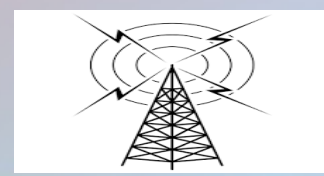


# OFF THE AIR



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## Section Jobs Description

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

## From the President

Hello everyone.

We have a small class for the Technician Class

Yeah, anybody hasn't attended the meeting.

We had a box truck donated to the club by Barry Bunker of Barry Bunker Chevrolet.

Yeah, it looks like summer is over – here comes fall.

I know we have had repeater problems. The 790 repeater has been acting up. So we are thinking about getting another repeater.

The FlyIn/CruiseIn was fun. The had a lot of contacts.

Hope everybody stays radio active

Thanks your Club President  
 Mitch Miller - W9DDX  
 GCARC

## Grant County ARC Nets

**What:** 2 Meter Net  
**When:** Every Sunday Evening  
**Time:** 2030 hrs Local Time  
**Freq:** 146.790- (PL 141.3)  
**Alternate Freq:** 147.195+ (PL 141.3)

**What:** DMR Net – Indiana Crossroads Net  
**When:** Every Monday Night  
**Time:** 2000 hrs Local Time  
**Freq:** 442.750+ TalkGroup 8710 and 31189

**What:** DMR Net – Indiana Statewide Net  
**When:** Every Tuesday Night  
**Time:** 2000 hrs Local Time  
**Freq:** 442.750+ TalkGroup 3118

**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



## Notes from the Editor

Well another FlyIn/CruiseIn Special Event Station is in the history books. I want to thank everyone that participated this year. We went out to the airport on Friday night (09-01-23) at about 5:00 PM and set up the antennas, the canopy, and tables. Then on Saturday (09-02-23) we met at the site and started operating at about 8:00 AM. We had several people stop by to see what we were doing and hopefully this will peak interest in the hobby.

The Indiana Section ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for this year is scheduled for Saturday October 14th.. Since the Club has the Breakfast at 8:30 AM at Kammy's Kafe, the Monthly Siren Test at 11:45 AM that same day. We will be doing The Simulated Emergency Test (SET) at 1:00 PM. I will be calling the net on the 146.790 repeater first, then will move to the 147.195 repeater. After we have the net on the FM repeaters I will be calling for checkings on the DMR – Indiana Link repeater. Like I stated before this is just a check-in net. I will ask will be asking if you are available or stationary.

One last thing to be thinking about is the voting of the Club's Officers. Voting takes place in December at the annual Christmas party. More information will follow in the next couple of months

L. B. Nickerson – K9NQW  
Editor.

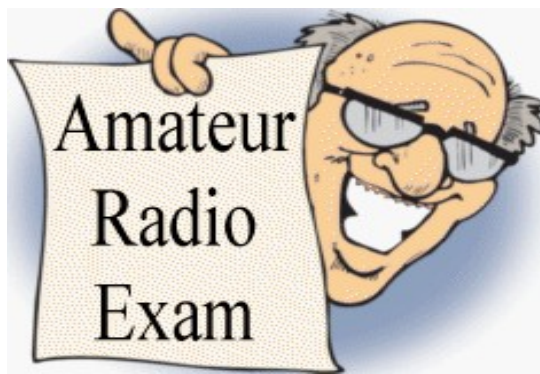


# October 2023

November 2023

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26	27	28	29	30		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> GCARC 2 Meter weekly Net 8:30 PM Net Control KC9RAX	<b>2</b> Crossroads DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW	<b>3</b> Tech Class 6:30 PM EMA Bldg - Gas City	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Indiana DStar Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control: K9NQW	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> GCARC 2 Meter weekly Net 8:30 PM Net Control K9NQW	<b>9</b> Columbus Day Crossroads DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW	<b>10</b> Tech Class 6:30 PM EMA Bldg - Gas City	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Indiana DStar Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control: K9NQW	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Monthly Breakfast Meeting 8:30 AM Kammy's Cafe Monthly Siren Test 11:45 AM SET 1:00 PM
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**10/02/22**

**Sponsor:** Whitley County ARC  
**Time:** 8:00 PM ( )  
**Contact:** Roger L. McEntarfer  
(260) 503-9008  
**Email:** rimcen56@gmail.com  
**VEC:** W5YI VEC  
**Location:** **On Line**  
Virtual  
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

**10/09/2023**

**Sponsor:** Whitley County ARC  
**Time:** 8:00 PM ( )  
**Contact:**  
(260) 503-9008  
**Email:** rimcen56@gmail.com  
**VEC:** W5YI VEC  
**Location:** **On Line**  
Virtual  
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

