

OFF THE AIR



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is the official publication of the Grant County Amateur Radio Club

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Affiliated Club Coordinator – Jimmy Merry – KC9RPX

http:www.inarrl.org
Section Jobs Description

http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/

From the President:

First of all I'd like to thank all of the members who participated in the survey that I had passed out at last months meeting, in which there was a lot of good ideas. Mitch and myself have reviewed them, and per the results of the survey, we are going to do some videos and get some special speakers in as well. I am always open to any guest speakers that any of you are interested in, you would just need to get a hold of Mitch or myself.

Remeber this is your club as well.

Best Regards, Chris Paul – KC9QZE President

Grant County ARC Nets

What: 2 Meter Net and Swap Net When: Every Sunday Evening Time: 2100 hrs Local Time Freq: 147.790- (PL 141.3)

What: DMR Net - Indiana Crossroads Net

When: Every Monday Night Time: 2000 hrs Local Time Freq: 442.750+ (Color Code 1)

What: Dstar Net - Indiana Statewide Dstar Net

When: Every Thursday Evening Time: 2000 hrs Local Time

Freq: 443.400+ {(W9EBN) (Reflector 24b)}



The American Radio Relay League 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 or phone (860)594-0200 or fax (860)594-0303



Meet the Club's Officers



President: Chris Paul – KC9QZE

Licensed Since: 2009

What got you interested in Amateur Radio? As a kid I listened to Short

Wave Radio. At the age of 15 I went to my first

Ham Radio Class at the park.

What is your present interest in Amateur Radio? HF, DMR, D-Star, Digita

Communications, Computer Radio.

As President of the Club, what do you want to see happen during the

next year? New Members, More Interest, Ham Fun Times.



Vice President: Mitch Miller - W9DDX

Licensed Since: 2016

What got you interested in Amateur Radio? I have been on the radio a long time. I started out on 11 meters, when I was about 12 or 13 years old. About 47 years later my brother suggested that we get our Hams license so in October 2016 we did.

What is your present interest in Amateur Radio? I got my Techinian first then my General, now working on my Extra. I enjoy the people around me, on the radio and in the club. I can't wait to see what the future is going to be as an officer of the club.

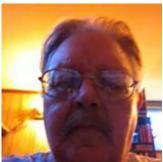
As Vice President of the Club, what do you want to see happen during the next year? New ideas, new club members, more presentations of new technology and do more field events. Get out into the community to help our future as Amateur Radio Operators, and stay radioactive.



Trustee: Kevin McNeely – KB9CRA

Licensed since: 1989

What got you interested in Amateur Radio? I was introduced to Amateur Radio by a guy named Woody in the late '70's. His callsign was K9CHV. He would let me have a QSO with other hams In the area on 2 Meters and 6 Meters, while acting as a control operator for ID purposes. What is your present interest in Amateur Radio? Learning new modes of digital communications. As Trustee of the Club, what do you want to see happen during the next year? Being more known thru out the public to what we do.



Secretary: L. B. (Nick) Nickerson – K9NQW

Licensed since: 1979

What got you interested in Amateur Radio? I was trained as a Single Channel Radio Teletype Operator – Morse Code – in the US Army. Was first stationed in Korea (1978-1981). at the Gateway Army Mars Station in Seoul, Korea. I had to do a Morse Code exercise for the Dept. of the Army. After doing the exercise a friend talked me into taking the Amateur Radio Test. What is your present interest in Amateur Radio? Since working in the Army MARS System, I have always used the hobby for community related activities. I volunteer for communications work for Skywarn and several running marathons and bike rides in the Central Indiana Area. As Secretary, What do you want to see happen during the next year? I would like to see more Club participation in local events (special event stations: Fly-in/Cruise-in, James Dean Days, etc). Would also like to see how we can be seen more in the public to promote Amateur Radio.

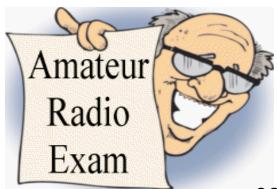


Grant County Emergency Coordinator: Ed Brown – N9GTL

Licensed since: 1987

What got you interested In Amateur Radio? Original interest was DX, but as I learned what was available, emergency communications became first interest.

