Auburn, IN 46706-0145

EndFed?? Change my mind? . . de N8KR

I have been very critical of endfed antennas in the past - compared to a resonant dipole they fall short. I bought one 3 years ago to use in Florida: Par Endfedz 80-10-JR-KW. The 74 foot antennas with the 49:1 balun was supposed to be usable on 10-80 without the use of a tuner. Traps were included with the antenna which also allowed it to be used on both 80cw and 75ssb. Since it was rated for a kw pep or 600 watts cw, I figured it would be perfect for my small lot in Florida. Needless to say, it did not perform as advertised and even with a tuner, contacts were difficult and with sustained operation in a contest, the swr would rise to a point of not being able to use it. I returned the balun to the manufacturer and they sent it back in working condition. By that time I took the antenna down and went back to my fan dipoles. When I closely examined the antenna, I noticed that some of the insulation on the wire had melted exposing the wire. The salt atmosphere of Florida did its number and the antenna needed work.

This spring I decided to replace wire and rebuild the antenna to sell. A last minute thought last week was to try it one more time here and, perhaps use it in the Ohio QSO Party which happened a couple of weeks ago. In the past years I have been a rover station in Ohio for their qso party: my 28 foot mast and dipoles for 20, 40 and 80 meters. When you activate 4 counties you have to set up and take down 4 times, manage the wire, find several supports for dipole ends, and get it all hooked up and operating. That takes an enormous amount of time. This year I decided to use that old endfed that I rebuilt. I fed the antenna at the top of my mast (28 feet) and stretched it out to a tree support with the end about 8-10 feet off the ground. I used a 34 foot counterpoise wire sloping down from the feedpoint to a small ground post. Total setup time was under 10 minutes – WOW!

How did it work? I activated 5 counties, made just under 400 qso's had Europe call on both 20 and 40 meters, had great pileups, and when I finally went to phone (ssb), I was told I was 20 over in New York. What can I say.....SUCCESS! I ran 100 watts from my Elecraft K3. No amp. Everything was perfect until... in a flash downpour and wind in Defiance county, the counterpoise came down. While the braid from the coax served as a counterpoise, the winkeyer to my computer froze. Not knowing what had happened, I continued cw using just my paddle until I happened to touch the metal base while transmitting...OUCH! When the rain stopped I discovered what had happened. . . a good lesson on the importance of a separate grounded counterpoise. I believe the antenna performed as well as my portable dipoles. I used it on 20, 40 and 80 meters.



Bringing it down after the downpour – no counterpoise! Defiance, OH



Backseat operating position



Up and ready to go in Paulding County

State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN

2026 Hamfest Update

Many apologies to those that have reached out asking if there will be a Hamfest this year, we are having the Fort Wayne Hamfest! With most of our staff still working full-time overtime jobs, it has made it difficult this year to get everything lined up, so here are some highlights of the changes that we have made this year:

- The Hamfest will be one day this year versus previous years.
- We moved it one week later to Nov 21st, open from 9am to 5pm.
- With it being one day, vendor prices have changed!
- Vendors will still be able to set up Friday and Saturday morning as in the past.

Vendors: please be patient with us just a little longer as we are working very hard to get our purchasing portal up and running for table rentals.

Volunteers: if you are looking to volunteer at this year's Hamfest, please reach out to the following team leaders and let them know what times your available Friday / Saturday:

- Inside / outside traffic - Dan Dahms N9WNH
- Security – Dan Ungemach N9PAP

- ACARTS Club Table – James Bassett W9YME
- Announcer / Door Prizes – Tim Rupp KU8T
- Vendor Check-In – Kevin Hecksher W9KMH / Ms Willi KD9ZFP

We are also looking for a local ham with a good knowledge of the Fort Wayne area to be our Talk-in Manager for helping those coming into and leaving the Hamfest.

Again, thank you to our very patient patrons and keep checking the ACARTS website and Facebook page for updates to the 2026 Fort Wayne Hamfest.

73,

Fred, KC9EZP

P.S. ACARTS will be giving away at LEAST 100 parking passes (free) to any club member (of any club inside the Allen County area), with a first come, first serve registration. Details on how they will reserve and pick up their parking pass (\$8 value) will be forthcoming in the next month.

