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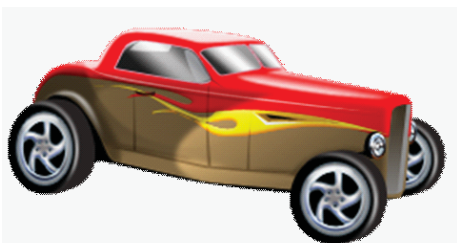
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FWRC TAILGATE HAMFEST AND CAR SHOW

Every year in August the Fort Wayne Radio Club hold a parking lot tailgate hamfest. In addition, this year the hamfest included a car show as well.

The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all.

Steve's regular article includes a wrap up of all of the event's activities.



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'll start with a wrap up for August. As you know, instead of having an August general meeting, we chose to have what we can a "Tailgate Hamfest". This is a completely free mini Hamfest, and so far it has been a successful way to spend an August Friday night. Mostly, it is a social affair, but there are always a lot of interesting stuff for sale as well. This year was no exception, as I saw some nice used transceivers, and a lot of other related amateur gear. The club did well, too, as some donated equipment and components netted the club treasury about \$193! Not bad for a "free" hamfest! (special thanks to Woody, KC9CGN!)

And of course we have to thank the FWRC YL's for their usual good food and a place to sit, relax, and do some face-to-face ragchewing as well. Thanks to the ladies for this effort. However, the major difference this year was our attempt at a Car Show, geared to ham radio interest that is. I have always known that many in the club have some nice rides, and I thought it would be cool if they could bring them out for show and tell during the TGHF. I also thought that judging this "show" would be a piece of cake....boy, was I wrong! Here is a list of the entrants and category winners:

K9FW - '39 Chevy Hot Rod -- Best Vintage Car

WB9SSE - Nissan 350Z

KB9OS - Scout II -- Best Truck

KC9MUT - Dodge RAM -- Best Mobile Installation And Most Antennas

KB9OZH - PT Cruiser

KB9DOS - 2001 Mustang GT

W9SAN - 1999 Ford ZX2

N9HRA - Chevy HHR



WB9DLC - Yamaha 1300 -- Best Motorcycle

KG9R - Hyundai -- Biggest Antenna

K9OMA - Insani-T Hot Rod -- Best Modern Car

In all, it was fun to see some of these vehicles that usually don't make it to the club meetings. Hopefully, if you have a really nice ride, you'll consider bringing it out for others to see and enjoy.

Now that fall is closing in on us fast, let's look forward to upcoming activities: In September, our meeting will feature Lou Everett from the Indiana ARRL organization. We'll have a Fox Hunt on the 8th, as the season starts to wind down. There will be an ARRL VHF QSO Party as well. Also featured at our meeting will be a discussion on plans to field teams to assist the October JOTA, or Jamboree On The Air for scouting around the world.

September also marks the annual nominations for Club officers as well. Last week, I noticed a little quote posted on a coworkers' cubicle. It read; "Politicians and Diapers should be changed regularly and often....and for the Same Reason". Good advice for clubs as well! New blood is always a good thing, so please consider running for a BOD office. You'll be glad you did.

Best Regards, Steve, W9SAN



September 20: Nomination of officers.

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State of the Arts

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ACARTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that all of you enjoyed your summer. The summer projects should be completed and it is time to get ready for fall. Fall brings leaf raking (you do have trees in your yard to support antennas, don't you?), but it is a good time to accomplish those last minute antenna projects before the snow flies.

The ACARTS picnic was a success. Jim's hamburgers were cooked just right and his yard was not set on fire. Many thanks to Jim and Corrine Boyer for hosting the event and thanks to all of you that brought the wonderful food



The Hamfest preparations are coming along well but there is always a frenzy of last minute tasks before the big weekend. The managers are starting to recruit workers, but most of the positions will not be assigned until closer to the Hamfest. An hour or two of your time is all that is needed to make this year's Hamfest another success.

73,

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ACARTS AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave asked if anyone wanted the two complimentary tickets to the South Bend Hamfest to be held in September. Bob, N9PWM, said that he would take them. (As of this writing, the hamfest has cancelled.)

