



**Indiana Section
American Radio
Relay League**

Newsletter

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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.

Catherine Procarione W9IFE of Clinton

Jocelynne (Joy) Fulk N9LTR of Indianapolis

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).

Roger McEntarfer N9RM

For the month of May, 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 attended the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club Board meeting on Saturday June 6, 2026 and helped plan their Field Day and upcoming club meetings.

I helped with the Fort Wayne Radio Club Amateur Radio Test session at the Red Cross in Fort Wayne on June 13, 2026.

I attended the WCARC Field Day event helping with Setup, operation and Tear down held on June 27 & 28, 2026. We also held a test session during Field Day Saturday passing on new Technician.

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Jeff Delucenay KB9QG

June 7th - Don WB9TYJ, Roger KC9IPL, Mike KD9YTY, Larry N8CGP and Jeff KB9QG put a DX engineering antenna together to be used at Field Day. It was a Dipole that could be used as a Sloper antenna or Inverted Vee.

June 11th - Used the W9OU trailer to demonstrate amateur Radio to the American Heritage Girls at Camp Chief Little Turtle. About twenty young ladies went through the trailer and talked on the radio. i had four female operators on a local repeater to talk with the girls. This was to show them that it is not a hobbies just for guys.

June 16th - Used the W9OU trailer to help 9 boy scouts at Camp Chief Little Turtle get their radio merit badge.

June 18th - Install the N3FJP Field Day software for 2026 in the trailer computers and the TV used for display showing the states that we contact during field day.

June 22nd Installed the new BCD144250 plus the Sinclair duplexer on the analog repeater (147.015). One can from the Sinclair duplexer was added to the BCD Duplexer to get more isolation from the transmitter signal to the receive which is on the High Pass aside of the duplexer. The pass band was -1.98 dB and the notch was -92dB. The 146.91 Wat-COM duplexers were taken out of the system and returned to the T9TE repeater group. The Waa-Com duplexer was retuned to 16.91 / 41 for their repeater system.

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June 27 -28 The trailer used for Field Day 2026!!

June30th - Used the W9OU trailer to help 10 boy scouts at Camp Chief Little Turtle get there radio merit badge.

Lou Kruizinga N7BBW

Lewis and Clark on the trail radio event and Field Day has keep the month busy.

All else is good.

Tom Busch WB8WOR

(Mostly) completed a "Thermitron Michigan Mighty Mite" kit I got at Hamvention from Grayson Evans KJ7UM. For those familiar with the Michigan Mighty Mite, it is the same thing, except with a vacuum tube instead of a transistor.

I say "mostly" because it needs a piece of plexiglass cover on it as it uses 190 Volts DC on the plate. Also, it is cathode keying, so I hooked up an old key with a Bakelite cover on it to keep my fingers off of the keying line.

I'll add that talking to Grayson and his wife was one of the more pleasant parts of Hamvention and Hamcation this year.

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).

INDIANA STM REPORT JUNE 2026					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
ITN	N9TU	1325	101	1399	60
QIN	NJ9S	104	27	284	30
INDIANA ARES HF	N9CJT	23	0	62	3
TOTALS					
NETS REPORTING	3				

INDIANA STM REPORT JUNE 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	40	52	20	0	0	20	132
TOTALS							
STATIONS REPORTING	3						

INDIANA STM REPORT JUNE 2026						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORIGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	4	40	8	40	92
AB9ZA	ORS	0	22	22	2	46
W9EEU	ORS	0	23	29	0	52
W9PC	ORS	0	2	19	0	21
W9MGB	ORS	2	2	3	3	10

INDIANA STM REPORT JUNE 2026					
VHF/UHF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY	N9CJT	17	0	90	3
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	NR	NR	NR	NR
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	94	0	82	4
CLAY COUNTY ARES	W9EEU	46	0	85	4
D STAR NET	K9NQW	34	0	59	3
IMO NET	K9SKS	NR	NR	NR	NR
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	8	0	30	3
MID STATE ARC	KI6QOG	181	0	224	4
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	53	4	115	5
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	67	0	149	5
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	140	1	474	7
TRI STATE 2 METER	AG8O	290	0	476	21
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	77	0	134	4
12					
NETS REPORTING					

		Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR						
DMR								
Date		Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
06/01/26		KC9OYW	28	0	21	20:00	20:21	442.750(+)
06/08/26		KC9OYW	26	0	23	20:00	20:23	442.750(+)
06/15/26		No NET	////	////	////	////	////	////
06/22/26		K9NQW	18	0	18	20:00	20:18	442.750(+)
06/29/26		K9NQW	22	0	20	20:00	20:20	442.750(+)
Sessions:	4	Total:	94		82			
D-Star								
Date		Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
06/04/26		K9NQW	8	0	14	20:00	20:14	443.400(+)
06/11/26		No NET	////	////	////	////	////	////
06/18/26		KA9OPL	13	0	15	20:00	20:15	443.400(+)
06/25/26		KA9OPL	13	0	30	20:00	20:30	443.400(+)
Sessions:	3	Total:	34		59			
Month of Report:		June 2026						

QIN QNU

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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	W9PC	NJ9S	WB9FIU	NJ9S	WB9FIU	K9LA	K9LA
NCS	MARK	BRUNO	RUSTY	BRUNO	RUSTY	CARL	CARL



A HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY SALUTE TO OUR GREAT NATION!

In this the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation, one might take a moment- or longer to ponder how wonderful it has been to be born and raised in the U.S.A. For many of us, a ham ticket was our first big step toward exploring electronics technology, often starting with the introduction to the mystery of using a hunk of galena crystal to pull radio signals from the air! Then, through the building of a single tube regen receiver and later by building a “bucket of bolts” 6L6, 807 or a 6146 crystal controlled transmitter that used salvaged and/or begged components guided by an ARRL QST Lew McCoy article, one’s experience, knowledge and enjoyment blossomed. (They may have looked like the dickens, *but they worked!*). Of course, the transmitter usually was CW only, but that really was a blessing since it encouraged one to become more proficient and fond of that mode.

My ham license actually complemented most of my life experiences. In my school years, during my military service time and throughout the following years, I was never far from amateur radio and the many friends I met and worked with. As for the art and science of electronics, it never ceased evolving: transistors, integrated circuits, analog and digital systems. . . . In the mid fifties, the expectations for semiconductors were for limited application in small signal electronics. Today, we have kilowatt power level solid state power amplifiers! Much of this achievement was at the hands and genius of electronics engineers who just happened to also be amateur radio operators! You probably know or have worked some of them on the air . . .

It is a great privilege to be an AMERICAN!

I reiterate: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA!**

QIN net stats seem to be inversely proportional to the current daily temperatures. I guess to some degree (no pun intended!) this is understandable. Hopefully as the summer progresses into cooler temperatures things will pick up.

A number of the stations listed on our roster have not checked in to QIN in a while. I'm in the dark as to their status: **Silent Key?** **Too busy?** **Disinterested?** Please let me know by email, by amateur radiogram, or by telling me on QIN if you wish to continue receiving the QIN newsletter or not.

Thanking you in advance-

73 !

Bruno NJ9S

CURRENT QIN (EVE) NET ROSTER & PARTICIPATION STATS

CALL	NAME	QTH	QNI JUNE 2026	NCS JUNE 2026
W9BGJ	BRIAN	HUNTINGTON, IN	3	
WB9FIU	RUSTY	COLUMBUS, IN	27	7
W9PC	MARK	ROSSVILLE, IN	7	4
K9LA	CARL	FORT WAYNE, IN	27	8
AD8WR	DAVE	GRANGER, IN	3	
K9UT	JERRY	RICHMOND, IN		
NJ9S	BRUNO	MISHAWAKA, IN	28	11
N9OL	JOHN	EVANSVILLE, IN		
KA8BJA	FRANK	COSHOCTON, OH	8	
WD4MSM	BARRY	SOUTH BEND, IN		
NI9Y	DAN	MISHAWAKA, IN		
WB8SIW	JIM	BUCHANAN, MI		
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	QTR 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
MAY 2026	31	104	32	13	310
JUN 2026	30	104	27	8	284

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).

