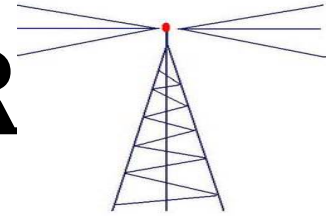


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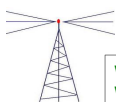
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Grant County ARC Nets

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 1st and 3rd Thursday Evening
Time: 1930 hrs Local Time
Freq: 443.400+ {(W9EBN) (Reflector 24b)}

From the Editor – Nick K9NQW

This months newsletter has articles written
By Tim Favreau – KB2PBR on the 2017
Hamfest in Peru, IN and by Chris Paul – KC9QZE on
the DMR Class that was held in March at Taylor
University. We have included a few pictures from
both events, but will be posting more pictures on the
Website.

One of the things that I am involved in is
Community Service in the Indianapolis area. What
this entails is being communicators for events such
as bicycle rides, and running marathons. We are
usually setup in areas that have medical people set
up through out the course to assist the runners.
There are also volunteers that pass out water and
Gatorade to the runners. As communicators we will
call the NCS if the volunteers need more supplies
such as paper cups or other supplies. Or if the
Medical team needs a runner sent to a hospital for
any medical emergency. This is a great way to keep
up your skills as a communicator. All of these nets
are directed nets and as the saying goes – Practice
makes perfect.

Mike Palmer – N9FEB is the coordinator for a lot of
these events and with an aging ham population is in
constant need of volunteers for these events. You
can go to the website www.IndyHams.org for more
information.

2017 EVENTS NEEDING HAM RADIO SUPPORT

This year, we have:

Sat May 27 500 Festival Parade (Full)

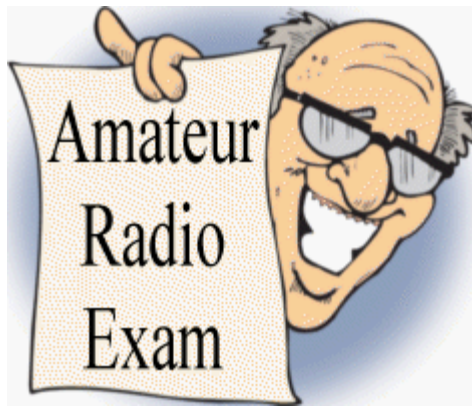
Sat Aug 5 Indy Air Race [NOT the Red Bull]

Sat Sep 9 Multiple Sclerosis 100 Mile Bike Ride

Sat Oct 7 American Diabetes Tour-de-Cure Bike Ride

Sat Oct 7 Indpls Half Marathon in Lawrence

Please contact Mike Palmer at N9FEB@comcast.net



05/13/2017

Sponsor: WD9BSA Group
Time: 9:00 AM (No Walk-ins)
Contact: Brian J Murrey
(317) 985-1899
Email: kb9bvn@gmail.com
VEC: Laurel MD
Location: Golden-Burke Scout Office
7125 Fall Creek Rd N
Indianapolis, IN 46256-3167
Pre-registration required

05/17/2017

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: smriley@hughes.net
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware Street
Anderson, IN 46016-2238

05/23/2017

Sponsor: Grant County ARC
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins)
Contact: James C. Davis
(765) 664-9848
Email: davis@comteck.com
Location: Marion Public Library
600 South Washington Street
Marion, IN 46952-9999

05/27/2017

Sponsor: Well County Radio Club
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Rick Allen Velasquez
(765) 348-9322
Email: ab9hp@yahoo.com
Location: Annex Building
223 W. Washington St
Bluffton, IN 46714-1996

**** ALL VEC: ARRL/VEC ****

**Unless noted otherwise
FOR MORE INFO ON ARRL/VEC
EMAIL: vec@arrl.org**

06/21/2017

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Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
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**** Hamfest ****

2017 Dayton Hamvention

Date: 05/19/2017

Locations: Greene County Fair & Exposition Center
120 Fairground RD
Xenia, OH 45385

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

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In Freq: 146.94(PL 123)
Contact: Ron Cramer KD8ENJ
P O Box 964
Dayton, OH 45401
Phone: 937-603-9707

Email: chair@hamvention.org

**** Hamfest ****

Fulton County Amateur Radio Summer Swap

Date: 06/03/2017

Locations: Tedrow Family Woodlot Park

105 Hill Avenue
Wauseon, OH 43567

Website: <http://k8bxq.org/hamfest>

Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In Freq: 147.195+ (PL 103.5)

Contact: Bryan Patterson KB8LEG
8202 County Road 6-2

Delta, OH 43515

Phone: 419-822-5038

Email: kb8elg@hotmail.com

Milford Hamfest 27th Annual

Date: 06/17/2017

Locations: Eastside Christian Church
5874 Montclair Blvd.

