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## FORT WAYNE'S D-STAR REPEATER

The Fort Wayne D-STAR repeater is ready for prime time! We have the final frequency assignment from the IRC. The UHF duplexer removed from Robison Park was re-tuned to the IRC coordinated frequency pair (442.99375 / 447.99375 MHz) and was installed at the Masonic Temple site by the stalwart team of Jim Pliett, Paul Prestia, Tom Rupp, John Martin, Scott Badders and Al Burke, with help from Charles Ward who provided a "way out there" (but calibrated) D-STAR signal while trick-or-treating out in New Haven with his little girl.

The Fort Wayne Masonic Temple is centrally located in downtown. The repeater is linked to REF024B, the official reflector for the Indiana state-wide D-STAR network. It has been through a full shake-down to make sure the system is fully functional. So far we've used it to contact hams around the state and elsewhere. If you are in the area with a D-STAR capable transceiver then give it a try.

Information on how to program a D-STAR radio to work with the Fort Wayne repeater is available on the FWRC web page.

A D-STAR forum and demonstration

is scheduled for Saturday afternoon at 12:15 at the Hamfest.

For more information on-line, a group has been set up on Yahoo for those specifically interested in the Indiana D-STAR system. It is at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IndianaD-STAR/>

D-STAR nets are getting starting up. An Illinois D-STAR Net is held on Wednesdays from 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm (EST). D-STAR repeaters can participate in the Illinois D-STAR Net by connecting to Illinois D-STAR Reflector Channel REF001B. DV dongle users can participate in the Illinois D-STAR Net by connecting to Reflector Channel REF001B or to a D-STAR repeater connected to Reflector Channel REF001B.

Icom Inc. is organizing a long weekend D-STAR QSO Party for 2011 to be held between 0:00 on the 11th of November to 24:00 on the 13th of November (UTC). This event differs from previous D-STAR contests that have taken place over the last few years. Instead of competing for numbers of contacted call signs, the goal this year is to encourage D-STAR operators to communicate through as many



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The deadline for the each issue is the first day of the month.

# Hamsplatter

Fort Wayne Radio Club

P.O. Box 15127, Fort Wayne, IN

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By the looks of the weather today, I hope that everyone has done their Fall antenna work, and they are ready for whatever old man winter has to throw at them! I finally have my HF loop working



good again, and have a decent 2m FM antenna up as well. Nothing helps with the winter blues more than getting on the air and having some great QSO's, whether it is a contest like the 160 meter ARRL 'test' or the 10 meter contest (both coming up in December) or the January VHF Sweepstakes. It is still my desire to put up a "TV" antenna (that just happens to work on 144 and 432 MHz...) for upcoming contests and all the weak-signal SSB work on those bands.

With the coming of Fall weather you can expect the end of the Fox Hunting season (I guess Foxes have to hibernate for December and January!). The last Fox Hunt of the year has been moved to the second Sunday in the month, the 13th, and with it the end of season bonfire and carry-in at the QTH of Jim and Annie, K9OMA & KA9YYI. If you can't make the hunt, at least bring your favorite food-to-share and join us at Jim & Annie's for some good time and good food.

Also moved for November is the club meeting night. Usually, we are on the third Friday night of the month, but since we would have a conflict with the set up night for the ACARTS Fort Wayne Hamfest, our BOD meeting will be on the 1st, and the club meeting on the 11th. At this time we do not have a presentation lined up, although I am working on a few ideas. If you have an idea or would like to suggest or even present one yourself, please let me know. We are looking for ideas for next year as well, so if you have an idea or concept, let me know via e-mail, on the air, or at the next meeting. Maybe I should Google "radio club meeting ideas" and see what pops up!

I am sure that 2012 is going to be a fan-

tastic year for the club and Amateur Radio in general. Certainly, the conditions on the HF bands are doing great already. I am listening to the CQ WW HF DX contest as I am writing this, and 15 and 10 meters are banging in like they did in the 60's!! I have worked a bunch of countries with 50 watts and my 150 foot "stealth loop" at 20 feet, so I can just imagine the guys with 40 foot towers and multiband quads are doing! If you are not on the air, you are really missing out on some fun operating, regardless of what bands or modes are your favorite. That's it for now! I have some coax jumpers to build, and I am working on a safe storage place for some generator gasoline, in case those nasty ice storms pay us a visit again this year. We have a club radio to nurse back to health as well. No shortage of fun tasks this fall!