DeKalb County PIO John D Maag KD9QDL.

Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association Is taking the Trailer to Camp Chief Little Turtle this year to help the scouts earn their Ham Radio Badge this year again. One June 11 the it was for the American Heritage Girls and June 16th , 23rd , and 30th for the Boy Scouts..

On June 11th June 2026 the American Heritage Girls were at Camp Chief Little Turtle. The ages for the girls 5 years old to 18 years old. The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association had the trailer at the camp with Jeff KB9QG and Roger KC9IPL as operators. WR9M Jeff was also at the camp as an advisor. Also, we used the VHF and on the 146.76 repeater to have the girls talk with one of the following stations: KF8GCM Terry, KD9ITZ Carla, KA9GKE Rose and KF8RIJ Courtney. They talked with around twenty girls on the air.

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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 June 11, 2026, the Whitley County W5YI & ARRL Virtual Remote Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 & 8:15 PM, the WCARC Field Day event on June 27 & 28, 2026, and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on July 9, 2026.

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Section Emergency Coordinator's Report

From Brian Sexton KD9EDR, Section Emergency Coordinator

Report: Form4

Division: Central

Section: Indiana

Month/Year: June 2026

History: Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2026-07-25 15:16:08 UTC

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Number of DEC/ECs reporting this month:	27
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Total number of DEC/ECs appointed in section:	45
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4. Total number of ARES members:	518
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Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
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5. Number of ARES net sessions held:	149
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6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	36
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7. Number of participants in nets:	2,115
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	Number	Person-Hrs
8. Exercises this month:	13	1,036.70
9. Training events this month:	12	229.40
10. Public service events this month:	5	45.70
11. Community service events this month:	4	331.00
12. Emergency events this month:	4	14.50
13. SKYWARN events this month:	42	888.00
14. Meetings this month:	30	241.10
15. Unclassified events this month:	10	46.00

Call signs of DEC/ECs reporting:

K9WG, KA9AMP, KB9WWM, KC9GUY, KC9RVL, KC9VRA, KD9BKU, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA, KD9MRM, KD9PMT, KE9IWX, KP4CI, KV9N, N1PJ, N9CAD, N9CJT, N9CWW, N9GTL, N9JPX, N9LAA, NM9R, W9DRB, W9EEU, W9SOX, WR9G

Activity Details:

DISTRICT 2-----

It was a slow month with summer activities.

DISTRICT 3-----

No District wide activity this month,

ALLEN COUNTY-----

Not much activity for the team in June. We are preparing for support of a Public Service event in August.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

Our monthly meeting was online and discussed FD plans. Neither our ARES team nor the local club participated in FD as group(s). We had three SKYWARN severe weather nets, two of which included NWS activation of the Central Indiana Skywarn W9NWS linked repeater system.

CASS-----

No activity in this area

CLAY COUNTY-----

Group joined with the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Assn for Field Day 2026. We had good participation from both groups and operated using the Clay County Auxcom N9CCA call. We set up at a location never previously used by either group and everything went smoothly.

DEKALB CO.-----

Net Session #1: June 3 at 7PM. Topic: Amateur Radio and Electrical Safety. Total time: 18 min. 14 participants.

Net Session #2: June 10 at 7PM. Topic: Heat Advisory. Total time: 20 min. 13 participants.

Net Session #3: June 17 at 7PM. Topic: Solar Storms. Total time: 23 min. 9 participants.

Net Session #4: June 24 at 7PM. Topic: Radio for EComm. Total time: 20 min. 10 participants.

DELAWARE CO-----

3 weekly Thursday night Nets held starting at 21:00 on 441.900 & 146.730 repeaters consecutively, followed by 146.490 simplex. The June 18th Net was not held due to lack of a Net control.

FULTON COUNTY-----

Our ARES group are close to putting the final touches on the antenna mast that we have built at Fulton County EMA that the storm last summer took down. It will be 30' tall with 6 antennas for public service and amateur radio. We also have 2 new dual band radios for 2 more of our County Fire Stations. This will give us comms in 4 of the stations with only 1 left to do.

