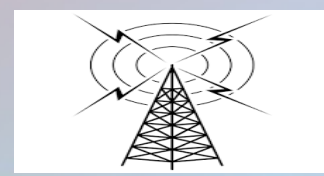


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Grant County ARC Nets

- 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

President report

As we are embarking on this new year of 2025, we need to say a big welcome to the new folks that have recently become members in the club. Welcome aboard... Hopefully as the weather begins to warm, we can create more activities that will generate a greater cohesiveness among the techs and higher level operators. I do want to make sure that all techs enjoy working the hobby. I would encourage you to feel free to ask ANY question concerning some area of challenge that you encounter during your pursuit of the hobby. You may ask anyone in the club for guidance as many have walked the same road you are now travelling. All issues have solutions. Not all issues only have one solution. Some have multiple solutions. There is a vast supply of experience sitting around you most all the time. We all learn at different rates and here is no greater teacher than experience. We are all here to help in any way we can. We are looking forward to the February meeting and the introduction to GO BAGS...

President Bob AD9AW

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at the **AMATEUR
RADIO** store. I
really was... but then
I got out of the car
and went inside.**

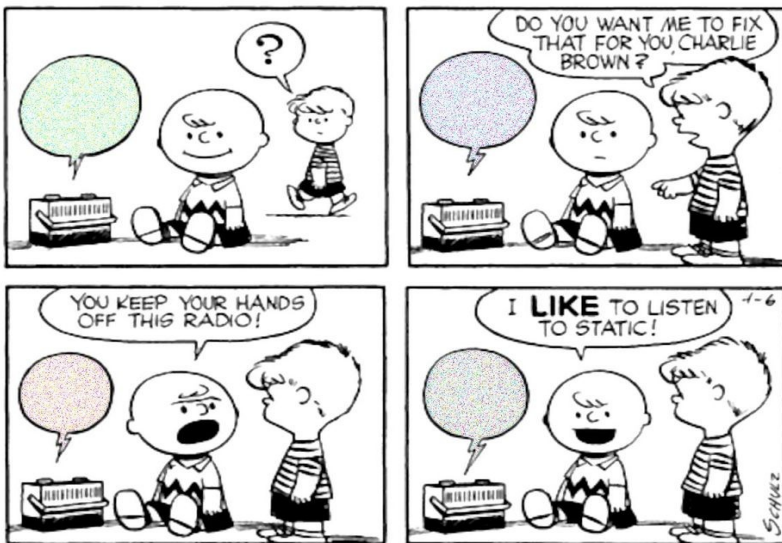
NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Our first meeting of 2025 was a success. We were able to begin plans for an exciting year ahead of us. Our membership is increasing. If any have not yet paid your membership/repeater fees, please do so asap. Thank you in advance. (we might point out that these fees are tax deductible and should you need a specific receipt just for tax purposes, please cont me and it will be provided.)

The truck is in the process of being sold and we need to ask all who had a set of keys, please return them to either myself or Bob. We had it running, but the driver was afraid to drive it on the street after being parked so long. So, we are actively looking for a large tow truck to deliver it to the buyer.

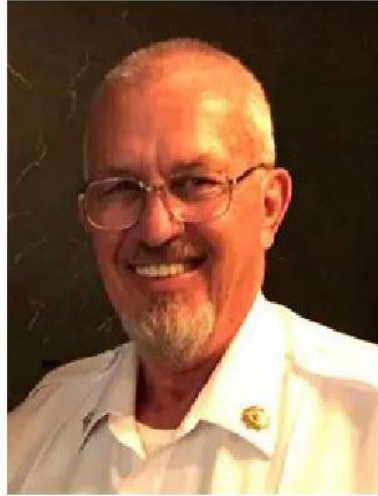
The second thing I want to talk about is Field Day and the FlyIn/CruiseIn. Effective immediately I am stepping down as coordinator of these two activities. I have been the the coordinator for both of these activities for the past 5 years and I feel that it is time for another member to take the reigns of these activities. If you are interested in doing the job of coordinator please get in touch with me or Bob – AD9AW.

With spring just around the corner, next month we will be touching on the subject of Jump kits and Go kits. We will have recommended list for a 24 hour kit and a 72 hour kit.



