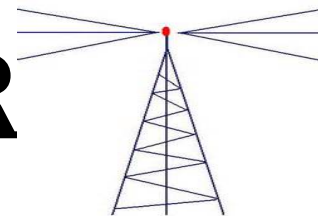


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Grant County ARC Nets

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

First of all I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

At the Christmas party this year it was decided by the members that attended that the Officers for the club will hold the office again for 2018. Congratulations goes out to the Officers for doing an outstanding job in the past and continue success for the upcoming new year.

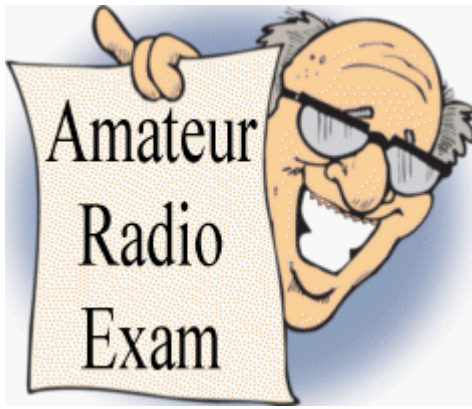
In this issue we will have some pictures from the 2017 Christmas party. Most of the pictures will be put on the website for viewing.

It is that time of year for volunteering. I will have a list of events that use ham radio operators and the contacts for these events.

Even tho the weather outside is frightful (14 above as of this writing), The Skywarn dates have been set for this year and there are 2 classes for Skywarn. One in Grant County and a Weather Symposium in Indianapolis. Details latter in this newsletter.

Bryan McWhirt – KB9YEN has written an article about his journey to the mCHF SDR QRP TX radio.

I am always looking for articles for this newsletter. If you have anything that is Amateur Radio related that you would like published please send the article to me at k9nqw@arrl.net.

**01/13/2018**

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club - W8JP
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 46254-2047

01/23/2018

Sponsor: Grant County ARC
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins)
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

01/27/2018

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 St
Room 216
Frankfort, IN 46041-1811

**** ALL VEC: ARRL/VEC ****
Unless noted otherwise
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EMAIL: vec@arrl.org

02/10/2018

Sponsor: Hancock County 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 E McKenzie Road
Greenfield, IN 46740-1100

02/17/2018

Sponsor: Central Indiana AR Assn.
Time: 4:30 PM (Walk-ins Allowed)
Contact: Joe March
(317)224-9433
Email: jmarch54@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: St Vincent Hospital
13500 North Meridian Street
Conference Room B
Carmel, IN 46032-1456

02/27/2018

Sponsor: Grant County ARC
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins)
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

*****Repeater Update*****

The clubs 146.790 2 meter repeater is now part of the Indiana Analog network thru TG's 8714 and TG 31181 which means you can now access the repeater from anywhere via DMR network or hotspot. Also other analog repeaters will be able to link to the network making repeater linking fairly simple to do if the need ever rises.

****Membership Dues ****

2018 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 ****

La Porte County ARC Hamfest

Date: 02/24/2018

Locations: La Porte Civic Auditorium

1001 Ridge Street

La Porte, IN

Website: <http://lpcarc.org>

Sponsor: La Porte County Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-in: 146.61 (PL 131.8)

Public Contact: Brian Salzer, KB9HMR

PO Box 148, Michigan City, IN 46361

Phone: 219-851-2133

Email:

cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com

Brownsburg Hamfest

Date: 02/24/2018

Locations: American Legion Post #331

636 East Main Street

Brownsburg, IN 46112

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

Sponsor: Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.015+

Public Contact: Wayne Fox, KE9P

1612 South County Road 525 East, Avon, IN 46123

Phone: 317-204-2725

Email: hcars46122@gmail.com



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Contesting



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

January 2018

Kids Day

Date: 06

RTTY Roundup

Date: 06-07

January VHF

Date: 20-22

February 2018

School Club Roundup

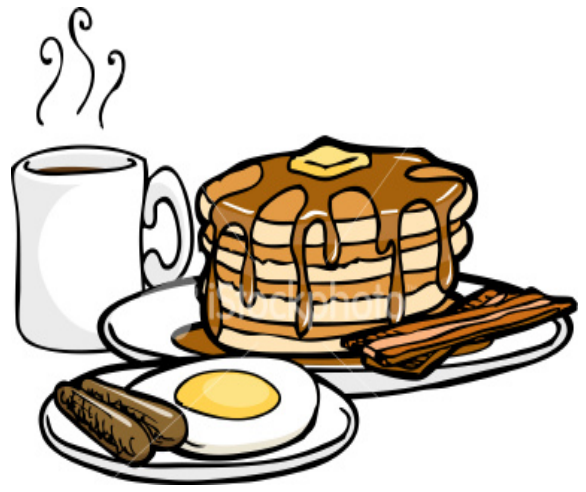
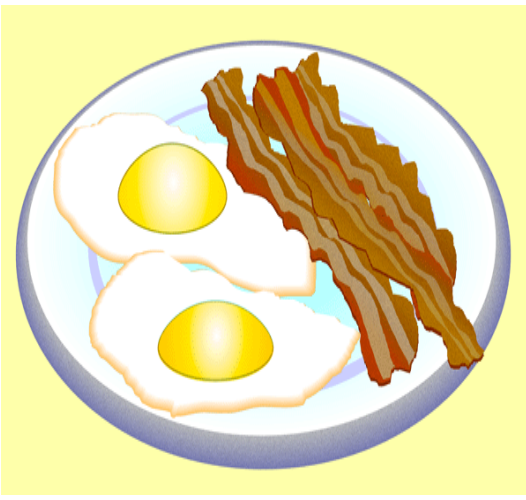
Date: 12-16

