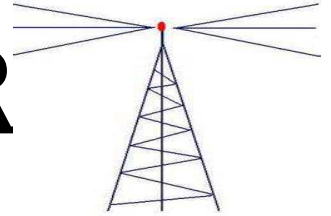


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The GCARC is an ARRL affiliated club.
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Grant County ARC Nets

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 Thursday Evening
Time: 2000 hrs Local Time
Freq: 443.400+ {(W9EBN) (Reflector 24b)}

From the Editor – Nick K9NQW

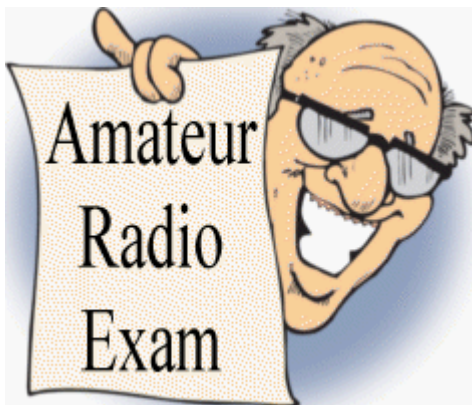
This will be the last Newsletter for 2018. I hope that you all have found it informative and useful. Our last meeting will be on November 27th at the Marion Public Library. December's meeting will be the Annual Christmas Party held at the Sirloin Stockade on December 12th. More information will be sent out to Club members via email. The Christmas Party is where we vote on the Officers of the Club for the 2019 year.

On page 3 of this Newsletter is a questionnaire I would like members to fill out and return to me at k9nqw@yahoo.com. Your input will determine the direction that this Newsletter will go in the future. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, A Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends.

Looking for Articles

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.



11/10/2018

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 W. Washington St.
Bluffton, IN 46714-1996

11/27/2018

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 S. Washington St
Marion, IN 46952-9999

11/20/2018

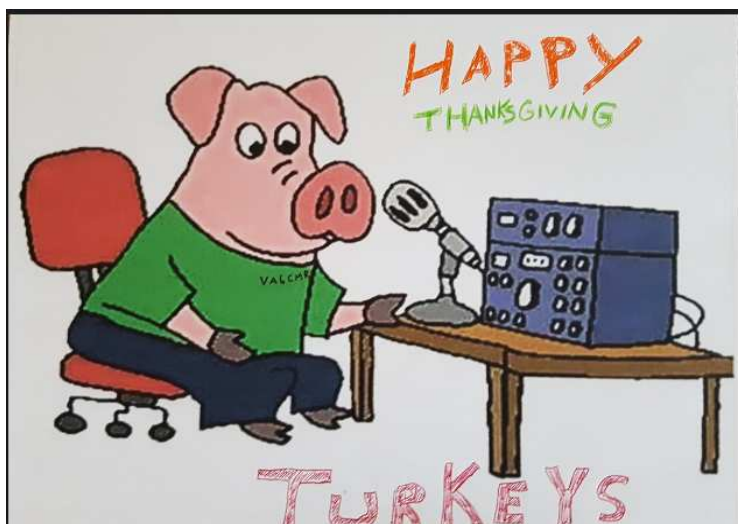
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins Allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: smriley@hughes.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware Street
Anderson, IN 46016-2238

12/18/2017

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

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

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



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

The clubs 146.790
2 meter repeater has the
ability to link to DMR TG's
8714 (GrantARC) and is
carried on the Kokomo,
Muncie, NewCastle,
Montpelier, Ft. Wayne
DMR repeaters when
linked up. If you wits to
link it up you can do so by
entering DTMF 50001
either from the 146.790
repeater of from the DMR
TG 8714 talk group.

****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 ****

Central Division Convention (Ft Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo)

Date: 11/17-18/2018

Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

4000 Parnell Avenue

Ft. Wayne, IN 46801

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

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-in: 146.880(-) no PL tone

Public Contact: ACARTS Fort Wayne, W9INX

PO Box 10342, Ft. Wayne, IN 46851

Phone: 260-579-2196

Email: chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com

FCARC Winterfest

Date: 12/01/2018

Location: Village of Delta Memorial Hall

401 West Main Street

Delta, OH 43515

Website: <http://k8bx1.org/hamfest>

Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-in: 147.195+

Public Contact: Bryan Patterson, KB8ELG

8202 County Road 6-2, Delta, OH 43515

Phone: 419-822-5038

Email: kb8elg@hotmail.com

This is the questionnaire I was talking about. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to me.

Question 1: What would you like to see in the Bi-monthly Newsletter ?
(Articles from other sources, Listed items for sale by local hams, etc.)

