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FWRC Tailgate Hamfest

photos by Jim Pliett, K9OMA



see more of Jim's photos on page 3

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President's Corner



I want to thank everyone who came out to the August General Meeting Tailgate Hamfest in the church parking lot. Initially it looked like it was going to be a wet one but the skies cleared right at 6:30. At that point there

was a rainbow in the eastern sky. As that faded it was all blue sky and sunshine and it stayed clear throughout the entire hamfest. There was another cloud burst on our way home afterward; so our timing turned out to be perfect.

There was a lot of good equipment to choose from as well. Terry had a number of old boat anchors from an estate sale so there was something for everyone. I counted at least 55 participants so it was another success. Thanks again to everyone who attended.

The September General Meeting program is going to be a presentation on working satellites presented by Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, and Carl Thomas, WB9YBI. This is another topic that we have not talked about recently. There are a lot of opportunities for some fun FM, weak signal or CW work with as little as an HT. In the past we have had some exciting satellite contacts on Field Day weekend and it would be fun to get more activity going there again. I have not done any satellite work myself so I am really looking forward to this presentation.

It is that time of year to start thinking about elections and who we want to see on the Fort Wayne Radio Club board of directors for 2010. Nominations are in September and October with the election at the October meeting. This is a great opportunity to serve the club and get to know the members better.

I would like to thank Jay Farlow, WB9MDS, and Steve Nardin, W9SAN, for their work getting the Fort Wayne Radio Club web site back on the air. It is located at "fwrc.info" which is a new web address but a much shorter one that will hopefully be much easier to type. If you haven't checked it out

yet please make sure you take a look.

And as you read the history section on the web site home page you will note that the Fort Wayne Radio Club charter signed by Hiram Percy Maxim is from January 1930. That means that 2010 is the 80th anniversary of the Fort Wayne Radio Club and the 90th anniversary since the YMCA Radio Club days. The board is currently discussing ways to celebrate our anniversary next year.

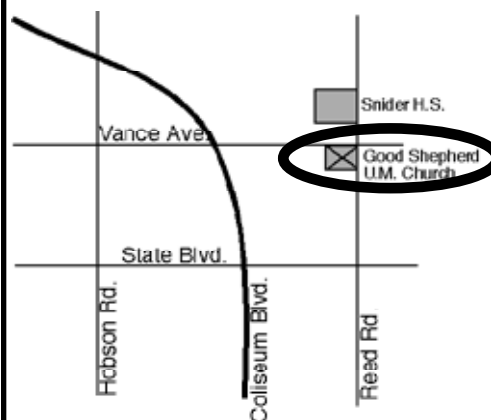
As you plan your fall activities keep in mind that the November General Meeting is the Friday following the ACARTS Fort Wayne Hamfest.

Remember that we have nominations for the 2010 Board positions coming up in September and elections in October.

Don't forget the September General Meeting on Satellite operation is Friday September 18th at 7:00 PM. I hope that we see you there.

Tom / N9TB

FWRC Meeting
Sep. 18, 7:00 p.m.
Program: Working
satellites by K9RFZ &
WB9YBI



More FWRC Tailgate Hamfest Photos



photos by Jim Pliett, K9OMA

August Foxhunt Photos



photos by Jim Pliett, K9OMA

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President's Message



Here it is September already. Where has the time gone? Soon it will be time for another Hamfest. I would like to thank Jim, KB9IH, and Corrine Boyer

for hosting the Family Picnic, that was held on Saturday August 2nd. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed some good food. The weather was a little cloudy, but the temperature was mild.

Speaking of the Hamfest, it will be here before we know it. The managers will be contacting you about working at the Hamfest. If you would like to do the same job and time slot, contact your manager and let them know you are available. It takes a lot of people to put on a Hamfest. We will also have the election of officers and managers in November. It will be a busy month. Because the newsletter had a early deadline, I do not have a program finalized for October. Watch your e-mail or the website for details.

Mark your calendar for December 15th as the tentative date for our annual Christmas Dinner. I am planning on Casa D'Angelo again for this year.