73, C U on the air, Steve, W9SAN



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November 11: TBD

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN.

## FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

The October Meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 21 October 2011 with club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN serving as host. There were about 40 persons present.

### Old Business:

Steve started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and followed this by having all in attendance introduce themselves and their calls.

The minutes from the September meeting were read, and there were no corrections.

The Treasurer's report dated 21 October, 2011 indicated the following:

Year to date income, \$5,515.80,

Year to date expenses, \$5,317.23,

Cash on hand, \$154.99,

Savings/Checking balance, \$6,782.72,

The report was approved as read.

Al Burke provided a synopsis of the September foxhunt report. John Martin served as the fox, and the Pliett / Burke team were the winners. Charles Ward is point leader for the year. Details are available in the September Foxhunt Chronicles that can be found on the club web page and also in the October edition of the Ham News. The last foxhunt of the year has been moved from Sunday the 6th of November to the 13th, and immediately following the hunt Jim & Annie Pliett will host the annual end-of-the (Foxhunt) season party out at their QTH.

Steve Nardin reported that the club's support of the Boy Scout Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) went well. Op's K9RFZ, KC9UHU, N9GFP, K9FMX, WB9SSE and W9SAN operated two HF stations plus one VHF station at the Old Fort location and perhaps instilled the ham radio bug in a few of the Scouts that checked the stations out.

### New Business:

Steve Nardin discussed a potential club fund raising activity involving operating one of the refreshment stands at the Coliseum. Non-Profit Organizations (such as our radio club) routinely man the refreshment stands during Coliseum events

and typically earn \$200.00 to \$300.00 per event. Eight to ten volunteers would be required for each occasion, and we would probably need to sign up for around 10 events per year. So we figure a pool of at least 20 volunteers would need to be established before the club could commit to the venture. Volunteers are provided free parking and food at events they participate in. Steve asked for a show of hands of those who would be willing to support this endeavor and at least 19 people attending the meeting put their hands up. So Steve will pursue with the Coliseum further.

Steve Nardin announced that two new (volunteer) Board positions will be established starting with the CY 2012 club year. These positions are a Public Relations position, and an Activities position. The P.R. position is self descriptive. The Activities position would involve the setting up and coordination of club events such as JOTA's, Field Day, QSO Parties, etc. and would also involve liaison with AERES and other emergency services groups. Anyone interested in volunteering for either of these Board positions should contact Steve.

Jim Boyer, KB9IH reported that he is looking for volunteers to help support the Fort Wayne Hamfest. Many opportunities are available; Security, Vendor Check-In, Talk-In, Announcing, and so forth. Volunteers receive free admittance to the Hamfest, free parking, and a coupon that provides a meal rebate. Contact Jim if interested.

Steve Nardin announced that Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ would be conducting Technician class license classes at IPFW starting tomorrow. He proposed to the Board of Directors, (and they approved), a plan where-in anyone passing the Tech license exam at the Hamfest would receive a coupon entitling that person to a one year FWRC membership at no cost provided the person brought the coupon to a club meeting and gave it to a club officer.

Nominations for Officers and Board of Director positions for the CY 2012 club year were reopened to offer anyone the opportunity to nominate another person or themselves for a position. No one

came forward in that regard. So the slate for elections that followed immediately after nominations were closed was as follows:

President Steve Nardin, W9SAN

Vice President

John Martin, N9UWR

Jim Pliett, K9OMA

Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST

Secretary Al Burke, WB9SSE

Communications Manager

Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ

Board of Directors (3)

Tom Baker, N9TB

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Terry Bowman, K9FMX

Linda Nardin, W9LAN,

Charles Ward, KC9MUT

Following a count of the written ballots that were passed out, it was determined that the following persons would serve as officers and Board members for the 2012 club year:

President Steve Nardin, W9SAN

Vice President Jim Pliett, K9OMA

Treasurer Bob Streeter, W9ST

Secretary Al Burke, WB9SSE

Communications Manager

Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ

Board of Directors

Tom Baker, N9TB

Terry Bowman, K9FMX

Charles Ward, KC9MUT

Following the elections, Steve Nardin thanked all who were willing to run for office, and thanked all who served this year.

