



**Indiana Section  
American Radio  
Relay League**

# **Newsletter**

**April 2026**

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## Friends we'll miss

For a Silent Key notice to be placed in the newsletter, and sent to the ARRL, please forward a copy of or a link to the obituary to the Bob Burns AK9R, ARRL Indiana Section Manager, at [ak9r@arrl.org](mailto:ak9r@arrl.org).

Richard Smith W4RSS of New Castle

James E. Wortham WA4LOS of Madison

Robert L. Tevis NG9Y of Vevay

Lyndon Phillippe K9EZL of Vincennes

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# Technical Specialist Coordinator's Report

**From Tom Busch WB8WOR, Technical Specialist Coordinator**

Technical Specialists are urged to send their reports to Technical Coordinator Tom Busch WB8WOR ([tc@inarrl.org](mailto:tc@inarrl.org)).

## **Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG**

April 7-30 - I was teaching a Technician license class at the Town House Retirement center. Ten students were in the class. I also helped Loydd KB9RA get his license renewed as it had lapsed last summer. Five of the students were from the Town House.

April 12th - The analog repeater range had diminished, so I attempted to retune the duplexer. The result was not good. The notched isolation was only in the 50dB range, not 80.

April 14th - I helped WD9IKW get his SKCC logger to connect to the radio by installing USB driver code. Now the logger reads the Frequency, Mode, and Band information from the radio.

April 16-17th - The W9TE radio group let W9OU borrow a 6 can duplexer since the 4 can duplexer was not working correctly. However, it took 2 days to retune the 6 can duplexer.

April 18th - Don WB9TYJ, Jim KE9IWX, and I took the 6 can duplexer and replaced the 4 can at the repeater site.

April 19th - The transmit level on the 6 can duplexer moved during transport. I had to retune it slightly to get better performance.

April 20th - I helped John WG9K program his new DMR Handie Talkie to use on the W9OU DMR repeater.

April 25th - Helped Troy KD9NZK check his 49:1 UNUN set up for 20 meters. He got good VSWR across the band using an antenna analyzer on 20 meters.

## **Mark Skowronski K9MQ**

This month, I provided assistance to a local ham that was having CAT communication issues between his Icom rig, AClog, and WSJT-X. After some experimentation we found having WSJT-X talking directly to the rig provided the most reliability.

In my shack, it was a year-long project in the making, but I finally got my loop on the ground, receive antenna deployed. It is a 100ft loop matched with a Blackcat Systems Jellyfish transformer, along with a DX Engineering RPA-2 preamp. It has been performing very well along with a much-improved signal to noise ratio. It is hooked up to my KiwiSDR receiver, and I can also access it with my transceiver as an auxiliary receive antenna.

## **Roger McEntarfer, N9RM**

For the month of April, I continued keeping busy with the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club and Tamiami Amateur Radio Club meetings, and VE Testing in Indiana, Venice, Florida and nationwide with multiple teams and VEC's.

I continued working with the Whitley County W5YI VE Team with virtual remote testing.

I finally got my Florida shack set up to operate Free DV, Winlink, VARA and FM VARA on April 2nd.

I attended the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club Board meeting on Saturday April 4, 2026 and helped plan for the Shark Tooth Festival Special Event station K4S held on April 11 & 12, the Florida State Parks On The Air event held on April 17 & 18 and the Florida QSO Party held on April 25 & 26.

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I led the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club Amateur Radio Test Session on Saturday, April 11, 2026, with two applicants receiving their Technician license, an upgrade to General Class and an upgrade to Extra Class.

I continue to provide Ham Club On Line (HCOL) training for the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club setting up an automated attendance system with HCOL. If your Radio Club is not using it, HCOL is a great tool to use to maintain your Amateur Radio Clubs.

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If you need a different day or time, please let me know as we can set up testing any day of the week or time of day to fit your needs.

The cost to take the test is \$14.00 (Students are Free) for W5YI and \$15 for ARRL.

The next WCARC General Meeting will be held on May 14, 2026, starting at 6:00 PM at the Parkview Whitley Hospital, Lower-Level Meeting Room. Program is TBD.

## Section Traffic Manager's Report

From Brian Jenks W9BGJ, Section Traffic Manager

To all Net Managers, please remember to turn in your reports to Brian Jenks W9BBJ, Section Traffic Manager, by the 6th of the month ([stm@inarrl.org](mailto:stm@inarrl.org)).

