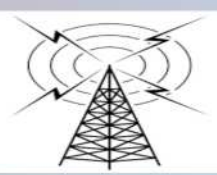




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<http://www.inarrl.org>

Section Jobs Description

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

From the President:

That one thank everybody for coming out to the Fly-in/Cruise-in this weekend, we had a good time. Just remind everybody we've got the Matthews Covered Bridge Festival coming up and on the seventh we're gonna have a Special Event Station at the Bridge, all is welcome. Then on the 19th we're going to have a picnic for all attended at the field day as far as the four clubs so we'll see everybody there thanks, about 6 o'clock on the 19th. And if anybody in the club would have an idea or suggestions, please contact one of your officers and we'll get the information out as fast as we can. Whatever you wanna do please contact us. Thank you very much.

Your President
 Mitch Miller
 W9DDX

Grant County ARC Nets

What: 2 Meter Net and Swap Net
When: Every Sunday Evening
Time: 2030 hrs Local Time
Freq: 147.790- (PL 141.3)

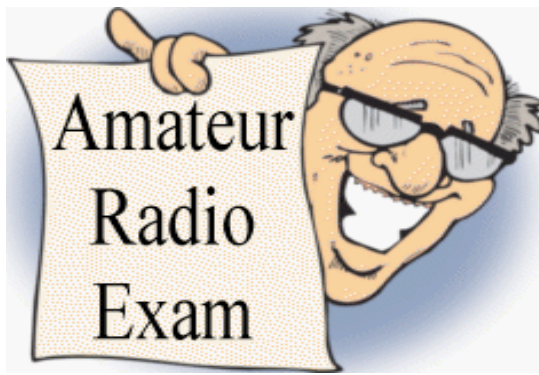
What: DMR Net – Indiana Crossroads Net
When: Every Monday Night
Time: 2000 hrs Local Time
Freq: 442.750+ (Color Code 1)

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





09/14/2019

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 Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46254-2407

09/24/2019

Sponsor: Grant County ARC

Time: 5:00 PM (**No Walk-ins Allowed / Call Ahead**)

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

10/12/2019

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club - W9JP

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

Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458

Email: k9ur@arrl.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Road
Indianapolis, IN 46254-2407

09/17/2019

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Time: 7:00 PM (**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

09/28/2019

Sponsor: Wells County Radio Club

Time: 9:00 AM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)

Contact: Rick Allen. Velasquez
(765) 348-9322

Email: ab9hp@yahoo.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Annex Building
223 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714-1996

10/15/2019

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Time: 7:00 PM (**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





10/22/2019

Sponsor: Grant County ARC
Time: 5:00 PM (**No Walk-ins Allowed / Call Ahead**)
Contact: James C. Davis
(765) 664-9848
Email: davis@comteck.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Marion Public Library
600 South Washington Street

10/26/2019

Sponsor: Whitley Cnty ARC, Inc.
Time: 9:00 AM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Roger L. McEntarfer
(260) 503-9008
Email: n9qcl@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Peabody Library
1160 E. State Road 205
Lower level
Community rooms A & B
Columbia City, IN 46725-2312

10/26/2019

Sponsor: 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 Community Public Library
208 W Clinton Street
Room 216
Frankfort, IN 46041-1811



** 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
Partial-Year Membership: After July 1st, dues are reduced to 1/2 the normal rate for Full or Associate Memberships.



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*** HAMFEST ***

Findlay Hamfest

Date: 09/08/2019

Location: Hancock County Fairgrounds
1017 East Sandusky Street
Findlay, OH 45839

Website: <http://www.findlayradioclub.org>

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-in: 147.150 (PL 75)

Public Contact: Bill Kelsey, N8ET

3521 Spring Lake Drive
Findlay, OH 45840

Phone: 419-348-0457

Email: n8et@woh.rr.com

Tippecanoe Hamfest

Date: 09/14/2019

Location: Tippecanoe County Fair Grounds
1406 Tea; Road West
Laffayette, IN 47901

Website:

Sponsor: Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.370- (PL 131.9)

Public Contact: Earle Nay, AB9EN

600 Elm Drive
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Phone: 765-714-4875

Email: fenay1@gmail.com

OHKYIN Hamfest

Date: 09/21/2019

Location: Aiken High School
5641 Belmont Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Website: <http://www.ohkyin.org>

Sponsor: OHKYIN Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-in: 146.670 (PL 123)

Public Contact: Gary Coffey, KB8MYC

3358 Palmhill Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45239

Phone: 513-382-3979

Email: geoffey1@outlook.com

Hoosier Hill 58th Annual Hamfest

Date: 10/05/2019

Location: Lawrence CO 4H Fairgrounds
Route 50
Bedford, IN 47241

Website: <http://www.w9qyq.org/hamfest>

Sponsor: Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.180(+) (PL 131.8)