We are still working on a permanent location for the 255 and APRS machines. We are also still working on getting the 440 MHz machine back on the air.

My garden is doing very well. The tomatoes are ripening faster than I can eat them. The peppers are starting to mature also. You can pick the banana peppers when they turn yellow, but they will be bitter. For the best and sweetest taste you need to let them mature to red. The same goes for Bell peppers. You can do stuffed peppers when they are dark green. For a sweeter let them turn red. But you have to watch them because real hot weather can cause the skin to crack and become leathery. That's all I have for this month.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

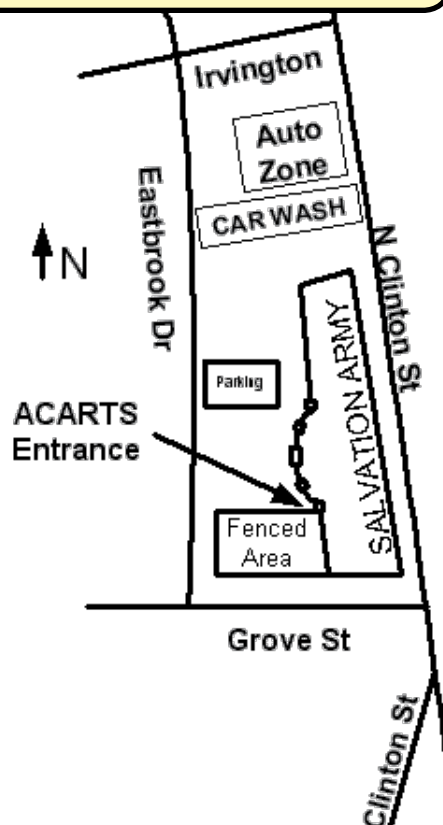


Meeting Schedule

ACARTS General Meeting:

9/15/09, 7:00 p.m., Program: TBA

Next Board Meeting: 9/8/09, 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



ACARTS Picnic Photos

photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA



August 2009 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic announced that August General Meeting would be the club picnic to be held on Saturday, August 22nd, at the QTH of Jim, KB9IH. He asked if anyone had any ideas for the September program.

Dave, W9LKH, reported that he had picked up the club APRS digipeater from Don, WB9HQS, and relocated it to his QTH until a permanent home for it is found. It was thought that both radios available had problems, that one would not transmit and that the other would not receive. Dave found that the power supply was inadequate for full power operation. The radio that was thought not to transmit works fine with a proper power supply. The other radio has open volume and squelch controls, making the receiver inoperable. Dave stated that he reprogrammed the TNC for current APRS specifications and the system is now filling a void in coverage in northern and eastern Allen County.

Vic, KA9LTV, stated that he is renewing the frequency coordination for the club repeaters, and asked the board members for input on some of the required information.

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

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

W9INX



DX and Contest Fun in Minnesota - Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA



Ft Wayne DX Association

The W0DXCC and Contest Central 2009 convention was held in Rochester, MN on Saturday July 18 at the Rochester Technical and Community College (RTCC). This convention was sponsored by the Rochester Amateur Radio Club, the Twin Cities DX Association, the Minnesota Wireless Association, and the RTCC.

I flew in Friday afternoon to enjoy a day of DX and contest presentations. Vicky had a previous commitment that weekend, so I went alone. My flights to O'Hare and then to Rochester went off without a hitch. In fact, I caught the earlier flight to Rochester and arrived about 2 hours earlier than planned.

The highlight for DXers was the two presentations by renowned low band operator John ON4UN. He was supposed to physically be there, but his wife was ill so he stayed home in Belgium and did his presentations via the Internet. Video cameras were employed on both ends, so the audience saw John and John saw the audience. By the way, the 5th edition of his popular Low Band DXing book will be available at Dayton 2010. If you're interested in DXing on the low bands (160 m, 80 m, 40 m), pick up a copy of the current 4th edition - it has a lot of good information in it.