What is your present interest in Amateur Radio? Still really enjoy the emergency aspect, but am now enjoying digital modes. Have always had an interest in packet, but now DMR and D-Star also.



03/09/2019

Sponsor: Hancock Cnty ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins Allowed)

Contact: Jill Schaumloeffel

(317) 363-4674

Email: n2jlc@yahoo.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Park Chapel Christian Church

1176 East McKenzie Road Greenfield, IN 46140-1100

03/12/2019

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club **Time:** 7:00PM (Walk-ins Allowed)

Contact: Stephen M. Riley

(765) 425-4627

Email: smriley@hughes.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Madison County EOC

200 Delaware Street Anderson, IN 46016-2238

04/13/2019

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Clup - W9JP

Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins Allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart

(317) 721-1458 **Email:** k9ru@arrl.net **VEC:** ARRL/VEC

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility

4020 Georgetown Road Indianapolis, IN 46254-2407

04/23/2019

Sponsor: Grant County ARC

Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins Allowed)

Contact: James C. Davis

(765) 664-9848

Email: davis@comteck.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Marion Public Library 600 South Washington Street

Marion, IN 46952-999

03/09/2019

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP

Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins Allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart

(317) 721-1458 **Email:** k9ru@arrl.net **VEC:** ARRL/VEC

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training

Facility

4020 Georgetown Road Indianapolis, IN 46254-2407

03/26/2019

Sponsor: Grant County ARC

Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins Allowed)

Contact: James C. Davis

(765) 664-9848

Email: davis@comteck.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Marion Public Library 600 South Washington Street

Marion, IN 46952-9999

04/16/2019

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins Allowed)

Contact: Stephen M. Riely

(765) 425-4627

Email: smriley@hughes.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Madison County EOC

200 Delaware Street Anderson, IN 46016-2238

04/27/2019

Sponor: Clinton County ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins Allowed)

Contact: Michael V. Meiers

(765) 242-9015

Email: republic48@yahoo.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Frankfort Comm Public Library 208 West Clinton Street Room 216

Frankfort, In 46041-1811





Wabash Vally 2019 Hamfest and Computer Expo

Date: 03/09/2019

Location: Clay County 4H Fairgrounds

6550 North Street, Road 59

Brazil, IN 47834

Website: http://W9UUU.org

Sponsor: Wabash Vally Amateur Radio

Association, INC

Type: ARRL Hamfest **Talk-in:** 146.685 (PL 151.4)

Public Contact: Chuck Procarione, W9COD

444 South 4th Street Clinton, IN 47842 **Phone**: 022-398-0619 **Email**: famabc@yahoo.com

North Central Indiana Hamfest

Date: 04/27/19

Location: Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds

1029 West 200 North Peru. IN 46970

Website: http://nci-hamfest.net

Sponsor: Grant Cnty ARC, Miami Cnty ARC,

Cass Cnty ARC, Kokomo ARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-in: 147.345 (PL 131.8)

Public Contact: Stephen Shepler – WA9RVM

Box 824

Marion, IN 46952

Phone: 765-661-5260

Email: Shepler1@gmail.com

36th Annual Columbus Indiana Hamfest

Date: 03/06/2019

Location: Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds

750 West 200 South Columbus, IN 47201

Website: http://carcnet.net

Sponsor: Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-in: 146.790 (PL 103.5)

Public Contact: Matthew Bruner, KC9BWO

325 Robbins Street Hope, IN 47246

Phone: 812-375-4860 Email: kc9bwo@att.net

** Membership Dues **

2019 membership dues are now due. You Can send your check or money order to:

Steve Shepler WA9RVM Box 824 Marion, IN 46952

Form is on line at: grantarc.org

Make your check or money order out to: GCARC

Dues:

Full Annual Membership: \$20.00 per person Family Annual Membership: Full membership + \$5.00 per person, maximum of \$30.00/household Associate Membership: \$10.00 per person



Contesting



Below is a list for contesting. This list is from the ARRL.org webpage

March 2019 April 2019

International Rookie Roundup - Phone Date: 14

DX - Phone Date: 02-03

Rules can be found at www.arrl.org/contest

Also for other contest that are available go to the above webpage and look under Contest Corral.