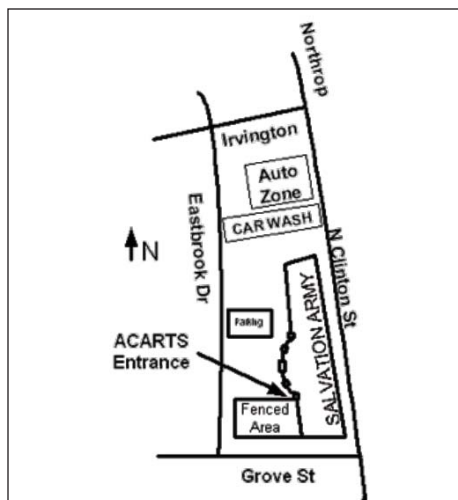
Dave announced that the ACARTS picnic would be held on Saturday, August 17th, at the QTH of Jim, KB9IH. Jim took a count of those members present that would be attending the picnic.

Dave asked if anyone had any ideas for the September meeting. A program on IRLP or EchoLink was suggested. Dave said that he would look into it.

Jim, KB9IH, gave an update on the progress of the Hamfest preparations. It was reported that the IRCC would like to hold a Wouff Hong Ceremony at the Ham-

fest as part of its forum. Dan, KB9NGM, said the he would work it into the forum schedule. Jim, KB9IH, stated that Joseph, K9RFZ, is working to arrange EmComm displays from ARES/RACES groups from around the state. It was also reported that the ARRL would like table space to display ARRL 100th Anniversary banners.

Dave, W9LKH, and Jim, KB9IH, gave an update on the status of the 146.88 MHz repeater problem. Dave, W9LKH, also reported that E.J. Caylor, KK9EJ (ex KC9HIY), who has moved out of the area, was willing to help program the TNC for the APRS



September 17: To be determined.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at 7:00 PM at the Salvation Army Center, 2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN.

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system that is being moved to Robison Park to provide wide-area coverage for the Fort Wayne area.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

CALIFORNIA ARES-RACES VOLUNTEERS REMAIN ON DUTY FOR RIM FIRE RESPONSE

from the ARRL news web page

ARES-RACES volunteers in Central California now have been on duty for more than 10 days as part of the response to the gigantic Rim Fire in and near Yosemite National Park and the Stanislaus National Forest. The initial callout on August 19 responded to a request to assist the Red Cross in setting up an evacuation center at Tioga High School in Groveland, California, for residents leaving the fire zone from Buck Meadows in Mariposa County, said Tuolumne County ARES Emergency Coordinator Carl Croci, N16Z. He and Grayson, KE6KYI, met Red Cross volunteers and evacuees at the school and established communication with the Red Cross office in Sonora, where ARES has a VHF station. The next day, shelter operations were secured and relocated to the Tuolumne County Fairgrounds in Sonora.

In Harm's Way

In the meantime, Croci and his wife Melissa, KD6FFX, who live in Groveland, found themselves on a stand-by advisory evacuation notice. "We started making preparations to leave our home," he said, "gathering up important documents, photos and other irreplaceable items." By August 22, the smoke generated by the fire was more than the couple could take, so they packed up their two cats and headed to Sonora — some 20 miles to the northwest — where they took shelter with Paul, WA7AWC, and his wife Dean, KG6GBZ. They remained there until August 25.

Several Hats

Also on August 20, the Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services requested Amateur Radio assistance to staff the Red Cross shelter at the Fairgrounds in Sonora and to the community information telephone system at the Tuolumne County emergency operations center. Groci and Tuolumne County RACES Officer Phil Fish, WB6GGY, handled the callout and soon had volunteers for both loca-

tions as well as some on standby.

"Here in Tuolumne County," Croci explained, "the Amateur Radio community wears several hats — ARES, RACES, VIP and CERT. If needed, we can respond and change affiliations as conditions change."

Croci said volunteers from Calaveras County ARES also have been pitching in. "We are still staffing the Red Cross Shelter and the community information phone lines with four ARES/RACES operators on the phones and two in the shelters," he said at mid-week. The Red Cross was sheltering approximately 100 evacuees. Eight radio amateurs have been staffing the shelter, while another 12 handle the community information telephones at the EOC.

Fish has described the fire terrain in Tuolumne and Mariposa counties as "very, very, very rugged."

Fresno County ARES

To the south, Fresno County ARES was put on alert August 19 by the Central Valley Red Cross. "We were asked to relay information from their shelter," said Fresno County EC Dan Pruitt, AE6SX. "We had our volunteers operating from home, monitoring the Mariposa 146.745 repeater at Mt Bullion." Mariposa County ARES staffed a shelter at Greeley Hills Community Center, ready to pass traffic to Red Cross Headquarters. "This continued for about 24 hours before the shelter shut down from a lack of clients," Pruitt said.

