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### **Vic Guess, WB9UZA, SK**

Victor L. Guess, 67, passed away on Friday, November 19, 2010 at Parkview Hospital. Born in Newark, OH to L. T. and Virginia

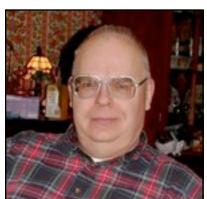
(Hultquist) Guess, he grew up in Mt. Lebanon, PA, and was a 1965 Electrical Engineering graduate of Purdue University. After serving in the Army, he worked for Sarkes Tarzian in Bloomington, IN, then as a Test Equipment Engineer at Magnavox Consumer Electronics, and later at Magnavox Government and Industry Electronics Company. He was a member of the Fort

Wayne Photographers Club, Fort Wayne Daylily Society, and the SummitMac and FortMac computer clubs. An amateur radio operator, he was the editor of the Allen County Ham News, the FWRC, ACARTS, and FWDXA newsletter. He enjoyed attending local

music programs and recorded many of them for replay on public radio station WBNI-FM. Vic was a member of Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren where he served

on the Stewards Commission, assisted with sound, slides and photography, and helped to coordinate the food bank. Survivors include wife Lois (Gump) Guess, daughter Carol Guess, a niece and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Kristin. Preferred memorials are to Beacon Heights food bank, First

Presbyterian Church Music Series, IPFW Department of Music, or Fort Wayne Philharmonic. Arrangement by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.



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Fort Wayne Radio Club: <a href="http://www.FWRC.info/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FWRC/</a>

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Let me start this month by offering my condolences to the famiy of Vic Guess, W B 9 U Z A. You can read more about Vic on the

front page. Vic was our newsletter editor and has been very active in the club for many years. He was also always faithfully working 6 meters in the VHF tent at Field Day. Vic will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

I would like to thank Larry Temenoff, KB9OS, for delivering the presentation on how to use the echolink system on our 146.91 repeater. The original presentation was put together by Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ. Paul was not able to attend the meeting, so Larry agreed to help out. Thanks to both of them for the excellent information on how to use our echolink system.

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas Banquet. The meeting is Friday December 10th. This is a carry-in and we will start putting the food on the table at 6:30 and we will start eating at 6:45. There will be a gift exchange with men bringing a gift for a man and women bringing a gift for a woman. Please mark the gender on the gift as wall as your name. The price limit for the gifts this year is \$10.

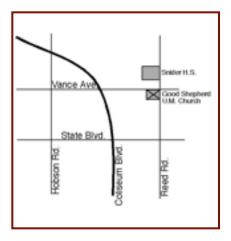
The January General meeting will be our annual Fort Wayne Radio Club Auction. It will be held at the church with setup starting at 6PM and the auction starting at 6:30.

I would like to thank everyone who has served on the FWRC board this year. It has been a pleasure. Carole Burke, WB9RUS, and Terry Bowman, K9FMX will both be rotating off the board at the end of this year.

I also want to thank you for allowing me to be president for 7 of the last 11 years. It has been a pleasure. Congratulations to Steve Nardin, W9SAN who will be president in 2011. I know he will continue to do a great Job.

-Tom / N9TB

FWRC Meeting:
Dec. 10, 6:30PM
Christmas Banquet
Good Shepherd UMC



### Fort Wayne Radio Club General Meeting Minutes - 19 November 2010



The November Meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 19 November 2010 with club

president Tom Baker, N9TB serving as host. There were about 45 persons present.

#### Old Business:

Tom 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 October meeting were read, and there were no corrections necessary.

Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the Treasurer's report dated 19 November, 2010 as follows: Year to date income, \$3,108.44, Year to date expenses, \$3,835.58, Year to date deficit, \$727.14, Cash on hand, \$656.30, Savings/Checking balance, \$6171.78 The report was approved as read.

#### New Business:

Al Burke, WB9SSE gave the November Foxhunt report and noted that it was the last hunt of this season. This year's point winners were the team of Jim & Annie Pliett and Carole & Al Burke. The next Foxhunt is planned to occur in February.

Joseph Lawrence, K9FRZ noted that all planned ARES activities have been completed for this year. He also noted that advanced Skywarn training will occur on Saturday, 19 March 2011 at a church just south of Goshen. The fee is \$30.00 which includes your meal. You can register on-line via Paypal if desired. The training syllabus will focus on the fundamentals of meteorology this year. He also noted that the basic Skywarn training session will occur on 18 February.