Steve Nardin provided a photo presentation on the D-STAR initiative that has resulted in Fort Wayne, Allen County and North East Indiana now having a D-STAR node. The system is currently operating in an experimental mode, running on low power, but otherwise is fully functional.

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# State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN

## ACARTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November is the month of the Fort Wayne Hamfest. It is to be held on November 19th and 20th this year. If you worked at the Hamfest last year, your manager should soon be contacting you about working again. If you have not worked at the Hamfest before and would like to work a one or two hour shift, contact the Hamfest Chairman, Jim Boyer, KB9IH, at kb9ih(at)arrl.net or 260-489-6700, and let him know that you want to help. Positions are still open for Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday.



Nominations will be open from the floor before the election. The meeting will also include the Hamfest wrap-up.

I was without any antennas for a while last month while the house was being resided. As soon as the contractor was finished with a section, I was up there drilling holes in the new siding and rerouting the cables into the attic and down to the shack. That was probably a first for the contractor as most people don't drill a dozen holes in brand new siding.

Feel free to e-mail me or call me on the phone with your thoughts and ideas for the club.

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

November is also election month for Club Officers and Managers for 2012. Make your voice heard by attending the November General Meeting and voting.

## OCTOBER 2011 ACARTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH.

Dave stated that arrangements had been made with Casa Ristorante on Parnell for the Hamfest workers' meals. He also said that a room at Casa Ristorante on West Jefferson had been reserved for the club Christmas dinner on December 20, 2011. Dave reminded everyone that the November General meeting would be held on the fourth Tuesday, November 22nd, instead of the third Tuesday so that it falls after the Hamfest.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that the main advertising for the Hamfest this year will be radio and TV, With no newspaper advertising. He added that Hamfest packets had

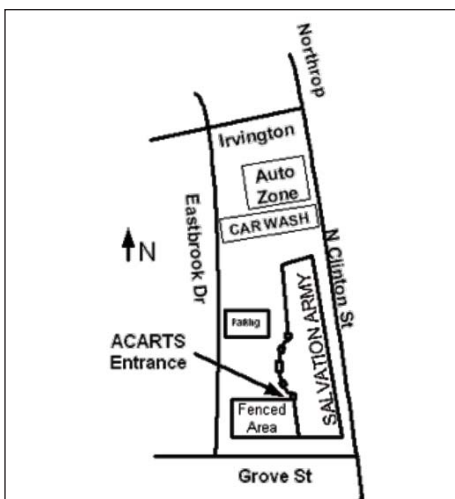
been mailed to the surrounding clubs and the bulk general mailing would go out on Thursday.

After refreshments, Jim, KB9IH, gave a presentation on embedded processors, giving their history and explaining how they are now used in everyday applications.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

**November 22:** The program will be club elections for 2012 and the Hamfest wrap-up.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at the Salvation Army Center, 2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN.



## ACARTS Officers

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### Tech Committee

Open

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The remainder of the meeting was spent on Hamfest business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

### Fort Wayne's D-STAR Repeater

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D-STAR repeaters and with other D-STAR operators across the globe. The more countries a user contacts during the time period, the more entries in the prize pool they will have. Icom Inc. has a total of fifteen of the forthcoming ID-31E D-STAR UHF handheld transceivers. available as prizes for this event.

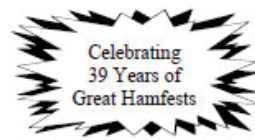
Participation in the contest is via DV mode. All operators who submit an approved log will be eligible for the draw and 15 (fifteen) winners will be randomly selected to each win a prize. To qualify for the draw:

- You need to make a contact through at least one repeater in your own country.
- Contact D-STAR users in 5 foreign countries and you will double your chances to win a prize.
- Contact D-STAR users in 10 foreign countries and you will triple your chances to win a prize.
- Contact D-STAR users in more than 20 foreign countries and you will quadruple your chances to win a prize.