A few days later, on August 25, ARES was reactivated, due to more evacuations

and the need for a shelter. Volunteers set up the next day at the Red Cross office in Fresno, where they installed a station capable of operating on emergency power. "We made contact with Mariposa County ARES at the Greeley Hill shelter," Pruitt said. "We passed traffic until we were asked to shut down for the night." Volunteers returned early the next day. They dismantled the station on August 27. Pruitt said eight volunteers turned out for the activation.

Digital Impresses

During the activation, Fresno County ARES used Fldigi and Flmsg — a forms management editor — on PSK125 to pass traffic from the shelter and the Red Cross Headquarters. "We found that the faster speed and wider signal [resulted in] fewer errors," Pruitt said, adding that the Red Cross "was very impressed" with their ability to send and receive traffic in the Incident Command System general message form (ICS-213), filled out and printed.

Still a Threat

According to the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), the Rim Fire as of August 29 covers nearly 200,000 acres, with almost 7000 acres burned over in the past 24 hours. The Rim Fire, 32 percent contained, has now has claimed more than 110 structures — including a few houses — and the cost of fighting it is approaching \$50 million. The communities of Tuolumne City, Twain Harte, Long Barn, Pinecrest and the Hetch-Hetchy watershed are threatened, as are power lines in the region. Evacuations and road and area closures are in effect. The Rim Fire is not expected to be fully contained for another 10 days or so.

A series of time-lapse images has been posted that offer a perspective of the Rim Fire's rapid growth:

<http://vimeo.com/73310936>

FWDXA

Fort Wayne DX Association

THE GMDX CONVENTION

Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

My wife Vicky AE9YL and I have always wanted to visit Scotland again – specifically the northern highlands. We had thought about doing this last October in conjunction with the RSGB Convention near London, but that trip just didn't work out. Towards the end of the year, Rob GM3YTS suggested that we combine our northern Scotland visit with the GMDX Convention in Stirling in early April. That sounded good to us, so we made plans.

On a Tuesday we flew into Manchester, England, as that was less of a hassle than flying into London. Additionally Manchester is closer to Inverness up in the Scottish Highlands so the train ride wouldn't be as long. It's still a long train ride from Manchester – seven hours – and that coupled with an eight hour flight from O'Hare made it a very long day.

We arrived in Inverness Wednesday evening around dinner time, found our



bed and breakfast, unpacked, and headed off to a very nice restaurant near our lodging. We slept well that night. Thursday was reserved for sight-seeing. Inverness is well-known for Nessie – the Loch Ness Monster. We toured the castle on the Loch and the Loch itself on a cruise boat. Alas, we didn't see Nessie.

Friday morning we took the train from Inverness to Stirling, arriving around noon. We had a quick lunch, said hello to the convention attendees who had already arrived, then visited the Stirling Castle. It was a long walk up the hill to the Castle, and we were glad to have a nice dinner after our Castle tour in a pub at the bottom of the hill.

The Convention registration started at 1:00 PM on Saturday, with the programs beginning at 1:30. Jim G3RTE was up first with a presentation on his H44KW trip. Up next was Justin G0KSC talking about antennas – more on Justin later. I was on third, and reviewed Cycle 24's progress and general propagation issues.

Nigel G3TXF was on fourth with the XR0YG DXpedition. Rounding out the presentations was Tom GM4FDM, telling about the T2GM exploits. Because of the major transportation problem incurred by the T2GM team (their flight from Glasgow to Los Angeles was cancelled due to a mechanical problem with the airplane), I had composed a relevant limerick and

recited it at the beginning of my presentation – it was well received by the audience.

Lionel G5LP and I checked DXCC applications during the presentations. And at the dinner Saturday evening Vicky and I sat with Rob GM3YTS and his wife Sheri, Tom GM4FDM and his wife, and Justin G0KSC and his wife. We had a great time, and the food was excellent.

If you're not aware, Justin G0KSC is the guy behind InnoVAntennas. Justin's line of antennas (called LFAs – Loop Fed Arrays) use a loop driven element in lieu of the more conventional dipole driven element. These antennas are used worldwide by big names in DXing and Contesting. Justin also told the story of putting up a vertical with radials on his small lot. After tuning it for a nice SWR the previous day, he discovered the next day that the SWR was terrible. What happened was his wife thought the radials were for hanging out the laundry, and she had populated the radials with wet clothes.