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Sponsored by Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society



ARRL Representatives

TBD

Ham Radio License Testing All Classes (\$14)
9 AM till 12 PM Saturday

WAS & DXCC Card Checking and CQ
Awards

New & Used Ham Equipment Dealers
Main & Hourly Door Prizes

2 Rooms of Special Interest Forums All Day
Saturday

Talk-in Radio Frequency 146.880 (-) PL 141.3

Tables: Starting at \$25 Regular thru \$90 Premium
Main Endcap, \$40 Electricity

Drive Directly to Your Table for Setup

November
21st, 2026

SAT 9 AM to 5 PM

Admission: \$10
Children under 12 free
(with adult)

Allen County
War Memorial Coliseum
4000 Parnell Ave
Fort Wayne, IN
73,000 sq. ft. all indoors
(Coliseum Parking **\$8** per
vehicle)

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James Webb Space Telescope

By Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

On August 15, I drove to Cincinnati to attend the Cincinnati Hamfest, which was also the ARRL's Great Lakes Division Convention. I had been asked to give a presentation on the status of Solar Cycle 25 and propagation for the rest of the year and into 2027. I added several slides to my presentation about the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).

The JWST was launched on Christmas day in 2021. It does not orbit around the Earth like the Hubble Space Telescope; it orbits the Sun 1.5 million kilometers (1 million miles) away from Earth at what is called the second Lagrange point or L2. Remember that the Hubble Space Telescope looks at the universe at visible light wavelengths (400-700 nm).

The JWST was designed to study the very early universe. It does

this by looking at how much the Hydrogen-alpha spectral line (H-alpha) at a wavelength of 656.3 nm (in the red portion of the visible light spectrum) shifts to the longer infrared wavelengths. This shift is due to the universe expanding, which causes the Doppler shift (a lengthening of the wavelength – also called a red shift). The older the galaxy, the more the red shift. This red shift is defined as the value z . Figure 1 shows the look-back time vs the value of z .

As an example, if the 656.3 nm H-alpha line from a galaxy experiences a red shift to 2625 nm, the z value is 4 and the galaxy is about 12.3 billion years old. With the universe 13.8 billion years old, we're seeing this galaxy about 1.5 billion years after the Big Bang (how we believe the

universe started).

The JWST has given us some very interesting results. On May 16, 2025, the galaxy MoM-z14 was discovered. Its spectroscopic confirmation and official peer-reviewed findings were formally released to the public on January 28, 2026. It has a z value of 14. From Figure 1, that means it is around 13.52 billion years old – only about 280 million years after the Big Bang. This is a big problem because our understanding of the early universe says the formation of stars, galaxies and black holes shouldn't have occurred this soon after the Big Bang.

The most plausible hypothesis to resolve this problem is that our understanding of the early universe is wrong. My guess is that dark matter (which keeps a galaxy from flying apart) and dark energy (which is accelerating the expansion of the universe) are involved. But we have no idea what dark matter and dark energy are.

Other hypotheses are that the universe is older than 13.8 billion years, we're seeing galaxies from a previous/alternate universe, it's a worm hole or there are new physics to be discovered. All we can do is wait to see what happens. Maybe an even older galaxy will be discovered.

Note from the editor. The image on the cover of this month's newsletter shows an illustration of the JWST.

