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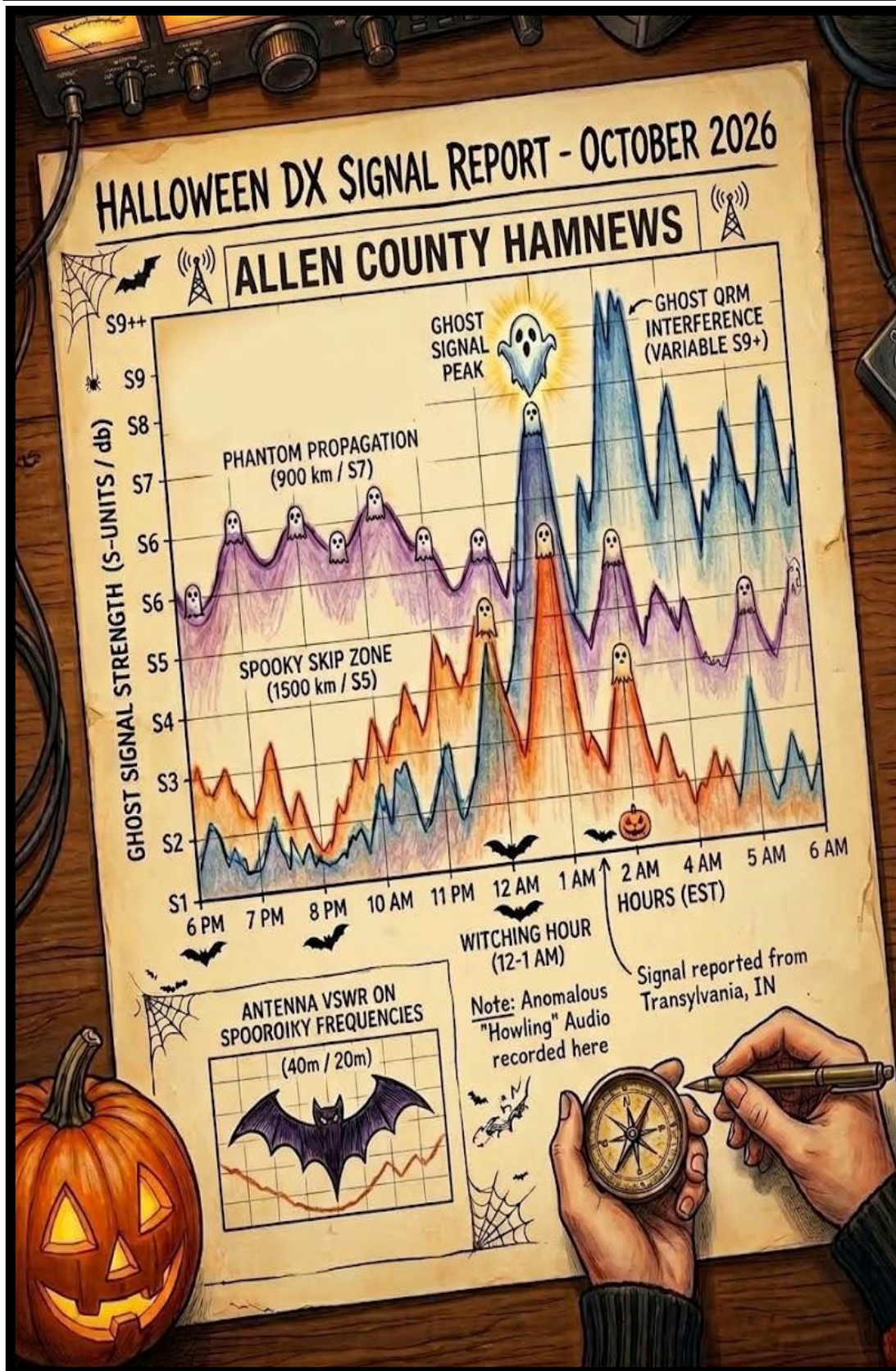
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And much,
much more!





October arrived very promptly this fall! That means that a few things are on the horizon.

This month includes a public service event that is being supported by the local ARES team, the **IT100 race** up at Chain of Lakes State Park over the weekend of October 10-11. If you are able to volunteer for this event, contact Jerry KD9QHI (see page 3 for his contact information).