Tom Baker reported that the club Christmas banquet will occur on Friday, 10 December at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. It will be a carryin as usual, with the club providing plates, cutlery, punch, coffee and table center-pieces. If you desire to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift (< \$10.00 in value) marked "for a man", or "for a woman", and identify whom it's from.

Tom also noted that the January meeting would feature the club auction with Chad Beech, W9GGA and Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ serving as auctioneers. The club treasury gets 10% of the value of items sold up to a maximum of \$20.00. If anyone plans to sell high value items, it would be wise to get a description of the item to the Ham News editor so that it can be included in a list of such items in the January edition of the Ham News.

Jim Boyer, KB9IH reported that the Ft. Wayne Hamfest was a success again this year thanks in part to the many volunteers who contributed their time and effort Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Close to one hundred volunteers participated. The vendors said they had a good show although overall, the number of vendors was down a little. However, attendance was up about five percent.

Jim Pliett, K9OMA announced that Vic Keller had given him some foxhunting equipment including a (car or van) roof mount for a mechanically rotated foxhunt yagi, and an attenuator. These items are looking for a home.

Al Burke reported that the R/T that will be used to put the 147.225 MHz machine on the air at Robinson Park is ready to go. Once Jim Pliett receives the controller and diplexer, they can be integrated with the R/T and the entire suite checked out. We expect that the system will be put on the air sometime during the week following Thanksgiving.

Tom Baker discussed the proposed change to the club By-Laws that had been discussed at the October meeting and published in the November Ham News. The proposed changes deal with actions to be taken by the club officers regarding club expenditures when the club treasury falls below certain levels. There being a quorum present at the meeting, a vote was taken regarding acceptance of the proposed changes, and the changes were unanimously approved. As a side issue resulting from the By-Laws vote, a suggestion was made regarding periodically publishing a breakdown of club expenses.

Following the business meeting, and a cookie and coffee break, an excellent presentation on, and a demonstration of Echo Link using the 146.910 MHz machine was provided by Larry Teminoff.

Respectfully submitted, Al Burke, WB9SSE Secretary, FWRC

# State Of The Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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This months message starts on a sad note. Vic Guess, WB9UZA became a silent key on November 19, 2010. He

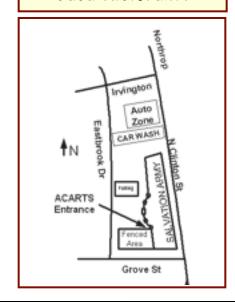
will be missed by all of his Ham Radio friends. Well another Hamfest is over. The attendance was up slightly over last year. I would like to thank all ACARTS and FWRC members who worked at the Hamfest. I would also like to thank the many members of WCARC who also worked. It takes a lot of people to put on the Hamfest, and your help is greatly appreciated. With the passing of Vic Guess, we will need a new newsletter editor. For several years we have had a combined newsletter. It makes economic sense to continue doing so. It makes it easier to get information out about what is going on in the Ham Radio community. Between the three clubs, ACARTS, FWRC, and FWDXA, we should be able to find a replacement.

The activity for December is our annual Christmas Dinner. It will be held on December 21st at Casa Ristorante, 7545 W. Jefferson Blvd. The start time is 7:00 PM. The club will be paying for the cost of the meal for members. You can bring a guest, but will have to pay for their meal. Average cost of the menu choices is \$7.00. Reservations are required as the restaurant needs to know how many people to set up for, and how to set the room up. To make a reservation, send a email to vberko at comcast.net, or call 456-2012 and leave a message. Let me know how many will be attending. The deadline to make your reservations is December 18th.

DIRECTIONS: The easiest route to the restaurant is to take West Jefferson to Engle Road. Turn left at the light, or right if you are coming from the west. Turn right into the first driveway. The restaurant is in the Midwestern Office Park. Go to the end of the parking lot. The restaurant has a separate entrance for the banquet room. You cannot turn directly from Engle Road as there is a concrete island. You can turn left at Jefferson and go to the first office park entrance and turn left there. You will see the restaurant and can enter there. Hope to see you there.

