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Fort Wayne Radio Club Christmas Party

As I write this Thanksgiving evening, I cannot believe that Christmas is right around the corner. Therefore, the FWRC Christmas party is right around the corner too. The party this year is 6:30 P.M., December 12, 2008, at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. The dinner will be the usual pot luck with the club providing the plates, utensils, coffee and punch. Please bring a covered dish to share. There will also be a voluntary gift exchange for whom ever wishes to participate. The gift should be between \$5 and \$10, and labeled for a man or a woman. Please put your name on the tag so we know who to thank. I look forward to seeing all of you at the party for a lot of good food and fellowship.

Carole Burke, WB9RUS



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ACARTS Christmas Dinner



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Let me know how many members or non-members will be attending. The deadline for reservations is December 13th. We will be ordering from a special menu.



THE MENU

Spaghetti Parmigiano
Lasagne - Meat or Spinach
Ravioli - Meat or Cheese
Fettuccine Primavera (Vegetables and Pasta)

Casaburo Insalata and beverage included

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

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Deadline for the January issue is Friday, 1/2/09.
Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!

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President's Corner



Another big "Thank You" goes out to Al Burke, WB9SSE, and Jim Pliett, K9OMA, as they again volunteered to bring in some of their diagnostic equipment to do an analysis on the performance of your rig. We did this

"Rig Clinic" last year and it was very popular; I believe that it was even more popular this year as we had at least 40 people turn out for the meeting. Thanks Al and Jim for all your hard work.

The December General Meeting will be our annual Christmas Banquet. It is scheduled for Friday December 12 at 6:30 PM at the Good Shepherd church. Note this is the second Friday of the month rather than the third Friday. That way, hopefully, we minimize schedule conflicts in your busy holiday schedule later in the month. The Christmas Banquet will be a carry-in and I am sure Carole Burke will have additional information for you. Also please bring a gift and participate in the gift exchange. Men bring a gift for a man and women for a woman, label it as such, and try to stay near the \$5 limit. This is always a special time to relax and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow amateurs.

The January 2009 general meeting will be our annual auction. This is always a fun time for the club. So start collecting those treasures that did not sell at the Hamfest and bring them out on Friday January 16th at 6:30 PM. If you have items of larger value that you would like to advertise for the auction, forward the information to Vic Guess or one of the other board members so we can get the information in the January newsletter.

Looking back at 2008, it has been a good year for the club. While I believe that we have always provided good programs for the meetings; attendance has definitely improved this year. It is not unusual to have 30 to 40 people at the meetings.

Field Day was again a success. We did not have the highest score but it we came in 11th in 5A and had a

great time. We also participated in the June ARRL VHF contest which turned out to be a good pre-test of the equipment for Field Day. And Larry and his wife put on a great dinner for all the participants. Activity in the Emergency Communications has also grown this year and promises to continue to develop under the direction on Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ.

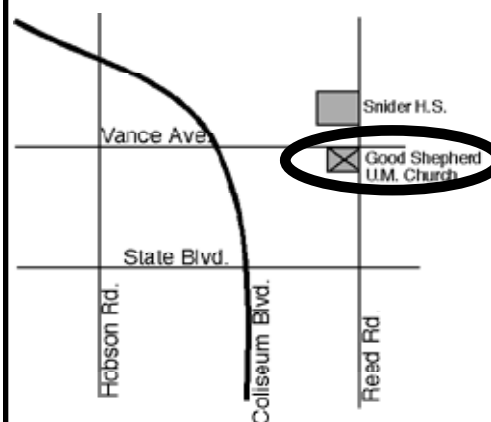
Knowing how good 2008 has been, I believe that 2009 will be even better. We have a lot of great opportunities in front of us: dealing with the options for the 146.91 repeater and the possible improvements we can make to our repeater operations for the future, Field Day 2009, more emergency communications activities, and more club activities. Come and be a part of the excitement!

Don't forget the December meeting is Friday December 12th at 6:30 PM for the Christmas banquet.

Tom/ N9TB

Christmas Banquet

Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.



Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes 21 November 2008

The November Meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 21 November 2008 with President Tom Baker serving as host. There were about 65 persons present.

Old Business:

Tom Baker started the meeting by calling all to attention for the pledge of allegiance. Introductions of members followed.

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

Bob Streeter presented the November Treasurer's report. As of November 21, 2008 the club had a year-to-date income of \$2,619.61 and year-to-date expenses of \$1,821.98. The club had cash on hand of \$255.66 and \$6,393.98 in checking/savings. The report was accepted as briefed.