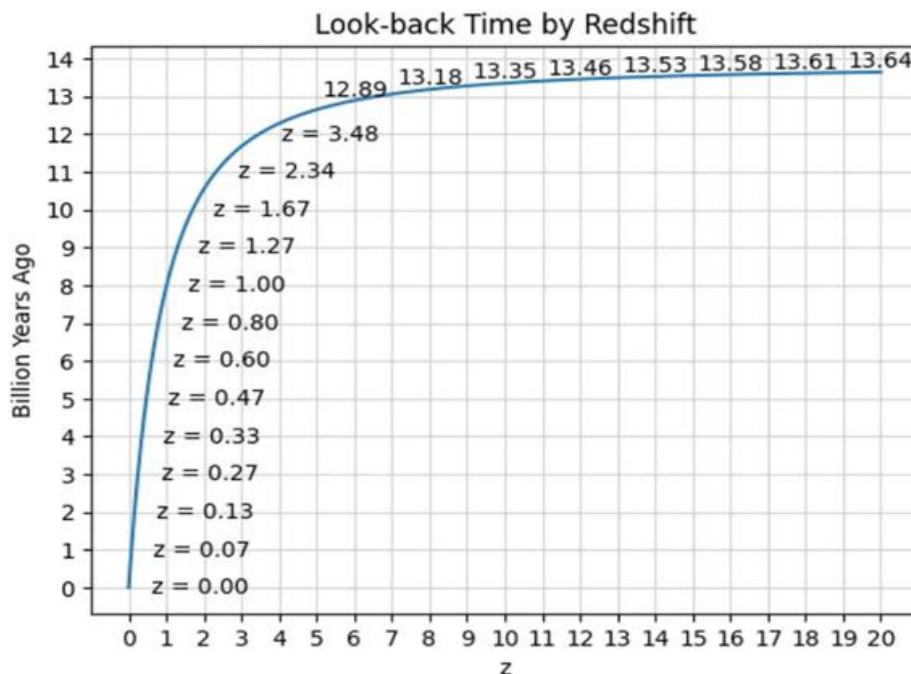


Figure 1



N3FJP Logging Software – Is It Worth It?

Happy September my fellow radio bugs! August is punching out and September is clocking in. With a new month comes the approach of fall, longer nights, and (hopefully) quieter conditions on the hf bands. Those improved conditions mean chasing dx will be a more fruitful and less painful experience, with static crashes not wreaking havoc on our sensitive aural receptors.

With increasing numbers of dx contacts, the topic naturally arises of how to record those contacts. Paper logs are great for casual operating. I personally try to log every hf contact made outside of any serious contest efforts. However, once you start amassing hundreds or thou-

sands of dx contacts, it becomes a bit cumbersome to search through hundreds of pages of your paper logs, trying to see what dx contacts confirmed, what countries you have worked, and other needed information.

That brings us to logging software, particularly the software suite provided by N3FJP. N3FJP software is created and supported by Scott Davis, N3FJP, his wife Kimberly, and their son. Hosted on their website, n3fjp.com, Scott provides a variety of software packages for practically every contest and general operating experience in which an amateur radio operator could ever participate, such as general logging via their Amateur Contact Log or AC Log to contesting experiences like state qso parties or ARRL DX contests.

Some of the software programs available on n3fjp.com is free, while other programs are pay-

for only. The question is whether this software is worth its selling price.

Let's face it – software is a fickle taskmaster. From random shutdowns to complete loss of data, software programs seem to have a mind of their own.

From my perspective, I am unwilling to pay for any kind of software that is either (A) a constant recurring cost, like an Office 365 subscription or (B) so buggy of a user experience that I spend more time diagnosing the software issue than I do actually using the software.

That brings us to the \$64k question – is N3FJP software worth the expense?

In my opinion, the answer is yes.

I have been using N3FJP's software since 2019 (probably earlier). Originally, I wanted Scott's specific programs for Indiana Qso Party, giving me a much better contest experience than logging everything by hand (which is a killer to do when you're running a frequency during that contest).

However, by 2019, I knew I was going to participate in additional contests in my radio future. Also, I wanted a good, reliable general qso logger. I had previously tried some free software programs intended for general contact logging, but remained unimpressed when comparing those freeware programs to N3FJP.