#### 73, -Vic, KA9LTV

ACARTS Meeting: Dec. 21, 7:00PM Christmas Dinner Casa Ristorante



#### November 2010 -**ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order Vic. KA9LTV.

Vic announced that the November program would be the Hamfest wrap-up discussion, the annual election, and an ARRL video on Spark Gap. He added that the December program would be the Christmas Dinner on 12/21/10 at 7:00 p.m. at Casa Ristorante, 7545 W. No other business was discussed. Jefferson Blvd.

Dan, KB9NGM, said that he had looked at computer projectors and thought that an Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH Epson

was the best buy. Howard, N9ADS, said that he would make the purchase. Howard also stated that that only 550 tables for the Hamfest had been sold so far and that we might consider eliminating the South end of the Exibition Hall next year.

Jim, KB9IH, said that the Hamfest worker packages had been mailed and that all of the worker slots had been filled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

#### November 2010 ACARTS General Meeting **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic announced that the December program would be the Christmas Dinner on Tuesday. December 21, 2010 at Casa Ristorante, 7545 made with Vic by Friday, December 17th.

Jim, KB9IH, said that the Hamfest attendance was up slightly this year on both days. He added that the vendors were happy with sales. Dam, KB9NGM, reported that Forum attendance was up this year. He added that some of the Forums would need more time A motion to adjourn was made by Howard, next year.

Howard, N9ADS, asked about club donations. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. for this year as preliminary figures indicate that the Hamfest had a slight loss this year. Jim, KB9IH, made a motion that \$250.00 be donated to The Salvation Army and that no

other agencies would receive donations this year. The motion was seconded by Dave, W9LKH, and passed by a voice vote.

Bernie. K9JDF, gave his suggestions to resolve some door traffic problems. Hamfest worker drawing was held. The winner was John Martin. N9UWR. Vic, KA9LTV, asked for a motion to elect the same officers W. Jefferson Blvd. Reservations must be and managers for another year by acclamation. A motion was made by Bernie, K9JDF, and seconded by Vic, WB9UZA.

> Because of time restraints, the ARRL video was not shown, and will be presented at a latter date.

N9ADS, and seconded by Bernie, K9JDF.

-Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH



-Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

FWDXA Forums at the Hamfest

The 38th Ft Wayne Hamfest hosted a large flea market, dealers, license exams, card checking for

various ARRL awards (DXCC, WAS, VUCC, WAC), meetings, and forums. Four of these forums were supported by the Ft Wayne DX Association (FWDXA): Mobile DXing by K9FN, An Easy Way to the First 100 for DXCC by N1ND (from ARRL HQ), Regulatory Issues Including Antennas Restrictions by N1ND, and Get Ready for 10m by K9LA.

Dave K9FN was on Saturday afternoon with his Mobile DXing presentation, and he talked about his HF mobile installation in his truck (see the accompanying image). Putting a mobile in his truck was driven out of necessity due to antenna restrictions where he lives. His installation stressed functionality, performance, and safety. One of the areas in which he went the extra mile was in noise reduction - he added heavy braid

across all door hinges and on both sides of the hood. He uses the biggest mobile antenna available, added a 200 amphour battery under the passenger side rear seat, and often runs 500 Watts out from an SGC-500 power amplifier. After the forum, several attendees accompanied Dave outside for a quick tour of the actual set-up in the truck.

DXCC award titled An Easy Way to the First 100 for DXCC. Dan offered helped hints and pointed out available tools for the new DXer. The major take-away was to get active, work everything you hear, and above all have fun - after all, Amateur Radio is a hobby for most of us.

Following the DXCC forum, Dan N1ND continued with a forum titled Regulatory Issues Including Antennas Restrictions. This was a review of where our regulations came from and how to interpret them. This cleared up a lot of misconceptions about the ARRL's role in regulatory issues. The end of the forum was devoted to a discussion of Home Owner Associations (HOAs) and Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs).

The last FWDXA forum was my Get Ready for 10m presentation at noon on Sunday. It paralleled the FWDXA column in last month's Allen County HamNews. With some recent encouraging openings on 10m from the East Coast to Europe and from the West Coast to Japan, coupled with sunspot data showing Cycle 24 to definitely be on the up-swing (see the figure with the November column), we should be seeing improved and more consistent 10m F2 region openings within the next several months. Also reviewed in this forum were the four reasons given in the November column with respect to why 10m is a great band: antennas are small, man-made noise is low, ionospheric absorption (which reduces the

strength of an electromagnetic wave) is low, and the band has lots of

If you attended any of these forums, I'd be glad to hear your comments. Also, I'm sure the FWDXA will sponsor a number of forums for next year's Hamfest (November 19 - 20, 2011). If you have a topic you'd like a forum about, or if

Dan N1ND started off the Sunday morning forums with a presentation geared towards getting people interested in chasing their first

you'd like to do a forum yourself, please contact me at k9la@arrl.net.