INDIANA STM REPORT APRIL 2026					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
ITN	N9TU	1164	98	1646	59
QIN	NJ9S	103	27	267	30
INDIANA ARES HF	KB9WWM	35	0	49	2
<b>TOTALS</b>					
NETS REPORTING					

INDIANA STM REPORT APRIL 2026							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	40	40	30	0	0	20	130
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W9EEU	79	40	20	0	0	20	159
N9TU	40	40	20	0	0	10	110
<b>TOTALS</b>							
STATIONS REPORTING 4							

INDIANA STM REPORT APRIL 2026						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	0	25	0	0	25
AB9ZA	ORS	0	30	24	12	66
W9EEU	ORS	0	40	39	0	79
W9PC	ORS	0	1	4	1	6
N9TU	SAR	5	105	22	6	138
W9MGB	ORS	0	0	8	8	16

<b>INDIANA STM REPORT APRIL 2026</b>					
<b>VHF/UHF NETS</b>					
<b>NET NAME</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>QNI</b>	<b>QTC</b>	<b>QTR</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>
<b>BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY</b>	<b>N9CJT</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>CASS CO ARC</b>	<b>KA9BYN</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>CROSSROADS DMR</b>	<b>K9NQW</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>CLAY COUNTY ARES</b>	<b>W9EEU</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>D STAR NET</b>	<b>K9NQW</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>IMO NET</b>	<b>K9SKS</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>JEFFERSON CO</b>	<b>N9XVB</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>MID STATE ARC</b>	<b>KI6QOG</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>MONROE CO SKYWARN</b>	<b>KC9RPX</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SCOTT CO ARES/RACES</b>	<b>WR9G</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL AREA</b>	<b>KA9OPL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>TARS EVANSVILLE</b>	<b>KE9YK</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>TRI STATE 2 METER</b>	<b>AG8O</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>WABASH VALLEY</b>	<b>KC9LDJ</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>14</b>					
<b>NETS REPORTING</b>					

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Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR								
DMR								
Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq	
04/06/26	KC9OYW	24	0	20	20:00	20:20	442.750(+)	
04/13/26	KC9OYW	29	0	24	20:00	20:24	442.750(+)	
04/20/26	K9NQW	23	0	17	20:00	20:17	442.750(+)	
04/27/26	K9NQW	23	0	19	20:00	20:19	442.750(+)	
Sessions:	4	Total:	99	80				
Month of Report:	April 2026							
D-Star								
Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq	
04/02/26	K9NQW	13	0	22	20:00	20:20	443.400(+)	
04/09/26	K9NQW	16	0	21	20:00	20:21	443.400(+)	
04/16/26	KA9OPL	16	0	24	20:00	20:24	443.400(+)	
04/23/26	KA9OPL	16	0	31	20:00	20:31	443.400(+)	
04/30/26	K9NQW	16	0	22	20:00	20:22	443.400(+)	
Sessions:	5	Total:	77	120				
Month of Report:	April 2026							

# QIN QNU

Issue Number 026

May 2026

The Bulletin for the INDIANA CW SECTION NET of the ARRL National Traffic System  
Evenings Daily on 3535 khz; alternate freq. is 1810 khz at 0000Z (7 PM Central; 8 PM Eastern)

**Net Control Assignments:**

Day	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
0100Z NCS	W9PC MARK	NJ9S BRUN0	WB9FIU RUSTY	NJ9S BRUNO	WB9FIU RUSTY	K9LA CARL	K9LA CARL

## “WHY? WHY SHOULD I CHECK-IN TO QIN, MY SECTION TRAFFIC NET? I’VE DONE IT BEFORE; I KNOW HOW IT’S DONE! ”

**I often hear this asked.** Why? For the same reasons that our Indiana University Hoosiers became the undefeated NCAA football champions this past season; for the same reasons our US Navy is master of the seas . . . . . discipline, practice and MORE practice! For I.U., learning the plays, then running the plays over and over and over until achieving perfection. And the Navy? Same thing. I realized while on the USS Shangrila CVA 38 many years ago that the reason we were the best was not only because we had the very best equipment, but because, like the Hoosier footballers, we practiced, practiced and practiced some more! We launched aircraft; we landed aircraft- all day; all night; rain or shine! No one does it better! Yeah, the Marines, the Army and the Air Force too!

**For QIN**, this involves circuit discipline and traffic accuracy- with speed and reliability! *For each of us.* For those operators who make the effort to check-in to QIN even once or twice per month, I say thank you and I salute you! To our net control and liaison operators, a special salute for the extra effort it takes to make your respective sessions.

**I know** that in our respective ways, we all are busy. We all have family commitments. We all deal with health issues and many deal with work demands. I understand this, believe me! Some may respond that “*It’s only a hobby. . .*”. But just remember this my friends, it’s “*only a hobby*” until something goes very, very wrong. At that point, it becomes *quite something else!* Please consider being a more active part of QIN!