Mark your calendar for the annual **Simulated Emergency Test** on Saturday, November 7. More information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

Jim AC9EZ reports on the installation of a new **HF antenna** over at Purdue Fort Wayne. It is good to hear about the ham activity on the PFW campus!

In-person ham radio testing returns on Saturday, October 24th at 10am. See the details from Willi, KD9ZFP on page 5

Be sure to mark your calendar for one of the biggest events in ham radio in Fort Wayne—the **2026 Fort Wayne Hamfest** will be held on Saturday, November 21st. Note that this year the hamfest will be a Saturday only event. Volunteers are needed. See the note from Fred KC9EZP and the flyer in this edition of the HamNews.

Two pages of **ham radio items for sale** are included this month! Check out the deals that are included towards the end of this month's newsletter.

This month I had a difficult time selecting radio operating events to include on the calendar on page 15—this month includes other state QSO

parties and events that are not listed.

Speaking of operating, I will be on the air as **W9HT/VP9** from Bermuda later this month. See the calendar on page 15 for the details. I hope to make contacts with a bunch of local Allen County hams during this operation. A special QSL card is available!

Have a great month, and I hope to catch you on the air!

73,

Josh, W9HT/VP9



ALLEN COUNTY HAMNEWS

HamNews is a monthly, joint publication of the Fort Wayne Radio Club, the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society, and the Fort Wayne DX Association.

Articles are written by members and friends of the three clubs. New submissions for HamNews are always welcome. Please send your information to the editor within two days of the end of the month for inclusion in the next edition.

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Allen County ARES Supports the Fort 4 Fitness Fall Festival Half Marathon



Allen County ARES provided communications support for the Fort for Fitness Fall Festival Half Marathon on September 26th, 2026. The ARES team provided the event coordinators with runner location information for the "First Place" runners for

each of the three routes, Half Marathon, 10 k and 4-mile routes. Each First-Place runner was divided into three areas, First-Place Male runner, First-Place Female runner and First-Place Self-Propelled Wheelchair runner.

ARES provided 17 operators placed at various positions throughout each course. Operators were placed at each of the 7 water/aid stops along the routes, as well as strategic locations between the water/aid stops (Safety Check-points). We had operators stationed at the Start and Finish lines to provide critical information to the event staff.

We had several new operators join the event as well as experienced operators gaining experience as Net Control. The radio traffic was busy as we tracked the various First-Place runners as they passed by each position on the courses. This led to heavy communications for about the first 2 hours of the event. We tracked the last runner on each of the routes in coordination with the event coordinator to ensure that all runners were accounted for.

We did not respond to any request for runner assistance during the event. Things went as we prefer, quiet without any runners requesting our assistance.

ARES uses these types of events to fine tune the operational skills and techniques required if we were called upon to support the community in the event of an emergency situation.

73,

Jerry Etnier, KD9QHI

Noble County ARES/Emergency Coordinator



Help Wanted: Support the IT100 Run this month

Date/Time: October 10, 6am to October 11, noon

Location: Chain O Lakes State Park, 2355 E 75 S, Albion, IN 46701



There are 6 shifts of 5 hours each.

You can register by email at KD9QHI (at) GMAIL.COM or use this link to complete the online registration at <https://forms.gle/t53rQMntRAjaQ2ci7>

You can select a single shift or multiple shifts.

Thank you for supporting this very important Public Service Event.

73,

Jerry Etnier, KD9QHI

LRBN Update: September 2026

About the LRBN

The Little Red Barn Net, a group of Amateur Radio operators, was started by Bob Seivers, W9FJT in the 1970s on 75m AM. The net 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 September

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:

- Sept. 3, 2026—Roanoke Village Inn
- Sept. 17, 2026—Halls Prime Rib (State Blvd).

As always, great food and even better fellowship!

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

- Oct. 1, 2026



- Oct. 15, 2026

- Oct. 29, 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://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

Brief Updates



September 2026 Update

Skywarn was activated on Sept 15, 2026 at 8:30pm as a moderate to severe thunderstorm was passing through the area. Winds were reported 60-70mph across the northern tier of Allen County, SW Dekalb County, and SE Noble County. Rapid dissipation occurred as sun energy decreased. The warnings were cancelled at 8:55pm.