Special Event Stations

Date 03/08/19 04/13/19 04/20 to 05/04/19

Name of Special Event

The American Legion's 100th Birthday Celebration 7th Annual Earth Day Celebration

Vermontville, MI 78th Maple Syrup Festival

<u>Webpage</u>

www.legion.org/hamradio parmaradioclub.com srharmon1974@sbcglobal.net

More info on these Special Events Stations go to: http://www.arrl.org/special_events/



March 2019 Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Blackford's Cnty
						Amateur Radio Club Breakfast 8:30 am
	4			-		Richards, Hartford City
3	4	5	6	/	8	9
2 meter weekly net	DMR Weekly Net 8			Indiana D-Star Weekly Net		Monthly Breakfast Meeting 8:30AM
9PM	PM			8 PM		King Gyros
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
DayLight Savings 2				Indiana D-Star		
meter weekly net	DMR Weekly Net 8			Weekly Net		
9PM 17	PM 18	19	20	8 PM 21	22	23
17	10	19	20			
				Indiana D-Star		
2 meter weekly net	DMR Weekly Net 8			Weekly Net		
9PM	PM			8 PM		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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2 meter weekly net 9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM	6:30 PM Marion Public Library		Weekly Net 8 PM		
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2 meter weekly net						
9PM						

April 2019 Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM			Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM		Blackford's Cnty Amateur Radio Club Breakfast 8:30 am Richards, Hartford City
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM		47	Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM	40	Monthly Breakfast Meeting 8:30AM King Gyros
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8			Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
2 meter weekly net 9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM	GCARC Meeting 6:30 PM Marion Public Library		Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM		Central Indiana Hamfest Peru, IN
20	29	30				
2 meter weekly net 9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM					

NorthLink

Northern Indiana Repeater Linking Project

Current Linked Repeaters

Frankfort (Clinton Co.)	147.045 (173.8)
Galveston (Cass Co.)	146.955 (131.8)
Kokomo (Howard Co.)	145.350 (131.8)
Marion (Grant Co.)	444.750 (141.3)
Peru (Miami Co.)	443.175 (131.8)
Russiaville (Howard Co.)	442.525 (131.8)

Repeaters to be added.

Logansport (Cass Co.)	145.230 (173.8)
Fort Wayne (Allen Co.)	443.275 (141.3)



Below is a list from around the State of weekly Nets. Join the nets and give them a headcount.