Question 2: There has been talk about doing Special Events Stations here in Grant County to spread the word of Amateur Radio. Would you be interested in helping with this project? (Examples: Van Buren Popcorn Festival, Flyin/Cruisein{which we have done for the past few years}, The James Dean Festival. This is just 3 of the examples of events that happen in Grant County)

Question 3: Is there anything else you would like to see the club do that would bring exposure and promote the Grant County Amateur Radio Club.

Please send your answers to k9nqw@yahoo.com and I will bring this information to the January 2019 club meeting. I would like to thank you for taking the time to answer these questions and hopefully we can initiate some of the ideas beginning in 2019.



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Contesting



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

November 2018

Nov. Sweepstakes - CW

Date: 3-5

Nov. Sweepstakes - Phone

Date : 17-19

EME – 50 – 1296 MHz

Date: 24-25

160 Meter

Date: 11/30-12/2

December 2018

160 Meter

Date: 11/30-12-02

10 Meter

Date: 8-9

Rookie Roundup – CW

Date: 16

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	Name of Special Event	Website
11/06/18	43 rd Anniversary, Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald	www.livoniaarc.com
11/10/18	USS Cobia WWII Submarine Celebrating Veterans Day	www.qrz.com/db/nb9qv
11/11/18	The American Legion National Salute to Veterans	www.legion.org/hamradio
11/20/18	102 nd Memorium Event HMHS Britannic Disaster	
12/01/18	Illinois' 200 th Anniversary of Statehood	www.w9vt.org
12/08/18	105 th Anniversary of Founding of Cambridge Amateur Radio Association	www.w8vp.org
12/08/18	Christmas in Bethlehem "Bethlehem On The Air"	www.clarkcountyarc.org

This is a list of Special Event Stations that are happening for the next two months within a 250 mile radius of Marion, IN.

For more information on the above Special Events Stations see their individual website.

For more information on all Special Events Stations visit www.ARRL.org/Special-Events-Stations

46th FORT WAYNE HAMFEST HOSTING THE ARRL CENTRAL DIVISION CONVENTION



ARRL Forum Saturday 10:00 AM

President Rick Roderick K5UR

Central Div. Director Kermit Carlson W9XA

Central Div. Vice Dir. Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

Lab. Assistant Manager Bob Allison WB1GCM

Indiana Sec. Mngr. James Merry Jr. KC9RPX

Illinois Sec. Mngr. Ron Morgan AD9I

Wisconsin Sec. Mngr. Patrick Moretti KA1RB

Saturday Evening Dinner 5:30 PM

Admission: \$6 Sat & Sun, \$3 Sun only
Children under 12 free (with adult)
Parking is \$6 this year.

- Ham Radio License Testing (\$14)
9 AM till 12 PM Saturday
- WAS & DXCC Checking and CQ awards
- New & Used Ham Dealers
- Main & Hourly Prizes
- Equipment Check-out Table
- Talk-in 146.880-
- Forums Saturday only
- Tables:
\$25 Regular (8ft),
\$50 Premium (8ft),
\$30 Electricity

ARRL
Special Event Station
W1AW/9

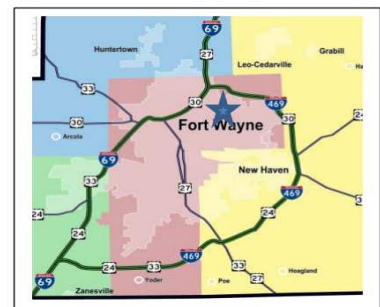
NOV.
17&18
2018

SAT 9 AM to 4 PM
SUN 9 AM to 2 PM



Allen County War
Memorial Coliseum
4000 Parnell Ave
Fort Wayne, IN
73,000 sq. ft. all indoors

(Coliseum Parking \$6 per vehicle)



Get the latest information at

www.fortwaynehamfest.com

www.facebook.com/FTWAYNEHAMFEST/

Nov 2018

Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM		Blackford's Cnty Amateur Radio Club Breakfast 8:30 am Richards, Hartford City
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2 meter weekly net 9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM			Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM		Monthly Breakfast Meeting 8:30AM King Gyros
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2 meter weekly net 9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM			Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM		Ft. Wayne Hamfest 9 AM to 4 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
2 meter weekly net 9PM Ft Wayne Hamfest 9 AM to 2 PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM			No D-Star net due to Thanksgiving		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
2 meter weekly net 9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM	GCARC Meeting Marion Public Library 6:30 PM		Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM		

Dec 2018

Grant County Amateur Radio Club

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						1 Blackford's Cnty Amateur Radio Club Breakfast 8:30 am Richards, Hartford City
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9 2 meter weekly net 9PM	10 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM	11	12 Club's Annual Christmas Party Sirloin Stockade 6 PM	13 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM	14	15
16 2 meter weekly net 9PM	17 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM	18	19	20 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM	21	22
23 2 meter weekly net 9PM	24 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM	25 Merry Christmas	26	27 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM	28	29
30 2 meter weekly net 9PM	31 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM New Years Eve					