



OFF THE AIR



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“Off The Air”

is the official publication of the
Grant County Amateur Radio Club

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<http://www.inarrl.org>

Section Jobs Description

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

From the President:

I hope that we can get more people involved in the club. I've talked to a few of the older Amateur radio guys and some of the new Amateur radio guys about joining the club.

I would like to do a session on antenna building. I'd like to get some input on that.

I know we are having issues with the repeater and we're working on that so your support is greatly appreciated.

I would like to get some input on to go boxes, some ideas on design and maybe we can have a couple of workshops on that. I'd also like some ideas on some battery arrangements, what kind of batteries we can get and how they hold up for the togo boxes.

If you know anybody that is an amateur radio operator, please invite them to the club meeting to get involved with us so we could have better participations in field events and other things that we do.

Don't forget about the hamfest coming up in April, would like to see everybody turn out and have a good time.

From your President
Mitch Miller - W9DDX

Grant County ARC Nets

What: 2 Meter Net

When: Every Sunday Evening

Time: 2100 hrs Local Time

Freq: 147.790- (PL 141.3)

What: DMR Net – Indiana Crossroads Net

When: Every Monday Night

Time: 2000 hrs Local Time

Freq: 442.750+ (Color Code 1)

What: Dstar Net – Indiana Statewide Dstar Net

When: Every Thursday Evening

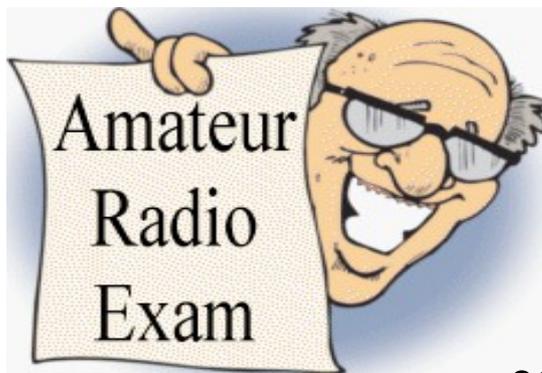
Time: 2000 hrs Local Time

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





03/07/2020

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 Street
Bluffton, IN 46714-1996

03/10/2020

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Time: 7:00 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

03/14/2020

Sponsor: Indianapolis RC

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

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

03/24/2020

Sponsor: Grant County ARC

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

Contact: James C. Davis
(765) 664-9848

Email: davis@comteck.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Marion Public Library
600 South Washington Street
Marion, IN 46952-9999

04/18/2020

Sponsor: Hancock ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins Allowed)

Contact: Jill Schaumloeffel
(317) 363-4674

Email: n2jlc@yahoo.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Park Chapel Christian Church
1176 E McKenzie Road
Greenfield, IN 46740-1100

04/18/2020

Sponsor: Indianapolis RC

Time: 12:00 AM (Walk-ins Allowed)

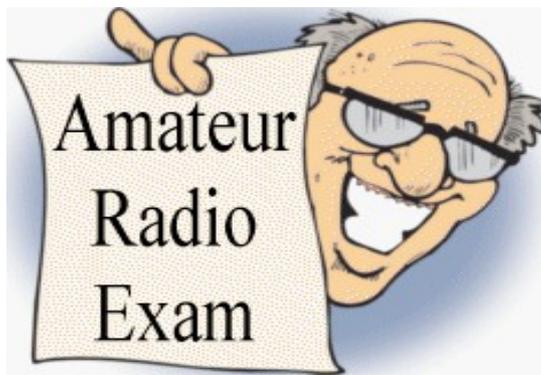
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04/21/2020

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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

