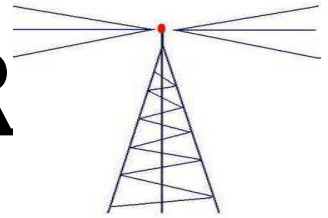


# OFF THE AIR



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If you are not currently a member of ARRL,  
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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)}

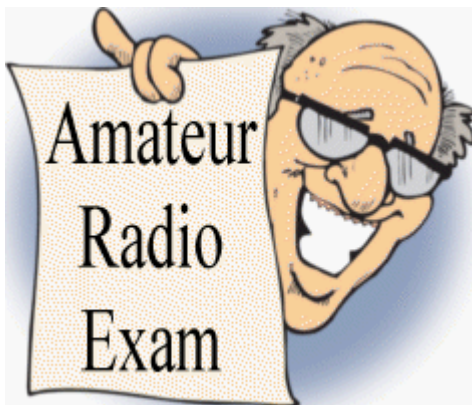
## From the Editor – Nick K9NQW

There are a couple of new things that are being added to the Newsletter. The first thing is the calender of events for both September and October. This will list nets that take place during the week. It will also include the Breakfast meeting and monthly meeting. Since the newsletter is published in a PDF format you should be able to print those pages off and put them in the radio room as a reminder.

I would like to thank everyone that came out for the 2018 Fly-In/Cruise-In at the Marion Airport. We had radios set up for the local repeater, D-Star, and HF. We were able to make a few contacts on D-Star and HF. We did have several people stop by and Scott (KC9RAX) did talk to a few people that were interested in what our club does. Pictures are on the last page.

## 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](mailto:k9nqw@arrl.net).



**09/18/2018**

**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

**09/25/2018**

**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

**09/29/2018**

**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 Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714-1996

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

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

**10/16/2018**

**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

**10/23/2018**

**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 S. Washington St  
Marion, IN 46952-9999

**10/27/2018**

**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 Street  
Frankfort, IN 46041-1818

**\*\*\*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.

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**\*\*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](http://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 \*\***

## **Tippecanoe Hamfest**

**Date:** 09/08/2018

**Location:** Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds

1406 Teal Road West  
Lafayette, IN 47901

**Website:** <http://w9reg.org>

**Sponsor:** Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Talk-in:** 145.370 (PL 131.8)

**Public Contact:** Earle Nay, AB9EN

600 Elm Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906

**Phone:** 765-714-4875

**Email:** fenay1@gmail.com

## **Adrian Hamfest**

**Date:** 09/16/2018

**Location:** Lenawee County Airport

2651 West Cadmus Road  
Adrian, MI 49221

**Website:** <http://w8tqe.com>

**Sponsor:** Adrian Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-in:** 145.37 (PL 85.4)

**Public Contact:** Mark Hinkleman, NU8Z

108 East Kilbuck Street, Tecumseh, MI 49286

**Phone:** 517-426-5906

**Email:** cqnu8z@comcast.net

## **OH-KY-IN Hamfest**

**Date:** 09/22/2018

**Location:** Aiken High School

5641 Belmont Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

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

**Sponsor:** OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-in:** 146.670 (PL 123)

**Public Contact:** Ted Morris, NC8V

6306 Kincaid Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231

**Phone:** 513-519-4977

**Email:** nc8v@hotmail.com

## **Microwave Update 2018 Convention**

**Date:** 09/11-14/2018

**Location:** Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn I-675

2800 Presidential Drive  
Fairborn, OH 45324

**Website:** <http://www.microwaveupdate.org>

**Sponsor:** Midwest VHF/UHF Society

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Talk-in:** None

**Public Contact:** Tom Holmes, N8ZM

1055 Wilderness Bluff, Tipp City, OH 45371

**Phone:** 937-528-9345

**Email:** N8ZM@arrl.net

## **Northwest Ohio ARC Hamfest**

**Date:** 10/13/2018

**Location:** Allen County Fairgrounds – Rabbit Bldg.

2750 Harding Highway  
Lima, OH 45801

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

**Sponsor:** Northwest Ohio ARC

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-in:** 146.670- (No PL tone)

**Public Contact:** Bob Butler, KE8BCJ

601 Lake Ridge Drive, Lima, OH 45804

**Phone:** 419-230-0797

**Email:** officerbob28@yahoo.com

## **Ralph Polston/Shelbyville Tailgate**

**Date:** 10/20/2018

**Location:** Shelby County Fairgrounds

500 Frank Street  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

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

**Sponsor:** Blue River Valley Amateur Radio Society

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 145.48 (PL 88.5)