More info is available at:

<http://www.icom.co.jp/world/d-starparty2011/>

Talk-in on  
146.88 (-)



**FORTWAYNE  
HAMFEST**  
& Computer Expo

**November 19-20, 2011**

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#### Hours & Admissions

Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM  
Sunday 9 AM - 3 PM

**\$6** (good both days)

**\$4** (Sunday only)

(The Expo charges \$4.00 for parking)

#### D.X.C.C. Information

Carl K9LA and Mike N9NS will check DXCC QSLs, including 160m and deleted entities.

Vicky AE9YL will check WAS, VUCC, and WAC awards.

#### From the A.R.R.L.

Dick Isely, W9GIG  
Central Division Director  
John Poindexter W3ML  
Indiana Section Manager  
Mike Corey, W5MPC  
Emergency Preparedness Manager

### Forums and Meetings

#### Saturday

9:00 AM VE testing (until noon)  
10:00 ARRL Forum  
11:30 IRCC forum  
12:15 PM Indiana Repeater Council  
12:15 PM D-STAR  
1:15 Young Ladies Radio League  
1:45 AMSAT  
2:15 QRP  
2:45 ARES and FLDigi  
3:15 NTS CW Traffic Nets

#### Sunday

10:00 Entering Ham Radio In The Early Years  
11:00 Transmit Antennas For The Low Bands  
12:00 Low Noise Receiving Ant. For Low Bands

*Check our web site for the latest info*

### Amateur Radio Exams on Saturday

Test times: 9 AM to 12 noon. No advanced registration. If upgrading you must bring a copy of your license. Everyone must have two ID's (one with photo). The exam fee is \$14.00. Use the main Hamfest entrance and look for signs.

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Download a PDF of the complete flier at:

<http://www.acarts.com/images/2011%20Hamfest%20Flyer.pdf>

# FWDXA

Fort Wayne DX Association

## THE 2011 RSGB CONVENTION

Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

As we've done the past two years, my wife Vicky AE9YL and I attended the 2011 Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) Convention near London on October 8 and 9. Our official duties were for the ARRL: DXCC card checking (me), and WAS, VUCC, and WAC card checking (Vicky). We enjoyed visiting with our foreign ham friends and catching several of the presentations (more about the forums later).

We decided to do some sightseeing prior to the Convention, so we left Sunday evening October 2. We arrived at London Heathrow Monday morning, and took the train to Cardiff. We spent the afternoon and evening touring this wonderful city in Wales. Tuesday morning we took the train to Liverpool, where we visited the Cavern Club (where the Beatles performed in their very early years). We also hopped a train to Manchester (about 45 minutes from Liverpool) the same evening to have dinner at the Hard Rock Café.

Wednesday morning we took the train up north to Edinburgh, and spent two days and nights there. It was cold and rainy, but we had expected and prepared for such weather in Scotland in October.

Friday morning we took the train south to Milton Keynes (about an hour north of London), where the Convention was being held. It was in the same place as last year, which was the Horwood House (an old estate on 38 acres out in the country). See the accompanying photo of the Horwood House.

We ran into Mike N9NS (from Indy) at the Friday evening dinner. Mike had been in the Czech Republic, and came over for the weekend for the Convention. We also ran into Bob NQ1R, who was the ARRL representative from Headquarters. His ARRL duties were more general in nature – taking international membership applications, answering questions about the League, etc. We enjoyed visiting with him.

At the beginning of this column, I mentioned the forums. Well, they were quite

extensive. There were five tracks going all day Saturday and through Sunday afternoon. Thus I am confident there was something for everyone. There were seven presentations tied to solar issues and propagation, and I made five of the seven (one was my presentation, so it was a given I'd be there). I'll be reviewing five of these presentations in my January 2012 WorldRadio column, so visit:



<http://www.worldradiomagazine.com/> in mid December for all the details.

