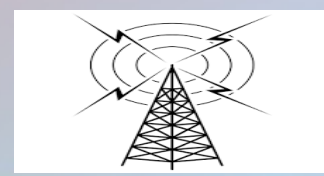


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Grant County ARC Nets

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+ Talkgroups: 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)}



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A Message from the Club's President

Dear Members,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the survey. I was delighted to observe the diversity in our interests and technical skills. If you haven't received the survey email and would like to take it, please reach out to me.

I am excited to announce that the NCI Hamfest has relocated this year to The Hart's Celebration Center, north of Marion. I want to express my gratitude to Mitch and those assisting with the event's preparation. We are optimistic that each participating club will benefit from this new venue. It would be fantastic to see everyone involved in some capacity.

We are also in search of individuals to assist with the April 8th Solar Eclipse Event. I plan to meet with Nick and Charlie to develop a net protocol and determine the best way to serve our community. More information on this will be available next month or at our monthly meeting

I would like to encourage everyone to attend our monthly meetings. I understand they are business meetings, and many of you are eager for more. We will address that in time. Look forward to seeing you there..

Warm regards,

Brian Hamaker – KD9VFA
President, Grant County Amateur Radio Club
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**"It is not the class
of license the
Amateur holds, but
the class of the
Amateur that holds
the license"**

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Things went well at the January meeting with the new Executive Board. Bob Jackson was at the meeting giving the club an update on the April 8th Solar Eclipse and how the Amateur community is going to be needed for this event.

Speaking of the Solar Eclipse that is taking place on April 8th. I am looking for volunteers to work this event. We will be treating it like a Skywarn Net. But instead of asking for your availability we are going to have you at a specific location through out the county.

We will require that you have a UHF/VHF mobile radio with antenna on your vehicle. If you do not have a mobile radio contact me and I can set you up with a loaner radio and antenna system. If you have a CB mobile radio available that would be great. This way you can be monitoring Channel 19 (Truckers Channel) for any traffic also.

I am compiling a list of volunteers for this event. You will have to be available from about 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on April 8th. If you are interested in helping out on this project, please contact me at k9nqw1979@gmail.com. We will be having a meeting on February 3rd at 2:00 PM at Abbey Coffee (the old Kmart store), Everyone is welcome to attend.

Charlie Rodecap – KA9HDG, Colt Pace – KD9VVS, and myself spent January 27th inventorying the radio equipment of Mike Miller – W9DXC – Silent Key. I will be posting his equipment on the webpage in the near future. So check the webpage often for updates.

Our next Technician Class will begin on March 5th. If you know of anyone that is interested in getting their ham license have them email me at k9nqw1979@gmail.com and I will send them a registration form. They must sign up by February 20th.

L. B. Nickerson - K9NQW
Editor

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Indiana DStar Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control K9NQW	2	3 Meeting on Solar Eclipse April 8th Abbey Coffee 2:00 PM
4 GCARC 2 Meter Weekly Net 8:30 PM Net Control KC9RAX	5 Crossroads DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW	6 Indiana Statewide DMR Net 8:00 PM Tech Classes - EMA 6:30 PM	7	8 Indiana DStar Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control K9NQW	9	10 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 8:30 AM Kammy's Cafe Monthly Siren Test 11:45 AM
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Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Membership Application 2024

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 4th 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 10th Street, Go North about 3 miles. Located on east side by the County Highway Dept. From Marion: Take 38th 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 _____

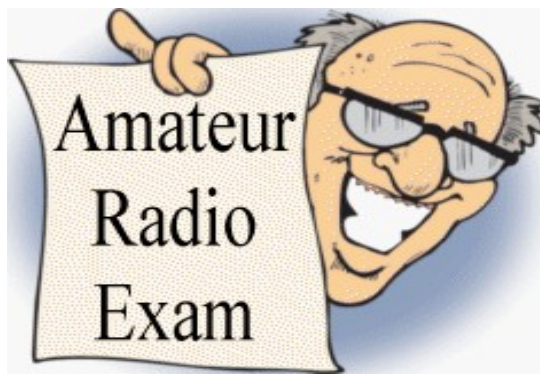
Dues:

- Full Annual Membership: \$25.00 per person. (**\$5.00 goes into the Repeater Fund**)
- 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 1st dues are reduced to ½ the normal rate for Full or Associate Membership. (**Full Membership is \$12.50 with \$2.50 going into the Repeater Fund**)

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.