New Business:

Bob stated that he would send confirmation of membership dues paid for all persons who re-up provided that they have noted their email address on the club application form. If the address bounces, they should expect a phone call. Vic Guess asked that anyone who changes their email address after paying their dues should inform the Secretary of the address change.

Tom Baker noted that the Board voted to increase the surcharge for a printed copy of the newsletter from \$12.00 to \$17.00 to defray the costs for its printing and postage.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ reported that the donated surplus E.C. items from the basement of the City-County building were sold at the hamfest and that the proceeds will be used by the ARES/EC group.

Joseph also reported that the Allen County RACES organization were to receive a grant from the government which will result in it acquiring several thousand dollars worth of equipment including an HF rig, VHF-UHF rigs, some digital (packet) equipment, and a laptop.

Tom Baker took the opportunity to recognize Jim Boyer, as chairman of the ACARTS hamfest, for his tireless efforts in helping make the hamfest a success again this year.

Steve Nardin reported that he had succeeded in transferring the club's web page domain to Go-Daddy. This should result in a reduction in the cost of maintaining the web page for the club.

Tom Baker noted that the December meeting will be the Christmas banquet (the 2nd Friday in December), and the January meeting will feature the club's annual auction.

Al Burke gave the November Foxhunt report. Jim & Annie Pliett and Carole & Al Burke served as the fox and hid not one, but two foxes around the retention pond in the Burke's subdivision. The primary fox was found first by Carl Thomas while the secondary fox was first found by Brian Jenks and his daughters. Everyone attended an "end of season" party hosted by Carole & Al at their house where outstanding chili (red and white), turkey roll-ups, chips and various libations of several octane ratings were served. Full details of the goings-on at this last foxhunt of the season are noted in the November Foxhunt Chronicles.



Tom Baker addressed the issue of the problems with the 146.91 MHz repeater. It seems that the 146.91 MHz antenna has failed. Jim Pliett, Al Burke and Paul Prestia confirmed this via Frequency Domain Reflectometry measurements made at the Robison Park site. The 146.91 MHz antenna is 40 years old and had apparently succumbed to the elements and father time. Several approaches to resolving the problem have been suggested which include replacing the 146.91 MHz antenna, replacing both the 146.91 MHz and 146.76 MHz antennas, moving the 146.91 MHz machine to the IPFW site (where the ATV repeater is located) and using the ATV control link antenna for the 146.91 MHz function, and so forth. Jim Pliett noted that both the 146.91 MHz and the 445.875 MHz antennas at the Robison Park site are about 40 years old, while the 146.76 MHz antenna at the Robison Park site is only 15 years old. Thus he submitted that it makes more sense to replace the 146.91 MHz and 445.875 MHz antennas if we go to the expense of hiring a tower climber and repair things at the Robison Park site. Depending upon what we do, we can expect it to cost a minimum of \$1,200.00 (to replace one antenna), to a maximum of about \$2,800.00 to replace two antennas. Additional analysis must be accomplished to further refine the options open to the club along with firm cost estimates. Since any expenditure over \$150.00 requires approval by club membership (by a vote) at a club meeting, the earliest this issue could be decided is at the Christmas banquet if we decide to conduct a business meeting at this normally informal affair.

Following the business meeting Tom Baker conducted the 50-50 raffle. The \$28.00 pot was shared between the club treasury and winner Wilbur Ort, KB9IQW.

The entertainment for the evening consisted of a rig clinic featuring Jim Pliett and Al Burke and their collection of test equipment. With these instruments they were able to measure output power, frequency, deviation and receiver sensitivity of the many hand held and base station rigs brought to the meeting by club members.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Burke, WB9SSE

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President's Message



Can you believe that it is December and the year is almost over? Last month was the 36th Fort Wayne Hamfest. From the preliminary figures, it appears we did about the same as last year. We did okay considering the state of the economy this year. I think the big drop in gasoline prices helped us out. Many hamfests this year had big drops in attendance. We have signed the contract for next year, so there will be a Hamfest in 2009.

At the November general meeting, we elected the officers and managers for 2009. Since the current officers and managers were unopposed, a motion was made to re-elect them by acclamation. There was a drawing for the Hamfest workers prize, which was won by Carl Thomas, WB9YBI. The program that followed was a video from the ARRL about antennas.