**Amateur Radio exists because of the service we can perform!**

CU on QIN, 73 !  
Bruno NJ9S

**CURRENT QIN (EVE) NET ROSTER & PARTICIPATION STATS**

CALL	NAME	QTH	QNI APR 2026	NCS APR 2026
W9BGJ	BRIAN	HUNTINGTON, IN	2	
WB9FIU	RUSTY	COLUMBUS, IN	29	9
W9PC	MARK	ROSSVILLE, IN	2	2
K9LA	CARL	FORT WAYNE, IN	28	9
AD8WR	DAVE	GRANGER, IN	4	
K9UT	JERRY	RICHMOND, IN		
NJ9S	BRUNO	MISHAWAKA, IN	27	10
N9OL	JOHN	EVANSVILLE, IN	1	
KA8BJA	FRANK	COSHOCTON, OH	8	
WD4MSM	BARRY	SOUTH BEND, IN		
NI9Y	DAN	MISHAWAKA, IN		
WB8SIW	JIM	BUCHANAN, MI	1	
K0TQ	MIKE	N. VERNON, IN	1	
WA2USA	DENNIS	NEWBURGH, IN		
N9IVI	IVIN	PLAINFIELD, IN		
WD9DWE	DENNIS	PEKIN, IN		
N8AFT	LANE	COLUMBUS, OH		

**EVENING QIN + QIN/E CW SECTION NET QUICK STATS (corrected 2/2026)**

Month/Yr	Sessions	QNI	QTC Incl net reports	QTC Minus net rpt	QIR min.
JAN 2025	31	120	29	4	323
FEB 2025	28	109	37	16	303
MAR 2025	31	106	44	16	296
APR 2025	30	103	46	25	300
MAY 2025	30	94	43	26	297
JUN 2025	30	112	43	22	343
JUL 2025	31	103	39	18	319
AUG 2025	31	132	32	7	359
SEP 2025	29	117	36	26	314
OCT 2025	35	134	37	25	373
NOV 2025	39	117	66	36	412
DEC 2025	31	118	73	50	378
JAN 2026	31	121	56	33	351
FEB 2026	28	112	59	50	352
MAR 2026	31	106	50	28	347
APR 2026	30	103	27	7	267

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## Public Information Coordinator's Report

From Barry Palencer KC9WMS, Public Information Coordinator

Public Information Officers are urged to send their reports to Public Information Coordinator Barry Palencer KC9WMS ([pio@inarrl.org](mailto:pio@inarrl.org)).

### Whitley County PIO Roger McEntarfer N9RM

I announced in the local news media: WANE TV News, WPTA 21 Alive News, WOWO, WFFT Fox 55 Media, WJHS 91.5 FM (Whitley County Joint High School) radio station, Ink Free News, Times Union News, The Post & Mail, The Hoot News of Whitley County, Adams Radio Group, Journal Gazette. HF Nets: Indiana Traffic Net and several of the local 2M and 70 CM nets around the northern Indiana area about the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on April 9, 2026, the Whitley County W5YI & ARRL Virtual Remote Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 & 8:15 PM, and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on May 14, 2026.

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## Affiliated Club Coordinator's Report

**From Jimmy Merry KC9RPX, Affiliated Club Coordinator**

Affiliated clubs across Indiana are encouraged to send a note to Jimmy Merry, ARRL Indiana Section Affiliated Club Coordinator, each month. Please include the following:

- Please be sure to send me any club news. Example: Historical events, Upcoming events, Outstanding member, etc. Include captioned photos.
- Regular updates about your club, its events, special occasions, club news, outstanding members, and other newsworthy items.

This information could let hams across Indiana know what is going on in your club. Assist hams in your area know about your club. Help membership. And assist other clubs across Indiana with ideas. Please send to [kc9rpx@arrl.net](mailto:kc9rpx@arrl.net).

# Section Emergency Coordinator's Report

From Brian Sexton KD9EDR, Section Emergency Coordinator

Report: Form4

Division: Central

Section: Indiana

Month/Year: April 2026

History: Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2026-05-25 11:15:13 UTC

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Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	22
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Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	43
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4. Total number of ARES members:	393
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Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
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5. Number of ARES net sessions held:	120
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6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	27
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7. Number of participants in nets:	1,546
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	Number	Person-Hrs
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8. Exercises this month:	7	29.50
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9. Training events this month:	15	309.90
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10. Public service events this month:	1	5.60
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11. Community service events this month:	1	20.00
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12. Emergency events this month:	0	0.00
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13. SKYWARN events this month:	32	958.10
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14. Meetings this month:	26	279.70
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15. Unclassified events this month:	1	138.00
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Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

K9WG, KA9AMP, KB9QG, KB9WWM, KC9GUY, KC9JAV, KC9RVL, KC9VRA, KD9BKU, KD9DPA, KD9MRM, KD9PMT, KP4CI, KV9N, N1PJ, N9CJT, N9GTL, N9JPX, N9LAA, NM9R, W9DRB, WR9G

## Activity Details:

ALLEN-----

Training this month was on directed NET Control presented by KD9QHI, Jerry, Allen County ARES AEC.