Dean N6BV (retired technical editor for the ARRL) gave several antenna-oriented presentations for both DXers and contesters. Especially fascinating was his presentation of the integration of topographic map data into his HF Terrain Analysis (HFTA) program to produce elevation patterns for antennas over other than flat ground.

Rob NC0B of Sherwood Engineering talked about receiver design and performance. There was a lot of good practical information presented, along with comparisons of various rigs with respect to strong signal handling, audio performance, etc.

The contest tracks were well represented, with K0AD (current Editor for the National Contest Journal), W0BM, N7CQQ, AC0W, K0RC, WA0MHJ, W0ZQ, and N0AX (from ARRL HQ) giving presentations. Included were several hands-on workshops.

Prominent vendors attending this convention were Yaesu, ICOM, and Force-12 Antennas. It was great to again see Dennis K7BV from Yaesu, and we talked about his recent 6 m DXpedition to HK0. Many Mid-westerners worked him for a new one on 6 m. I also enjoyed talking with Mark N5WEB of Force-12. He drove up with George K5GH, who Vicky and I knew from when we lived in the Dallas/Ft Worth area back in the 1980s.

The Saturday evening dinner banquet featured Ralph K0IR and Glenn W0GJ (both of these guys have been on many DXpeditions). They teamed for a great presentation on the recent K5D Desecheo DXpedition, and this included a Q & A period with other K5D operators attending the banquet - WB9Z, K1KD, and K0JGH.

Lee K0LW (I knew him from my Novice days in Northwest Indiana - he was WN9CFU back then across the state line in Illinois) also advised that the next W0DXCC convention is tentatively scheduled for Kansas City in 2011. I already verbally signed up Vicky and me up for that one, as we need to sample Kansas City barbeque. Good BBQ and DX topics - now that's a great combination.

from *The ARRL Club News* -

You only get as much from a club as you put into it. A majority of the club bashers tend to be long time hams with a "been there, done that" attitude asking what a club has to offer them for them. To borrow from President John F. Kennedy, "ask what you can do for your club." Ofcourse we took more than we had to offer when we were younger and inexperienced. But over the years we have gathered knowledge that we can share with the newcomers. Based upon my countless interactions with hams of all levels of experience, the novice has much to offer the old-timer even if it is just reliving the joy of discovery. The local radio club has something for everybody who is willing to get involved.

August Indiana Section News Summary

The following Amateur Radio Operators became a Silent Key: Jimmie Giles - N9VXQ, John Kasten - KB9CAK, Jack D. Carter - W9FWI, Rondal M. Turnbow (MAX) - AB9FZ, Rob Ingram - KF8EY, and Don Massey - W9URS. Our condolences go out to the families. They will be missed by all.

Club Founder becomes SK

Don Massey was the founder of the current amateur radio club, Clinton County VHF Amateur Radio Club. He was the oldest ham in Clinton County at the age of 97.

Request from the New York QSO Party

The Official New York State QSO Party Forum is live and online. Anyone who is interested in the NYQP on October 17th or intends to operate from out of state or residents of New York planning on operating within the state are encouraged to register with this forum and post their county activity. The Rochester DX Association & the NYQP Team welcomes all to this forum. Please go to NYQP.org and click on the link on the right side of the page that is labeled: "The Official NYQP Forum" or go direct to the forum at <http://forum.nyqp.org>. We encourage you to register for the forum and give us feedback on the site and the QSO Party. You will want to operate in the NYQP; we already have 30 Award Plaque Sponsor! K2DB, W1TY & Webmaster K2ZS

Michigan City DX-Pedition

Dan Caesar, N19Y reports if you would like to be in the next MARC Adventure Radio DX-Pedition to the Michigan City Lighthouse. There is a real nice new shelter with a roof with power, paved 4' walkways, 50' from the waterway inlet where yachts of all varieties are always passing thru, and the two lighthouses on the pier. You can set up on the pier or in the shelter or on the inlet benches, or in the sand and weeds. There are plenty of trees to hang wires. Bring a lunch and we will all have a radio picnic to boot. This is a worldwide event August 15th. <http://illw.net/>

ARES Members

This is a reminder that the Section Manager must sign all local MOU/SOU/LOU documents involving the ARES program. This goes for any documents on the county or State level. And after I sign it, it must go to ARRL HQ for their signature.