# **Emergency Communications**

# Jim Moehring, KB9WWM, Appointed Allen County ARES EC

Effective December 1, 2010, Jim Moehring KB9WWM will begin transitioning to his new appointment as the Allen County ARES Emergency Coordinator.

According to Tony Langer, the Indiana Section ARES EC, Jim will take over from Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, at the beginning of 2011 coinciding with the end of Joseph's term. After serving as the Allen County ARES EC for the past three years, K9RFZ announced he would not seek re-appointment in order to focus more on his District 3 ARES Emergency Coordinator responsibilities. An open application period of one month allowed interested operators to apply for the appointment. Tony Langer made the selection of KB9WWM in late November.

In the past three years, The Allen County ARES team has grown from a little recognized band of ham operators to a well-organized, effective, and credible emergency communications resource with working relationships with the Dept. of Homeland Security, Dept. of Health, American Red Cross, CERT, and area hospitals. In 2010, Allen County ARES supported 6 public service events, activated during two full scale served agency sponsored drills, and executed a live activation simulated emergency test.

ARES requires strong leadership and dedicated volunteers to maintain this level of activity and public commitment. Jim Moehring has accepted the ARES EC leadership role.

Please congratulate Jim and offer your continued support for public service and emergency communications in Allen County.

### Digital Operations Team Meeting

The next meeting of the Digital Operations Team will be held on Tuesday, December 7th, 2010 beginning at 1830 hours.

We will be working with FLDIGI. Hope to be setting up and getting acquainted with the program and using the program to make contacts using FM Simplex and MT-63. Team members and ARES members interested in Digital Operations are welcome.

The meeting will be held at the St. Joe township Fire Department Training Car. It is the building behind the Fire Station at St. Joe CTR and Maplecrest Roads.

Thanks and see you there.

-Jim Moehring, KB9WWM

Allen County ARES EC

#### FOR SALE & WANTED

For Sale:

Comet SBB2NMO Dual band (2M/70CM) mobile antenna. Length: 18.5 inches. Gain: 2.15 dBi on 2M, 3.8 dBi on 70 CM. NMO mount (I'm also including NMO connector for your vehicle)

Brand New – still in package R&L has the antenna only for \$35 will sell package for \$25

See reviews: <a href="http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/">http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/</a>
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Don Gagnon WB8HQS (260) 484-3317 wb8hqs(at)arrl.net

For Sale-moving to Retirement Home

Heathkit Deluxe CW QRP Transceiver HW9
Heathkit Power Supply PSA-9
Heathkit Antenna Tuner HFT-9B
Heathkit QRP Wattmeter HM-9, \$60.00
Heathkit Umatic Memory Keyer SA5010A, \$30.00

Ten Tec Model 1253 Receiver, \$10.00 Ten Tec Scout 555 80-40-20 mod.-needs repair, \$30.00

Heil Clear Speech Speaker, HCS \$50.00 Hustler Mobile Antenna RM-40, \$10.00 Cushcraft R7 40-10M Vertical Antenna, \$50.00

MFJ Versa Tuner II 949E, \$60.00 MFJ Pocket CW Reader, \$10.00 MFJ Trans-Ant. Switch 1700B, \$20.00 MFJ Ground Plane Conversion Kit 1401, \$ 5.00 MFJ 5" Magnet Mount (2), \$10.00 MFJ 24 Hr Clock \$, 5.00 Dipole wire, center insulator, & parts, \$20.00 Antenna pole 6" 12" wall mounts, 10' pole, \$15.00

Assorted coax lengths with connectors, Best Offer Assorted audio cables and plugs, Best Offer Offers considered on all.