In summary, we had a wonderful time at the Convention, and also enjoyed our trip to the Scottish Highlands.



Is this Nessie? Nope – just a statue of her in a pond by Loch Ness



W7EW's 6m stack of six 7-element LFAs

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2013 FINDLAY, OHIO HAMFEST / DIVISION CONVENTION

The 2013 Hamfest / Division Convention will be held Sunday, September 8 starting at 8 AM at the Hancock County Fairgrounds, 1017 East Sandusky St., Findlay, Ohio. General admission is actually from Fishlock Ave. on the east side of the Fairgrounds.

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club

Website: <http://w8ft.org/>

The ARRL Forum will be at 9 AM in the back of Building Three

The Mad River Radio Club will be holding a meeting at Findlay at 11 AM in the back of Building Three.

Any questions about the hamfest can be sent to [w8ftfrc \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:w8ftfrc@gmail.com)

Talk-in on 147.15+

Say Again?

"Democracy means that anyone can grow up to be president, and anyone who doesn't grow up can be vice president."

Johnny Carson

*Our
41st
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YEAR*

**FORT WAYNE
HAMFEST**
& Computer Expo

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Exposition Center

4000 Parnell Avenue -- corner of Coliseum Blvd (Ind 930) and Parnell Avenue -- N 41 06.878 W 85 07.388

November 16/17, 2013

FCC SETS HIGHER VANITY CALL SIGN FEE THAN FIRST PROPOSED

A new FCC regulatory fee of \$16.10 to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will become effective sometime in mid-September, when the new fee schedule appears in the Federal Register. (ARRL will report the exact date as soon as it becomes available.) Earlier this year, the FCC had proposed upping the vanity call sign fee from its current \$15 to \$15.20. The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 17 years of the current program -- from high of \$50 when the program debuted in 1996 to a low of \$11.70 in 2007.

In a Report and Order in MD Docket 13-140, released August 12, the FCC ordered a broad schedule of new fees for all services and waived the usual 30-day waiting period following Federal Register publication, because there would not be time for new fees to become effective before the start of the new federal fiscal year on October 1, 2013. The FCC says it expects \$230,230 in revenue to cover the costs of administering the vanity call sign program. It anticipates 14,300 vanity call sign applications.

Applicants must pay the regulatory fee not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also when renewing a vanity call sign (those holding "heritage" vanity call signs issued prior to 1993 are exempt).

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less.

THE FOXHUNT CHRONICLES

On Sunday afternoon, August 4th, the Fort Wayne Radio Club fox hunting faithful gathered once again to hunt down the wily critter. While three teams, KC9MUT + KC9EZP, KB9DOS + KB9DOT, and KC9UHU + K9NDU, waited patiently at the starting location at the Off Track Betting site, the foxes, W9SAN and his grandson, Alex set up at the Hoagland Community Park in Hoagland, IN. At 1:30 pm EDT the hunt began...or did it?

Initially, nobody could hear very much of my 50 watt Fox on the input to the ACARTS 147.255 repeater at Robison Park substation. Robert and Dave thought they heard something, and started out. The others didn't hear anything, but I was making the repeater just fine, so they knew I was out there somewhere. Kim and Jim got some readings over by Reed Road and started to go in a South direction. Charles and Fred figured that if the repeater was hearing the fox, then go to the repeater. And sure enough, they too started to get bearings and headed South. (both literally and figuratively....)

As the beautiful afternoon dragged on, the two foxes began to wonder what the heck happened to everyone. At about 1 hour and 30 minutes into the hunt, the first team of Kim and Jim showed up in southern Allen County at the park! Not long after that the distinctive Mopar ma-



chine of Charles popped into view as well. As it turned out, Charles and Fred did beat Kim and Jim to the actual Fox itself, which was hiding in terror inside a children's slide, but just by 3 minutes. The mileage once again made the difference!

About 2 hours and 10 minutes into this "weak signal" Hunt, Robert and Dave showed up on the scene and made short work of tracking down the fox (we really need a name for the fox.....) and the hunt

was over. Being a particularly difficult hunt, Charles had a war wound to show for it, as he had cut his forehead upon jumping into his truck bed and stabbing himself with an antenna element!