Skywarn net check-ins included: WB9TYJ (NCS), KD9QHI, KB9JR, KE9EVB, KD9OKT, KD9RAF, and N9GFS.

73,

Don, WB9TYJ

The next in-person VE session will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 10am at the Red Cross Building (1212 E California Rd.) in Fort Wayne. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are encouraged.

For more information, contact Willi, KD9ZFP at 260-348-1171 or via email at [kd9zfp \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:kd9zfp@gmail.com).



Hamsplatter

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



Autumn

Yes, it is fall now and we are into the season for contesting, hamfesting, and elections. Here's what the Fort Wayne Radio Club is up to now:

New Tower for 76: We are moving forward to be ready when Indiana & Michigan power company takes down their existing utility tower at the Robison Park substation and puts up a new tower just a few feet away. For decades, the club has been saving money for just such an eventuality, and it now appears that this will be needed. In the past, I&M has generously paid the bill for moving our repeater antennas and equipment, but this time we must bear the burden for tower climbing, new antennas and feedlines, and oversight. I&M has assured us, however, that we will not have to pay for continued presence on the tower and that is a relief! We will keep the membership up to date as more information becomes available.

We will be sending out copies of our updated members manual and bylaws to members shortly for critique and comment. Special thanks to past president, Adam, KD9NRT, for the bulk of the effort to bring this document up to date. There will be discussion at the October meeting and the vote will be set for the November meeting.

Speaking of meetings, here is the revised calendar for the rest of the year: Oct 9th is our general meeting. Novem-

ber 3rd is the next BOD meeting, followed by the general meeting on Friday the 13th. We have moved the general meeting back to the second Friday since the FW Hamfest is moved to the 21st. For December, the BOD is on the first of December and the Christmas meeting will be a carry in on the 11th.

The October meeting will be a variety of subjects. Tom, KU8T, will give a quick update on the latest club POTA operation last month. Adam, KD9NRT, will do a presentation on young people and ham radio. Also, we are planning a clean out at the Robison Park repeater shack for Saturday, Oct 17th in the morning. Finally, the club will begin nominations for officers for 2027. We plan to include an amplifier for this meeting to address difficulty that some cannot hear the speakers. Our videos of the meetings have our Instagram viewers up to over 600! More than just locals who cannot make it to the meetings.

Since the club nominations for club officers will be in October, 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

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2026 Hamfest Update

Less Than Two Months Away!

The 54th Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo is less than two months away! Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue in Fort Wayne. This all-indoor event brings together amateur radio operators, computer enthusiasts, electronics hobbyists, vendors, and families for a full day of equipment, activities, forums, and fellowship.

Reserve Your Table Now

Now is the time to secure your vendor space. Tables start at \$25, and several table options are available. Visit the Fort Wayne Hamfest website at <https://fortwaynehamfest.com/> to review the 2026 vendor information and reserve your table before the best locations are taken. Whether you offer amateur radio equipment, computers, electronics, accessories, or related items, this is an excellent opportunity to reach an enthusiastic audience.

Volunteers Are Still Needed

We are also still looking for volunteers to help make this year's

Hamfest a success. Volunteers are needed to welcome guests, assist vendors, support event activities, and help the day run smoothly. If you can offer a few hours of your time, please contact the listed team leaders to help out. Every helping hand makes a difference.

- 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

Don't wait—reserve your table, volunteer to help, and plan to join us on November 21. We look forward to seeing you at the Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo!

73,

Fred Gengnagel, KC9EZP

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54TH FORT WAYNE HAMFEST & Computer Expo

Sponsored by Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society



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INARRL Section EC

Bob Burns AK9R
INARRL Section Manager

Josh Long W9HT
ARRL Central Division Director

November
21st, 2026

SAT 9 AM to 5 PM

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

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

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

Get the latest information at
www.fortwaynehamfest.com
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This Year's W9DXCC Convention

By Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12 was the 73rd anniversary of the W9DXCC Convention. Vicky and I have been to many of them since we moved to Ft Wayne in 1988. It's an easy drive for us (except when traffic is extremely heavy around south Chicago on Interstate 80) and we enjoy meeting old and new DX friends. We also enjoy the presentations.