The program for December is our Christmas Dinner. It will be held on Tuesday, December 16th. It will be at Casa D'Angelo on Fairfield Ave. The start time is 7:00 PM. Reservations are required, as we need to know how many to set up for. The club will be paying for the cost of the meal for members. You may bring a spouse or guests, but they will have to pay for their own meals. We will have a special menu that we will be ordering from. To see the menu, read the activities column [pg. 1]. To make a reservation, send me a email, or call 260-456-2012. Let me know how many members and non-members will be attending. The deadline for reservations is December 13th.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and had their fill of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, etc.,etc. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. I need some ideas for a January program. That is all I have for this month. Hope to see you at the Christmas dinner.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV



Meeting Schedule

Christmas Dinner: 12/16/08, 7:00 p.m. Casa D'Angelo on Fairfield Ave.

Next Board Meeting: 1/13/09, 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.





November 2008 AC-ARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic announced that the November General meeting would be the Hamfest wrap-up, club elections for 2009 officers & managers, and an ARRL video on antennas. He added that the December program would be the annual Christmas party at Casa D'Angelo on Fairfield Avenue on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

A breif discussion of the final details of the Hamfest was held.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that he and Dave, W9LKH, were to attend a meeting at the City-County Building in regards to installing the club Packet node and digipeater at that location.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

Brian R. Thornhill, KC9EEC, SK



BRIAN ROBERT THORNHILL, of Waynedale, passed away Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, at his home after a long illness of cancer. Born Oct. 15, 1957, he was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church. He was a graduate of North Side High School Class of 1975. He then attended Kalamazoo Western University where he received his five year Bachelor Degree in

Petroleum Marketing Management. He was a Dealer Representative and transport driver for Thornhill Oil Company, Inc. which was an Amoco BP Jobber, with Food Shop locations in Fort Wayne, Northern Indiana and Michigan. He was a licensed ham radio operator and had a passion for NASCAR. He is survived by his sister, Christine Thornhill; nephews, Robert Thornhill and Heath Thornhill; and lifetime companion, Dianna Schmidt. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Thornhill; mother, Norma Thornhill; and sister, Amie Thornhill. Private viewing for family only. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Memorials to Cancer Services of Allen County.

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November 2008 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

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Vic announced that the December General meeting would be the annual Christmas party to be held at Casa D'Angelo on Fairfield Avenue on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. The club will pay for members, guests must pay for their own dinners.

Vic asked if there were any nominations for club officers and managers from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for a motion that the present officers be elected for another term by acclamation. Bernie, K9JDF, made the motion, which was seconded by Vic, WB9UZA. The slate was approved by a voice vote.

Jim, KB9IH, gave a report on the Hamfest. Preliminary figures indicated that the Hamfest was a success and the club did OK, with attendance about 200 less than last year. Howard, N9ADS said that there were several last minute table sales. Dan, KB9NGM, gave a report on the forums, and discussed some ideas for next year.

The Hamfest worker drawing was held and was won by Carl, WB9YBI.

After refreshments, the ARRL video on antennas was shown.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

HELP WANTED

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A Busy Weekend for DX Activities -**Carl Luetzelschwab
K9LA****FWDXA****Ft Wayne DX Association**

The weekend of November 15 and 16 was a busy one. In addition to the Ft. Wayne hamfest, the ARRL

Phone Sweepstakes contest took place. Those two events usually occur on the same weekend, so why was this year any different?

The difference was that this year was the 75th anniversary of the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes (SS). One of the most interesting goals in this contest is to work all the ARRL sections - this is known as a sweep. Right now there are 80 sections (includes US sections and Canadian sections).

The weekend events started Friday evening when I picked up Dan N1ND at the airport. Dan came from ARRL HQ in Connecticut, and his presence allowed DXCC card checkers Scott N9AG, Mike N9NS, and me to check 160 m cards and cards from deleted entities. We ended up checking seventeen applications, so the DXers who took advantage of this service went home happy. Vicky AE9YL was available to do WAS, VUCC, and WAC, but no applications surfaced.

While checking W9SR's DXCC application, I came across an old QSL from Gus Browning W4BPD. Gus was a famous world-traveling DXer in the early 1960s, and this card was from his visit to the island of Juan de Nova in the Mozambique Channel between Mozambique and Madagascar. See the accompanying image of this QSL.

The flea market this year was one of the best I've seen. There were lots of old radios for sale, and I bought a Hallicrafters TO Keyer to go with my Ranger II and Drake 2B station.