GRANT-----

Routine nets this month

HAMILTON-----

We had 3 storm warning events, June 6th, 11th and 17th. Total hours are an estimate, people attending the storm net varied.

On the 13th we had an in-person meeting and had a great presentation on Meshtastic by Matt KE9EJF and Drew KD9GJC. A week after the meeting I have installed a solar powered node at my home to help build a Meshtastic grid.

HANCOCK COUNTY INDIANA-----

Many members of Hancock County ARES participated in the Hancock County half marathon. This was not an

ARES function.

HARRISON-----
116 min of air time

HENDRICKS-----

Weekly/Monthly Nets:

We conducted four (4) weekly Tuesday Night ARES Nets on 145.130 MHz during the month and had good participation. We accumulated just over 16 man-hours of airtime.

The Hendricks County ARES Hospital Net (HRH/IU).

The Monthly Hospital Net was June 19, 2026, at 1030 am on the 147.570 Simplex Frequency. We accumulated just over 1.4 man-hours of airtime.

JENNINGS-----

2026 fair on the air as K9J.

HF Antenna EFHW and Dipole training.

HF propagation training 20/10.

HF propagation training 40.

2026 Field day

KNOX COUNTY-----

24 JUNE Field Day setup, 12 hams/3.5 hours.

27-28 JUN Field Day, 30 attendees, 17 operators/24 hours.

28 JUN Field Day tear down, 10 hams/ 2 hours.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY-----

supported 250 celebration and Warsaw Parks Department Concert in the Park.

MARION COUNTY IN-----

We held the first of what we plan to be a monthly 'call-out' net where we run the net as if it was an activation. Initially the primary purpose will be to get check-ins and set up in a timely manner and train participants to provide only the information requested. Our standard weekly nets are a little more loose and allow for community whereas this net is intended to be highly structured.

We also participated in the Salvation Army SATERN Donut Day Winlink exercise.

MORGAN-----

SkyWarn nets on 6/11, 6/16, 6/17, & 6/21.

No severe weather or damage reported.

PUTNAM COUNTY-----

We held 4 ARES Tuesday Evening Nets, skipped one to storms with SKIWARN doing the one on second Tuesday.

RANDOLPH-----

We had two Skywarn standby nets (15JUN26 and 17JUN26) and one Skywarn net 11JUN26. We participated in ARRL Field Day 27JUN26

SCOTT COUNTY-----

In June, there were 5 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 53 check-ins and a total of 115 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

SPENCER CO.-----

4 analog and 4 digital nets

STARKE COUNTY-----

Checked into two District 1 Skywarn nets

STEBEN COUNTY-----

We had two SkyWarn events this month, and a couple of other weather events where we ready but the weather died down before it reached our county.

TIPPECANOE-----

June 1st had TCARES assisting Franciscan Hospital 5K Walk/Run, and their 10K (for the first time) raising funds for the NICU. Storms held till about 9:30am when sky's cleared. At 10:45am, one of NCS started the net in support of the Tippecanoe TEMA county Siren Test. Out informant at TEMA was not happy as they cancelled the Siren test at last moment. TCARES NCS was notified immediately and closed the net accordingly. Five nets took place on each Monday at 20:00 local time and each Monday had a different NCS and ANCS.

On June 11 we experienced severe weather and we brought up a net on WIRES 147.135. This net had 14 hams checking in with a duration of 1hour and 6 minutes. Disruption to Power & Cable (VOiP/TV/Internet) first reports were around 10pm. Utility post had fallen, trees fallen on utilities, and power due to previous factors.

Meeting took place June 18. A review of the 5K walk/run and 10K run took place with a reading of email from Franciscan Hospital thanking TCARES volunteers. Also a review of the Storm and the loss of connection for some between NWS Indianapolis. Need to make link more RF robust. Things to come in TCARES

TIPTON-----

No activities this month

Administrative and Other Comments:

DISTRICT 2-----

DEC attended local LEPC meeting. They are planning an exercise in Aug that members of D2 are invited to attend.

DISTRICT 3-----

I visited Field Day Sites in Allen, Wells DeKalb and Whitley counties.