**10/14/2023**

**Sponsor:** Central Indiana ARA/HCRACES  
**Time:** 10:30 AM ( )  
**Contact:** Joe March  
(317) 224-9433  
**Email:** jamrch54@att.net  
**VEC:** ARRL/VEC  
**Location:** Hamilton Cnty Emergency Ops  
Center – Sheriff's Campus Training Room  
18100 Cumberland Road  
Noblesville, IN 46060-1624

**10/16/2023**

**Sponsor:** Whitley County ARC  
**Time:** 8:00 PM ( )  
**Contact:** Roger L. McEntarfer  
(260) 503-9008  
**Email:** rimcen56@gmail.com  
**VEC:** W5YI VEC  
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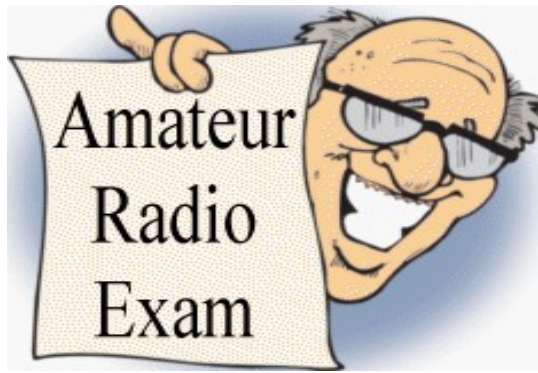
**10/17/2023**

**Sponsor:** Anderson Repeater Club  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)  
**Contact:** Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
**Email:** wa9cwe@arrl.net  
**VEC:** ARRL/VEC  
**Location:** Madison County EOC  
200 Delaware Street  
Anderson, IN 46016-2238

**10/23/23**

**Sponsor:** Marshall Cnty Amateur Radio Club  
**Time:** 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)  
**Contact:** Richard J. Basham  
(574) 2166080  
**Email:** rjbasham@yahoo.com  
**VEC:** W5YI VEC  
**Location:** Cornerstone Church of Argos  
11525 State Road 10  
Argos, IN 46501-9519

**Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, please verify with your VE team that the exam session is being held.**



## 10/23/23

**Sponsor:** Whitley County ARC  
**Time:** 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)  
**Contact:** Roger L McEntarfer  
(260) 503-9008  
**Email:** rimcen56@gmail.com  
**VEC:** W5YI VEC  
**Location: On Line**  
Virtual  
Columbia City, IN 46725-8613

## 10/24/23

**Sponsor:** Grant County ARC  
**Time:** 5:00 PM (**NO Walk-ins Allowed**)  
**Contact:** Mitch Miller  
(765) 661-5893  
**Email:** mitchmiller55@yahoo.com  
**VEC:** ARRL/VEC  
**Location:** EMA Building  
3921 S Garthwaite Rd  
Gas City, IN 46933  
**Register or Call Ahead**

## 10/30/23

**Sponsor:** Whitley County ARC  
**Time:** 8:00 PM ( )  
**Contact:** Roger L McEntarfer  
(260) 503-9008  
**Email:** rimcen56@gmail.com  
**VEC:** W5YI VEC  
**Location: On Line**  
Virtual  
Columbia City, IN 46725-8613

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## Kalamazoo Hamfest

**Start Date:** 10/07/2023

**End Date:** 10/07/2023

**Location:** Kalamazoo Cnty Expo Center  
And Fairgrounds

2900 Lake Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

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

**Sponsor:** Kalamazoo SMART Club and  
Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-IN:** 147.040 PL 94.8

**Public Contact:** Thomas M Oliver, KC8QFF  
2631 Barkwood Lane  
Kalamazoo, MI 49004-3722

**Phone:** (269) 385-4737

**Email:** [toliver011@att.net](mailto:toliver011@att.net)

## Hamtober Fest

**Start Date:** 10/14/2023

**End Date:** 10/14/2023

**Location:** Lynnville Community Center  
416 West RD 68, IN-68  
Lynnville, IN 47619

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

**Sponsor:** Tri State Amateur Radio  
Society

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-IN:** None

**Public Contact:** Dennis Martin, WA2USA  
5577 Victoria Court  
Newburgh, IN 47630

**Phone:** (812) 598-8333

**Email:** [wa2usa.ham@gmail.com](mailto:wa2usa.ham@gmail.com)





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**Email:** [wa2usa.ham@gmail.com](mailto:wa2usa.ham@gmail.com)