Milford, OH 45150

Website: <http://www.w8mrc.com>

Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In Freq: 147.345 (PL 123)

Contact: Jim Linn WB8RRR

5110 Romohr Road

Cincinnati, OH 45244

Phone: 513-831-6255

Email: wb8rrr@arrl.net

****Membership Dues ****

2017 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/household
Associate Membership: \$10.00 per person.

** Hamfest **

Indianapolis Hamfest

Date: 07/07 and 08/2017

Locations: Marion County
Fairgrounds

7300 East Troy Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46201

Website: <http://indyhamfest.com>

Sponsor: Indianapolis Amateur
Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In Freq: 146.160 or 146.760

Contact: Bill Atkin K9YDO

P O Box 1672

Noblesville, IN 46061

Phone: 317-829-6868

Email: wtakin@gmail.com

NOTE: This is a 2 day event

INDIANA QSO PARTY COMING UP!

The Indiana QSO Party this year is on Saturday, May 6, starting at 11:00 am Indianapolis time, and running for 12 hours. Yes, this is the same day as the Mini-Marathon, but you can still do both, with plenty of operating time left after the Mini. When you submit your log, be sure to put the Indianapolis Radio Club down as your club. More information, such as the complete rules and the NEW list of county abbreviations can be found at <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html>.

Field Day 2017

Field Day 2017 is a combined effort of the Blackford County Amateur Radio Club and the Grant County Amateur Radio Club.

Date: June 24th and 25th

Location: Blackford Soccer Complex

2392 N ST RT 3

Hartford City, IN

Breakfast at Richards Restaurant

820 S Walnut Street, Hartford City, IN

Time: 9 AM

Setup Time: 10 AM

On the Air Time: 1 PM until ?