04/25/2020

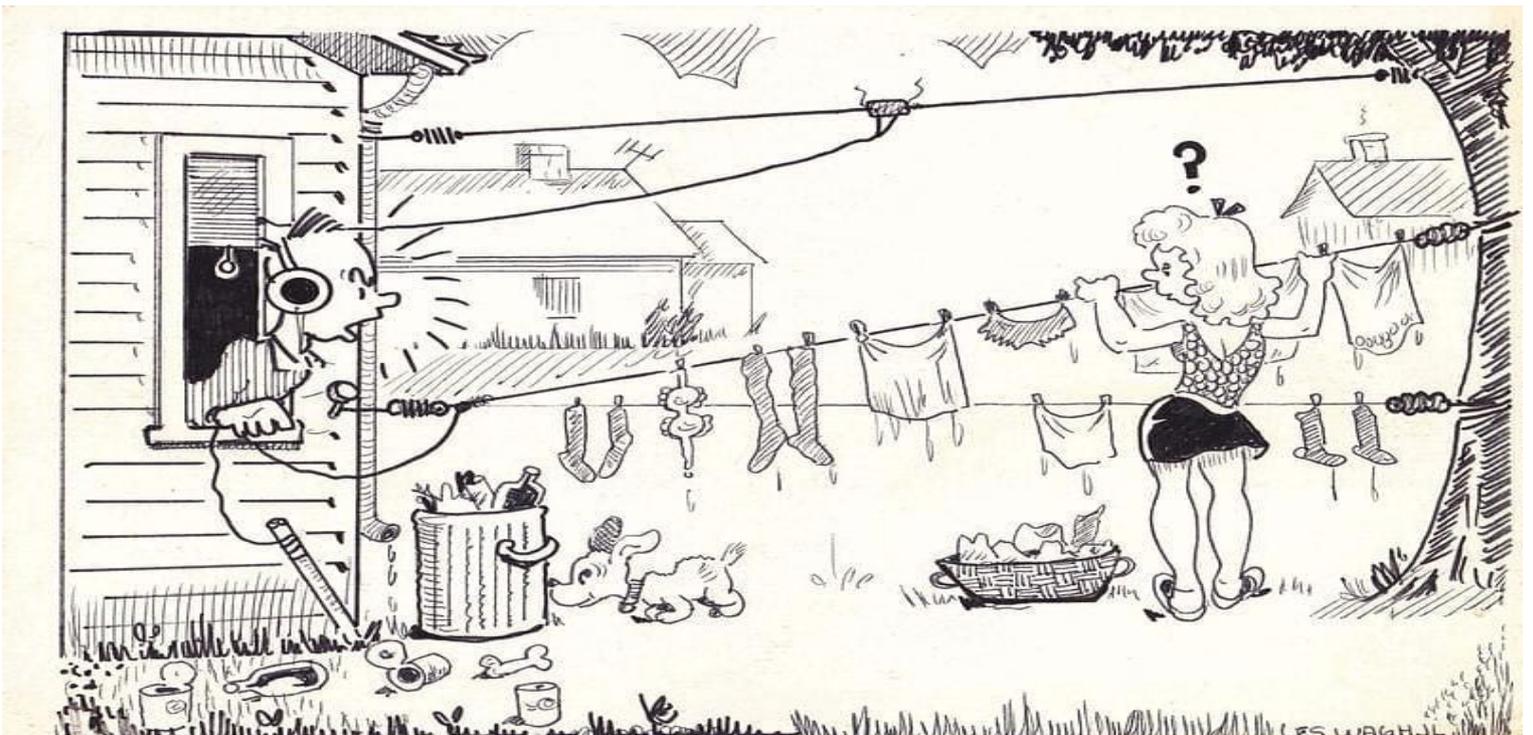
Sponsor: Whitley County ARC, Inc
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins Allowed)
Contact: Roger L. McEntarfer
(260) 503-9008
Email: n9qcl@arrl.net
VEC: W5YI Vec
Location: Peabody Library
1160 East State Road 205
Lower Level
Community Rooms A & B
Columbia City, IN 46725-2312

04/25/2020

Sponsor: Clinton County ARC
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins Allowed)
Contact: Michael V. Meiers
(765) 654-4814
Email: republic48@yahoo.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Frankfort Community Public Library
208 West Clinton Street
Room 216
Frankfort, IN 46041-1811

04/28/2020

Sponsor: Grant County ARC
Time: 5:00 PM (**No Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: James C. Davis
(765) 664-9848
Email: davis@comteck.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Marion Public Library
600 South Washington Street
Marion, IN 46952-9999





**IF \$ CAN'T BUY
HAPPINESS,
THEN EXPLAIN HAMFESTS**



*** HAMFEST ***

WVARA 2020 Hamfest

Date: 03/14/2020

Location: Clay County Fair Grounds
6550 N Street Road 59
Brazil, IN 47834

Website: <http://w9uuu.org>

Sponsor: Wabash Valley Amateur Association, Inc.

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-in: 146.685 (PL 131.4)

Public Contact: Chuck Procarione, W9COD
444 South 4th Street
Clinton, IN 47842

Phone: 812-239-8061

Email: famabc@yahoo.com

37th Annual Columbus Hamfest

Date: 04/04/2020

Location: Bartholomew County Fairgrounds,
Community Bldg
750 West County Road 200 South
Columbus, IN 47201

Website: <http://www.carcnet.net>

Sponsor: Columbus Amateur Radio Club,
Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-in: 146.790 (PL 103.5)

Public Contact: Bruce Tisdale, K9ICP
314 Sunset Blvd.
Greenwood, IN 46142

Phone: 765-513-5045

Email: Btisdale1949@comcast.net

**** Membership Dues ****

2020 membership dues are now due. You
Can send your check or money order to:

Steve Shepler WA9RVM

Box 824

Marion, IN 46952

Form is on line at: grantarc.org

Make your check or money order out to:

GCARC

Dues:

Full Annual Membership: \$20.00 per person

Family Annual Membership: Full membership +
\$5.00 per person, maximum of \$30.00/household

Associate Membership: \$10.00 per person

North Central Indiana Hamfest

Date: 04/25/2020

Location: Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds
1029 W 200 N
Peru, IN 46970

Website: <http://nci-hamfest.net>

Sponsor: Grant Cnty ARC, Miami Cnty ARC,
Cass Cnty ARC, Kokomo ARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-in: 147.345 (PL 131.8)