L. B. Nickerson - K9NQW
Editor





Silent Key

Jay M. Beall - WD9IZA

1947 – 2025

Jay M. Beall, 77, of Swayzee, passed away at 8:50 pm on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Wesleyan Health Care & Rehabilitation Center in Marion. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, October 28, 1947, to J. Mac and Bettie (Hirsh) Beall. On August 8, 1969, he married Marsha Lynne Browning.

Jay graduated from McCallum High School. He was a life member of the NRA and a member of the USMC Tripoli Detachment. He served in the USMC with two tours in Vietnam and was a highly decorated Marine. He received the following awards and medals during his military service: Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Naval Unit Citation, and Para Badge.

Jay worked at Dana Corp. for nine years prior to his employment at the VA Hospital. He also served with Southwest Medic 5 for 15 years in Swayzee and was involved in Amateur Radio for 15 years helping missionary families here to make contact with their families on the mission field. He enjoyed hunting whenever possible.

Survivors include his loving wife of 55 years, Marsha Lynne Beall; sons, Michael W. Beall and Nathan Scott (Lindsay J.) Beall; grandsons, Alex Beall, Bryce (Shelby) Beall, and Logan Beall; granddaughter, Kaily Jo Beall; and great-grandsons, Ford Beall and Gaines Beall.

He was preceded in death by his father, J. Mac Beall; mother, Bettie N. Beall; and sister, Gaye Beall.

The family will receive visitors from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday, February 3, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

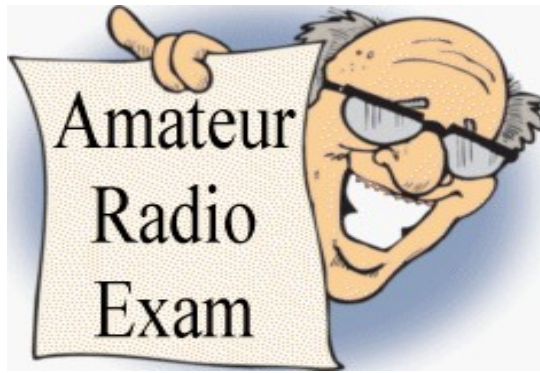
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to [Wounded Warrior Project](#), 230 W. Monroe St., Ste. 200, Chicago, IL 60606 or to [The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research](#), Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163.

Memories may be shared online at www.nswcares.com.

February 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Notes | February 8th - Monthly Breakfast Meeting - 8:30 AM at Georgie's Cafe on the Bypass |
| | Monthly Siren Test: 11:45 AM |
| | Other Weekly Nets: Sunday: Miami County ARC Sunday Night Ragchew Net - 8:00 pm 147.345 (PL 131.8) |
| | Monday: Miami County ARC ARES/RACES Net - 8:00 pm 147.345 (PL 131.8) |
| | Tuesday and Thursday: Miami County ARC Ladies with a License Net - 8:00 pm 147.345 (PL 131.80) |
| | Wednesday: Blackford County ARC Net - 8:30 pm - also on Talkgroup 31181; 146.790+ (PL141.3) and 146.655 |
| | Thursday: 10 Meter Net - 28.425 MHz (+- 25 hz) 8:00 PM (Early Checkins) Net starts at 8:30 pm |
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02/18/2025

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 EMA EOC
300 N. Delaware St
Anderson, IN 46016

02/22/2025

Sponsor: Ft Wayne Radio Club
Time: 12:00 PM (**No Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: James Kajder
(505) 228-3704
Email: testing@indyradioclub.org
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS TRNG Fac
4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46254
Register or Call Ahead

02/10/2025

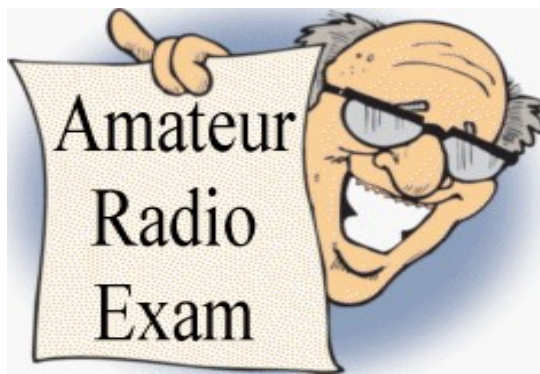
Sponsor: Whitley County Amateur Radio Club
Time: 8:30 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Roger L. McEntarfer
(260) 503-9008
Email: rlmcen56@gmail.com
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: Virtual
717 E 400 N
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

02/17/2025

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Time: 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
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Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, please verify with your VE team that the exam session is being held.