DX University (DXU) and Contest University (CTU) were held on Friday. Amongst the many presentations, John K9EL's presentation was a comprehensive introduction to 6m DXing. We also heard from the Central Division representatives of the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) and of the Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) with respect to DX and contest activities.

There were many great presentations on Saturday. Several that I really enjoyed were the remote KP5/NP3VI operation discussed by Otis NP4G, the upcoming November DXpedition to VK9XY Christmas Island by Greg W6IZT with many youths participating, perspectives of the 3Y0K DXpedition by Bob W9AP (the cost of this DXpedition was around \$1.7 million – wow!) and a very entertaining presentation by Glenn W0GJ about adding 3 dB to your station without getting a divorce. Other presentations included fitting POTA/DXing/Contesting together by Kevin W1DED and working more than 3000 band-countries in the DXCC Challenge from a city lot by John K9EL.

Vendors in attendance were Elecraft and FlexRadio. Also present were the NCDXF

(Northern California DX Foundation) and INDEXA (International DX Association). Mike W0VTT, Tim WD9DZV, Vicky AE9YL and I did card checking for the ARRL awards and the CQ awards. We did not get much business – only a handful of applications. LoTW is doing its job.

On Friday and Saturday evening, NIDXA (Northern Illinois DX Association) and GMDXA (Greater Milwaukee DX Association) sponsored a joint hospitality suite. Lots of liquid refreshments and snacks. The Saturday evening banquet speaker was Otis NP4G. Vicky and I didn't stay for the banquet as Vicky had an early Sunday morning commitment.

Attendance was down this year. My best guess is 150 attended – usually it's near 200. It's not surprising as those attending are getting old and we have lost many attendees. This says we need to get more youth involved in DXing.

There was \$11K in prizes. That was great. Vicky and I won a Buckmaster HamCall CD and a year's subscription to The Weekly DX.

And finally, some good news for me – there wasn't a CW Pile-up Contest this year. What that meant was that I didn't lose to Bob W9XY and/or Mike K9NW. I can only hope that they will concentrate so much on FT8 that their CW pile-up skills will degrade!

2026 W9DXCC

from K9EL's 6m presentation at DX University

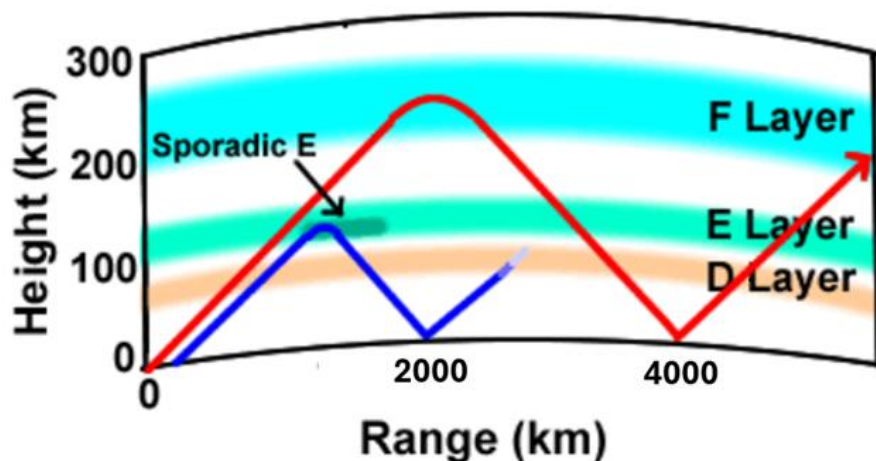


Figure 1



QST de KE9GDN

Hello my fellow radio bugs! Welcome to October. The first vestiges of fall are upon us with cooler temperatures and the first wisps of changing color in the trees. Accompanying fall come warm evenings in the shack working dx, contesting, and ragchewing with friends.

But a lot has happened over the spring and summer of 2026 in the world of amateur radio at Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW). This month's column is a brief update on what all has been accomplished at PFW regarding the ham radio front.

As many of you know, I am currently the president of the PFW Air & Space Research Association (ASRA), an aerospace student organization. We just received recognition from the student government of PFW as an official student organization in March, 2026.