Public Contact: Steve Shepler, WA9RVM
P O Box 824
Marion, IN 46952

Phone: 765-661-5260

Email: Shepler1@gmail.com



Contesting



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

March 2020
DX Contest

Date: 07-08

April 2020

Rookie Roundup

Date: 19

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>
03/01	Nebraska Statehood Day	http://www.facebook.com/SENRC
03/05-12	C-47 Skytrain	www.w5mwc.org
03/13-16	Bataan Memorial Death March	www.n5bl.org
03/14	Battle of Picach Peak Anniversary	www.TucsonHamRadio.org
03/14-15	PI Day March 14, 2020	www.qrz.com/db/N2RE
03/14	The American Leagion's 101 st Birthday Celebration	k9tal@legion.org Or legion.org/hamradio
03/14	USS Midway Museum Ship Special Event; Launching of USS Midway	https://quartzfest.org
03/14	WHOA/SCOTA	
03/16-22	Maine Bicentennial Special Event Station	
	This is a multi-station event. Below is the callsign of each station and their webpage.	
	W1L (for Information)	n1mbh@arrl.net or www.bbhlibrary.org
	W1S (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
	K1B (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
	W1H (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
	W1K (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
	W1Y (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
	W1W (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
	W1O (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
	K1P (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
	W1P (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
	W1C (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
	K1J (for Information)	maine200specialevent.com
03/20	Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary Anniversary of Closing	www.qrz.com/db/ae6yb

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



Special Event Stations



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
03/24-26	The Buckingham Army Airfield	fmarc.net
03/28	Battle of Horseshoe Bend (Creek Indian War) Anniversary	www.qrz.com/db/n4
03/28	Cherry Blossom Special Event Station	www.w4bkm.org
03/29	Vietnam War Veterans Day	qrz.com/db/w5kid
03/31-04/05	Sun-N-Fun International Fly-in and Conference	www.sun-in-fun.org
04/08	Remembering the Lincoln Assassination - 155 th Year	www.svrc.org/k9l
04/14-15	Sinking of the Titanic - 108 th Anniversary	www.tnpost104.org
04/15-30	Franklin County VA Moonshine Heritage Month	
	https://www.facebook.com/groups/2476533519124786	
04/18	2020 Feast of the Ramson	www.thefamilycenterof fricwoodwv.org/Ham/default.html
04/18-20	Activation of State Parks in the State of Texas	www.k5lrk.com
04/18	April in Durand, IL	www.ecom1.com
04/18	Franklin, LA Bicentennial in Conjunction with Bayou Teche Black Bear Festival and Wooden Boat Show	
04/18	Maker Faire Connecticut	www.ctares.org
04/18	Parma Radio Club 8 th Annual Earth Day	www.parmaradioclub.com
04/18	The Safe Return of Apollo 13 - 50 th Anniversary	www.tucsonhamradio.org
04/18	Walter Reed Special Event	www.mparc.net
04/18	World Amateur Radio Day	wrn-wfn.com
04/18-19	World Amateur Radio Day 2020	w2jld2@gmail.com
04/22	Earth Dat at Great Falls National Hestorical Park	www.FairLawnARC.org
04/22-26	West Point Military Academy 58 th Annual Scout Camporee	
04/25-26	Chardon Maple Festival	www.geaugaara.org
04/25	International Marconi Dat	www.gx4crc.com/gb4imd
04/25-26	San Jacinto Day Special Event	W5NAC.com
04/25	WHOA/SCOTA	

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March 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 meter weekly net 9PM NCS: Scott KC9RAX	2 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM NCS: Chad KC9OYW	3	4	5 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM	6	7 Blackford's Cnty Amateur Radio Club Breakfast 8:30 am Richards, Hartford City
8 DayLight Savings 2 meter weekly net 9PM NCS: Mitch W9DDX	9 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM NCS: Chad KC9OYW	10	11	12 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM	13	14 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 8:30AM Kammy's Kafe – Jonesboro
15 2 meter weekly net 9PM NCS: Wayne KC9QCJ	16 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM NCS: Mitch W9DXX	17	18	19 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM	20	21
22 2 meter weekly net 9PM NCS: Nick K9NQW	23 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM NCS: Nick K9NQW	24 GCARC Meeting 6:30 PM Marion Public Library	25	26 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM	27	28
29 2 meter weekly net 9PM NCS: Nick K9NQW	30 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM NCS: Nick K9NQW	31				

April 2020

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				Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM		Blackford's Cnty Amateur Radio Club Breakfast 8:30 am Richards, Hartford City
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26	27	28	29	30		
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North Central Indiana Hamfest

Saturday, April 25, 2020

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM ET

At The

Miami County 4H Fairgrounds

1029W 200N

Approximately 2 Miles North of Peru, Indiana on Mexico Road

TALK IN ON 147.345+

K9ZEV Miami County Amateur Radio Club Repeater

For more info go to <http://nci-hamfest.net>