BARTHOLOMEW -----

4/4 - "Lost Ham" exercise  
4/27-28 - Skywarn Net

CASS-----

No activity in this section

CLARK-----

pretty routine month no severe weather events

DEKALB -----

Topics covered in April 2026: Creating a Disaster Plan, Memoranda of Understanding, Personal Safety, Operational Stress and Crossband Repeating,

DELAWARE -----

3 weekly Nets on 441.900 & 146.730 repeaters as well as 146.490 Simplex

FULTON -----

Monthly meeting training held was Passing Tactical Voice Messages.

GRANT-----

Weekly Sunday pm nets, with 2 analog repeaters and 1 DMR repeater linked to cover Grant Co. well.

HAMILTON-----

we had a in person meeting on 4/4/26, Bryant KD9JXX gave a presentation on the Buddle Pole antenna system, Mike W9MSK also helped with the presentation. On 4/21/26 we had a SET to test the updated Hortonville VHF repeater. The testing went well with 17 check ins from around the county.

HANCOCK -----

none

JENNINGS-----

Hf antennas have arrived to get ema radio back on line.  
Planning to add Allstar in May along with moving echo link to Starlink.  
Promotional materials have arrived for events.  
Planning for fair events in June as a sponsor and ramping up for field day.

KNOX COUNTY-----

N/A

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY-----

we had 5 people travel to Boston in support for the Boston Marathon.

MORGAN-----

SkyWarn Net on 4/27. No severe weather or damage reported.

PUTNAM COUNTY-----

WE have 10 members now. We had a tech class with 4 got their tech call signs. We had 5 8:00 ARES Tuesday

Evening Nets with average of 5 checking. We did the new antenna up for the 70 centimeter Thursday RASES Evening 8:30 pm Net. Still not working on the 442.225 repeater with pl tone 88.5. Might need new repeater.

RANDOLPH-----

We had three SKYWARN events in Randolph County this month; 14Apr26, 24Apr26 and 27Apr26

SCOTT -----

In April, there were 4 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 44 check-ins and a total of 83 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

SPENCER-----

4 analog and 4 digital nets

STARKE -----

Checked into two District 1 Skywarn nets and one Marshall County Skywarn net.

STEUBEN -----

We're doing a monthly 80m NVIS net in addition to our regular weekly VHF repeater nets. We're also doing a monthly WinLink exercise and a FLDigi digital net. Quarterly we're doing a simplex VHF net. We're gearing up for an FLDigi/FLMsg/FLAmp refresher workshop in May and a cross-county 2-site NVIS exercise in June. I'm discussing adding an ARES/LOLARC Club bulletin transmitted via HF FLDigi, Winlink and CW to introduce the idea of no-infrastructure information dissemination.

TIPPECANOE-----

4 Monday night Nets took place during April. Meeting took place on April 16th and we talked about Franciscan NICU 5K walk Run, Digital modes, changes to our repeater list, and upcoming exercise. A 6 hr crash course for the Tech License element 2 was given April 30th to a number of D4 health personnel. Tippecanoe County Volunteer Examiner Team (TCVET) gave the test the next day with 7 passing their Tech test.

TIPTON-----

No ARES events this month.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

ALLEN -----

Due to computer issues this report was delayed.

BARTHOLOMEW -----

Picked up new ham Jacob KE9FFD.

CASS-----

We have the records for 3 of the 5 nets run for the month of April. Nets for which we have information for are April 2nd, 23rd and 30th (46 check-in and 91 minutes). The rest of the data (April 9th and 16th) was lost due to the passing of our usual net control operator KA9BYN

CLARK-----

Skywarn event this month severe weather with several tornado touchdowns but none in my county

DEKALB -----

None

DELAWARE -----

2 Skywarn Nets; planning for Field Day at Morrow's Meadow in Yorktown  
NWS Spotter Training was held on April 14th in Delaware Co

FULTON -----

Spent time with Fulton County EMA director this month on Ecom plans for the county.

GRANT-----

Regular county wide siren test, one short Skywarn net, along with regular monthly meeting and another training net.

HAMILTON-----

We had 4 storm events, approximate total hours were 10 and total ARES check ins were 70.  
4/14/26, 4/17/26, and 2 on 4/27/26. No damage was reported on any net. The nets were run by Hamilton County Emergency Management

HANCOCK -----

Regular monthly meeting

KNOX -----

N/A

MORGAN-----

Thanks to N9QHW, KE9CBU, & WB9PGW for assisting with net control duties.

PUTNAM -----

Had 1 meeting for the WB9EOC member club for Greencastle, Indiana.

SCOTT -----

The Scott County EMA Group held a VE Testing Session Saturday, April 11th at the EOC. The next testing session is scheduled for June 13th at 11:00 AM. Walk-Ins are always welcome. The testing location is at the Bacala Center, 69 E Wardell St, SE Corner of Courthouse Square, Scottsburg IN 47170 and is ADA accessible. For more info email: [steve@wr9g.net](mailto:steve@wr9g.net) or visit [www.wr9g.net/links](http://www.wr9g.net/links). 73, Steve WR9G

SPENCER-----

none

STEUBEN -----

Working with the local Steuben County club (Land of Lakes Amateur Club) to do Monthly workshops and other events jointly. They're a mix of just fun stuff and skills that are useful or required for good ARES practice.