**Public Contact:** John Walker, K9SVL

302 West Hendricks Street, Shelbyville, IN 46176

**Phone:** 317-402-500

**Email:** inprinter@att.net



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# Contesting



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

September 2018	
September VHF	Date: 8-10
10 GHz & Up – Round 2	Date : 15-16
EME – 2.3 GHz & Up	Date: 29-30
October 2018	
School Club Roudup	Date: 15-19
EME – 50 to 1296 MHz	Date: 27-28

Rules can be found at [www.arrl.org/contest](http://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
09/02-03/18	Great Geauga County Fair	<a href="http://www.geaugaara.org">www.geaugaara.org</a>
09/03-10/18	Brickyard 400 Special Event	<a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/w9ims">https://www.qrz.com/db/w9ims</a>
09/08/18	Club's 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Station	<a href="mailto:russjorthomas@gmail.com">russjorthomas@gmail.com</a>
09/08-16/18	Route 66 On The Air	<a href="http://www.k9ona.com">www.k9ona.com</a>
09/15/18	Crash of USS Shenandoah	<a href="http://www.w8vp.org">www.w8vp.org</a>
09/15/18	Motor City Radio Club 86 <sup>th</sup> Year Special Event Station	<a href="http://www.w8mrm.net">www.w8mrm.net</a>
09/21/18	Michiana Mennonite International Relief Auction	
09/22/18	VOA Anniversary	<a href="http://voamuseum.org">voamuseum.org</a>
09/22/18	Volcano Days – Oil and Gas History	<a href="http://www.qrz.com/db/w8par">www.qrz.com/db/w8par</a>
09/29/18	50 Years of Pioneer Fair	<a href="http://www.brvars.com">www.brvars.com</a>
09/29/18	Anderson County Burgoo Festival	<a href="http://www.ky4law.com">www.ky4law.com</a>
10/15/18	Illinois Bicentennial Celebration	<a href="http://www.metrodxclub.com">www.metrodxclub.com</a>
10/19/18	Commemorating 79 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary	<a href="mailto:cgaux8@yahoo.com">cgaux8@yahoo.com</a>

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](http://www.ARRL.org/Special-Events-Stations)

Sept 2018

# Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Fly-in/Cruise-In Special Event Marion Airport 7AM - 1PM
2 2 meter weekly net 9PM	3 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM	4	5	6 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM	7	8 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 8:30AM IHOP
9 2 meter weekly net 9PM	10 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM	11	12	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 GCARC Meeting Marion Public Library 6:30 PM	26	27 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM	28	29
30 2 meter weekly net 9PM						

Oct 2018

# 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		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2 meter weekly net 9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM			Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM		Monthly Breakfast Meeting 8:30AM IHOP
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2 meter weekly net 9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM			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 Marion Public Library 6:30 PM		Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM		
28	29	30	31			
2 meter weekly net 9PM	DMR Weekly Net 8 PM					

Below is the weekly reports from Facebook. This report shows how The Grant County Amateur Radio Club's page is doing.

## Weekly Facebook Page Update

### Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Date		Page Visits	Weekly Total Reach	People Engaged	Total Page Likes
Jul 31 – Aug 6	Last Week	9	18	4	30
	Previous Week	0	21	4	30
	Trend	↑	↓14.3%	↑0.0%	↑0.0%
Aug 5 – Aug 11	Last Week	11	18	6	30
	Previous Week	6	17	3	30
	Trend	↑83.3%	↑5.9%	↑100.0%	↑0.0%
Aug 11 – Aug 17	Last Week	11	7	3	31
	Previous Week	0	21	5	30
	Trend	↑	↓66.7%	↓40.0%	↑3.3%
Aug 16 – Aug 22	Last Week	12	15	2	31
	Previous Week	3	12	3	30
	Trend	↑300.0%	↑25.0%	↓33.3%	↑3.3%
Aug 21 – Aug 27	Last Week	26	16	2	31
	Previous Week	14	13	2	31
	Trend	↑85.7%	↑23.1%	↑0.0%	↑0.0%
Aug 26 – Sept 01	Last Week	34	26	6	31
	Previous Week	29	17	1	31
	Trend	↑17.2%	↑52.9%	↑500.0%	↑0.0%
	Last Week				
	Previous Week				
	Trend				
Monthly Average Trends:		97.24%	4.32%	87.78%	1.10%

# The 2018 Fly-in/Cruise-in at Marion, IN Airport