Tim Harrison, KF9DT 10960 Isabelle Dr., Apt. 13 New Haven, IN 46774 Cell 229-251-4027

For Sale:

Kenwood T-570D 160-10 meters all mode transceiver. 100 watts with built in tuner. Used only by me. All manuals and mike. Needs 12 volt 20 amp Power supply. This is in good working condition. I will stand behind it. - \$475.00

Heathkit SB-1000 linear amplifier. With all manuals. 1000 watts output with 100 watts drive. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. Can work on 110 or 220 volts. This is in good working condition. I will stand behind it. - \$ 550.00

Icom 6 meter FM/SSB transceiver - 10 watts. It does not work all the time but I have worked many states with SSB and digital communications. - \$50 as is.

Mirage 1015G 6 meter linear amp – 160 watts output with 10 watts drive. Needs 12 volt supply. \$150

Wayne Steury N9EGT 260-589-8933 260-525-8933

## The Foxhunt Chronicles - November 2010 - Al Burke, WB9SSE

The 10th & last Foxhunt of the 2010 season occurred on Sunday afternoon, the 7<sup>th</sup>of November. The weather was in the brisk 50's but the sky was clear with plenty of sunshine a just a little breeze. Actually, nice weather for a foxhunt.



The November hunters included the team of Jim & Kim Machamer, KB9's DOS & DOT, the team of Steve & Linda Nardin, W9's SAN & LAN, Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN, the team of Carl Thomas, WB9YBI & John Martin, N9UWR, the team of Brian & Debbie Jenks. W9BGJ &

KB9ZQG and the team of Jim & Annie Pliett, K9OMA & WB9YYI plus Carole & Al Burke, WB9's RUS & SSE. Six teams in all.

The fox for this hunt took the guise of Charles Ward, KC9MUT along with Fred Gengnagle, KC9EZP. They were hunkered down at the Crossroads Community Church parking lot off Hursh Rd. just east of I69. The fox itself, a crossband HT, along with a Geocaching container was hidden under, and inside, the base cap of a light standard at the front of the church parking lot, a truly devious example of fox hiding.

The fox started out by transmitting from the mobile unit installed in Charles's truck. Everyone heard the initial transmission and headed north on the indicated bearing. For a while, at least four of the foxhunter vehicles were headed up Lima Rd. bumper to bumper, and created quite a sight to the rest of the traffic out and about that Sunday afternoon.

The Pliett/Burke team was employing a new DF receiver that Jim had acquired from a supplier in Australia, an example of which we had seen in use

first-hand during the October foxhunt. Charles Ward had borrowed an example of this new DF receiver technology from Joseph Lawrence and it enabled him to walk right up to the hidden fox during the October hunt, and be the first to find it. The new receiver was very effective when used with Jim's van roof mounted Yagi to obtain bearings while on the move. And it again was effective locating the fox when we were localized and on foot using a hand-held tape measure vhf yagi rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic uhf hand-held yagi we usually employ when we have the fox localized and are on foot.

All of the foxhunting teams converged on the church parking lot within ten or fifteen minutes of one-another and soon everyone was on foot looking for the culprit. As it turned out, most everyone sort of converged on the light standard about the same time, and basically everyone was there when the base cap of the light standard was lifted and the geocaching container was discovered. Shortly after that the cross-band HT fell out of the base cap. After some discussion, everyone agreed that the order of discovery was Carl Thomas & John Martin, followed by the Machamer's, followed by the Pliett/Burke's, followed by the Nardin's, followed by the Jenk's, followed by Woody Woodbury.

After the hunt, everyone converged on the Pliett QTH for the annual end-of-foxhunt-season bonfire/party. Given what Jim & Annie provided, and what attendees brought in, we feasted on hot dogs, both red and white chili, roll-ups, chips, a sort of pizza flavored noodle casserole, and various desserts. That, along with a roaring bonfire (which curiously this year did not trigger any DEFCON One alerts at NORAD), made for an enjoyable afternoon and evening at the Pliett's and a pleasant end to the 2010 Foxhunting season.

The 2011 Foxhunt season will commence most likely the first Sunday in February, starting at 1:30pm from the Off-Track Betting Parlor parking lot. An exact schedule for the 2011 season will follow.