Day of Week	Time	Location	Sponsor	Net Name	Frequency	PL Tone
•			6 Meter			
Wednesday	2130/9:30PM	Connersville			53.430(-)	131.8
wednesday	2130/9.30FW	Connersville			55.450(-)	131.0
			2 Meters			
Weekdays	0600 to 0800	Muncie	Muncie ARC	Wet Net	146.730(-)	127.3
Weekends/Holidays	0700 to 0800	Muncie	Muncie ARC	Wet Net	146.730(-)	127.3
Monday to Saturday	2000/8:00 PM	Kokomo	Kokomo ARC		147.240(+)	173.8
Sunday	2000/8:00 PM	Noblesville			145.170(-)	77.0
Januay	2000/8:00 PM	Madison Cnty		EMA Net	146.820(-)	110.9
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	2000/8:00 PM	Wayne Cnty			147.180(+)	82.5
	2000/8:00 PM	Miami Cnty	Miami Cnty ARC		147.345(+)	141.3
	2100/9:00 PM	Muncie	Muncie ARC		146.730(-)	127.3
	2100/9:00 PM	Marion	Grant Cnty ARC		146.790(-)	141.3
	2100/9:00 PM	Henry Cnty	,	Roundup Net	147.510´	Simplex
Monday	1930/7:30 PM	Shelbyville			145.480(-)	88.5
Worlday	2000/8:00 PM	Miami Cnty	Miami Cnty ARC	ARES/RACES	147.345(+)	131.8
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				Emergency		
	2100/9:00 PM	Muncie	Muncie ARC	Communications	146.730(-)	127.3
	2100/9:00 PM	Henry Cnty			147.410	Simplex
Tuesday	1900/7:00 PM	Tipton			146.550	Simplex
	1930/7:30 PM	Greenfield			145.330(-)	
	2000/8:00 PM	Jay Cnty		LLIS BIBGE	145.210(-)	97.4
				Emergency		
	2100/9:00 PM	Muncie	Muncie ARC	Communications	146.730(-)	127.3
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Wednesday	1900/7:00 PM 2000/8:00 PM	Marion Cnty Miami Cnty	Miami Cnty ARC	ARES Net Technical Net	146.700(-) 147.345(+)	131.8
	2000/8:00 PM	Madison Cnty	Wilding Citty ANC	reclinical Net	145.390(-)	151.4
	2000/0.00 T W	•	w ing at 28.465 mHZ		140.000()	101.4
	2000/8:00 PM	Connersville			146.685(-)	
	2030/8:30 PM	Blackford Cnty			146.655(-)	141.8
		443.575(+) PL 12	7.3 follows 2 meter r			
	2130/9:30PM		Slow Speed CW N	let	144.150	Simplex
Thursday	1900/7:00 PM	Rushiville			147.000(+)	127.3
•	1930/7:30 PM	Muncie		Area Smplex	146.565	Simplex
	2000/8:00 PM	Anderson		Firebird	145.390(-)	151.4
	2030/8:30 PM	Peru	Miami Cnty ARC	Ladies Net	147.345(+)	131.8
	2030/8:30 PM	Happy Valley		2 Meters SSB	144.200	SSB
	2100/9:00 PM	Winchester			147.300(+)	110.9
Friday	2030/8:30 PM	Muncie		AM Roud Table	145.650	
Saturday	2000/8:00 PM	Huntington	Huntington ARC		146.685(-)	141.3
outur uu j	2030/8:30 PM	Muncie		AM Roud Table	145.650	
			70 Meters			
O da	0400/0:00 PM	A		A DEC/DA CEC	444.075(.)	404.0
Sunday	2100/9:00 PM	Anderson		ARES/RACES	444.675(+)	131.8
				EMCOMM ECI		
Tuesday	2100/9:00 PM	Delaw are Cnty		AREA/RACES	441.730(-)	110.9
Thursday	2000/8:00 PM	Henry Cnty			441.000(+)	141.3
·	2100/9:00 PM	Muncie		Skyw arn	441.825(+)	110.9
			1.25 Meters			
Tuesday	2100/9:00 PM	Parker City			224.040(-)	1.6 mHz
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		DI	MR Net/ Dstar Net			
Monday	2000/8:00 PM	Crossroads DMR	Net	Color Code 1	442.750(+)	
Thursday	1930/7:30 PM	Indiana Statew ide	Dstar Net	Module B REF 24	443.400(+)	

Beam Headings

These beam headings are courtesy of Ed Brown – N9GTL. They are based on the center of Marion. The headings will give you an idea of which way to point your antenna to reach the location listed below.

LOCATION	FREQUENCY	TONE	HEADING	
Anderson	146.820 -	110.9	180	
Berne	146.970 -	97.4	80	
Bluffton	147.060 +		65	
Fort Wayne	146.760 -	141.3	45	
Fort Wayne	146.880 -		45	
Fort Wayne	146.940 -	141.3	45	
Frankfort	147.045 +	173.8	250	
Hartford City	146.655 -	141.3	115	
Huntington	146.685 -	141.3	30	
Indianapolis	146.700 -		210	
Kokomo	147.240 +	173.8	255	
Logansport	147.180 +	173.8	300	
Marion	146.790 -	141.3		
Muncie	146.730 -	127.3	155	
Muncie	146.850 -	127.3	155	
Penville	145.210 -	97.4	100	
Peru	147.345 +	131.8	315	
Plymouth	147.285 +	131.8	330	
Rochester	146.805 -	131.8	325	
Wabash	147.030 +	131.8	345	
Warsaw	146.985 -	141.3	348	