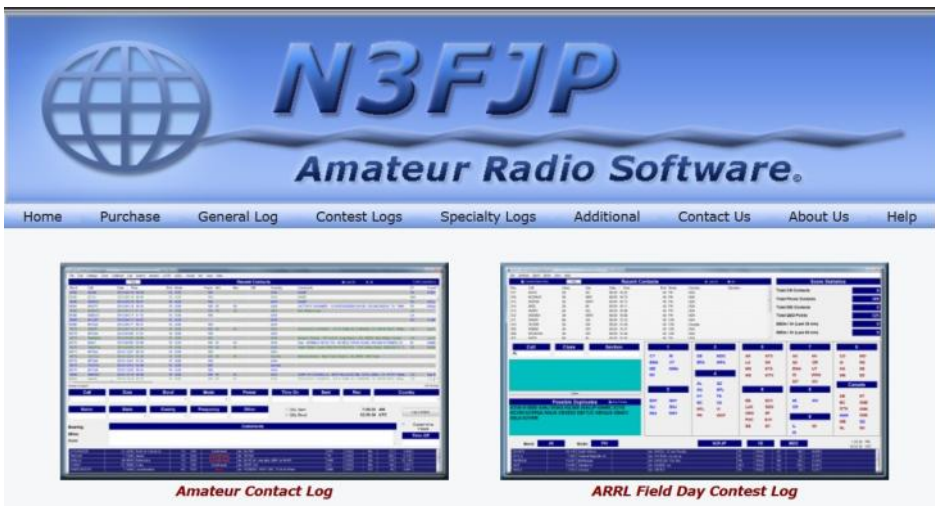


Image 1: The N3FJP website

Eventually, I contacted Scott and asked if I could purchase the full software package, including CD. He responded promptly, and allowed me to count the money I had spent on his individual software programs toward my total bill.

For a total cost of \$64.99 (lower because I had already purchased some software from him), I became the proud owner of the complete N3FJP software suite, with free updates for life and access to new software programs he would release in the future!

Now this isn't a paid advertisement or sponsored commercial for N3FJP. There are plenty of software packages out there that do much if not all what N3FJP's programs can do (some even more!). For free, we have the excellent N1MM+ logging program, which contains built in controls for things like antenna rotators. Or, try out Ham Radio Deluxe, which contains a host of tools from logging to antenna rotator control to rig control – the list goes on.

In the interests of complete transparency, here are the known issues I have experienced with N3FJP in 6+ years of usage:

- Roughly two to three unexpected closings of the program.
- One lost log (suspected this might have been RFI getting into the computer).
- Does not work natively on MacOS or Linux (workarounds have been created by others on the internet to get the program running on those operating systems).
- Does not work as smoothly for Single-op 2 Radio SO2R operating as compared to N1MM+.
- Does not operate well on handheld pcs, like the Lenovo Legion Go (this could be a user error – I will keep experimenting).

That's all the issues I have ever had! From my experience using a wide variety of software programs, both free and commercial for a wide range of ham radio, astrophotography, and university purposes, I can say that N3FJP has been one of the most reliable and simplest programs to use. The program will run reliable and, if properly set up on the computer, should never lose any data you input into the log so long as your computer is functioning properly.

Granted, everyone's personal budget is different. At

the current retail price of \$60, N3FJP might be out of the reach of some hams. And that's ok!

What I would say is this – if you are looking for a program that operates reliably, functions similarly across various use cases, and provides support for the software, I would give N3FJP a long look. I doubt you will be disappointed.

73 es good dx! De Jim ac9ez



August Skywarn Update

August 10th and August 11th saw a couple severe weather activations as showers and thunderstorms moved through the area causing power outages and tree and some structural damage. Spotters who checked in on 8/10 were: W9GGA net control WB9TYJ net control KD9QHI, KD9NYY, W9HT, KA9IPA KB9JR, N9RNV KD9RAF, W9BGJ W9NNH, and KE9DRI.

August 11th saw another severe thunderstorm watch and warning with winds being the main threat. Measured winds in the area ranged from 41-54mph (slightly under the severe criteria). However, power outages and tree damage were the main after effects of this system. Spotters who checked in were: W9GGA (net control), WB9TYJ (net control), KD9QHI, W2TAZ, KD9RAF, KD9OKT KB9JR, W9KMH, K9BAT, and KD9ZAT.

Thanks one and all for supporting SKYWARN. Stay aware as the "secondary" season will be on us coming up in October through December.

73,

Don, WB9TYJ



Summary for August 2026

In Memoriam:

W9GOO, John Chalmers (#21474S) passed away on Sunday morning, August 23. John was an active SKCC member and an encouragement to others. He joined the SKCC December 23, 2019 and for several years was the SKCC's DX Awards Manager. We will miss him. May he rest in peace.



New Member:

KE9GBH Steve White SKCC # 31298

SKCC was in attendance at the Elkhart Hamfest on August 1, 2026. 19 SKCC members signed the attendance sheet at the SKCC table.

SKCC Rag Chew Award

As discussed in the past 3 newsletters, the SKCC has the Centurion, Tribune, and Senator awards that usually have relatively short QSO exchanges.