Packet Radio is not Dead!

These guys listed here are still going strong with packet radio. If you are interested and want to know more just contact one of them and I am sure that they will be more than glad to help you get started.

K9BBS/W9BBS 144.930 Emcom Frequency RMS, BBS, Node, DXcluster, packet KB to KB... VIA FBB32 BPQ32. Icom 2200H PC Dell 2600SC Server running Windows Server 2003 SR3 4GB Ram SCSI Raid Hard-drive Array.

W9OTR

PC IBM Think Pad 100 MHz Running WIN98SE 40 MB ram 6GB Harddrive 432.250 9600 baud TEKK Data Radio Q15X25 Port no Freq determined YET... Exact Usage not yet determined. I can operate on 80/40/30/20/17/15/10 Meters. MixW and Icom746Pro 10.147 HF 300 Baud Forwarding Yaesu FT840 147.555 1200 Baud Forwarding (looking to use 2400 Baud MFJ TNCs). Later.. Icom2200H 145.010 user port Icom 2200H

N9LYA

PC IBM Think Pad 100 Mhz running Win98SE 40 MB ram 6GB Hard-drive 14.105 300 Baud User Port Icom 735 14.098 300 Baud Forwarding Port Yaesu FT840

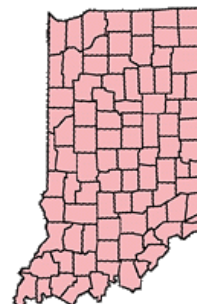
7.1005 300 Baud Forwarding port. Icom 746Pro Part time with Q15X25

(When ever Q15X25 is off 40 meter forwarding will be on).

7.095 LSB Pactor I Forwarding (May move to 7071 later) Icom-706MKIIG

223.600 MHz. 1200 Baud (Until I get a KPC9612) Icom 38A

145.050 MHz 1200 Baud User Port. Icom 2200H.



Region 9 Cycle 2 net report for July

| | | |
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| QNS | 13 | Net Sessions |
| QNI | 66 | Total number of stations checked in |
| QTC | 36 | Traffic Handled |
| QTR | 195 | Total Time in Session (min.) |

Monday WB9YBI

Wednesday WB9FHP

Friday NA9L

As you can see there are only 3 net controls, if you would like to pick up the days that are not covered, please email NA9L, Vernon at na9l@att.net. They could use some for the days that are free.

July Public Service Honor Roll Report

| | |
|--------|-----|
| K9EOH | 130 |
| WB9FHP | 173 |
| W9ILF | 83 |
| W9AL | 136 |
| W9WXN | 82 |
| NA9L | 100 |

Totals 704

For an explanation of what this Public Honor Roll is all about go to this website: <http://www.arll.org/FandES/field/psht/>

Hamfests for this month

16 Aug 2009 Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association
<http://w9reg.org/hamfest/index.htm>
Lafayette, IN
Tippecanoe Fairgrounds Home Ec Bldg.
1401 Teal Road

21-23 Aug 2009 PCARC Campout and Swapmeet
Porter County Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.pcrc.net/>
La Porte, IN
All States Amateur Radio Club (W9SAL) Complex
Route 35 and Schultz Road

22 Aug 2009+ Tailgators' Hamfest
Ripley County Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.441775.com>
Osgood, IN
Ripley County 4-H Fairgrounds
525 Beech Street

22 Aug 2009+ Owen-Monroe Amateur Radio Hamfest
Owen County ARA & Bloomington ARC
<http://www.owencountyara.org/images/OwenMonroe2009.pdf>
Spencer, IN
Owen County Fairgrounds
300 South East Street

Until next month 73,
John, W3ML

ARRL Indiana Section
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For Sale & Wanted

- Realistic PRO-2004 scanner, modified for 400 channels, 25 MHz - 520 MHz, 760 MHz - 1300 MHz: \$100.