Also, the Local EMA (I'm a volunteer for Auxcomm/Emcomm) has their VHF station on the air again. The HF station needs some simple antenna repair work before it be operational. One leg of the inverted-V came loose and wrapped itself around another antenna bay on the tower. The EMA Director (Lee Greenamyre) is working to get that work done. I'm also teaching a tech class for Lee and another person in county government.

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TIPPECANOE-----

Announcement was made that there are a number of Amateur Radio operators stating during nets that they are part of TCARES, but we don't have paperwork from them. Have contacted a few that they need to fill new forms and get photo taken for ID.

TIPTON-----

we had 2 Skywarn nets this month

## Section Manager's desk

Note: Each week, I send out an Indiana Section News email for that week. If you are an ARRL member, log into your profile on the ARRL website to make sure you have "Division and Section News" selected in the "Opt In/Out" section in order to get those weekly emails. The items you see here in the "From the Section Manager's desk" section of the monthly section news are taken from the weekly emails.

### ARRL Central Division Director

Central Division Director Brent Walls N9BA has submitted his resignation from the ARRL Board of Directors. There's been no official statement from the ARRL, but it is traditional for the sitting Vice Director to step up to the Director role. That would mean that Josh Long W9HT from New Haven IN would become Central Division Director. I'll pass along any additional information as I receive it.

Brent was elected in 2024 for a three-year term starting January 2025. That means there will be an election for Director and Vice Director in 2027. ARRL election rules can be found here: <https://www.arrl.org/arrl-rules-regulations>

### International Space Station amateur radio hosts sought

The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program is seeking formal and informal educational institutions and organizations, individually or working together, to host an amateur radio contact with a crew member on board the ISS. ARISS anticipates that the contact would be held between January 1 and June 30, 2027. Crew scheduling and ISS orbits will determine the exact contact dates.

The deadline for submitting proposals is May 22, 2026. An introductory webinar will be held April 30 to help explain how ARISS contacts work and what ARISS is looking for in proposals.

The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, in cooperation with the Terre Haute Children's Museum, had a very successful ARISS contact last fall. Is your club ready to make a proposal? More information here: <https://www.arrl.org/news/ariss-outlines-opportunities-for-space-station-contacts-in-2027>

### Indiana QSO Party

The 2026 INQP will be held Saturday May 2nd from 11:00am to 11:00pm EDT (Saturday 1500 UTC to Sunday 0259 UTC).

The rules for the INQP can be found here: <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html>

Starting with the 2026 INQP, all SSB contacts will count 2 points per QSO. This is a change from previous years when SSB contacts counted 1 point per QSO. CW QSOs will still count 2 points per QSO. Contest logging developers have been notified of this change. There are no other rule changes for 2026.

The activity map showing the planned county activations can be found here: <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/activity.php>

If you are planning to participate, please notify Tim K9WX (timk9wx@gmail.com) to get your participation posted on the activity map. The goal is to have activity from all 92 counties for some period of time during the 12 hours of the QSO party. If you can only devote 30 minutes of your time during the 12 hour period that is fine. Your county will have been activated at some point during the QSO party.

### Armed Forces Day Crossband Test

The Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test is coming up on May 9. More than 15 military stations will be on the air from around the country during that day. This is a rather unique event in that the military stations transmit on military HF frequencies adjacent to the amateur radio bands while amateur radio stations transmit amateur radio frequencies. This is your opportunity to exercise that "SPLIT" button on your radio.

Full information can be found here: <https://www.dodmars.org/mars-comex-information-website/armed-forces-day>

### **Indiana company acquires Hy-Gain and Cushcraft**

ITU Corporation, a manufacturing company based in Dugger, has purchased the Hy-Gain and Cushcraft brands from MFJ Enterprises and Martin F. Jue. ITU Corporation produces LearnLab training systems that are used to teach electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic, and automated systems. ITU will be moving the production of Hy-Gain and Cushcraft products to a recently-acquired facility in Linton. The designs, tooling, specialized equipment, manufacturing and marketing rights for Hy-gain and Cushcraft antennas and rotators are included in the sale. More info about the acquisition here: <https://www.lintonnews.com/itu-corporation-re-purposes-linton-armory-facility-to-house-iconic-amateur-radio-manufacturing-free-article/>

### **Success in the 160m contest**

From the Indianapolis Radio Club mailing list: Congratulations to our own Mike Walker KD9YOO for placing first in Indiana, Single Operator, Low Power in the 160 Meter DX Contest. He also placed 9th in the US and 10th in North America!

Michael has been licensed about 3 years.