02/10/2024

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club W9JP
Time: 12:00 AM (**No Walk-ins Allowed / Call Ahead**)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: k9ru@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS
Training Center
4020 Georgetown Road
Indianapolis, IN 46254-2407

02/20/2024

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Time: 07:00 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

02/27/2024

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



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



02/10/24

Hendricks County Hamfest

Start Date: 02/10/24

End Date: 02/10/24

Location: Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds
and Conference Center

1900 E. Main Street
Daville, IN 46122

Website: <http://n9hc.org>

Sponsor: Hendricks County Amateur
Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.015+ (PLL 88.5 CTCSS)

Public Contact: Bill Pfaffenberger – AE9R
388 Pinedale Drive
Avon, IN 46123

Phone: (317) 407-1988

Email: HAMFEST@n9hc.org

02/17/24

**Livonia Amateur Radio Club
Annual Swap & Shop**

Start Date: 02/17/24

End Date: 01/27/24

Location: Monaghan Banquet Center
19801 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48150

Website:

<http://livoniaarc.com/larc-annual-swap-and-shop>

Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Convection

Talk-In: 145.350 (PL 100 Hz)

Public Contact: Michael Rudzki - N9MR
P O Box 51532

Livonia, MI 48151

Phone: (734) 648-6453

Email: k8uns@arrl.net





02/24/24

Cabin Fever Hamfest

Start Date: 02/24/24

End Date: 02/24/24

Location: LaPorte Civic Auditorium
1001 Ridge Street
Laporte, IN

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

Sponsor: LaPorte Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.610 (PLL 131.8)

Public Contact: Richard Oberle – KC9DJP
1978 E. 500 S

LaPorte, IN 46350

Phone: (219) 448-0090

Email: cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com

02/24/24

Dugger Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

Start Date: 02/24/24

End Date: 02/24/24

Location: Dugger Comm. Building
840 Hicum Street
Dugger, IN 47848

Sponsor: Hopefully (amateur accessories)

Type: ARRL Convection

Talk-In: 146.775 (PL 136.5 Hz)

Public Contact: Jon Olvey - KD9AMN
7034 E. Cass Park Street

Sullivan, IN 47882

Phone: (812) 564-6461

Email: jonolvey@gmail.com



Contesting



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

February 2024

Date: 12-16 School Club Roundup

Date: 17-18 DX Contesting - CW

Rules can be found at www.arrl.org/contest

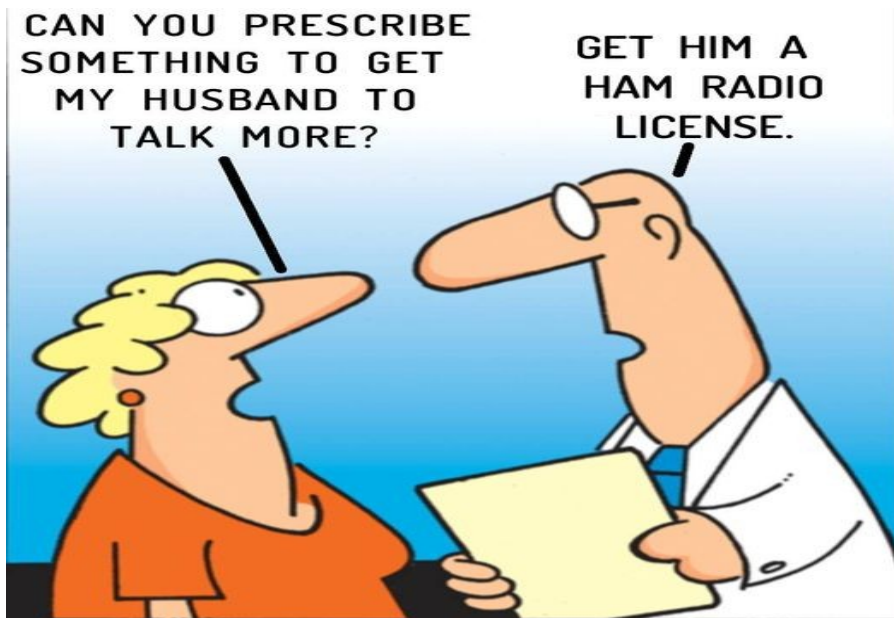
Also for other contest that are available go to the above webpage and look under Contest Corral.

Special Event

Stations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
02-17	40 th Anniversary for Mid State Amateur Radio Club	https://midstatehams.org

More info on these Special Events Stations go to:
http://www.arrl.org/special_events/



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

Examples: Ham radio gear and computer items.

2. Ads must be submitted by the following deadlines.

For the July Newsletter – June 15th

For the September Newsletter – August 15th

Ads must have the following information.

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

You can send your ad to k9nqw1979@gmail.com

For Sale



35 foot tubular tower. Has the following sections: 2 – 10 foot, 1 – 9 foot, and 1-6 foot section.

Asking Price: \$150.00

Nick – K9NQQW

Email: k9nqw1979@gmail.com

You will have to pick up