02/18/2025

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 EMA EOC

300 N Delaware St

Anderson, IN 46016

Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

02/22/2025

Sponsor: Ft Wayne Radio Club

Time: 12:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)

Contact: Joshua J. Long

(260) 444-8009

Email: drjoshlong@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Indiana Tech, Cummingham

Business Center

1600 E Washington Blvd

Fort Wayne, IN 46803-1228

02/24/2025

Sponsor: Marshall County Amateur Radio Club

Time: 8:30 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

02/24/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC

Time: 8:03 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)

Contact: Roger L. McEntarfer

(260) 503-9008

Email: rlmcen56@gmail.com

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: Virtual

717 E 400 N

Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

02/27/2025

Sponsor: Grant County ARC

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

Contact: Lynn B Nickerson

(765) 517-1581

Email: k9nqw1979@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA Building

3921 Garthwaite Rd

Gas City, IN 46933-1155

Pre-register only, contact ahead

Website: <https://www.grantarc.net>





02/08/25

Hendricks County Hamfest

Start Date: 02/08/25

End Date: 02/08/245

Location: Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds
and Conference Center

1900 E. Main Street

Danville, 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: John Farmer - N9CQ

4715 Mimosa Dr

Plainfield, IN 46168

Phone: (317) 308-0870

Email: HAMFEST@n9hc.org

02/22/25

LaPorte Cabin Fever Hamfest

Start Date: 02/22/25

End Date: 02/22/25

Location: LaPorte County Fairgrounds

2581 State Road 2 West

LaPorte, IN

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

Sponsor: Laporte County Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Convection

Talk-In: 146.970

Public Contact: Rich Oberle - KC9DJP

1978 E 500 S

LaPorte, IN 46350

Phone: (219-448-0090)

Email: cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com





Contesting



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

February 2025

Date: 10-14 School Club Roundup

Date: 15-16 International 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> |
|-------------------|--|--|
| 02-05 | Pluto Discovery Anniversary Special Event | www.nadxa.com |
| 02/08 | USS Midway's final departure from Viet Nam in 1973 | www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw |
| 02/14 to 02/15 | Arizona Statehood Day SES | www.w7yrx.org/club-station |
| 02/15 to 02/17 | Ice Station W0JH - Frozen Minnesota Lake Portable | www.Radioham.org |
| 02/15 to 02/16 | K4US – George Washington's Birthday at Mount Vernon | mvarc.or.K4US@mvarc.org |

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

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name of Special Event</u> | <u>Webpage</u> |
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| 02-16 to | The White House Communications | |
| 02-18 | Agency Amateur Radio Club Presidents Day 2025 Commemoration | https://whitehousecomms-arc.org |
| 02/17 to | Celebrating Engineer's Week | |
| 02-21 | at Collins Aerospace | www.qrz.com/db/W0CXX |
| 02/19 to | Merci Train Boxcar Anniversary | |
| 02/24 | | www.qrz.com/db/NV7AL |
| 02/21 to | George Washington's Birthday | |
| 02/23 | | https://cbn.homestead.com/ws7g.html |
| 02/22 | 21st Annual Freeze Your Keys winter operating event | w0mna74@gmail.com |
| 02/22 | Calvert High School STEM Expo | k3cal.club |
| 02/22 to | Knights of Columbus 125th | |
| 02/23 | Anniversary of the Fourth Degree | http://www.NJ2KC.org |
| 02/28 | Beaver Valley ARA CW Roundup | https://www.qrz.com/db/W3SGJ |

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

The club has 16 pages of ham equipment for sale.

The items are listed on the Grant County Amateur Radio Club's webpage under Equipment For Sale.

Go to Grantarc.net to see the items for sale.