15th Annual - North Central Indiana Hamfest



Saturday, April 27th, 2019 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (EST) Miami County 4H Fairgrounds 1029 W. 200 North, Peru, IN

Hosted by the Cass County, Grant County, Miami County & Kokomo Amateur Radio Clubs

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From North of Peru: Take US31 toward Peru, turn left onto Miami County Road 200N. The fairgrounds are approximately 2

miles on your right.

From South of Peru: Take US31 north of Peru, turn right onto Miami County Rd 200N. The fairgrounds are approximately 2

miles on your right.

From West of Peru: Take US24 toward Peru. Exit onto US31 North and follow it to Miami County Road 200N. Turn right

onto Miami County Road 200N. The fairgrounds are approximately 2 miles on your right.

From East of Peru: Take US24 toward Peru. Just north of Peru, turn right onto Mexico Road (Business 31, Broadway).

The fairgrounds are approximately 2 miles on your left.

Downtown Peru: Take Broadway north and cross US24. You'll be on Mexico Road. Go approximately 2 miles. The

fairgrounds are on your left.

Talk-In on 147.345+ (131.8) The K9ZEV Miami County ARC Repeater

Ticket Information

Raffle Prizes

\$5.00 at the Door – 17 and Under FREE

Yaesu FT-2900 & FTM-3200 Mobiles

FREE Parking, Handicapped Parking Available

Forums



ARRL VE Testing 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Pass your test and get **FREE** Admission to the Hamfest!

On Site Camping is Available – Only \$30.00/Night

Electric & Water Hookups 2

2 Sewage Dumpsites

Restrooms with Showers

Contact: Dave McDougle, Fairground Facility Manager at 574-699-3662

Vendor Information

Setup Times:

Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. & Saturday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Inside tables:

Reserved tables \$5.00 each Tables day of event - \$7.00 each

Admission:

Pay \$5.00 at the door.

Make checks payable to Grant ARC.

Deadline:

Advance registrations must be postmarked by April 1, 2018.

Contact:

Steve Shepler, P.O. Box 824, Marion, IN 46952 or Email: shepler1@gmail.com

Vendors preregister by sending this form with payment to the contact above.

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ARE YOU READY?

With spring just around the corner, it is time to prepare yourself as an Amateur Radio operator. Are you prepared for any emergency where Amateur Radio communications would be needed? The ARRL has revamped the ARES program in order to standardize the program. This basically means that all volunteers will be trained with a national standard. To read more on this change go to the following website:

Www.arrl.org/news/new-plan-aligns-ares-with-the-needs-of-served-agencies

Three levels of training will allow ARES participants to enter the program and migrate to higher levels of qualifications and service.

- **1. Level 1** This is the primary level for those who choose a non-leadership role as well as those new to Amateur Radio or emergency communications.
- 2. Level 2 To qualify for this level, participants shall have completed the following Courses:

ARRL's EC-001 Introduction to Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (a no-cost program – to ARRL members)

FEMA IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System

FEMA IS-200 ICS for Resources and Intial Action Incidents

FEMA IS-700 An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

FEMA IS-800 National Response Framework, An Introduction

3. Level 3- This level of training prepares ARES participants to take on leadership positions such as EC, ADEC, ASEC, and SEC, and other designated positions in the ARES program.

As stated above reference the above website for more information.

Another thing that needs to be considered is the GO-KIT. These kits are made up in Advance in case you are needed as a communicator at a site where a diaster has Struck. These go-kits can be as simple or as elabrorate as you want. Below are three Websites that can give you an ideal of what to put into your kits.

Www.guilfordares.org Www.kv5r.com/ham-radio/emergency-go-kit-planning Www.gcares.net/jumpkit.pdf