- Alinco DR-1200 2M packet transceiver, modified for 9600 baud packet, \$75.

- MFJ-1270B packet radio TNC (1200 baud): \$40.

- MFJ CMOS-440 battery-powered electronic keyer w/built-in paddle: \$20.

- AEA PK-64 multimode TNC for Commodore 64 computers only: \$20.

- MFJ-1228 CW/RTTY interface for Vic 20 or Commodore 64 computers only: \$10.

- Cushcraft 2M Ringo 3dB base antenna: \$20.

Contact Jay, wb9mds(at)arrl.net.

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FOR SALE:

- One Hy-Gain AV-640 Patriot vertical 40 thru 6 meter 8-band. Does not use radials (Sells new for \$380). \$190

- One GAP Titan DX 75 thru 10 meter 8 band vertical. Does not require radials. \$180

- One Hustler 4BTV vertical (10-15-20-40 meters) requires radials or good ground if ground mounted. \$40

- Motorola Service Bench. Work surface 7ft X 34in masonite over steel. Has 7ftx15in riser with 7ft power strip. Two drawers and shelf under benchtop. Will need to be taken apart. Can email photo. \$125.00

All for pickup in Bluffton.

Call Bill, W9PPG
260-273-1494
wswart(at)parlorcity.com

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FOR SALE - Cleaning out the shack!

1) Icom AT-160 Automatic Antenna Tuner. New in box, never used. \$150.00

2) Yaesu 140=520 MHz SWR & power meter. \$40.00

3) 1 Kenwood & 1 Cobra FRS radios. Sold together only. \$25.00

4) VHF/UHF dual band HT antenna, 15.5" long. \$10.00

All items in excellent condition, prices firm.
Call Ron, WB9AA, 747-3816 after 4:00 PM.

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FOR SALE:

Tower (Rohn HDBX-48 – some rust)

Cushcraft 11 element 70cm beam (A449-11)

Cushcraft 20 element dual phase beam (A148-20T)

Comet 146/443 MHz 8.5/12 dB gain collinear antenna (GP-9)

Cornell-Dubilier CDE HAM II rotor (now HyGain)

Discone antenna (50-1200 MHz)

4 - approx 120 foot runs of Beldon 8214 equiv low loss coax

2 – approx 120 foot and 1 70 foot run of RG8X “mini” RG8 coax

1 - approx 120 feet of R&L 8 conductor (2/16 6/18) rotor cable

Cross boom for 70 cm beam antenna

Cross boom for discone and inverted V longwire

Estimated 15 foot very heavy duty mast pipe out of the rotor

In the air now - I will tilt over, you disassemble and haul away. - \$1100

Don Gagnon WB8HQS,
260-484-3317
don(at)digiwonders.com

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FREE:

- Epson Stylus Color 880 printer

- used floppy disks

- two 14" VGA monitors

Call Vic, WB9UZA, 260-485-7472, wb9uza(at)arrl.net



Test Points

22-Sep-2009

Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC

Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: JAMES C DAVIS

(765)664-9848

Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING

135 N BRANSON ST

MARION, IN 46952

26-Sep-2009

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

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

Contact: STEPHEN J KOUTS

(419)238-5560

Email: SKOUTS@BRIGHT.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA

1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY

BUSINESS US 30 EAST

HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING

VAN WERT, OH 45891

08-Oct-2009

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

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

Contact: PAUL F COREY

(574)262-4414

Email: K9MV@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: WWW.GOSHENARC.ORG/VE_TESTING.HTML

GREENCROFT BLVD

GREENCROFT RETIREMENTCOMMUNITY

SENIOR CENTER

GOSHEN, IN 46525

27-Oct-2009

Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC

Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: JAMES C DAVIS

(765)664-9848

Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING

135 N BRANSON ST

MARION, IN 46952

31-Oct-2009

Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC

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

Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER

(260)503-9008

Email: N9QCL@ARRL.NET

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: PEABODY LIBRARY

1160 E STATE ROAD 205

WWW.WCARC.ORG

COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

07-Nov-2009

Sponsor: W5YI VEC-ALLEN COUNTY

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

Contact: THOMAS C BAKER

(260)747-2714

Email: N9TB@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: BOY SCOUT HQ-ANTHONY WAYNE AREA COUNCIL