Lesser known, the Straight Key Century Club Rag Chew Award seeks to encourage members to engage in conversational CW contacts using straight keys, sideswipers or bugs. For the purposes of the SKCC Rag Chew Award, a rag chew is defined as an on-the-air CW conversation with another SKCC member lasting 30 minutes or longer. Rag chews are not limited as to topic. Amateur radio and non-radio topics are encouraged. The Rag Chew Award is earned when your rag-chew log shows 300 minutes of conversational CW. As always, a thorough detailed description of each award can be found on the SKCC web page.

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.

Details from the SKCC operating activities during the month of August 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 August 8-9, 2026, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown.

WA9BBN	106
N8KR	50
KU8T	33
W9HT	15
KA9GKE	12
WB9TYJ	10
W9SA	6
WG9K	5

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, August 25, 2026, 8-10 PM local, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown:

N8KR	57
NJ0U	37
WA9BBN	27
W9HT	22
KA9GKE	6

Please see the radiosport calendar later in this edition for this month's dates for WES and the Sprintathon.

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:

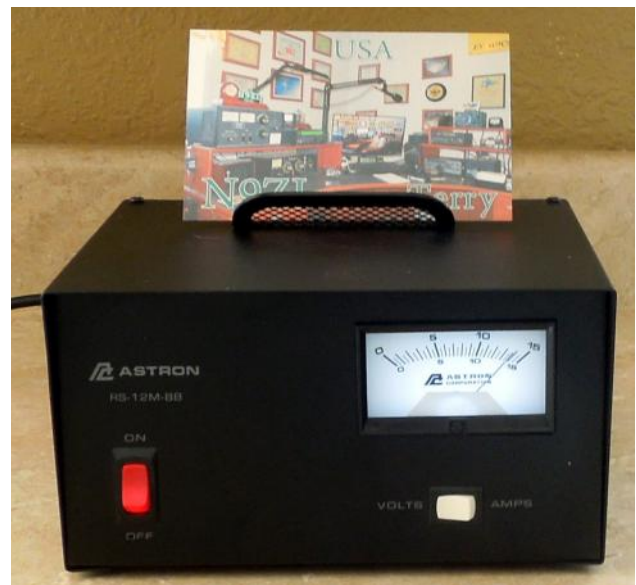
- 40m inverted-vee antenna on portable mast for POTA. Includes ground supports for elements. \$25

For information on this item, please contact Al, K9FW at k9fw (at) frontier.com.

For sale:

- Very Good Astron Linear RS-12M-BB Power Supply 13.8VDC 12amp with Battery Backup Option With Volt / Amp Meter, LED Back Lights - NON SMOKER - \$65.00

For information on this item, please contact Terry, N9ZI at n9zi (at) inbox.com or at (260) 273-9981



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

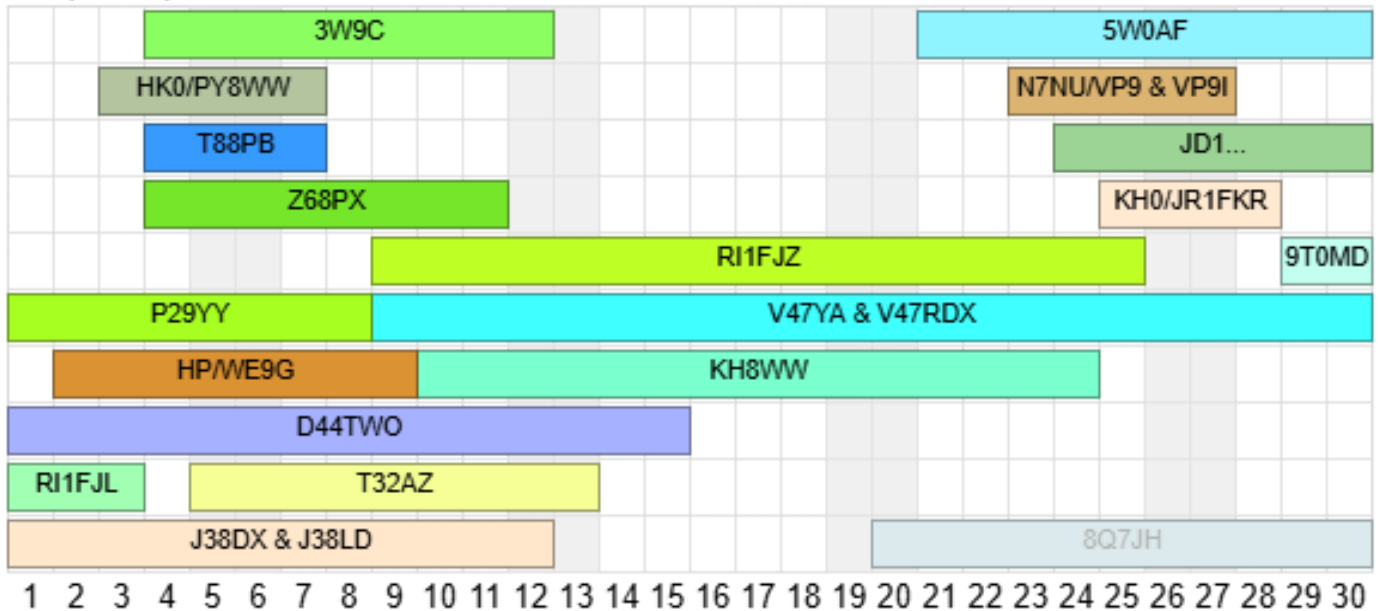
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September 2026 Radiosport and On-Air Events