Because of timing and commitments, we did not adjourn to an eatery, but did discuss and choose the 146.88 repeater input for the next hunt! That next hunt will be on September 8th.

Final scoring for the hunt and year to date cumulative points are in the table below.

In September the fox will operate on the input to the 147.255 MHz machine.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Nardin, W9SAN

2013 Foxhunt Schedule

The following is the planned Foxhunt schedule for 2013. All foxhunts start at 1:30 PM on Sunday afternoons at the Fort Wayne Off Track Betting Complex:

8 September
6 October
3 November

FOX HUNT YEAR TO DATE POINTS

	WB9YYI	K9OMA	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	WA7NXI	KC9MUT	KC9EZP	KC9UHU	K9NDU	KB9DOS	KB9DOT
This Hunt	-	-	-	-	-	434.5	434.5	281	281	494	494
Total	3248	3248	3248	3248	739	4324	4065.5	4472	4472	3388.5	3388.5
	W9SAN	W9LAN	ALEX	KB9VTK	AB9IZ						
This Hunt	798	-	798	-	-						
Total	3210.5	2412.5	3210.5	1535.5	260.5						

HARNESS SAVES CANADIAN HAM AFTER FALL FROM TOWER

An unidentified ham in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, avoided serious injury or worse after falling July 16 from a ham radio tower he was disassembling. The man, whom media reports called "a certified tower expert" fell backward from the tower and became trapped about 35 feet in the air. The Edmonton Journal quoted

District Fire Chief Lorne Corbett: "He had on the proper harness, that's what saved him. He also had his legs entangled in the tower itself." When the rescue team showed up, the man was upside down, and firefighters went up the tower to stabilize him and orient him upright. Firefighters got the man down using a bucket

on a fire ladder. Although bruised, he was able to walk to the ambulance. The ARRL offers antenna and tower safety tips on its website. Universal Radio also has posted a list of general recommendations for installing outdoor antennas. — The Edmonton Journal; The Edmonton Sun

2013 D-STAR QSO PARTY

Date and Time

September 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2013.

Friday 0:00 ~ Sunday 24:00 (UTC)

Purpose

Connecting the world through D-STAR repeaters around the globe.

Prizes

The goal of the D-STAR QSO PARTY is to communicate through as many D-STAR repeaters as possible throughout the world. All operators who submit an approved log will be eligible for the prize draw. 10 winners will be randomly selected to each win a prize. The more D-STAR QSO's you make, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of four prize draw tickets). Please refer to the entry multipliers below.

The banner features the ICOM logo in the top left corner. The main title "D-STAR QSO PARTY 2013" is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters against a dark blue background. Below the title, an invitation reads: "Invitation to the Biggest D-STAR QSO PARTY! Talk to the world by connecting through D-STAR repeaters around the globe. Contact as many D-STAR stations as possible throughout the World." A box on the right specifies the event dates: "The Party Runs From: SEPTEMBER 20 (Fri.) ▶ 22 (Sun.)" with times "00:00 (UTC)" and "24:00 (UTC)". The background of the banner shows a globe with various amateur radio operators and their equipment.

<http://www.icom.co.jp/world/d-starparty2013/>

The banner has a blue header with navigation links: "Home", "Contest Rules", "Log Reporting", and "D-STAR Models". The main text reads "Get 10 lucky winners!!" with a subtext "a chance to win a great prize!". Below this, a graphic shows a blue gift box with a yellow ribbon. To the right, a target icon is used to illustrate how to increase chances. Three boxes list the multipliers: "Contacting more than 5 foreign countries can double your chances", "Contacting more than 10 foreign countries can triple your chances", and "Contacting more than 20 foreign countries can quadruple your chances".

To qualify for a prize draw ticket, you need make a contact through at least one repeater in your own country.

- If you contact amateurs in more than 5 foreign countries, you will qualify for two tickets to win a prize.

- If you contact amateurs in more than 10 foreign countries, you will qualify for three tickets to win a prize.
- If you contact amateurs in more than 20 foreign countries, you will qualify for four tickets to win a prize.

How the above "prize draw ticket" system will work:

The name and/or call sign of each entrant into the D-STAR QSO PARTY will be collated and included in the prize draw. In this case each entrant will be eligible for one prize draw ticket in the draw.

As per the explanation above, the number of prize draw tickets is multiplied depending on the number of countries outside your own that you receive a valid QSO from during the competition period.