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Contesting



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

June

June VFH QSO Party Date: 10-12

Kid's Day (Jan and June) Date: 18

Field Day Date: 24-25

July

IARU HF Championship Date: July 8-9

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

Grant County ARC DMR Class

Submitted by Chris Paul – KC9QZE

Edited by Nick - K9NQW

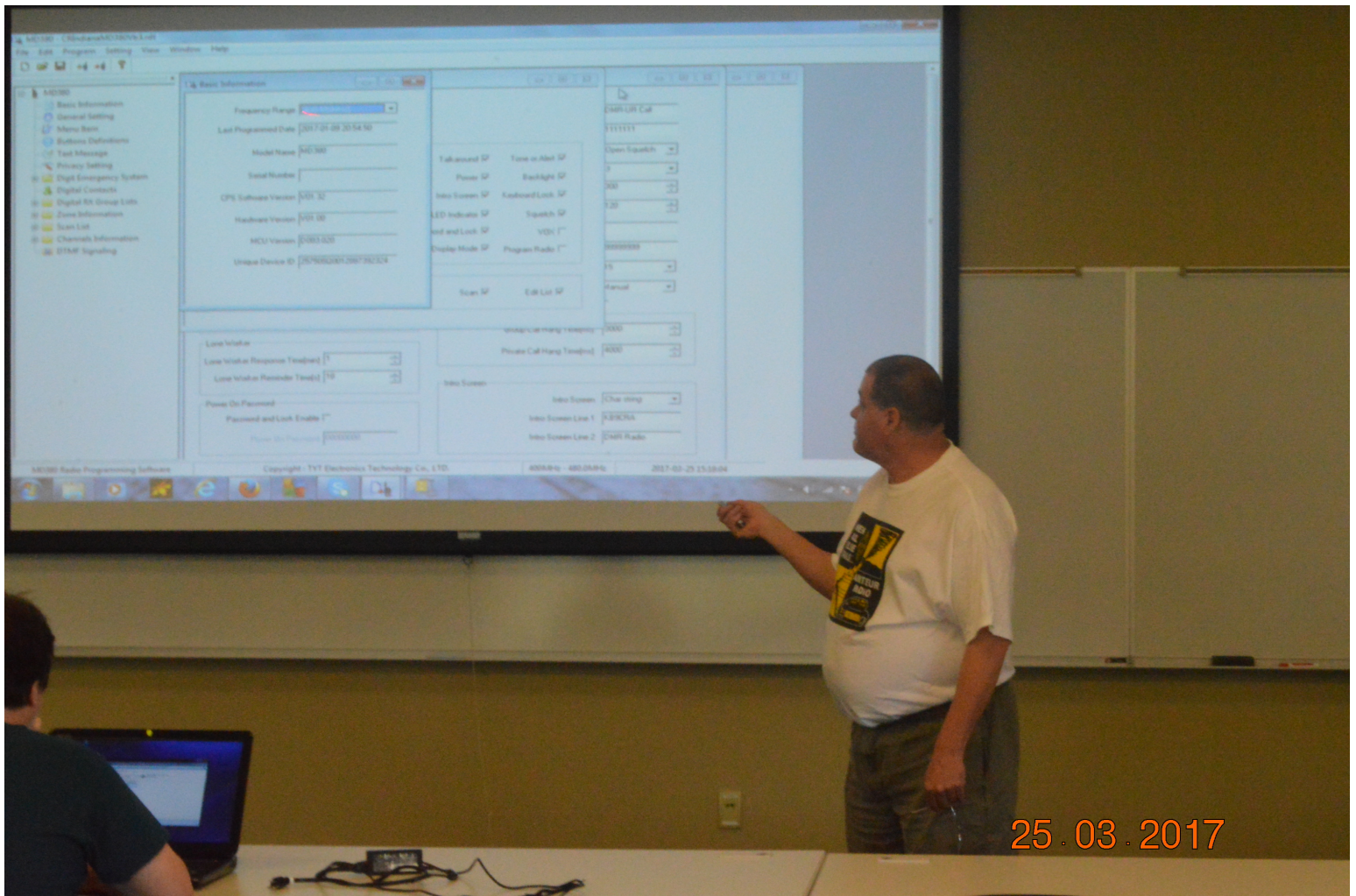
The Grant County ARC sponsored a Basic DMR Class on March 25th at Taylor University in Upland, IN. We had between 15 to 20 Amateur Radio Operartors in attendance. A special thanks goes out to Bill Atkinson – NF9K, for being the guest speaker. Other speakers were Kevin McNeely – KB9CRA and Chris Paul – KC9QZE. We would like to thank Jeff Marsee – KD9CQQ for supplying the classroom at Taylor University also. The class started at about 12:30 pm and lasted till about 4:00 pm. Some of us were able to setup our computers for programming our radios. We had a TV Crew from WIWU Crossroad Show which did a video of the class. Some of the club members that Were interviewed included: Bill Atkinson – NF9K, Ed Brown – N9GTL, Kevin McNeely – KB9CRA, and Gary Lee - KB9ZUV. The one nice thing about the class was that everybody was willing to help one another out. We all had a lot of fun. Because of this class we will be doing another class this Fall. More info to follow – Keep your channel clear.