## Hoosier Hills Hamfest

**Start Date:** 10/14/2023

**End Date:** 10/14/2023

**Location:** Lawrence County 4-H  
Fairgrounds

11265 US-50

Bedford, IN 47421

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

**Sponsor:** Hoosier Hills Ham Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-IN:** 146.73- PL 107.2

**Public Contact:** Nathan Lowery,  
KB9GMU

Post Office Box 891

Bedford, IN 47421

**Phone:** (812) 675-2450

**Email:** [hamfest@w9qyq.org](mailto:hamfest@w9qyq.org)





# Contesting



**October 2023**

**Date:** 01-02  
16-20  
28-29

Collegiate QSO Party  
School Club Roudup  
EME – 50 to 1296 MHz

ARRL.org webpage

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>
10/01	1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Bi-Centennial Event	www.w9vcf.com
10/20 to 11/03	Operation Able Archer '83 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	www.ableleacher83.com

More info on these Special Events Stations go to: [http://www.arrl.org/special\\_events/](http://www.arrl.org/special_events/)







Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Membership Application 2022

Please complete this form and return it with your dues. Make all checks or money orders payable to **GCARC**. Send the printed form with your dues to the Treasurer at the address below. You may also return this application at one of the club's meetings. Please either mail or bring this application and dues to the next meeting.

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at EMA Office located at 3921 South Garthwaite Road, Gas City, IN. Directions: From Gas City: Take Main Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Go North about 3 miles. Located on east side by the County Highway Dept. From Marion: Take 38<sup>th</sup> Street East to Garthwaite Road, Turn right. Go South about 2 miles. Located on east side by the County Highway Dept.

Mailing Address:

Grant County Amateur Radio Club  
P O Box 1786  
Marion, IN 46952

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or Post Office Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Line 2

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current ARRL Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Dues:

- Full Annual Membership: \$20.00 per person.
- Family Annual Membership: Full membership + \$5.00 per person, maximum of \$30.00 per household
- Associate Membership: \$10.00 per person. Limitations on Associate Membership:
  1. No voting privileges
  2. Cannot hold Office
- Partial-Year Membership: After July 1<sup>st</sup> dues are reduced to ½ the normal rate for Full or Associate Membership.

**Please make sure you sign the form.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by and support the Constitution and ByLaws of the Grant County Amateur Radio Club.

**NOTE: Please fill out a separate form for each family member.**

# The Swayzee 5k Run – September 09, 2023



Colt – KD9VVS, Scott – KC9RAX and Nick – K9NQW at the finish line.



The finish line of the Swayzee 5k run



James – KD9WXP as the SAG vehicle



The finish line of the Swayzee 5k Run



Scott – KC9RAX and Nick – K9NQW at the Net Control Station for The Swayzee 5k Run

# FlyIn/CruiseIn, Marion, IN Airport September 02, 2023



The antenna farm



The power source



The backside of the canopies that we used.

# The Club's newest aquisition – The Truck

This truck was donated by Barry Bunker of Bunker Chevrolet  
Special Thanks to Bob McFarland – AD9AV for working on getting this vehicle



Barry Bunker turning over the keys to  
Bob McFarland - AV9AD

The Truck



The left rear side of the truck

# Ham Radio Trader

This is a new section of the newsletter. Items on this page are for sale by hams. The following rules will apply for items to be listed on this page.

1. All items must be Amateur Radio related:

**Example:** Ham radio gear and computer items.

2. Ads must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month.

**Example:** For the January Newsletter must be submitted by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Items must include the following:

Item description, picture of item in jpg form, selling price, email of seller.

You can send your ad to [k9nqw@yahoo.net](mailto:k9nqw@yahoo.net)

**Below is a sample of what is needed for your ad.**

## **Alinco DJ-580T Handheld Transceiver with drop-in charger and extra battery**

The Alinco DJ-580T is a powerful 2 meter / 70 cm twinband HT with great sound. You get Features galore including 40 memories, three RF power levels, full duplex and dual watch, Independent VHF/UHF controls, sophisticated scanning and illuminated keypad. Transmit coverage is: 144-147.995 and 440-449.995 MHz. Receive coverage is: 130-173.99 and 400-519.995 MHz. Frequency resolution is 5, 10, 12.5, 20 and 25 kHz. High power output with the supplied EBP-20N is 2.0 watts and 1.5 watts UHF. Medium power is 1 watt and low power is 0.3 watts. High power output is 5 watts VHF and UHF. Comes with extra battery and drop in charger.



**Asking Price:  
\$90.00**

Contact Nick – K9Nqw at [k9nqw1979@gmail.com](mailto:k9nqw1979@gmail.com)

or

[grantcountyamateurradioclub@gmail.com](mailto:grantcountyamateurradioclub@gmail.com)