We are working on establishing a distriict wide HF Net as well as renaming the curreny Allen County ARES DMR net to a District 3 DMR net,

In addition we are actively attempting to quantify D3 ARES Team Memeber numbers.

ALLEN COUNTY-----

We continue to verify active ARES membership in Allen County.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

ARES Team member Greg N9GDE became a Silent Key on April 29th.

CASS-----

Activity this month included 4 regular Skywarn nets with a total of 40 check-ins and 82 minutes total time. We also conducted Field Day using club call W9VMW. We operated as 3F IN on 40M, 20M, and 15M. Attendees included 14 people. 10 of those were licensed Amateurs (Including our EMA Director). 4 attendees were non-licensed people including one 9 year old boy who made 3 GOTA contacts using my call KV9N.

CLAY COUNTY-----

See activities comments

DEKALB CO.-----

Public Service event: Assisted local Boy Scouts in earning their merit badges in communications at Camp Little Turtle. A number of Boy Scouts got first hand experience in knowing and using both VHF and HF radios able to talk to another Ham and the importance in radio communications in all areas of the spectrum on June 23rd and June 30th with a total of 5 Hams attending on both days.

Field Day on June 27-28 worked 24hrs for the entire event with 14 operators attended making a total of 575 QSOs set up and operate on VHF and HF worked on voice, CW, FT8, and Winlink. Worked out any problems and set up for emergency and other communications using battery operations both outside and inside the Northeast Indiana Amateur Radio Assoc. ARES response trailer.

Work on updating the Skywarn procedures and reporting. Appointing assistant EC's and net controllers.

DELAWARE CO-----

Field Day Exercise was held jointly by the Muncie Area ARC and the EmComm ECI ARC at Morrow's Meadow City Park in Yorktown. Setup started at 10:30 AM on Saturday, June 27th and the event ran from 14:00 on Saturday until 14:00 on Sunday, June 28th. There were 2 stations and 1 GOTA station setup.

FULTON COUNTY-----

We held a fox hunt with a nice turnout.

GRANT-----

Routine siren test, meeting, along with Field Day.

HAMILTON-----

On June 27 we had Field Day, Dallas N9DAM, Andy W9AHW and myself ran the radios for most of the day and we had a total of 20 people show up and participate in helping with check ins, lunch and just to hang out.

HANCOCK COUNTY INDIANA-----

Monthly ARES meeting held on 13JUN2026. Discussion on digital communications. DHS/EMA director Mark Elder discussed his vision and plans for EMA and Ham Radio's role in disasters.

Skywarn net activated on 16JUN2026 - 13 participants. Zero severe weather reports. Total time 0.5 hours.

June 2026

Skywarn net activated on 17JUN2026 - 21 participants. Zero severe weather reports. Total time 4.5 hours.

HENDRICKS-----

Monthly ARES meeting with 7 members for a total of 10.5 man hours of time.

SKYWARN:

There were 4 events this month:

June 12 2026 NCO Dick Click N9THO, Base 5, Mobile 1, Portable 3, Runtime 33 minutes

June 16, 2026, NCO Verne Madden N9VAM, Base 11, Runtime 51 minutes

June 17, 2026, NCO Verne Madden N9VAM, Base 10, Mobile 4, Portable 7, Runtime 4 hours 4 minutes

June 21 2026 NCO Verne Madden N9VAM, Base 9, Portable 3, Runtime 2 hours 55 minutes

KNOX COUNTY-----

167 Field Day contacts, 2 F IN

MARION COUNTY IN-----

Amateurs from Marion County and Central Indiana provided support for the 3rd annual Morgan Monroe Forest 100k Fun run. This event spanned 21 hours of day and overnight operations providing the only communication for the event in the forest.

MORGAN-----

None.

PUTNAM COUNTY-----

We had our PCAUXCOM Ham member meeting 10 persons in attendance. Had field day with testing for two persons. One up graded to General. For training we programed one radio. We had many Tornadoes that touch down with property damage.