### **Let Congress know how you feel**

You can ask your Congressional representatives to support S.459 and H.R.1094 by pointing your browser to <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>, enter your amateur radio callsign, and click the "Send My Letters" button. The form will fill in your address information from the FCC license database and use your ZIP Code to determine the correct Senate and House members. That's all there is to it.

## Upcoming Hamfests in Indiana

The up-to-date hamfest listing for Indiana, and the entire U.S., can be found on the ARRL's website at: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search> Note: Hamfests must be submitted to the ARRL in order to appear on the ARRL website. For more information, see: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application>

If your hamfest is not listed here, please contact Bob Burns AK9R, ARRL Indiana Section Manager, at [ak9r@arrl.org](mailto:ak9r@arrl.org)

### **Auburn Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 07/18/2026

**End Date:** 07/18/2026

**Location:** Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

1600 Wayne Street

Auburn, IN 46706

**Website:** <http://w9ou.org>

**Sponsor:** Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 147.015 with 141.3 tone

**Public Contact:** John Maag , KD9QDL

5501 Bear Creek Pass Auburn, IN 46706

Phone: 260-438-6588

**Email:** [jdmaag6101@gmail.com](mailto:jdmaag6101@gmail.com)

### **LaPorte Tailgate Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 07/18/2026

**End Date:** 07/18/2026

**Location:** Outdoor venue

3354 W. Shultz Rd.

LaPorte, IN

**Website:** <http://www.lpcarc.org>

**Sponsor:** LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.970 repeater, 131.8 pl

**Public Contact:** John Phillips , KA9PGC

625 Esther St. LaPorte, IN 46360

Phone: 219-878-3543

**Email:** [ka9pgc@arrl.net](mailto:ka9pgc@arrl.net)

**East Central Indiana Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 07/25/2026

**End Date:** 07/25/2026

**Location:** Jay County Fairgrounds

806 East Votaw Street

Portland, IN 47371

**Website:** <http://inhamfest.com>

**Sponsor:** Jay County ARC, Whitewater Valley ARC

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 443.475 +5, PL. 100.0, 145.210 -0.6 PL 97.4

**Public Contact:** Doug Skinner , W9KED

805 Indiana Avenue Richmond, IN 47374

Phone: 765-977-1874

**Email:** [w9ked@comcast.net](mailto:w9ked@comcast.net)

**Burning Ham!**

**Start Date:** 08/01/2026

**End Date:** 08/01/2026

**Location:** American Legion

412 N New Albany St.

Sellersburg, IN 47172

**Website:** <https://www.clarkcountyarc.org/>

**Sponsor:** The Clark County Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.85- no tone

**Public Contact:** Dan Evans , K9ZF

5028 Tunnel Mill Road Charlestown, IN 47111

Phone: 812-786-9410

**Email:** [k9zf@yahoo.com](mailto:k9zf@yahoo.com)

**Elkhart East Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 08/01/2026

**End Date:** 08/01/2026

**Location:** Northern Indiana Event Center

21565 Executive Pkwy

Elkhart, IN 46514

**Website:** <http://www.elkharthamfest.com>

**Sponsor:** Northern Indiana K9DEW Repeater Network

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 147.330 PL 131.8

**Public Contact:** Dewey Thrash , K9DEW

53464 Baywater Place Bristol, IN 46507

Phone: 574-370-2436

**Email:** [elkharthamfest@gmail.com](mailto:elkharthamfest@gmail.com)

**Hendricks County Tailgate Fest**

**Start Date:** 08/08/2026

**End Date:** 08/08/2026

**Location:** Avon United Methodist Church  
6850 East Hwy US 36  
Avon, IN 46123

**Website:** <http://kc9sqd425@gmail.com>

**Sponsor:** Ham Emergency Radio Operations

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 145.130 MHz, W9HCA Repeater 88.5 Hz

**Public Contact:** Kenneth Kayler , KC9SQD

3090 Clover Dr. Plainfield, IN 46168-6933

Phone: 317-874-7068

**Email:** [kc9sqd425@gmail.com](mailto:kc9sqd425@gmail.com)

**ARANCI Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 08/15/2026

**End Date:** 08/15/2026

**Location:** Christ Presbyterian Church  
7416 E. 109th Ave.

Winfield , IN

**Website:** <http://aranciradio.com>

**Sponsor:** Amateur Radio Association of Newton County Indiana

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 145.33 PL 131.8 and 444.250 PI 131.8