As an aerospace club, it is imperative that ASRA have extensive familiarity with telecommunications. In my opinion, there is no hobby in the world that better prepares students to enter the world of aerospace than amateur radio. From drones to satellites, rockets to space stations, telecommunications is the bedrock relied upon by all these devices to achieve their operational goals.

To fill the telecommunications gap needed by ASRA, we formed a sub-organization nested within ASRA, an amateur radio club. This club was issued its first FCC license this summer with the callsign KE9GDN (I am the callsign trustee for the club). As time allows, this callsign will be upgraded to a vanity call that will reflect our operating location at PFW.

But an amateur radio club, especially one at a university, needs an amateur

radio station for its members to use and operate as their school and work schedules permit. However, PFW has not had a functional amateur radio station with an external antenna for over 10 years.

In October of 2023, an effort was begun at PFW to bring back a working amateur radio station to the campus. The project turned into a multi-year saga, with many twists and turns of fate.

However, as of this fall, 2026, we can officially say that amateur radio has returned to campus!

Thanks to the efforts of multiple donors, area hams, and some key personnel at PFW, a donated Hustler 5BTV was installed on the roof of the Engineering Technology and Computer Science (ETCS) building just this past month. The antenna covers 80m (centered on the Little Red Barn Net frequency), 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. SWR looks great across most of the bands, with approximately 20-30 kilohertz of coverage on 80m.

The antenna is mounted on what are steel I-Beams, called the "antenna test bed." Those I-Beams are bonded to the metal structure of the ETCS building, providing an amazing ground plane and a low takeoff angle for the new vertical.

Initial contacts on the new antenna were made by project mentors Larry, KB9OS, and Don, WB9TYJ, using Larry's Xiegu G90 transceiver. I can say with 100% confidence the new antenna is working well, as both Larry and Don made contacts with Route 66 special event stations using only 20 watts of power output on 20m ssb. In fact, the very first contact made on the new antenna was Larry breaking a pileup with one call to New Mexico!

So what remains to be done?

At this time, a second heavy-duty antenna tripod is being sourced for the vhf/uhf satellite antenna system. Once that tripod has been obtained, PFW personnel will be able to install the

second tripod on the antenna test bed and mount the satellite antennas.

Also, a new routing of coaxial cable is being worked out so that the radios in the new amateur radio club room can be permanently connected to the external antennas. This part of the project will take time, as there are only a few folks on campus who can do this kind of installation and the amateur radio station is only one of a multitude of projects these folks are working on.

Although there is still a ways to go before the station is fully completed, I am absolutely thrilled to see amateur radio return to campus. To say this is a dream come true is an understatement.

Most importantly, this project would never have achieved operational success without the strong support of several key persons in the Fort Wayne ham radio community and PFW staff. I am hopeful that we can thank all of these folks more formally in the near future, but for now, I would like to extend my sincerest and deepest gratitude to all you folks who donated equipment, time, and expertise for this project (you know who you are). Quite literally, the station that exists at PFW today would never have been possible without your support and kindness.

In future columns, I will keep you folks updated on our amateur radio and aerospace activities. But next month, we return to our usual, scheduled programming and a quick overview of a new antenna installed at station AC9EZ.

73 es gud dx! De Jim,

AC9EZ

P.S. Note from the editor. See this project in action on the next page!

PFW Antenna Project





Summary for September 2026

Details from the SKCC operating activities during the month of September 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 Sept. 12-13, 2026, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown.

NE9EE	81
KS9KCC	58
WA9BBN	58
W9SA	42
W9OU	36
KA9GKE	5
W9HT	3
WB9NOO	3

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, Sept. 22, 2026, 8-10 PM local, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown:

N8KR	55
WA9BBN	28
W9HT	17
KA9GKE	9
WB9NOO	1

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

73,

Ed, WA9BBN



Save the date!

ARES Simulated Emergency Test

Saturday, November 7th
at
9am

See the next edition of
the Allen County
HamNews for more in-
formation!

**FOR
SALE**

This section of the Allen County HamNews is available for local hams to list any ham radio related gear for sale or to place any ham radio related want ads.

Listings are posted for one month, but can be renewed upon request of the editor.

Please see page two for contact information.

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](mailto:k9fw@frontier.com).

For sale:

- Late model Kenwood TS-870S 160-10 meter HF radio in good condition and works well. Includes DC power cable and factory mic \$525. Pick up in Fort Wayne.
- Tek Power TPS30SWII 13.8Vdc/30 amp adjustable Switching Power Supply in good condition. Includes AC Power cable. \$85. Pick up in Fort Wayne.

For information on these items, please contact Rick, AA9DU at [ebstir \(at\) frontier.com](mailto:ebstir@frontier.com) or phone at 260.403.4371.



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. Excellent for POTA! \$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 (or free to a new ham!)
- Icom IC-W32A dual band handheld transceiver. Dual VFOs for satellite use! Includes newer battery, antenna, and charger. \$125

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

For Sale from N8KR



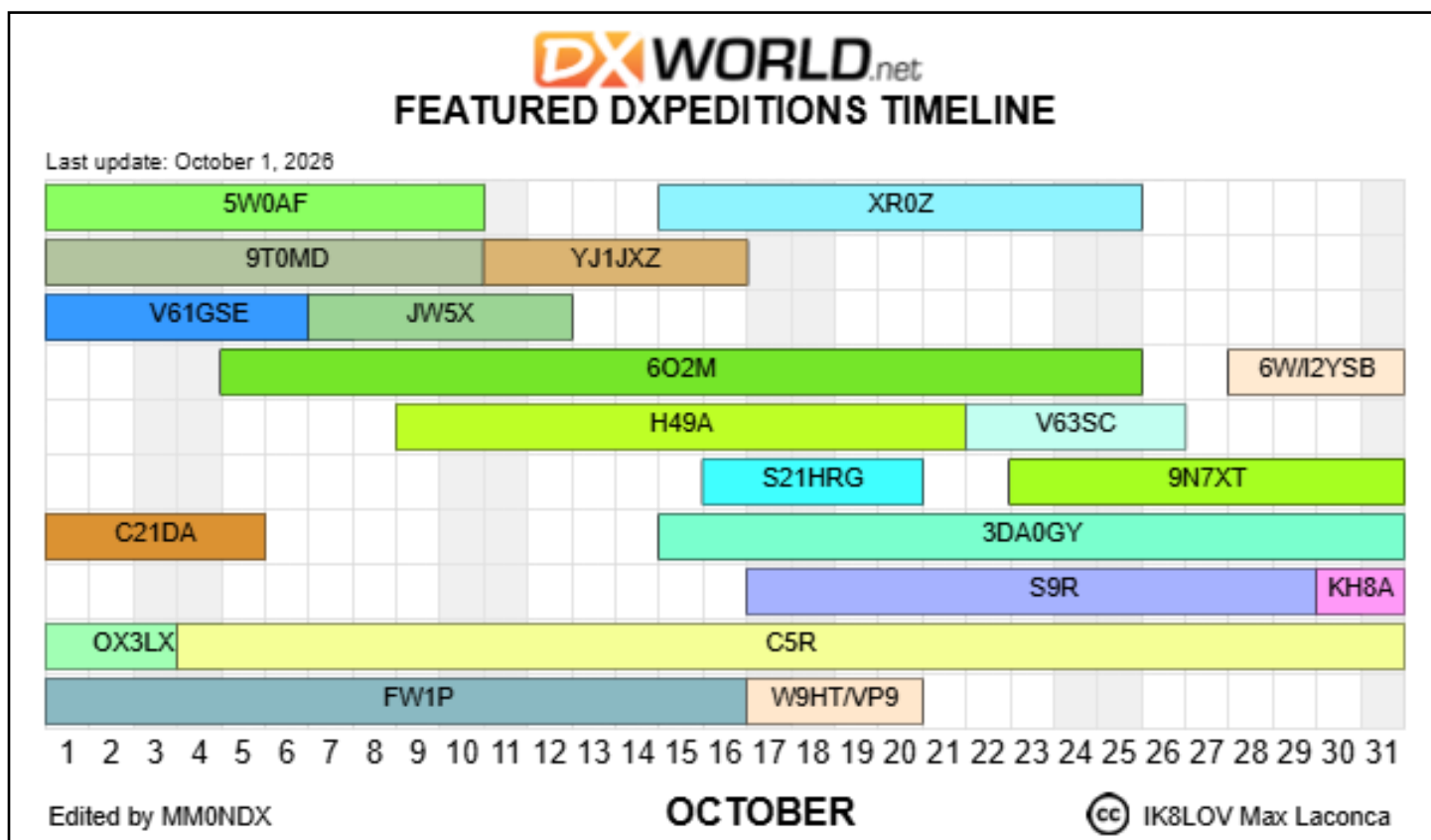
- Kenwood SP-940 speaker w/filters like new in the box \$75
- Kenwood SP-430 speaker Excellent \$40
- MFJ – 941E Versa Tuner II New but no box \$75
- Icom SM-6 Desk Microphone Good Condition \$50
- Icom IC-8V HT (plus spare ic-8v) In box with charger – works great! \$50
- Diamond SX-200 lighted SWR/Wattmeter – excellent condition \$50
- Yaesu ATAS 120 with icom controller – untested but guaranteed \$100
- LDG AT-11MP Autotuner – nice condition \$100
- Kenwood PS-430 Power supply – perfect condition \$50
- Ameritron AL-84 Amplifier – fully tested and is perfect! \$400
- Signa-Link by Tigertronics – in the box ready to go \$50
- MFJ-1702 2 position antenna switch - perfect 2 available \$15 ea
- Push-to-talk foot switch \$15
- Heil Headset adapters for Yaesu both modular and 8 pin \$15
- 40 meter hamstick – new in package \$20
- Duplexer - 2m/440 2 available – Diamond and MFJ \$20 ea
- Yaesu FT-840 New Condition w/cw filter, mic, manual \$350
- MFJ-4225MV Power Supply Perfect condition w/meters \$100
- Outbacker “Perth” 10-80m mobile antenna – with manual \$100
- HI-Q 1:1 antenna Balun – great for dipoles handles kw+ 3 available \$20 ea
- Cetron 811A tube in box \$15