Hope to see you there! - Al Burke, WB9SSE

#### **Year To Date Foxhunt Scores**

K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	W9SAN	KC9CGN	WB9YBI	KC9KTG
31	31	31	31	12	14.5	14.5	6.5
KB9DOS	KB9DOT	KC9AFE	KC9MUT	W9GGA	W9BGJ	KB9ZQG	KC9PJP
27	27	4	28	1	8	8	5
	N9UWR	KC9EZP	KC7EHE	N9TB	KB9WWO	W9LAN	
	19.5	6	5.5	4	4	3	

# **Contest Calendar**

#### Compiled from -

- -The ARRL Contest Branch Page
- -The ARRL Contest Update
- -The WA7BNM Contest Calendar

Start and Finish	HF	VHF+	Contest Title
Dec 11, 0000Z - Dec 11, 2400Z	3.5-28	FO 400	Feld-Hell Happy Birthday Sprint
Dec 11, 0000Z - Dec 16, 0200Z	00	50-432	NA High-Speed Meteor Scatter Contest
Dec 11, 0000Z - Dec 12, 2400Z	28		ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Dec 11, 0000Z - Dec 12, 2400Z	28	50	28 MHz SWL Contest
Dec 11, 0000Z - Dec 12, 2400Z	1.8-28	50	PSK Death Match
Dec 11, 1700Z - See Web site	1.8-7		UBA Winter Contest
Dec 12, 0000Z - Dec 12, 2359Z	3.5-28		Straight Key Weekend Sprint
Dec 12, 2100Z - Dec 12, 2259Z	14		Great Colorado Snowshoe Run
Dec 16, 2100Z - Dec 16, 2300Z	1.8		Russian 160 Meter Contest
Dec 18, 0000Z - Dec 19, 2400Z	3.5-28		OK DX RTTY Contest
Dec 18, 0000Z - Dec 18, 2359Z	1.8-28	50,144	RAC Winter Contest
Dec 18, 0001Z - Jan 2, 2359Z	1.8-28	50,144	Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party
Dec 18, 1400Z - Dec 19, 1400Z	1.8-28		Croatian CW Contest
Dec 18, 1500Z - Dec 19, 1500Z	1.8		Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge
Dec 19, 1800Z - Dec 19, 2359Z	3.5-28	50	ARRL Rookie Roundup
Dec 19, 2000Z - Dec 19, 2400Z	1.8-28		Holiday Spirits Home-brew Sprint
Dec 20, 0200Z - Dec 20, 0400Z	1.8-28		Run For the Bacon
Dec 22, 0000Z - Dec 22, 0200Z	1.8-28	50	SKCC Straight Key Sprint
Dec 26, 0000Z - Dec 26, 1200Z	3.5-28		RAEM Contest
Dec 26, 0000Z - Dec 26, 2400Z	14		070 Club QRP DX Scramble
Dec 26, 0830Z - Dec 26, 1059Z	3.5-7		DARC Christmas Contest
Dec 31, 1700Z - Dec 31, 12 Mid	1.8-28		South Dakota QSO Party
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Jan 1, 0000Z - Jan 1, 2400Z	3.5-28	50+	ARRL Straight Key Night
Jan 2, 1800Z - Jan 2, 2400Z	3.5-28		Kid's Day
Jan 8, 1800Z - Jan 9, 2400Z	3.5-28		ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan 8, 1800Z - Jan 9, 0600Z	1.8-28		North American QSO Party
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A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues	Fort Wayne l	Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues			
Regular membership ☐ \$12.00 / y	year Regular membership	<b>□</b> \$20.00 / year			
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	(Memberships for Jul - Dec and	(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 4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail					
Please attach a check (number) for the appr	ropriate amount and bring to a club mee	ting or mail to:			
ACARTS Fort Wayne Radio Club.					
PO Box 10342 PO Box 15127					
Fort Wayne, IN 46851 Fort Wayne, IN 46885					
For dual membership, fill out both sides and send	2 checks to either club. <b>Payment by ch</b>	eck 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. Net

control is K9ODF

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. 7:00 p.m. on 50.580 AM **FW Area Student Net**: Wed. 9:00 p.m. on 146.91-

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### Activities Calendar

<u>Date</u>	Time	Event	Place
11/30/10	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
12/10/10	6:30 PM	FWRC Christmas Banquet	GSUMC
12/14/10	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
12/21/10	7:00 PM	ACARTS Christmas Dinner	Casa Ristorante, 7545 W. Jefferson
	leadline for Jan.		
1/11/11	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
1/11/11	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
1/18/11	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
1/21/11	6:00 PM	FWRC Auction	GSUMC
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2/4/11 ---> deadline for Feb. ACHN items