We sat with the Russian entourage at lunch on Saturday. Yuri UA0OBA and Sergey RA3NAN came by our DXCC table later in the afternoon for a visit. See the accompanying photo of me, Sergey, and Yuri.

In summary, we had another great time at the RSGB Convention. We don't know about next year yet, but we're certainly thinking about it.



### Say Again?

“How, sir, would you make a ship sail against the wind and currents by lighting a bonfire under her deck? I pray you, excuse me, I have not the time to listen to such nonsense.”

*Napoleon Bonaparte  
when told of Robert Fulton's  
steamboat, 1800s.*

**For Sale**

At the FWRC table at the Hamfest:

- JFW 10 db Attenuator 100 Watt
- Simpson 260 VOM
- HP 334A Distortion Analyzer
- HP 461A 20 db/40 db amplifier (1 kHz to 150 MHz)
- Lambda P S 12-15 Volts @ 0.6 Amps
- Knight RF Generator 160Hz to 112 MHz

For the January auction, I should have:

- Marconi 2022C Rf Gen.
- HP 8656A RF Gen.
- HP 8590A Spectrum Analyzer

Woody Woodbury, kc9cgn at gmail.com

*If you have something you would like to have listed in the classified section then please send an email to the newsletter editor at ab9zd at arrl.net.*

**FWRC Meeting Minutes**

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Paul Prestia and Charles Ward brought two borrowed D-STAR hand-helds to the meeting and demonstrated operation through our new repeater and also demonstrated interaction with the Indianapolis D-STAR node. The system will remain in the experimental mode until several implementation issues are resolved at which point it will be opened for all users.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC

**INDIANA STATE CONVENTION  
(FORT WAYNE HAMFEST AND COMPUTER EXPO)**

11/19/2011 and 11/20/2011  
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum  
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Event Date(s): Saturday, November 19  
9am-4pm  
Sunday, November 20  
9am-3pm.  
Location: Expo Center  
Parking: Parking: \$4.00 Main Lot  
\$8.00 Preferred Lot  
Pricing: \$6 for both days  
\$4 for Sunday  
Children 11 and under  
are free.

**Evansville Hamfest**

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# THE FOXHUNT CHRONICLES FOR THE OCTOBER HUNT

The ninth Foxhunt of the 2011 season was held on Sunday afternoon, the 9th of October. The weather was in the mid 80's with low humidity and no wind and the trees were putting on Fall color, absolutely gorgeous.

The October hunters consisted of six groups including the team of Jim and Kim Machamer, KB9's DOS and DOT, the team of Carole and Al Burke, WB9'sRUS and SSE plus Jim and Annie Pliett, K9OMA and WB9YI, the team of Mark Berke, WA7NXI and Steve Irving, KC9AUQ, the team of Larry Temenoff, KB9OS and the IPFW Radio Club, KM9DON, the team of Steve and Linda Nardin, W9's SAN and LAN, and single hunter Charles Ward, KC9MUT.

For this hunt the role of the fox was perpetrated by John Martin, N9UWR assisted by Scott Badders, KA9SLN. They set up in an idyllic setting in Northside Park and placed a cross-band HT in the fox lair under a fake rock.

Earlier in the morning the Pliett / Burke team set out to calibrate the van mounted vhf yagi they use for foxhunting in order to determine its DF bearing errors. We were employing a new (to us) piece of software (Google Earth integrated with Navi 2020) which draws DF vectors from a GPS based current location fix directly onto a Google Earth map and therefore

produces cross bearing fixes used to localize the fox. We finished the first pass at the calibration task just in time to arrive at the foxhunter's starting point in the parking lot of the Off-track betting parlor over at Washington Center and Lima roads.

John's initial fox signals were heard by the hunters who proceeded south-east based upon initial DF readings. After about four DF readings the Google Earth / Navi 2020 software pretty much convinced us that the fox had to be located in the Northside Park area, and when we got to the Park the fox's third harmonic signal was very strong, so we proceeded on foot.