International DX – CW

Date: 17-18

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



Breakfast

Date: January 13, 2018

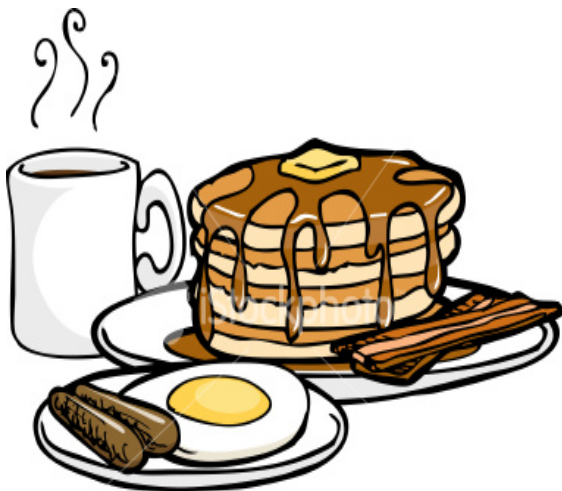
New Time: 8:30 AM

Place: IHOP Restaurant

3038 South Western Ave

Marion, IN

NOTE: The breakfast meeting is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month in Marion.



Time to think of Volunteering as a Radio Operator

With spring and summer just around the corner there is a need for volunteers for events that are happening in the Central Indiana area. Below is a list of dates and events that need radio communicators. This is a way to practice your communication skills. All of the events happen on a Saturday and last most of the day. The list will also include the Point of Contact if you are interest.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>POINT OF CONTACT</u>
March 24 th	Sam Costa Run	Paul Beihold – KA9SDQ – iepdb@att.net
March 31 st	Carmel Marathon	Steve Kremer – KF9ZA – kf9za@kremer.com
May 5 th	500 Festival Mini Marathon	Mike Palmer – N9FEB – N9FEB@comcast.net
May 26 th	500 Festival Parade	Mike Palmer – N9FEB – N9FEB@comcast.net
Aug 25 th	Cystic Fybrois Foundation Bike Ride	Jon Reeves - WB9CNE reevesj@myninestar.net
Oct 6 th	Indianapolis Half Marathon in Lawrence	Jeff Skinner – NN7C – NN7C@comcast.net
Oct 6 th	American Diabetes Association Tour-de-Cure Bike Ride	Tony Stokes – KU9V – KU9V@arrl.net
Nov 3 rd	Indianapolis Monumental Marathon	Mike Palmer – N9FEB – N9FEB@comcast.net



March 2018 brings the next installment of the biennial Central Indiana Severe Weather Symposium, an all day session geared toward providing more advanced information for spotters and weather enthusiasts. This website serves as your one stop shop for all information relating to the event.
Last Updated: 12/13/2017

REGISTRATION ([click here](#))

Registration sent via snail mail MUST be postmarked by Wednesday, February 28, 2018. After this point, only online registrations/PayPal payments will be accepted. Please email indianachapterams@gmail.com for any registration questions.

*****EARLY BIRD PRICING THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2018 (\$35/\$25 after 1/15/18)*****

\$30 - per attendee, includes parking and refreshments (morning and afternoon snacks, coffee, water, and lunch)

\$20 - per student attendee (must submit copy of current student ID)

WALK-IN REGISTRATION **CANNOT** BE ACCEPTED DUE TO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.

Date/Location

Saturday, March 17, 2018

All-day event - exact times to come soon

Driving Directions

Parking Information Pending

IUPUI Campus Center Room 450 B/C

420 University Boulevard

Indianapolis, IN 46202

Confirmed Speakers

James Spann* - Birmingham TV Met; Host of WeatherBrains

Bryan Smith - Storm Prediction Center

Dr. Dave Call - Ball State University Professor

Jay Farlow - Amateur Radio Operator

Dan McCarthy - MIC at NWS Indy

Mike Ryan - Lead Forecaster at NWS Indy

Grant County Amateur Radio 2017 Christmas Party



Chad Sullivan – KC9OYW with Amateur Of The Year Award



Chris Paul – KC9QZE giving Steve Shepler – WA9RVM the Amateur Distinguished Service Award



← Sarah Andrews – KC9RNR as Mcee for her version of “The Price is Right” game

Sam Tullis – WA9QGL wearing Panty hose/balloon antlers with Pat Tullis – KC9PXC looking on →



Grant County Amateur Radio 2017 Christmas Party



Bryan McWhirt – KB9YEN wearing party hose/balloon antlers



Wayne Williamson – KC9QCI wearing Party hose/balloon antlers



Fellowship: From Left to Right
Jeff Marsee – KD9CQQ,
Bryan McWhirt – KB9YEN
Sarah Andrews – KC9RNR
Jeff Banter – KB9CQZ
and Chris Paul - KC9QZE

Fellowship: From Left to Right
Wayne Williamson – KC9QCI
Randy Fisher – K9MMQ
Kevin McNeely – KB9CRA
Bill Atkinson – NF9K
Angela Atkinson
Chad Sullivan – KC9OYW
and George Cooper - KC9TIJ