8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD

FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

24-Nov-2009

Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC

Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: JAMES C DAVIS

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Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING

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MARION, IN 46952

12-Dec-2009

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

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

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Email: SKOUTS@BRIGHT.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

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HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING

VAN WERT, OH 45891



2009 Foxhunt Schedule

| | | | |
|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Jan. | No Hunt | 13 July | 6:30 p.m. |
| 8 Feb. | 1:30 p.m. | 3 Aug. | 6:30 p.m. |
| 1 Mar. | 1:30 p.m. | 14 Sept. | 6:30 p.m. |
| 5 Apr. | 1:30 p.m. | 4 Oct. | 1:30 p.m. |
| 4 May | 6:30 p.m. | 1 Nov. | 1:30 p.m. |
| 1 June | 6:30 p.m. | Dec. | No Hunt |



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

Regional Hamfests

| Date | Location | Contact Phone | URL or E-mail |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---|
| 12 Sep 2009 | Shepherdsville, KY | 502-935-6710 | http://LouisvilleHamfest.com |
| 12 Sep 2009 | Lowell, MI | 616-897-6885 | http://www.grahamfest.org |
| 12-13 Sep 2009 | Belvidere, IL | 708-457-0966 | http://www.chicagofmclub.org |
| 13 Sep 2009 | Findlay, OH | 419-423-4604 | http://www.findlayradioclub.org/ |
| 19-20 Sep 2009 | Peoria, IL | 309-369-7428 | http://www.Peoriasuperfest.com |
| 19 Sep 2009 | Reynoldsburg, OH | 513-874-0006 | jphillips@arrl.org |
| 20 Sep 2009 | Adrian, MI | 517-467-6303 | http://www.w8tqe.com |

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



The Foxhunt Chronicals

August 2009 – Al Burke, WB9SSE

The 7th FWRC foxhunt for the 2009 season was held on Monday evening the 3rd of August 2009 with temperatures in the 80's, cloudy skies, and generally beautiful weather with a slight threat of rain.

The August hunters consisted of four teams including Jim & Kim Machamer, KB9's DOT & DOS plus Brian & Debra Jenks, W9BGJ & KB9ZQG, Charley Ward, KC9MUT, Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN, and the team of Jim & Annie Pliett, K9OMA & KA9YYI plus Al & Carole Burke, WB9's SSE & RUS.

The role of the Fox was provided by Carl Thomas, WB9YBI assisted by Terry Bowman, K9FMX. They were hiding out in Moser Park in New Haven. Carl came up with two foxes for this exercise. The first fox consisted of Carl's base rig that was programmed to transmit in CW on the fox frequency one minute out of every five. Its output of around 25 watts was stuffed into a long boom yagi suspended inside Terry's van and pointed out the back doors of the vehicle. (For you James Bond fans, the sign on Terry's van claimed it was from "Universal Imports"). The 2nd fox, activated after everyone had located the first fox, was a cross-band HT stuck up on a yard arm of a light standard in the middle of the park.



The hunt started promptly at 6:30 p.m. with the hunters stationed at the Off-Track Betting Parlor at Lima and Washington Center Roads. Carl's initial transmission was not heard by any of the hunters except for Charley Ward who got a sniff of the signal to the east. So when Charlie took off, so did everyone else.

Shortly thereafter we started getting bearings that indicated the fox was located in the New Haven area. After we had taken several DF bearings while in New Haven, we deduced that the fox had to be localized in Moser Park. When we finally arrived at Moser Park, the other three teams were already on the scene and were on foot.

As it turned out, Kim Machamer spotted the yagi in the back of Terry's van simultaneously with Charlie Ward spotting the actual base unit inside the van close to the front seats. Woody Woodbury was the next to locate the fox followed up by the Pliett/Burke team.

Carl then activated the 2nd fox. Our third harmonic equipment and Charlie's Doppler system soon lead us to the light standard where the 2nd fox was stashed. Charlie found it first followed in order by the Pliett/Burke team, then the Machamer/Jenks team, and finally by Woody Woodbury.

Carl's hunts are always interesting. This one presented yours truly with the conundrum of how to score it considering that Kim and Charlie found the number one fox "first" simultaneously, and then of course, there were actually two foxes. What I concluded made sense was to award both the Machamer/Jenks team and Charlie "first place" points for the first hunt, with 2nd place and 3rd place points going to Woody and the Pliett/Burke team in that order. And then, just consider the 2nd hunt as a stand-alone foxhunt as far as the hunters were concerned and score it accordingly and then combine

the points earned from the two hunts for the August scores. The fox normally gets points equal to half the number of teams. Since Carl featured two hunts into one, I decided to split the difference on this one and award the fox three points since there was only one localization effort required. (And I didn't even have to fire up my surplus Cray

computer or consult with Steven Hawkins to figure this stuff out).

Following the hunt everyone relocated to the Dairy Queen in New Haven and proceeded to get our "just desserts"....(get it?).

The September hunt is planned for Monday, 14 September starting at 6:30 p.m. from the OTB parking lot. Charlie Ward has agreed to serve as the fox. Hope to see you there.

Al Burke, WB9SSE

[see foxhunt photos on pg. 3]

Year To Date Foxhunt Scores

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|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| K9OMA 17 | KA9YYI 17 | WB9SSE 17 | WB9RUS 17 | W9SAN 1 | KC9CGN 15 | WB9YBI 17.5 | KC9KTG 12 |
| KB9DOS 16.5 | KB9DOT 16.5 | KC9AFE 7 | KC9MUT 19 | AB9IZ 6 | KF6CCN 4 | WB9BGJ 9 | KB9ZQG 9 |

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

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____-4 Phone #: (____) _____-_____ Unlisted? ☐ Yes

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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 7:00 p.m. on 147.015+

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wed. at 7:30 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. & 7:00 p.m. local times

Miscellaneous Nets

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

Emergency Preparedness Net: Thursdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.88 repeater

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

Whitley Co. ARES: Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

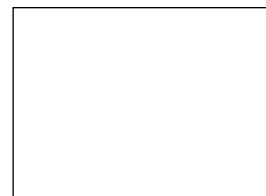
Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 7:45 p.m. on 444.550 +

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: 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.

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TO:



Memorial Steel Installation, Sep. 2008



Activities Calendar

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Place</u> |
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| 9/8/09 | 7:00 PM | ACARTS Board Meeting | Salvation Army Center |
| 9/8/09 | 7:00 PM | FWRC Board Meeting | GSUMC |
| 9/14/09 | 6:30 PM | foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds. | |
| 9/15/09 | 7:00 PM | ACARTS General Meeting | Salvation Army Center |
| 9/18/09 | 7:00 PM | FWRC Meeting | GSUMC |
| 10/2/09 | ---> | deadline for Oct. ACHN items | |
| 10/4/09 | 1:30 PM | foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds. | |
| 10/6/09 | 7:00 PM | FWRC Board Meeting | GSUMC |
| 10/13/09 | 7:00 PM | ACARTS Board Meeting | Salvation Army Center |
| 10/16/09 | 7:00 PM | FWRC Meeting | GSUMC |
| 10/20/09 | 7:00 PM | ACARTS General Meeting | Salvation Army Center |
| 11/1/09 | 1:30 PM | foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds. | |
| 11/6/09 | ---> | deadline for Nov. ACHN items | |
| 11/10/09 | 7:00 PM | ACARTS Board Meeting | Salvation Army Center |
| 11/10/09 | 7:00 PM | FWRC Board Meeting | GSUMC |
| 11/14-15/09 | | Fort Wayne Hamfest | Coliseum |
| 11/17/09 | 7:00 PM | ACARTS General Meeting | Salvation Army Center |