Winners can receive only one prize. Therefore, in the case where a winner's name/call sign is drawn again, that person will not receive another prize.



Articles, photographs, and classified ads for publication in the *Allen County HamNews* should be emailed to the newsletter editor at AB9ZD (at) ARRL.NET before the first of the month.

CONTEST CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

HF	Contest Title	Ph	CW	Dig	Exchange & Frequencies (MHz)	Logs Due
VHF+	Dates / Times				Sponsor's Web Site	
1.8-28	Tennessee QSO Party	X	X	X	RS(T) and county or S/P/C	Oct 2
50+	Sep 1, 1800Z - Sep 2, 0300Z				www.tnqp.org	
3.5-28	All-Asian DX Contest	X			RS, operator age (YL may send 00)	Oct 31
	Sep 7, 0000Z - Sep 8, 2400Z				www.jarl.or.jp/English	
1.8-28	QCWA Fall QSO Party	X	X	X	Call sign, chapter, name, 2-digit year lic'd	30 days
50+	Sep 7, 1800Z - Sep 8, 1800Z				www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm	
3.5-14	North American Sprint		X		Call signs, serial, name, and state	7 days
	Sep 8, 0000Z - Sep 8, 0400Z				www.ncjweb.com	
3.5-28	Ohio State Parks On the Air	X	X	X	"Ohio" or S/P/DX and Park ID	30 days
50	Sep 14, 1600Z - Sep 14, 2400Z				http://www.ospota.org/ospota/	
	ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest	X	X	X	6-character grid locator	Oct 16
10G+	Sep 21, 6 AM - Sep 22, 12 mid				www.arrl.org/contests	
	ARRL EME Contest	X	X	X	Call signs, sig rpt, acknowledgement	Jan 1
2.3G+	Sep 28, 0000Z - Sep 29, 2359Z				www.arrl.org/contests	
1.8-28	Texas QSO Party	X	X	X	RS(T), county or S/P/C	Oct 31
50,144	Sep 28, 1400Z - See website				www.txqp.net	



A photo of two guys taking care of some maintenance on the antennas at the top of the Empire State Building in New York City.

Uncredited photographer (that's probably his boot in the photo) from www.nynerd.com.

Somewhat related story at:

<http://www.radiomagonline.com/currents/news/esb-antenna-1019/>

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

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____
 Street address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____ Phone #: (____) _____ - _____ Unlisted? ☐ Yes
 Email address: _____ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

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

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

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

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

Regular membership ☐ \$12.00 / year
 Additional family members¹ ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Student membership² ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Associate membership³ ☐ \$6.00 / year
 (New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$20.00 / year
 Family membership¹ ☐ \$30.00 / year
 Student membership² ☐ \$5.00 / year
 Associate membership³ ☐ \$20.00 / year
 Mailed newsletter premium ☐ \$20.00 / year
 (Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

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

2. K-12 or full time student

3. Unlicensed member

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

ACARTS	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 two checks to either club. Payment by check is strongly encouraged!

ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority

147.255 (+) General use

443.800 (+) General use

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

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digirepeaters)

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

D-STAR

442.99375, Offset + 5.0 MHz, W9TE ___ B, W9TE ___ G

Indiana D-STAR net, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:30 - 8:30,

Reflector REF024B

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. & 3.940 @ 6:00 p.m. local times.

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

Miscellaneous Nets

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

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

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

(Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

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

"No-Name" Net: 8:30 pm Sunday and Wednesday nights. 1.965 MHz or cross band on the 146.91 repeater.

Little Red Barn Net: Weekdays @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz. Thursdays at 3826 kHz.

Northeast Indiana Packet Net: Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on 145.530 @ 1200 baud. We use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor" settings on so you can see everyone.

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

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

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

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

To:

Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
09/08/2013	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	Fort Wayne Off Track Betting Complex
09/10/2013	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
09/10/2013	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
09/17/2013	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
09/20/2013	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting and Nominations	GSUMC
09/24/2013	7:00 PM	Hamfest Committee Meeting	On-the-air 147.255
10/06/2013	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	Fort Wayne Off Track Betting Complex
10/08/2013	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
10/08/2013	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
10/15/2013	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
10/18/2013	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting and Elections	GSUMC
10/22/2013	7:00 PM	Hamfest Committee Meeting	On-the-air 147.255
11/16 and 11/17/2013		Fort Wayne Hamfest	Allen County War Memorial Coliseum