Actually, Kim and Jim Machamer were the first team to localize the fox, followed by the Pliett / Burke crew. After that I think the order probably was the Nardin's, the Berke / Irving team, the Temenoff/ IPFW team and finally (and uncharacteristically last) Charles Ward.

Annie Pliett was the first hunter to actually find the fox itself. She noted what looked to her like a fake rock, lifted it, and discovered the cross-band HT. I suspect this was a case of female intuition working, similar to being able to spot real diamond as opposed to zirconium. Most females can just naturally do this.

Following Annie's discovery the fox

was found by the Nardins, the Machamers, the Berke / Irving team, the Temenoff / IPFW team and Charles Ward in that order.

Based upon the mileage and time-to-find scoring criterion, the scores for this hunt were as follows:

WB9YI / K9OMA / WB9RUS / WB9SSE	858.5 points
KB9OS / KB9DOT	855 points
W9SAN / W9LAN	824 points
WA7NXI / KC9AUQ	799.5 points
KB9OS / KM9DON	799 points
KC9MUT	759.5 points
And the Fox's, N9UWR and KA9SLN	623 points

So the role of the fox for the last hunt this season (the November hunt) will be provided by the Pliett / Burke team.

Following the hunt everyone proceeded to Liberty Diner for an after-hunt repast. The Liberty Diner was hosting a Hot-Rod drive-in, so in addition to good food, we got to scope out some really cool cars.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Burke, WB9SSE

## FOX HUNT YEAR TO DATE POINTS

K9OMA	KA9YI	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	KC9TIK	AB9YB	KB9OS	KC9MUT	KC9EZR	AB9IZ	NATHAN	KB9VTK
4752	4752	4752	4752	525	525	1917.5	6305	4107.5	863	507.5	450
W9SAN	W9LAN	ALEX	KB9DOS	KB9DOT	KC9CGN	WA7NXI	KA9AUQ	WB9BGJ	KB9ZQG	N9WLW	N9UWR
3968.5	2492	2122	5402.5	5402.5	2512.5	4275	2762	1740	1740	340	1341
KA9SLN											
623											

## Foxhunt Chronicles

The following is the remaining Foxhunting schedule for 2011:

November 11/13/11 1:30 pm Sunday

The Allen County HamNews is prepared using Adobe's InDesign software along with PhotoShop and Acrobat on an i7 PC running Windows 7.

Photos of this month's of club events were provided by Al Burke, WB9SSE, Ken Helms, AB9ZD, and Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA.

## ARES UPDATE

As propagation improves going into Fall, the weekly Indiana ARES HF net has seen increased participation. The move to Sundays at 5PM on 3900 kHz provided an open frequency with no intentional interference, but atmospheric conditions limited some check-ins during the summer months.

This net hasn't reached its full potential because a handful of Indiana Districts are rarely represented. I hope to hear more participation from Districts 6, 8, and 10.

One of the responsibilities of each county Emergency Coordinator is to appoint an NTS Liaison to periodically check into the Indiana Traffic Net. The role of this NTS Liaison could be expanded to include representing your county on the weekly ARES HF net. Check-ins from any ARES member are especially encouraged. If you have a station with a good 75m signal output, then contact your county EC and volunteer to represent your ARES team on the weekly HF net.

If you plan to attend the Fort Wayne Hamfest on November 19 – 20, then please stay long enough to participate in the Saturday afternoon ARES Forum. I have requested Allen County EC Jim Moehring KB9WWM to present his team's progress in using FLDigi for served agency communications. The Allen County Digital Operations Team (DOT) used FLDigi to connect 5 locations during the Simulated Emergency Test on October 1. They have practiced for the past year by hosting a weekly local digital net in addition to the weekly voice net. I hope more teams will be inspired to learn and implement FLDigi for served agency communications. The FLDigi software offers many of the benefits of packet and D-STAR without the burden of needing repeaters/nodes/internet for intermediate relay.

Remember to submit your team's Simulated Emergency Test report to Steve Ewald at ARRL Headquarters (contact info on the report form).