Public Contact: Steve Cleverly, N9YK

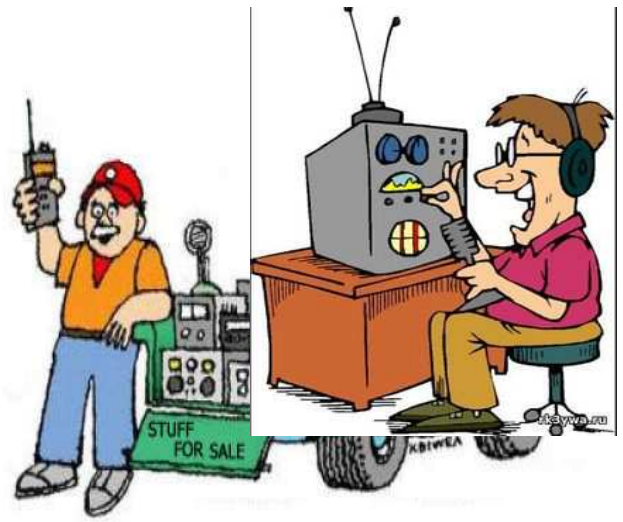
2572 South 800 East
Angola, IN 46703

Phone: 260-665-3463

Email: scleverly@metalink.net



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***** HAMFEST *****

NWOARC Fall Hamfest

Date: 10/12/2019

Location: Allen County Fair Grounds-Rabbit Barn
2750 Harding Hwy
Lima, OH 45801

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

Sponsor: Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-in: 146.670 no tone

Public Contact: Bob Butler, KE8BCJ

601 Lake Ridge

Lima, OH 45804

Phone: 419-230-7977

Email: officerbob28@yahoo.com

Shelbyville Tailgate 2019

Date: 10/18/2019

Location: Shelbyville County Fair Grounds
500 Frank Street
Shelbyville, IN 46176

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

Sponsor: Blue River Valley Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.480 (PL 88.5)

Public Contact: John Walker, K9SVL

302 W Hendricks Street

Shelbyville, IN 46171

Phone: 317-402-5000

Email: inprinter@att.net



Contesting



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

September 2019

September VHF

10 GHz and Up Round 2

EME – 2.3 GHz and Up

Date: 14-16

Date: 21-22

Date: 21-22

October 2019

School Club Roundup

EME – 50 to 1296 MHz

Date: 21-25

Date: 19-20

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



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
09/02/19 to 09/09/19	The Brickyard 400	www.w9ims.org
09/07/19 to 09/28/19	Egyptian Radio Club 90 th Anniversary	www.w9aiu.org
09/13/19 to 09/14/19	Indiana Military Vehicle Show	www.w9jca.com
09/22/19	Voice of America-Bethany Relay Station 75 th Anniversary	wc8voa.org
08/22/19	Flying Beers International Fall FUN Raiser	www.FlyingBeers.org
09/27/19 to 09/28/19	Michiana Mennonite International Relief Auction	www.goshenarc.org
09/28/19	Boy Scouts of America Rendezvous in the D	https://www.qrz.com/db/wb8bsa
09/28/19	Volcano Days	https://www.qsl.net/n8nbl
10/19/19	100 th Anniversary of Michigan State University Amateur Radio Club	msuarc@egr.msu.edu

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



September 2019

Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control KB9RAX	2 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW	3	4	5 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control: K9NQW	6	7 Blackford's Cnty Amateur Radio Club Breakfast 8:30 am Richards, Hartford City
8 2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control W9DDX	9 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW	10	11	12 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control: K9NQW	13	14 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 8:30AM King Gyros
15 2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control KC9QCL	16 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control W9DDX	17	18	19 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control: KA9OPL	20	21
22 2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control K9NQW	23 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control K9NQW	24 GCARC Meeting 6:30 PM Marion Public Library	25	26 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control: KA9MZV	27	28
29 2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control W9DDX	30 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control W9DDX					

October 2019

Grant County Amateur Radio Club

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		1	2	3	4	5
				Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control K9NQW		Blackford's Cnty Amateur Radio Club Breakfast 8:30 am Richards, Hartford City
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ON THE AIR

I am in the process of updating the information on the DMR TalkGroups. This information should be posted within the next few weeks.

I know that Christmas is still four months away, but I wanted everyone to know that the Grant County Amateur Radio Club's Christmas Party has been set for December 11th at the Sirloin Stockade in Marion. The time is set for 6:00 PM until ?

In other news – Chad Sullivan (KC0OYW) had mentioned at the last club meeting that on Sept 19th at the Gas City park that there was going to be a get together for all the club's that participated in Field Day this year. He also mentioned The Matthew Cover Bridge Festival about setting up radios in front of the bridge on September 6th, 7th, and 8th. Chad also talked about a Clean up at White River on September 23rd. For more information on any of these events please contact Chad at kc9oyw@yahoo.com

The last 3 pages are pictures of the 2019 Fly-In/Cruise-in at the Marion Airport that took place on Saturday August 31th. I want to thank Steve Shepler (WA9RVM), Mitch Miller (W9DDX) and Jeff Banter (KB9CQZ) for showing up to help set up on Friday night (Aug 30th).

On Saturday (Aug 31st) Steve Shepler, Mitch Miller and myself set Up 4 radio stations that covered the 2 Meter repeater, the D-Star repeater, the DMR repeater and a HF station. Mitch was able to make one contact on HF. I made on contact on D-Star and one on DMR. The weather was somewhat cooperative. It was a little chilly with overcast but no rain.

I would like to pass on the following message I received from Ray Johnson. “Outstanding job Nick! Thank you for your participation in the Fly/In Cruise/In. Your display with the Army Trucks was phenomenal! Would like you to build on that every year. That is your real estate!”

Looks like we have a place to set up again next year.

Fly-In / Cruise-In Pictures from 2019



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