Monthly Operating Events: September 2026 (times and dates are based on UTC)	
9/5-9/6	All Asian DX Contest, Phone
9/12-9/13	WAE DX Contest, SSB
9/12-9/13	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
9/12-9/14	ARRL September VHF Contest
9/19-9/20	Texas QSO Party
9/19-9/20	Washington State Salmon Run
9/23	SKCC Sprintathon
9/26-9/27	CQ World Wide DX Contest, RTTY
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 9/1/26)					
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.*

Allen County Area Voice Repeaters (updated as of 9/1/26)								
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 9/1/26)								
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 9/1/26)											
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://acarts.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ACARTS-2026-Form.pdf>



Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society – W9INX

Email Completed to: Sec@ACARTS.com & Tres@ACARTS.com P.O. Box 10342
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

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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 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:

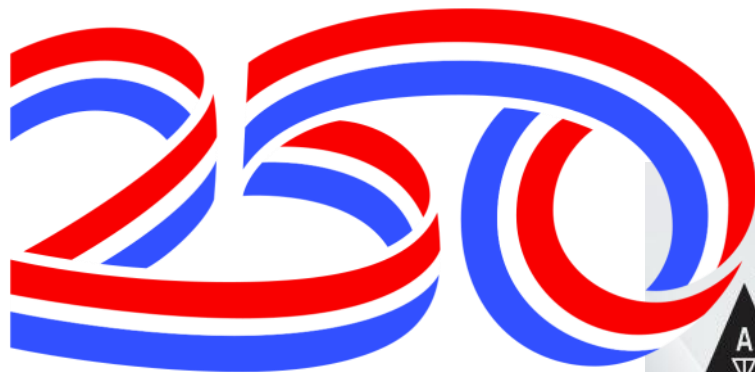
Regular membership	\$20.00 / year
Family membership ¹	\$25.00 / year
Student membership ²	\$5.00 / year
Associate membership ³	\$15.00 / year

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

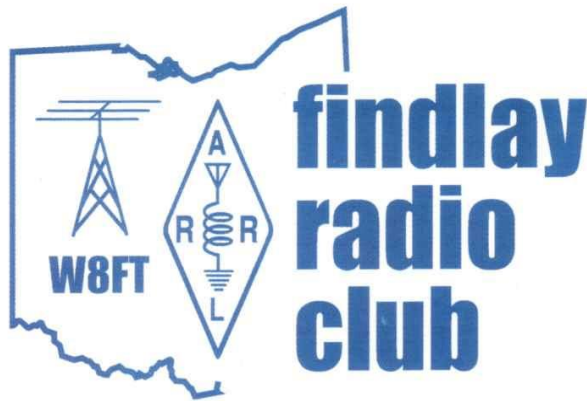
Please attach a check to this form (paying by check is strongly encouraged) made out to:
Fort Wayne Radio Club (check number _____) and bring to a club meeting or mail to:
Fort Wayne Radio Club
P.O. Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5127

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

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Sunday Sept. 13, 2026

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Vendors: \$20 first table \$15 each additional table

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