The Fifth Annual DX Dinner took place Saturday night at the Red River Steakhouse in the Ft. Wayne Marriott. I should point out that the name "DX Dinner" is rather loose, as it generally includes anyone interested in good food and Amateur Radio conversation. Those in attendance this year were Dan N1ND, Mike WB9NOO, Valerie N9NMW, Wayne N9VXV, Gary KC9GGV and Maria, Mike N9NS, Dave N9FN, Bill K8CJQ, Terrie W8CJQ, Bob NY6J and Cathy, Josh W9HT and non-ham friend Mike, Rich KL7RA, Vicky AE9YL, and Carl K9LA.

ACARTS requested two forums for Sunday, but my effort to find two volunteers came up blank. So I ended up doing both of them, and discussed two topics that I've always thought would be interesting - radio astronomy and getting old radios on the air. The radio astronomy forum went OK. The old radio forum exceeded my expectations - it was well-attended for a Sunday forum (about 15 people came) and there were several in the audience who contributed to the topic through their experience in fixing old radios.

As for Phone Sweepstakes, Dan N1ND and I tried to accomplish a sweep using my call. We missed North Dakota and Manitoba. We saw them spotted on 20 m toward the end of the contest, but we couldn't hear them (too close for 20 m). The North Dakota station moved to 40 m a bit later, but even 40 m was too long to hear him. I was hoping they would QSY to 75 m, but no such luck. Oh, well - we gave it the old college try.



Manuals from N9NRO Estate Sale

The following is a list of manuals left over from the Carl Rittenhouse, N9NRO, estate sale. If you purchased an item without a manual and it is listed below contact Tom Baker, N9TB, 747-2714, <n9tb at arrl.net> for pickup.

Mfg.	Model	Description
Conair	Expedition FRS 200	UHF transceiver
Federal	Ten-Ten	FM receiver, 25-54 & 150-174 MHz
GE	misc	box of schematics for GE HTs
Kenwood	TS-711A/E	all-mode transceiver
Magnavox	ITL200	Odyssey game
Maxon	RD-1	radar detector
MFJ	269	HF/VHF/UHF SWR analyzer
Motorola	Talkabout T5320, T5410, T5420	family radio service HT
Realistic	HTX-404	440 MHz HT
Realistic	DX-440	AM/FM communications rcvr.
Sencore	TC162	tube tester
Simpson	260 Series 5 & 5M	VOM
Simpson	269 Series 2	VOM
Telequipment	D65, D66	oscilloscope
Ten-Tec	2591	2 m HT
Texscan	AL-51A	portable spectrum analyzer
Tridon	2000	450 MHz ATV transceiver
Triplet	370	sound pressure meter
Yaesu	FT-727R	VHF/UHF HT
		folder of ATV notes and data on club ATV repeater

November Foxhunt Photos

Photos by Jim Pliett, K9OMA





IMO SKYWARN

2009 Advanced Spotter Training



“Severe Weather - A Midwestern Perspective” is the theme of the 2009 Indiana-Michigan-Ohio Skywarn Advanced Spotter training. The all-day seminar will focus on the specific types of severe thunderstorms which occur in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

Date of the seminar is Saturday March 28, 2009. There is a change of location: it will be held at the Maple City Chapel on US 33 just southeast of Goshen. Lunch/snacks are included.

Speakers at the seminar are all experts in their fields. Chris Novy WA9V - who spoke in 2007 - will be returning to make a presentation on storm spotting. Ron Przybylinski KC0WWE - science officer at NWS St Louis - is one of the world's leading experts on squall lines. His presentations include analysis of a tornadic squall line which affected Chicago and northwest Indi-

ana, as well as an in-depth look at the November 5, 2005 Evansville tornado. The third speaker is Al Pietrycha KB0ZXY - science officer at NWS Goodland, Kansas. His primary area of interest is mesoscale and storm scale studies, and he is also involved in the spotternetwork.org website. The seminar will conclude with a panel discussion.