Although the SET is not a competition to score the most points, it's useful to demonstrate Indiana ARES' commitment to staying prepared for disasters. The annual Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is an upcoming opportunity to share emergency

## SKYWARN TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2012

The National Weather Service has scheduled the Allen County, Indiana sessions of its annual SKYWARN spotter training. Two identical sessions will take place on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. One begins at 2 p.m. and the other begins at 7 p.m. The training will take place at the Public Safety Academy of Northeast Indiana, 7602 Patriot Crossing, Fort Wayne, IN. As always, the training will be presented by a representative of the National Weather Service.

Other training sessions around the area include the following. All times are EST:



County	Date	Times	
Whitley, IN	Monday, February 06, 2012	6:30 PM	
Marshall, IN	Tuesday, February 07, 2012	6:30 PM	
Grant, IN	Wednesday, February 08, 2012	7:00 PM	
Elkhart, IN	Thursday, February 09, 2012	12:00 PM	4:00 PM
Noble, IN	Monday, February 13, 2012	1:00 PM	6:30 PM
Hillsdale, MI	Thursday, February 16, 2012	7:00 PM	
<b>Allen, IN</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 21, 2012</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Branch, MI	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	2:00 PM	6:00 PM
White, IN	Wednesday, March 07, 2012	1:30 PM	6:00 PM
Henry, OH	Tuesday, March 13, 2012	2:30 PM	7:00 PM
LaPorte, IN	Wednesday, March 14, 2012	3:30 PM	6:00 PM
Wabash, IN	Thursday, March 15, 2012	7:00 PM	
Wells, IN	Friday, March 16, 2012	1:00 PM	6:00 PM
St. Joseph, IN	Monday, March 19, 2012	2:00 PM	6:00 PM
Williams, OH	Wednesday, March 21, 2012	7:00 PM	
Van Wert, OH	Thursday, March 22, 2012	7:00 PM	
Allen, OH	Wednesday, March 28, 2012	1:30 PM	7:00 PM
St. Joseph, MI	Thursday, March 29, 2012	2:30 PM	7:00 PM

preparedness principles with Boy Scouts.

This year's international theme for the event is Peace, Environment, and Natural Disasters. Boy Scouts will gather on October 15 -16 to emphasize the need for volunteerism when natural disasters occur anywhere in the world. ARES team members are well-suited to work with the Boy Scouts and help them understand how a crisis can quickly become a disaster when communication is lost.

Thanks for all your efforts in the service of your communities and Indiana ARES.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ

ARRL Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator

# CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are a few of the contests that will be held in the next few weeks. Please refer to the contest Web sites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Some of the places on-line with information on contest include:

ARRL Contest Corral Web page: <http://www.arrl.org/contests>

WA7BNM Contest Calendar: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

ARRL's National Contest Journal calendar: <http://www.ncjweb.com/contestcal.php>

Contesting On-Line: <http://www.contesting.com/>

HF	Contest Title	Ph	CW	Dig	Exchange & Frequencies (MHz)	Logs Due
VHF+	Dates / Times				Sponsor's Web Site	
1.8-28	ARRL November Sweepstakes		X		Serial, category, call, check, ARRL sec	Nov 22
	Nov 5, 2100Z - Nov 7, 0300Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	
1.8-28	Kentucky QSO Party	X	X	X	RST and KY county or S/P/C	Dec 31
50	Nov 12, 1400Z - Nov 13, 0200Z				<a href="http://www.wkdx.com">www.wkdx.com</a>	
	ARRL EME Contest	X	X	X	Call signs, sig rpt, acknowledgement	Dec 20
50-1296	Nov 19, 0000Z - Nov 20, 2359Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	
1.8-28	ARRL November Sweepstakes	X			Serial, category, call, check, ARRL sec	Dec 6
	Nov 19, 2100Z - Nov 21, 0300Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	
1.8	ARRL 160 Meter Contest		X		RST and ARRL/RAC section if US/VE	Jan 3
	Dec 2, 2200Z - Dec 4, 1600Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	
28	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	X	X		RS(T) and State/Prov or serial	Jan 11
	Dec 10, 0000Z - Dec 11, 2400Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	
3.5-28	ARRL Rookie Roundup		X		Both calls, name, check, S/P/XE or "DX"	See web
50	Dec 18, 1800Z - Dec 18, 2359Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	
3.5-28	ARRL Straight-Key Night		X		General QSO information	Jan 31
50+	Jan 1, 0000Z - Jan 1, 2400Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	

**D-STAR QSO PARTY**

**The Biggest D-STAR QSO PARTY in the World!**

Travel the world by connecting through D-STAR repeaters around the globe.  
Contact as many D-STAR stations as possible throughout the World.