SCOTT COUNTY-----

The Scott County EMA Group held a VE Testing Session Saturday, June 13th at the EOC. The next testing session is scheduled for August 8th 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 or visit www.wr9g.net/links. 73, Steve WR9G

STEBEN COUNTY-----

We cancelled a two site NVIS exercise planned for this month due to weather. We'll reschedule at our next meeting. We held the June meeting via radio rather than in person due to concerns we would need a SkyWarn activation during the meeting. All of the team participated in Field Day with the Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club. The activation happened later. I'm hoping to line up Damage Assessment Training with the EMA at the July Activity.

I'm adding a monthly informational 80m NVIS bulletin activity with the ARES Team and LOLARC. The bulletin gets sent via CW (via FLDigi - I'm not fast enough yet), then FLMsg, then FLAmp. It's a fun exercise that improves our ability to send and receive information when text, email, etc, are not available.

TIPPECANOE-----

Reminder to all hams in the area that some are stating that they are part of TCARES but they have NOT signed up and or done photo and ID for 2026.

Working on some contacts in town to work together obtaining more hams and possibility of working with new organizations for us.

June 2026

TIPTON-----
No extra activities 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.

New Central Division Vice Director

With the resignation of Brent Walls N9BA as Central Division Director, Vice Director Josh Long W9HT was moved up to Director. To fill the position of Vice Director, Robert Ronk W9AP of Winneconne WI has been appointed. This appointment was made by ARRL President Rick Roderick K5UR. Ronk will complete the term which expires December 31, 2027.

Field Day

If your club is planning to do Field Day, there are two easy things you can do to help get the word out:

1. Make sure your Field Day information is on your club's website. Show the dates, times you plan to operate, where you'll be setting up, whether or not you'll have a GOTA station, and any other info that might help someone who would like to stop by.
2. Enter your site on the ARRL Field Day Locator page. Log into the ARRL website using your membership login. Go to the Field Day Locator page at: <https://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator> Click on "Add a Station" and enter the info.

Do these things as soon as your plans are firmed up. Make sure people can find you.

Here's an important tip from Jay Farlow W9LW: Put your Field Day information where people are already looking for it...social media.

- Create an event listing on Facebook and encourage members to share that listing on their own Facebook pages.
- Create a short video on YouTube and TikTok (perhaps with images or video of last year's Field Day operation, if available) that invites people to attend and provides the location.
- Create a posts on Instagram and Twitter that provide the same information.

Field Day message to Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator

Field Day rule 7.3.5 specifies that your Field Day operation can claim 100 bonus points for originating a message to your Section Manager or the Section Emergency Coordinator. This message should include the club name, number of participants, Field Day location, and number of ARES operators involved with your station. The message must be transmitted during the Field Day period using either ARRL Radiogram or ICS-213 format. The message must leave or enter the Field Day operation via amateur radio RF.

You can send your message to me using one of these methods:

1. Contact a traffic net and enter your message into the National Traffic System. For reference, the Indiana Traffic Net meets twice a day, at 8:30am EDT or 6:00pm EDT, on 3910-3912 kHz LSB and the Indiana Section CW Net (QIN) meets daily at 8:00 pm EDT on 3535 kHz CW. The traffic handlers on these nets will be happy to take your traffic.
2. Send a Winlink message to me at AK9R.
3. Send an email to me at ak9r@arrl.org. Use this method only if the message has originated over amateur radio RF.

I plan to check into the Indiana Traffic Net on Sunday morning and Sunday evening to take any waiting traffic addressed to me.

County-wide simplex emergency network

Can you talk across your county using 2m simplex? With a few good base stations available to act as relays, I bet you can. Some county ARES teams conduct regular simplex drills to see how well they can communicate without a repeater. Try it in your county!

A county in Florida has taken the idea a step further. They use VarAC, which is a real-time keyboard-to-keyboard chat system that works on HF, VHF, or UHF, along with the Vara-FM software modem to establish data communications around their county. One of the useful features of VarAC is that it can be configured to send regular beacons which you can use to see who is on the air. Any 2m radio can be used along with a sound card interface such as the Digirig to get on the air with Vara-FM and VarAC. Give it a try!

Technician question pool

On July 1, 2026, a new Element 2 Technician class question pool will take effect for license examinations. VECs and VEs must have new test designs available for use at exam sessions effective that date.

ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, advises that the ExamTools examination system will automatically switch to the new pool and exams on July 1. For ARRL-VEC VE teams using online exams at in-person sessions or for remote video-supervised sessions, no action is required. However, "VE teams using paper exams must discard all older Technician tests and print new versions from ExamTools," Somma said.

You can download the new Technician question pool here: <https://www.ncvec.org/index.php/2026-2030-technician-question-pool> Download the public release dated February 19, 2026.

W1AW/9 Indiana Activation

During 2026, ARRL will celebrate the USA semiquincentennial by holding a year-long America250 Worked All States operating event. W1AW/portable will operate from each state on two different weeks. Indiana already had an activation in February. We'll have another the week starting July 15. We now have a scheduling tool in place so you can reserve a time to operate as W1AW/9. We have several operators signed up, but there's room for more. If you are interested in operating, please contact me.

Also, the Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association (NIARA) plans to operate as W1AW/9 from their communications trailer at the Auburn Hamfest (see below). This will be your chance to see and hear what the other end of the pile-up is like.

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

ARANCI Hamfest

Start Date: Rescheduled to 09/26/2026

End Date: 09/26/2026

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 PL 131.8

Public Contact: Michael Swiader, KA9E

PO Box 215 Lake Village, IN 46349

Phone: 815-409-5070

Email: ka9e@usa.com

Shelbyville Tailgate

Start Date: 10/03/2026

End Date: 10/03/2026

Location: Shelby County Fairgrounds

500 Franks St

Shelbyville, IN 46176

Website: <http://www.brvars.com>

Sponsor: Blue River Valley Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.48 MHz PL 88.5 Hz

Public Contact: John Walker, K9SVL

302 W Hendricks St Shelbyville, IN 46176

Phone: 317-402-5000

Email: inprinter@comcast.net

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

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

Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo

Start Date: 11/21/2026

End Date: 11/21/2026

Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
4000 Parnell Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46801

Website: <https://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/>

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society, Inc.

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.880 (-) 141.3 Tone

Public Contact: ACARTS Inc , W9INX

PO Box 10342 Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Phone: 260-579-2196

Email: FM@ACARTS.COM

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



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



HAMFEST

When: Saturday, September 26, 2026
Set-Up 6 AM Doors open 8 AM - 2 PM CST
Where: Christ Presbyterian Church
7416 E 109th 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.

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Questions? Call Mike @ 815-409-5070!**

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WEBSITE: WWW.ARANCIRADIO.COM

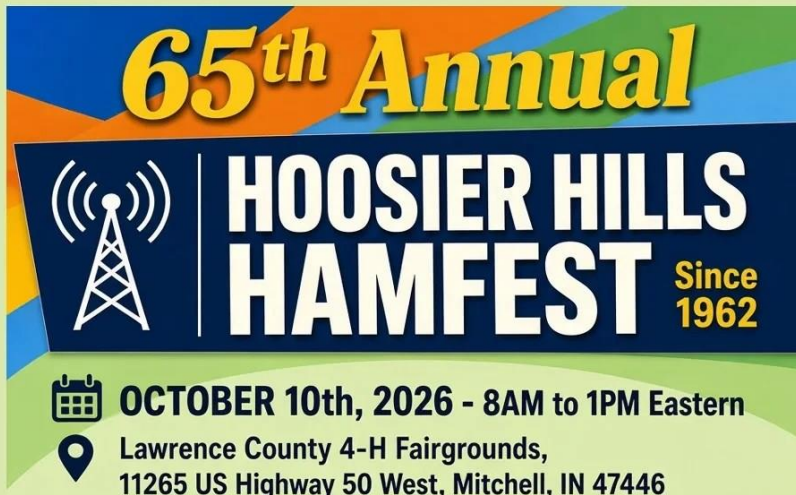
Location:

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

From I 65, take exit 249, 109th 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 109th Ave is exit 249.

From I 65 & US 30, go EAST 5 miles to Randolph Street, Merrillville, IN and go south 3 miles to 109th 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 109th Ave. in Winfield. Turn right at the light and go approx. ½ mile and turn right into the church parking lot.



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

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Children under 12 free
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