More information, registration, and any updates will be available in the near future on the IMO website at www.imoskywarn.org and at the Fort Wayne Hamfest. Those who register at the hamfest will be eligible for a special drawing. First prize is the refund of their registration fee, second and third prizes are National Weather Service rain gauges.

from Joel KB9RH

Fort Wayne Radio Club Rig Clinic - Nov. 21, 2008



photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA

For Sale & Wanted



For Sale:

- Telex-HyGain Explorer EX-14 tri-band HF beam, \$200
- Kenwood MC-60A desk mic, \$75
- MFJ-945E compact antenna tuner (160-6 meters), \$50
- MFJ-901B compact antenna tuner,

\$30

- KLM 2M-11X 11 element 2 meter SSB antenna, \$75
- Cushcraft A50-3S 3 element 6 meter antenna, \$75
- Rohn 60' tower 25G, guy cables, guy ground anchors, guy tower anchors, tilt base, base anchors, top section. This is in storage. \$400

Contact Brad Witte, N9EHK at 260-627-3316 or n9ehk (at) arrl.net

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For Sale: MFJ-1275T sound card interface. Configured for the Yaesu FT-847, but can be easily reprogrammed for Kenwood, I-Com, or Ten-Tec rigs. Complete in original box with software and all cables and AC power supply. New \$120; asking \$75.

Steve Nardin, W9SAN, w9san (at) arrl.net or 260-483-4039

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Free (as is): Epson Stylus Color 800 ink jet printer. Vic Guess, WB9UZA, 260-485-7472, wb9uza (at) arrl.net.

Test Points

27-Dec-2008

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

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VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA

1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY

BUSINESS US 30 EAST

HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING

VAN WERT, OH 45891

08-Jan-2009

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: WWW.GOSHENARC.ORG/VE_TESTING.HTML

GREENCROFT BLVD

GREENCROFT RETIREMENTCOMMUNITY

HOMAN BUILDING

GOSHEN, IN 46525



2009 Foxhunt Schedule

Jan.	No Hunt
1 Feb.	1:30 p.m.
1 Mar.	1:30 p.m.
5 Apr.	1:30 p.m.
4 May	6:30 p.m.
1 June	6:30 p.m.
6 July	6:30 p.m.
3 Aug.	6:30 p.m.
14 Sept.	6:30 p.m.
4 Oct.	1:30 p.m.
1 Nov.	1:30 p.m.
Dec.	No Hunt



All foxhunts start at off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.



Someone left an Icom HM95 base station microphone at the rig testing session during the November FWRC meeting. I believe it is used with

either the Icom 2000H, 2350H, 706, or 207H radios. Please contact Al Burke, WB9SSE, 260-637-1989, woffermom (at) cs.com to see about having it returned to you.

Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
7 Dec 2008	Mount Clemens, MI	586-268-0544	http://www.n8lc.org
10 Jan 2009	Middletown, OH	513-934-0235	http://www.swohdigi.org
18 Jan 2009	Hazel Park, MI	248-399-7970	http://www.hparc.org
18 Jan 2009	Nelsonville, OH	740-767-2554	duncan10847@embarq.com
25 Jan 2009	St. Charles, IL	630-604-0157	http://www.w9ccu.org
15 Feb 2009	Livonia, MI	734-513-8784	http://www.livoniaarc.com/

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm> or <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



The Foxhunt Chronicals

November 2008

Al Burke, WB9SSE

The tenth FWRC foxhunt for 2008 was held on the 9th of November 2008 and occurred on a cold and almost snowy/rainy/overcast Sunday afternoon that portended the end of fall and the beginning of winter. But the weather offered no challenge for the Fox or it's six rabid hunting teams who were more than ready to partake in the last hunt of the year.

The hunters included the teams of Carl Thomas & John Welsh, (WB9YBI & KC9AFE), Jim and Kim Machamer, Debbie & Brian Jenks, & Clint Stedge (KB9's DOT & DOS, KB9ZQG & W9BZJ, & KB9LOF), Woody Woodbury, (KC9CGN), Steve Nardin, (W9SAN), Art Kidd, (WK9DD), and Phil Hooper, (AB9IZ).

The apparent team of Jim & Annie Pliett and Carole & Al Burke (K9OMA, KA9YYI, WB9RUS and WB9SSE) served as the fox and hid not one, but two cross-band HT's about 100 yards apart around the Miller Ridge Addition retention pond adjacent to Carole & Al Burke's house. This hiding of two fox's scheme was hatched by Jim & Al's evil twin brothers who slipped into town from their lair in the Balkans in order to influence (evilily) this last foxhunt of the year. Later investigation revealed that the evil twins had spiked the real Jim & Al's Ovaltine that morning and took their places. Since these Balkan ringers had told Annie & Carole that they would all go out to a fancy restaurant for dinner later that night, the girls, while thinking it strange their husbands would do this, said... "Hey, never look a gift horse in the mouth".