**Public Contact:** Michael Swiader , KA9E

PO Box 215 Lake Village, IN 46349

Phone: 815-409-5070

**Email:** [ka9e@usa.com](mailto:ka9e@usa.com)

**MARC Tailgate Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 09/12/2026

**End Date:** 09/12/2026

**Location:** Indiana Department of Natural Resources Parking Lot  
7970 South Rowe Street

Edinburgh, IN 46124

**Website:** <http://midstatehams.org>

**Sponsor:** Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.520 Simplex

**Public Contact:** Jim Adams , KB9JMU

15 Briar Patch Road Bargersville, IN 46106

Phone: 317-499-5451

**Email:** [secretary@midstatehams.org](mailto:secretary@midstatehams.org)

**The Hoosier Hills Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 10/10/2026

**End Date:** 10/10/2026

**Location:** Lawrence County 4H Fairgrounds  
11265 US-50

Bedford, IN 47421

**Website:** <https://hoosierhillshamfest.com>

**Sponsor:** Hoosier Hills Ham Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.73 107.2

**Public Contact:** Justin Elliott , KD9IGT

4470 W. Walnut Ridge Rd. Salem, IN 47167

Phone: 812-896-8002

**Email:** [kd9igt@w9qyq.org](mailto:kd9igt@w9qyq.org)

**Hamtober Fest**

**Start Date:** 10/17/2026

**End Date:** 10/17/2026

**Location:** Lynnville Community Center  
316 IN-68

Lynnville, IN 47619

**Website:** <http://hamtoberfest.com>

**Sponsor:** Tri-State Amateur Radio Society in Evansville Indiana

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.790 PL 88.0

**Public Contact:** John Van Vorst , N9oL

8640 Sunny Brook Dr. Evansville, IN 47725

Phone: 812-305-4100

**Email:** [n9ol@arrl.net](mailto:n9ol@arrl.net)

**Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (WVARA) Turkeyfest**

**Start Date:** 11/28/2026

**End Date:** 11/28/2026

**Location:** Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds  
6550 North State Road 59

Brazil, IN 47834

**Website:** <https://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest.php>

**Sponsor:** Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (WVARA)

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.685 MHz – PL 151.4 Hz

**Public Contact:** Mitchell McCord , K9FDA

8356 E. Sunset Ave. Terre Haute, IN 47805

Phone: 812-241-7518

**Email:** [hamfest@w9uuu.org](mailto:hamfest@w9uuu.org)



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!

# July 18<sup>th</sup> 2026



**\$5 admission per Car for Sellers or Buyers**

**Trailers will be an extra fee!**

**Setup will begin at 8am for vendors. BYOT (bring your own tables) or set up out of the back of your car/truck**

**Admission for Buyers will start at 10am**

**Talk-In 146.610 (131.8) and 146.970(131.8) negative offsets**

**3354 W. Schultz Rd, LaPorte, IN 46350 Under the Tower**

**Visit <http://lpcarc.org> for updates and more information**

**Sponsored by La Porte County Amateur Radio Club**



Radios - Deals - Community - Fun



# East Central Indiana HAMFEST 2026

Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, Indiana

**• FREE PARKING • FREE VENDOR SPACES • FREE ADMISSION •**  
**• FREE DOOR PRIZE TICKET WHEN YOU REGISTER •**

**EXTRA DOOR PRIZE TICKETS AVAILABLE** TALK-IN: 443.475+ PL: 100.0  
 SIMPLEX: 147.54 | GMRS CH-1

**Local Motels**  
*Special rates for our out-of-town guests*  
**Motel 6**  
 1147 US-27 North, Portland IN 47371  
 Local Phone: 260-361-8879  
**Holiday Inn Express**  
 100 Holiday Dr, Portland IN 47371  
 Book a Reservation: 1-888-465-4329  
 Front Desk: 260-726-6688  
*Just mention the East Central Hamfest for discounted rates.*




**Samples of Grand Prizes won in our Grand Prize Drawings at past events!**



**Door Prize Drawings at least every HALF HOUR**



**Fabulous Foxhunts!**

 Experience the thrill of the chase and maybe snag a great prize. With spirits high and plenty of smiles, we'll hunt down the sneaky hidden "fox" and stir up lots of fun. We'll run one hunt in the morning and another in the afternoon, pending approval from the Fox Workers Local 146 which prohibits a fox from working during a thunderstorm. Have fun!

**VE Testing Session at 11:00 AM**

- Also Available:**
- ◆ Breakfast
  - ◆ Lunch
  - ◆ Camping - \$20  
*Includes electric service and water*
  - ◆ Showers
  - ◆ Dump Station