+++ 146.91 repeater +++ N8KR at hotmail.com +++

+++ four one nine – five three four – zero seven zero eight +++

October 2026 Radiosport and On-Air Events

Selected Monthly Operating Events: October 2026 (times and dates are based on UTC)	
10/3-10/4	Oceania DX Contest, Phone
10/3-10/4	California QSO Party
10/10-10/11	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
10/10-10/11	Arizona QSO Party
10/19-10/23	ARRL School Club Roundup
10/24-10/25	CQ WW DX Contest, SSB
10/28	SKCC Sprintathon
10/31-11/1	ARRL EME Contest
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.	



This DXpedition calendar is a monthly feature and comes to the Allen County HamNews with special permission from and credit to DXWorld.net. This permission is gratefully acknowledged.

Area Nets (updated as of 10/1/26)					
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>

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Allen County Area Voice Repeaters (updated as of 10/1/26)								
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 10/1/26)								
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 10/1/26)											
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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 Change in any contact information? ☐ Yes ☐ No *Attach additional membership forms for each family member
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Nickname: ☐ Yes ☐ No: If so, what is your Nickname: _____

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Total Amount Paid: \$_____

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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:

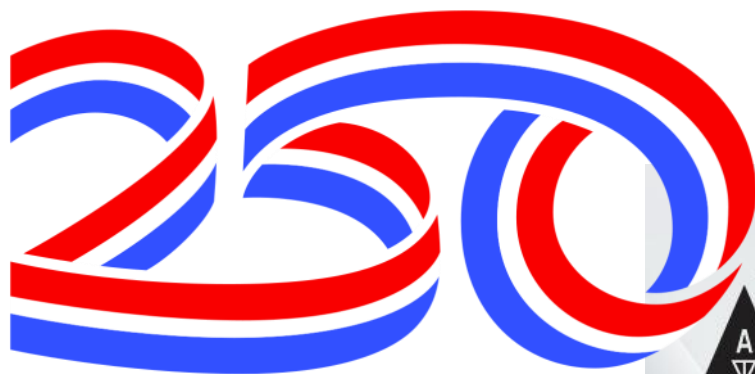
Regular membership	\$20.00 / year
Family membership ¹	\$25.00 / year
Student membership ²	\$5.00 / year
Associate membership ³	\$15.00 / year

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

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