The hunters started out from the Off-Track Betting Parlor parking lot, as usual, responding to the Fox signal transmitted at about 50 watts from a glass mounted monopole on Al's Jeep starting at 1:35 p.m. The Fox's taunting and haranguing of the hunters continued at the 50 watts power level for about 45 minutes until some of the hunters showed up in the Burke's driveway at which point the Fox reverted to the primary cross-band

HT Fox. According to plan, most of the hunters rushed into the Burke's back yard and started running around amidst the heavily wooded property looking for the Fox which, of course, was not inside the yard, (hee hee). Eventually Carl Thomas located the primary fox hidden in a brush pile near the retention pond just outside the Burke's back yard. Phil Hooper was the 2nd to find the primary fox followed by Woody Woodbury. At this point, since it was COLD out there, and most everyone knew that hot food and both cold and hot libations had been prepared for the after-hunt party, the bulk of the hunter crew transferred to the Burke house and started the party. However, since several hunters were still interested in looking for the 2nd fox, the evil twins fired it up. It was found by Brian Jenks and crew followed by Carl Thomas. First time foxhunter for this year, Art Kidd, WK9DD, suffered an equipment problem (his DF Quad antenna blew off the top of his vehicle) so he had to drop out of the hunt. We hope to see him back next year when the 2009 Foxhunt season commences.

The after-party goodies consisted of a very large pot of red chili, another pot of white chili, turkey roll-ups, chips, various deserts and copious quantities of soda and certain other higher octane drinks. The chilis were so good that the IMS showed up checking Carole's citizenship papers. The party reminded me of times when we were descended upon by our son's football team after a practice. I mean, there was NOTHING left which means it was a good party. If you missed it, you missed it.

After the party, Jim and Al's evil twins administered an antidote to the Ovaltine for the real Jim and Al and then headed back to the Balkans. The real Jim and Al quickly said... "Say what???" to Annie and Carole about the going out to dinner issue, and then employed a local Cray computer to figure out who had won the Foxhunting trophy for the year.

Well, all we can say is keep warm this winter and join us again for the 2009 Foxhunting experience wich will commence in February.

73, de WB9SSE

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The point score results ending the 2008 foxhunting year are as follows:

HUNTER: K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	W9SAN	KC9CGN	WB9YBI	KC9KTG	AB9IZ
POINTS: 21.5	12.5	21.5	21.5	6.0	22.0	21.0	16.0	4.0
HUNTER: KB9DOS	KB9DOT	KB9LOF	W9BGJ	KB9ZQG	KC9AFE	N6JSX	WK9DD	
POINTS: 14.5	14.5	3.5	10.0	10.0	11.0	1.0	0.5	

Thus, as can be seen from the results above, **Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN** managed to avoid the flurry of UAV's that the Pliett/ Burke team launched against him and won the Foxhunting championship with a one-half point margin. Congratulations Woody!

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146.91 (-) EchoLink connection repeater
Node number 16636

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 p.m. on 147.015+

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. on 147.150

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

6 Meter SSB/AM Net: Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. EDT or EST on 50.580
MHz Net controls: K9RFZ & W9SAN

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

times

Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net 3.535 @ 9:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. local times

Miscellaneous Nets

Allen Co. ARES Training Net: Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.94 W9TE repeater.

Huntington ARES: Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685

Whitley Co. ARES: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

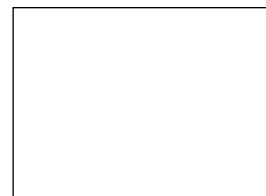
Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 7:45 p.m. on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

160 Meter "No-Name" Net: Sun. 8:00 p.m. Indiana time 1966 kHz., Wed. 9:00 p.m. 3866 KHz., Cross-band link on 146.49 MHz. Everyone welcome! Contact Larry Temenoff, KB9OS for more info.

Little Red Barn Net: M, W, F @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz. Net control is K9ODF

Northeast Indiana Packet Net: Wednesday at 8:00 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.

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Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
12/9/08	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
12/12/08	6:30 PM	FWRC Christmas Party	GSUMC
12/16/08	7:00 PM	ACARTS Christmas Dinner	Casa D'Angelo on Fairfield Ave.
1/2/09	---	deadline for Jan. ACHN items	
1/6/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
1/13/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
1/16/09	6:00 PM	FWRC Auction	GSUMC
1/20/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
2/1/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
2/6/09	---	deadline for Feb. ACHN items	
2/10/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
2/10/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
2/17/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
2/20/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
3/1/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
3/6/09	---	deadline for Mar. ACHN items	
3/10/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC