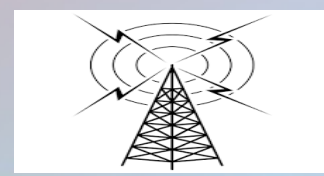


# OFF THE AIR



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

## From the President

Hello everyone.

It's October man, what happened to Summer?

We had 2 out of 5 pass the Technicians class this time. But good luck to the ones who are going to study and pass it the next time.

If you don't know by now, my brother, Mike Miller – W9DXC, is in a nursing home in Hartford City. If you would like to see him, he is in Room 210. But his condition is not good, he will not know you. He has a tumor and it is on the memory side of the brain, so don't be so offended if he doesn't know who you are.

We got Thanksgiving coming up so I hope everybody has a great time with family.

We had to raise the yearly dues to \$25.00. \$5.00 will help with the Repeater fund. We will need a new repeater soon, So any donations That you can give will really be appreciated.

From 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 – 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  
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# Notes from the Editor

This year has really flown by. This Sunday (November 5<sup>th</sup>) we set our clocks back an hour because Daylight Savings Time ends. So don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

At our last club meeting several things were discussed. I will be covering these topics in this edition of the newsletter.

The first thing that needs to be discussed is we need members to volunteer for the following Committees.

1, The Amateur of the Year Committee will consider the following criteria: The Amateur of the Year exemplifies the "Amateur's Code." In selecting the award recipient, emphasis is placed on service to others rather than self, diversity of Amateur Radio interest and activities, evidence of continuing self-challenge and outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio.

2. The Life Time Membership Award Committee will consider the following criteria. All nominations must demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service

3. The Committee for the Election of 2024 Officers  
This committee will contact members to see if they are willing to serve the club as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee. This list is to be compiled before the voting of new officers which takes place at the Christmas Party.

There must be at least 3 members of the club on each committee and members can serve on just one committee or all three. Here is an opportunity to get involved in the Club. If you are interested in any of the above committees please get in contact with either Mitch Miller at [mitchmiller55@gmail.com](mailto:mitchmiller55@gmail.com) or 765-661-5893; or Nick Nickerson at [k9nqw1979@gmail.com](mailto:k9nqw1979@gmail.com) or 765-517-1581.

The second item that was discussed at the last meeting was establishing a separate repeater fund. This fund would be a separate account with the funds being used strictly for maintaining the repeaters that the club uses. It was voted on by the members that a \$5.00 additional fee would be added to the membership dues starting in January 2024. This fee change was added into the club's Constitution and By-Laws. This fund would be used for such things as replacing the repeaters, new antennas, and new feedline and anything else that the club's Trustee would need to keep the repeaters up and running. We are also asking that members kick in an extra \$10.00 or more this year to get this fund started. As many of you know the main repeater 146.790 finally went down recently after almost 20 years of service and does need to be replaced. With your extra donation of \$10.00, we can get this fund started and thus we would not have to use any money from the general funds that the club has. If you have any questions, please contact Mitch Miller or myself.

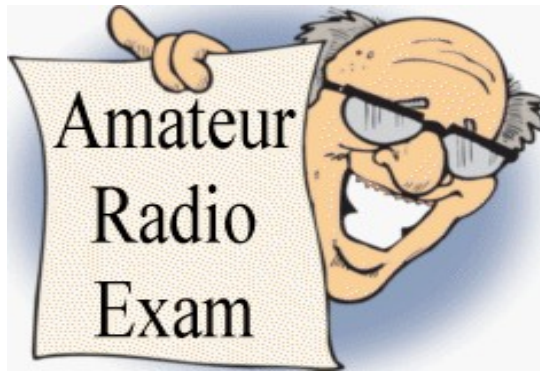
L. B. Nickerson – K9NQW  
Editor.



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## 11/04/2023

**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 West Washington St  
Bluffton, IN 46714-1996

## 11/06/2023

**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:**  
Virtual  
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

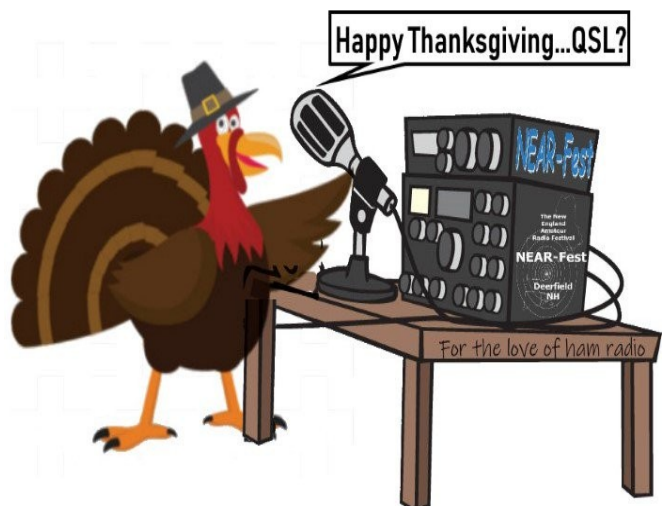
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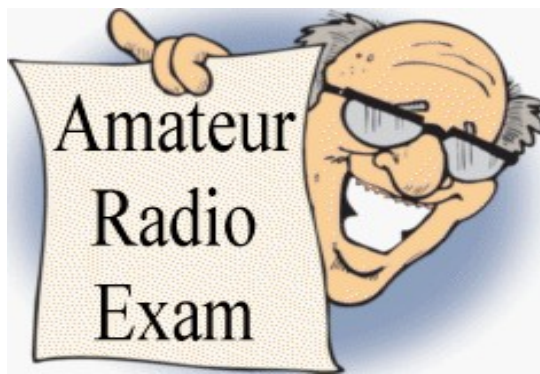
**Sponsor:** Hancock County ARC  
**Time:** 9:00 AM ( )  
**Contact:** David Kelsner  
(317) 440-8486  
**Email:** kc9urp@hrtc.hrtc.net  
**VEC:** ARRL/VEC  
**Location:** Hancock EMA EOC  
640 South Franklin St.

## 11/11/2023

**Sponsor:** Indianapolis Radio Club W9JP  
**Time:** 12:00 PM ( )  
**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 46254-2407  
**Register or Call Ahead**

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





## 11/13/2023

**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 46725-8612

## 11/20/2023

**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 46725-8612

## 11/27/2023

**Sponsor:** Marshall County ARC  
**Time:** 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)  
**Contact:** Richard J. Basham  
(574) 216-6080  
**Email:** rjbasham@yahoo.com  
**VEC:** W5YI VEC  
**Location:** Cornerstone Church of Argos  
11525 State Road 10  
Argos, IN 46501-9519

## 11/18/2023

**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 46725-8612

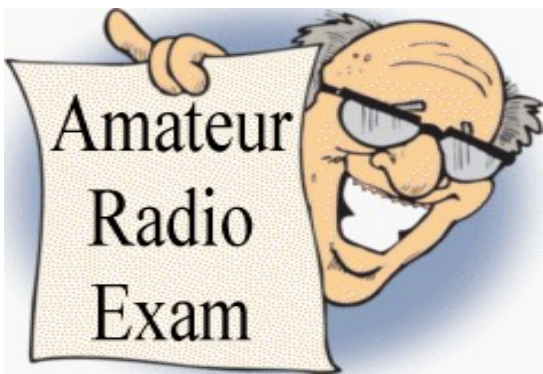
## 11/21/2023

**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

## 11/27/2023

**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 46725-8612

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**11/28/2023**

**Sponsor:** Grant County ARC

**Time:** 5:00 PM (**NO Walk-ins Allowed**)

**Contact:** Mitch Miller

(765) 661-5893

**Email:** mitchmiller55@gmail.com

**VEC:** ARRL/VEC

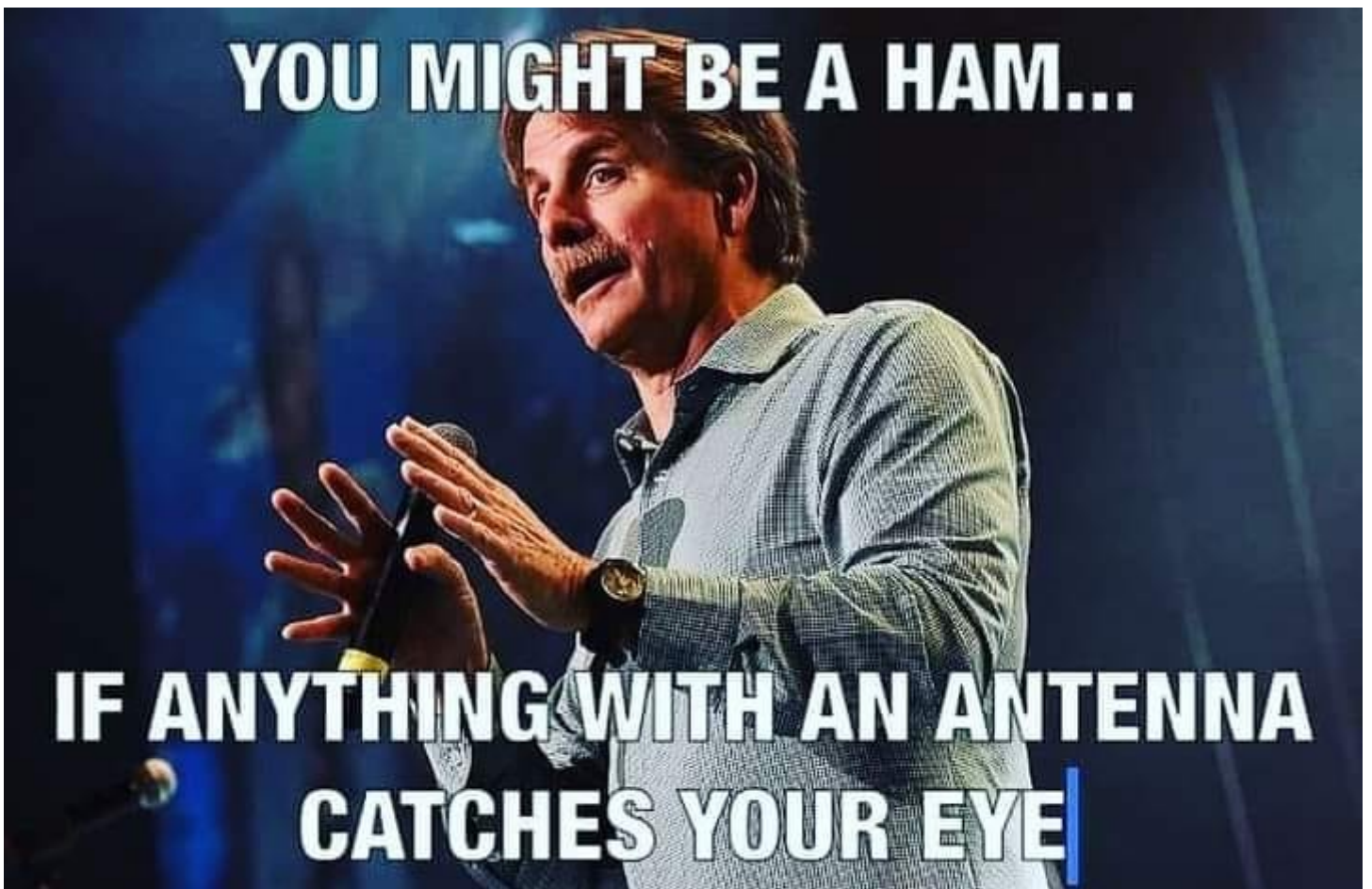
**Location:** EMA Building

3921 Garthwaite Road

Gas City, IN 46933



**Daylight Savings Ends  
November 5<sup>th</sup>**





## Ft Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo

**Start Date:** 11/18/2023

**End Date:** 11/19/2023

**Location:** Allen Cnty War Memorial Coliseum  
4000 Parnell Ave  
Ft Wayne, IN 46801

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

**Sponsor:** Allen County Amateur Radio  
Technical Society

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Talk-IN:** 146.880 (-) No Tone

**Public Contact:** ACARTS Fort, W9IWX

P O Box 10342

Ft Wayne, IN 46851

Phone: (260) 579-2196

**Email:** [chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com](mailto:chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com)

## Turkey Fest & Computer Expo

**Start Date:** 11/25/2023

**End Date:** 11/25/2023

**Location:** Clay Cnty 4-H Fairgrounds  
6550 North St Rd 59  
Brazil, IN 47834

**Website:** <http://w9uuu.org>

**Sponsor:** Wabash Valley Amateur  
Radio Association, Inc

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-IN:** 146.685 (PL Tone 151.4)

**Public Contact:** Chuck Procarione  
W9COD

444 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Clinton, IN 47842

Phone: 812-239-8061

**Email:** [famabc@yahoo.com](mailto:famabc@yahoo.com)





# Contesting



## November 2023

**Date:** 04-06  
18-20  
125-26

Nov Sweepstakes-CW  
Nov Sweepstakes-Phone  
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>
10/20 to 11/03	Operation Able Archer '83 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<a href="http://www.ablearcher83.com">www.ablearcher83.com</a>
10/31 to 11/01	Boo to You!	<a href="mailto:Kc5boo@yahoo.com">Kc5boo@yahoo.com</a>
10/31 to 11/01	BOO! A Night on Bald Mountain	<a href="http://wa4trs.org">wa4trs.org</a>
11/01 to 11/12	28 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary , Sinking of Edmund Fitzgerald	<a href="http://livoniaarc.com">livoniaarc.com</a>
11/03 to 11/04	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran Honor Guard Vigil at the Ottawa, IL War Memorial	<a href="https://www.ottawaalpost33.com">https://www.ottawaalpost33.com</a>
11/04 to 11/05	140 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of founding of Kittias County, WA	<a href="https://www.qsl.net/kcarcs/event.html">https://www.qsl.net/kcarcs/event.html</a>

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



## Special Event Stations



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
11/04	Festival at the Switchyard	kb5a.radio@gmail.com
11/04 to 11/05	Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald	www.radioham.org
11/05 to 11/11	Air Force MARS 75 Years <a href="https://community.apan.org/wg/air-force-military-auxiliary-radio-system-afmars/afmars-75-years">https://community.apan.org/wg/air-force-military-auxiliary-radio-system-afmars/afmars-75-years</a>	
11/05	Mill Mountain Star	<a href="https://w4ca.com/special-events">https://w4ca.com/special-events</a>
11/09 to 11/12	Stuart (Florida) Air Show	<a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/N4A">https://www.qrz.com/db/N4A</a>
11/11	Commemorating USMC Birthday (11/10/1775) and Veterans Day	www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw
11/11	Honoring our Veterans and Celebrating Veterans Day 2023	talarc.ka4tal@gmail.com
11/11	National Liberty Ship day; honoring all that served	ssjohnbrown.org
11/11 to 11/12	NB9QV USS Cobia Special Event <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/NB9OV">https://www.qrz.com/db/NB9OV</a>	
11/11	The Ghost Fleet at Mallows Bay	www.k3smd.net
11/11	Veterna's Day 2023 Celebration	
11/11	Veterans's Day Remembrance	www.qrz.com/db/k5kid

# Special Event Stations



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
11/11	Veterans Day	<a href="mailto:n3tal275@gmail.com">n3tal275@gmail.com</a>
11/11 to 11/12	Windycon 49 – Science Fiction Convention	<a href="http://www.w9dup.org">www.w9dup.org</a>
11/13 to 11/18	Southern Miss Powwow	<a href="http://www.qrz.com/db/n5cw">www.qrz.com/db/n5cw</a>
11/16 to 11/17	Hammarlund Radio Hullabaloo	<a href="http://hamars.club">hamars.club</a>
11/17	152nd Birthday of the NRA, Operating From Gunsite Academy	<a href="http://www.w7yrc.org/nrabirthday">www.w7yrc.org/nrabirthday</a>
11/18	1st Transatlantic Ham Radio QSO (1923)	<a href="http://qrz.com/db/k3s">qrz.com/db/k3s</a>
11/18	Collins ARC 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/W0CXX">https://www.qrz.com/db/W0CXX</a>
11/18 to 11/19	Liga Colombiana De Radioaficionados 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<a href="http://www.ligaradiobogota.org.co">www.ligaradiobogota.org.co</a>
11/18 to 11/30	November 2023 Bug Roundup	<a href="https://w6sfm.org/bug-roundup">https://w6sfm.org/bug-roundup</a>



# 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 [k9nqw1979@gmail.com](mailto:k9nqw1979@gmail.com)

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

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 – K9NQQW at [k9nqw@yahoo.com](mailto:k9nqw@yahoo.com)

or

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