*All scheduled events subject to change without notice.*



**806 E Votaw Street  
 Portland, Indiana 47375**

**Saturday, July 25, 2026  
 8 AM — 2 PM Eastern**



**Reserve your space**  
 INhamfest.com  
 or call Dave at 419-733-0867

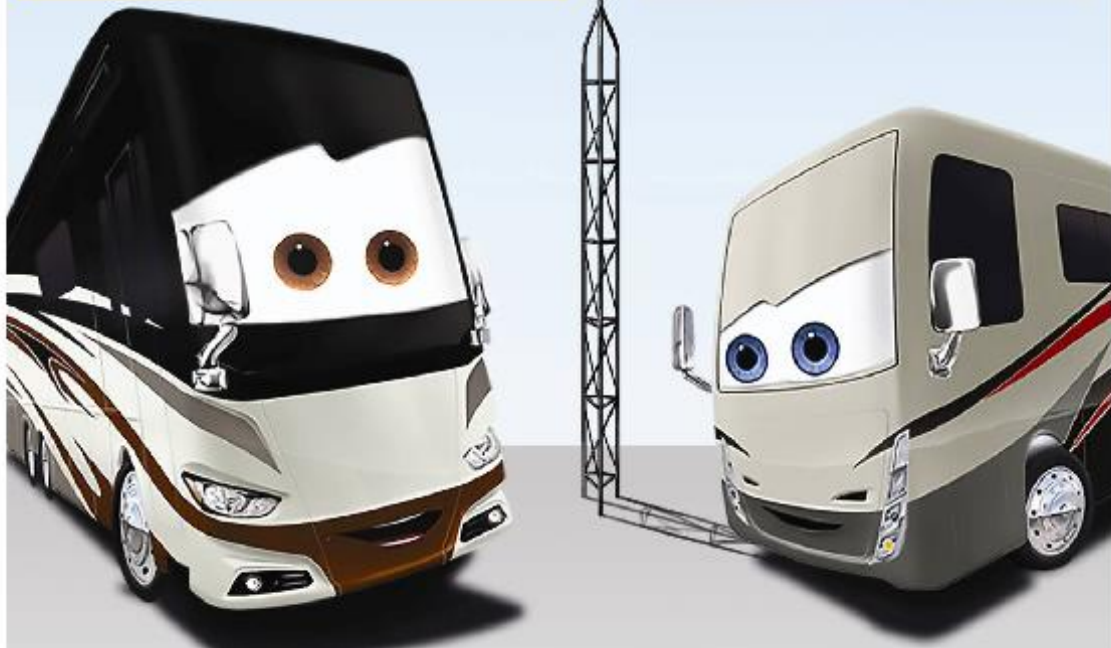
**2026 ELKHART EAST HAMFEST**  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)**

**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!

Indoor 20,000 sq ft of Amateur Radio, Hobby Electronics, and More Convention.  
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





**Amateur Radio Association of  
Newton County Indiana  
COMMUNICATION**



**HAMFEST**

**When: Saturday, August 15, 2026**  
**Set -Up 6 AM Doors open 8 AM - 2 PM CDT**  
**Where: Christ Presbyterian Church**  
**7416 E 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue ~ Winfield, IN 46307**

**HOURLY RAFFLE PRIZES**

**VE testing and food will be available**

**Costs: Admission, \$5 ea. in advance (see website) or at entrance.**

**The vendor list will be on the website as soon as information becomes available. Tables, \$10 ea.**

**For updates & Pre-Pay information @ [aranciradio.com](http://aranciradio.com)  
Questions? Call Mike @ 815-409-5070!**

**TALK IN ON 145.330 – OFFSET PL 131.8**

**WEBSITE: [WWW.ARANCIRADIO.COM](http://WWW.ARANCIRADIO.COM)**

**Location:**

The location can be reached from I 65 or US 30.

**From I 65**, take exit 249, 109<sup>th</sup> Ave, go east approximately 5 miles and turn left into church parking lot; If coming from the north on I 65, US 30 is exit 253, or 109<sup>th</sup> Ave is exit 249.

**From I 65 & US 30**, go EAST 5 miles to Randolph Street, Merrillville, IN and go south 3 miles to 109<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Winfield. Turn right (west) at the light and go about ½ mile and turn right into the church parking lot.

**If coming from the east** (Valparaiso area) on US 30, the distance from IN 49 and US 30 to Randolph Street, Merrillville, is 11 miles. Randolph St. is the next traffic light past the Deep River Water Park. Turn left from US 30, go south on Randolph 3 miles to 109<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Winfield. Turn right at the light and go approx. ½ mile and turn right into the church parking lot.

**Hamtober Fest 2026**

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**Southern Indiana 8th Annual HamtoberFest**

OCTOBER 17, 2026

LYNNVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

LYNNVILLE, IN

7:00 AM - Noon CST

GPS 38.19453 -87.30147

----->>FREE ADMISSION <<-----

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED!**

**\*\* HamtoberFest Raffle! Drawing at Noon! \*\***

**Fabulous prizes To Be Announced!**

Raffle Ticket cost: \$10 each. Raffle Drawing held at approx Noon at HamtoberFest.

Tickets available for purchase in advance or the morning of the Hamfest!

Need not be present for the noon Raffle Drawing to win!

**Door prize drawings throughout the event!**

Attendees must fill out door prize entry when entering HamtoberFest - one entry per attendee!

Must be present when door prize is drawn for or we draw again!!

**INDOOR TABLES \$10 EACH -- LIMITED AVAILABILITY-RESERVE YOURS NOW!!**

FREE Outdoor Flea Market, Food, Fellowship