The party runs from:  
**Nov 11 (Fri.) to Nov 13 (Sun.)**  
00:00 (UTC) 24:00 (UTC)

Get a chance to win a brand-new ID-31A/E!

For more info, go to: <http://www.icom.co.jp/world/d-starparty2011/>

## Membership Application for ACARTS - and/or - FWRC

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted?  Yes

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site?  Yes  No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$20.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered?  by snail mail  download from web site.

### A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership  \$12.00 / year

Additional family members<sup>1</sup>  \$6.00 / year

Student membership<sup>2</sup>  \$6.00 / year

Associate membership<sup>3</sup>  \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership  \$20.00 / year

Family membership<sup>1</sup>  \$30.00 / year

Student membership<sup>2</sup>  \$5.00 / year

Associate membership<sup>3</sup>  \$20.00 / year

Mailed newsletter premium  \$20.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

3. Unlicensed member

Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

ACARTS

PO Box 10342

Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Fort Wayne Radio Club.

PO Box 15127

Fort Wayne, IN 46885

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send two checks to either club. Payment by check is strongly encouraged!

### ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority

147.255 (+) General use

443.800 (+) General use

(For autopatch 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

### ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

145.530 (s) W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice:

146.76 (-) General use

146.94 (-) General use with autopatch

146.91 (-) EchoLink connection repeater

Node number 519521

444.875 (+) General use

ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

### Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

**IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. on 146.88-

**Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7:00 p.m. on 147.015+

**21 Repeater Group:** Wed. at 7:30 p.m. on 147.150

**Help and Swap Net:** Mon. at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

**Daily Indiana Traffic Net:** 3.910 @ 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. local.

**Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net:** 3.535 @ 9:30 a.m. &

7:00 p.m. local times.

### Miscellaneous Nets

**Allen Co. ARES Training Net:** Tue. at 9:00 p.m. on 146.94-

**Emergency Preparedness Net:** Thurs. at 9:00 p.m. on 146.88-

**Huntington ARES:** Sat. at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685-

**Whitley Co. ARES:** Wed. at 8:00 p.m. on 145.270

(Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sun. at 8:00 p.m. on 444.550+, 131.8 PL

**"No-Name" Net:** 8:30 pm Sunday and Wednesday nights. 1.965

MHz or cross band on the 146.91 repeater.

**Little Red Barn Net:** Weekdays @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz.

Thursdays at 3826 kHz.

**Northeast Indiana Packet Net:** Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on

145.530 @ 1200 baud. We use unconnected converse mode to

communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO"

command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the

strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination.

Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor"

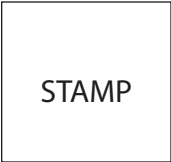
settings on so you can see everyone.

**FWRC YL Net:** Wed. 7:00 p.m. on 146.76-

**FWRC 6 Meter Net:** Tue. 8:00 p.m. on 50.580 USB

**6 Meter AM Net:** Thurs. 8:00 p.m. on 50.580 AM

**FW Area Student Net:** Wed. 9:00 p.m. on 146.91-



To:

## Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
11/01/2011	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
11/08/2011	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
11/11/2011	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
11/13/2011	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	Fort Wayne Off Track Betting Complex
11/19/2011	9:00 AM	Fort Wayne Hamfest	Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
11/20/2011	9:00 AM	Fort Wayne Hamfest	Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
11/22/2011	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
12/06/2011	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
12/13/2011	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
12/16/2011	7:00 PM	FWRC Christmas Banquet	GSUMC
12/22/2011	7:00 PM	ACARTS Christmas Dinner	Salvation Army Facility