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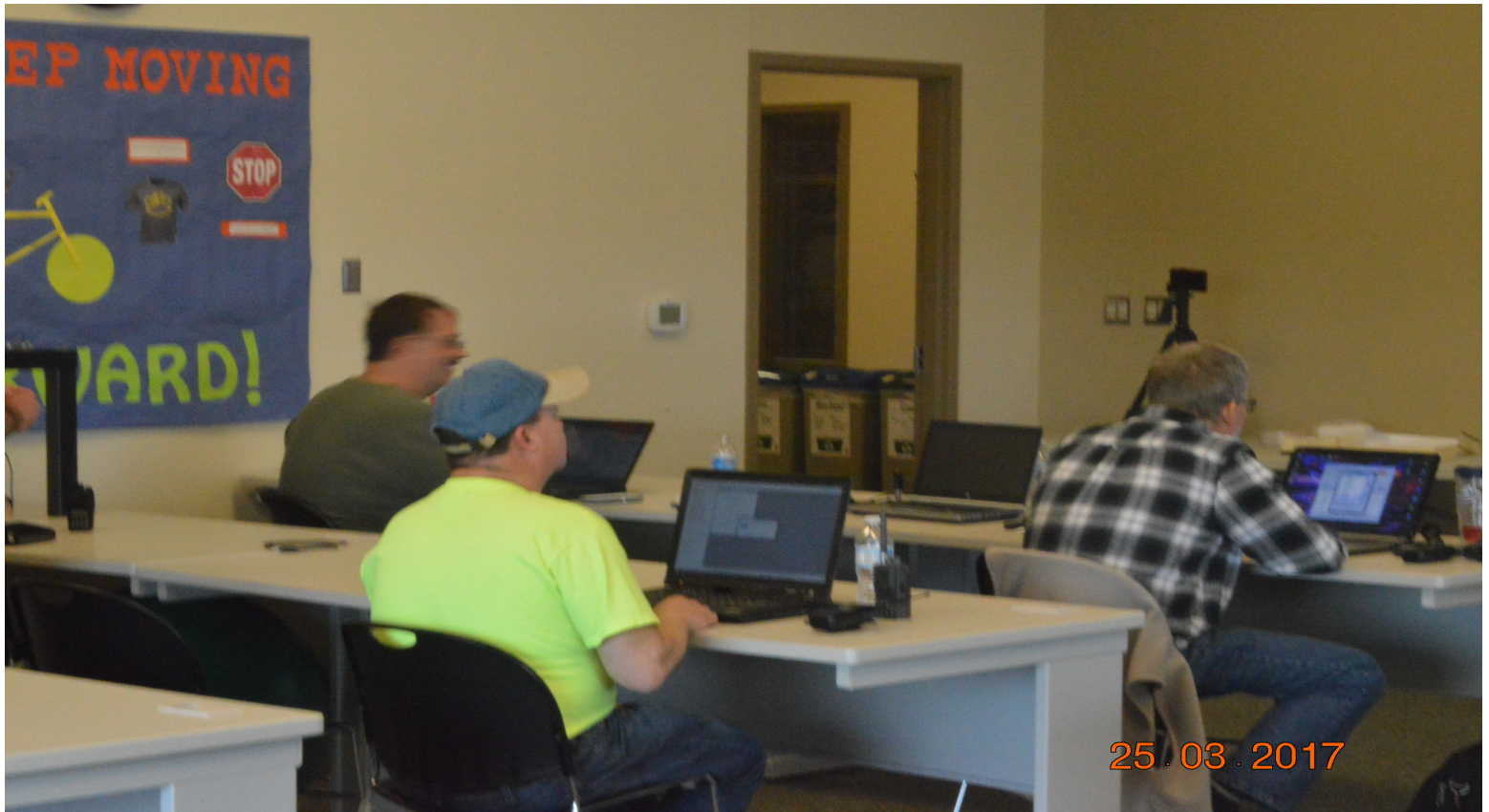
Chris Paul - KC9QZE



DMR Class at Taylor University, Upland, IN



DMR Class at Taylor University, Upland, IN



2017 North Central Indiana Hamfest, Peru, IN

Hello everyone!

KB2PBR – Tim here, with a recap of this year's North Central Indiana Hamfest update. This marks the 13th year of this Hamfest which I have been told is the 3rd largest in the state! That shows us all just how fortunate we are to have a very vibrant and active HAM community. For those that could not attend this year I have included some pictures for you so you could get a taste of what you are missing.

Things of note:

- Attendance was very good. I tried to get a good crowd shot of all the people visiting the vendors (and a few familiar faces as well)
- There was very active VE (Volunteer Examiner) sessions that brought us new and upgraded hams to our ranks
- There was both new and old radio equipment, tubes, solid state items, antennas, books and I even saw a set of garden sprinklers for sale. Yep! It was a flea market for sure!
- Raffle tickets, good food and plenty of seating for rag chewing while chewing the food too J
- Indiana Homeland Security was there along with the Pulaski County REACT unit and Grissom Air Reserve Base Emergency Management for outdoor exhibits.

Everyone appears to have had a good time and I would declare the event a huge success. If you have never been to a Hamfest this I would make sure to set the time aside next year to come visit this one as I know I will. I picked up a few 2 meter mobile radios (won one as the 2nd place grand prize) and picked up a few antennas and parts to setup here in the shack so you folks can hear me better! I usually have the '79 repeater on in the shack when I am doing things like this newsletter so if you on and about give me a shout! That's it for now, enjoy the pictures!

73,
KB2PBR - Tim



2017 North Central Indiana Hamfest, Peru, IN



The selling of Raffle Tickets and Entry Tickets into the Hamfest



The VE's in the testing room