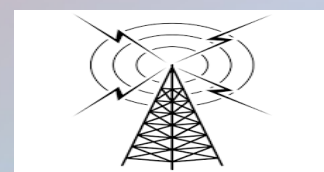


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<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/>

Grant County ARC Nets

What: 2 Meter Net
When: Every Sunday Evening
Time: 2030 hrs Local Time
Freq: 146.790- (PL 141.3)
Alternate Freq. 147.195+ (PL 141.3)

What: DMR Net – Indiana Crossroads Net
When: Every Monday Night
Time: 2000 hrs Local Time
Freq: 442.750+ (Color Code 1)

What: DMR Net – Indiana Statewide Net
When: Every Tuesday Night
Time: 2000 hrs Local Time
Freq: 442.750+ Talkgroup 3118

What: Dstar Net – Indiana Statewide Dstar Net
When: Every Thursday Evening
Time: 2000 hrs Local Time
Freq: 443.400+ {(W9EBN) (Reflector 24b)}

What: Grant County RACE Net
When: Every 3rd Friday of the month
Time: 8:00 PM EST
Freq: 146.790- (PL 141.3)
Talkgroup 31181



The American Radio Relay League
225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111
or phone (860)594-0200
or fax (860)594-0303



From the President

Dear Members,

The doors are all lubricated and swings very favorably.

All the clubs cabinets are inside the container. All the remaining inventory that was Moved from the truck, is also now in the container.

We are working on a deal with Barry Bunker for a “contract” .

All the doors and 4 clasps are now locked and secured.

There is currently 5 sets of keys to be disbursed to the following people.

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Container manager (Charlie – KA9HDG)
4. Trustee (Kevin – KB9CRA)
5. Kevin Hicks – KC9MWQ

One key will open Bunker's locked back parking area. The second key will open all 4 locks on the container doors.

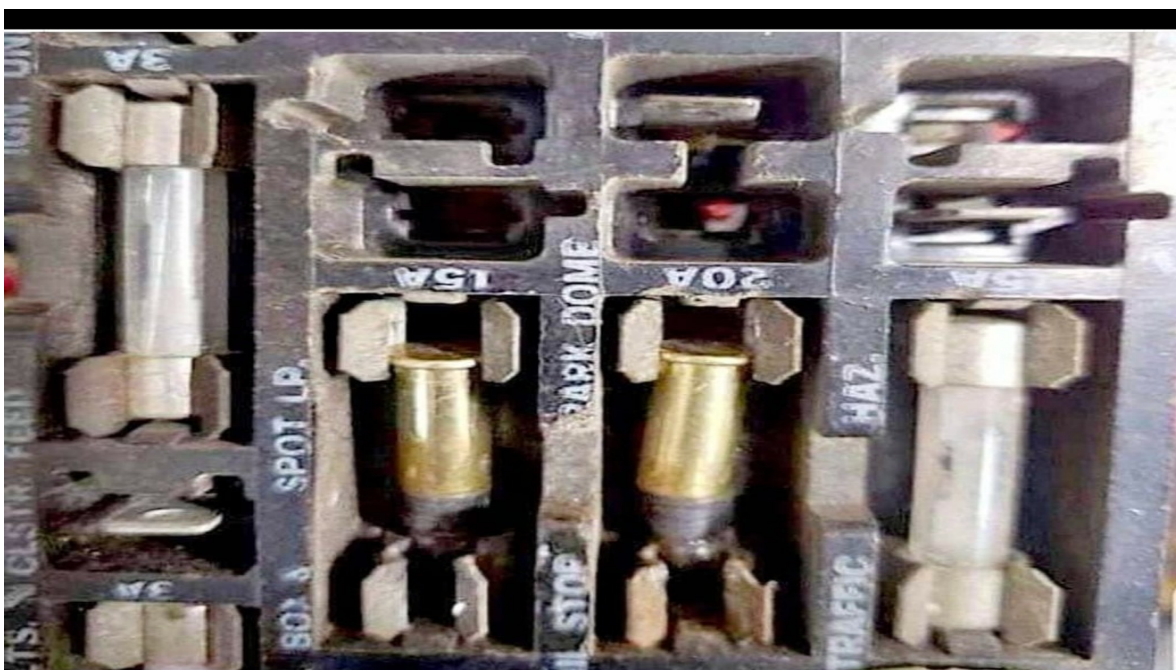
This should be a good location and well secured.

We are now asking for assistance to give the entire container a coat of white paint
Please contact Bob or Charlie if any one can help.

Blessings

As alwaysremaining radio-active

President



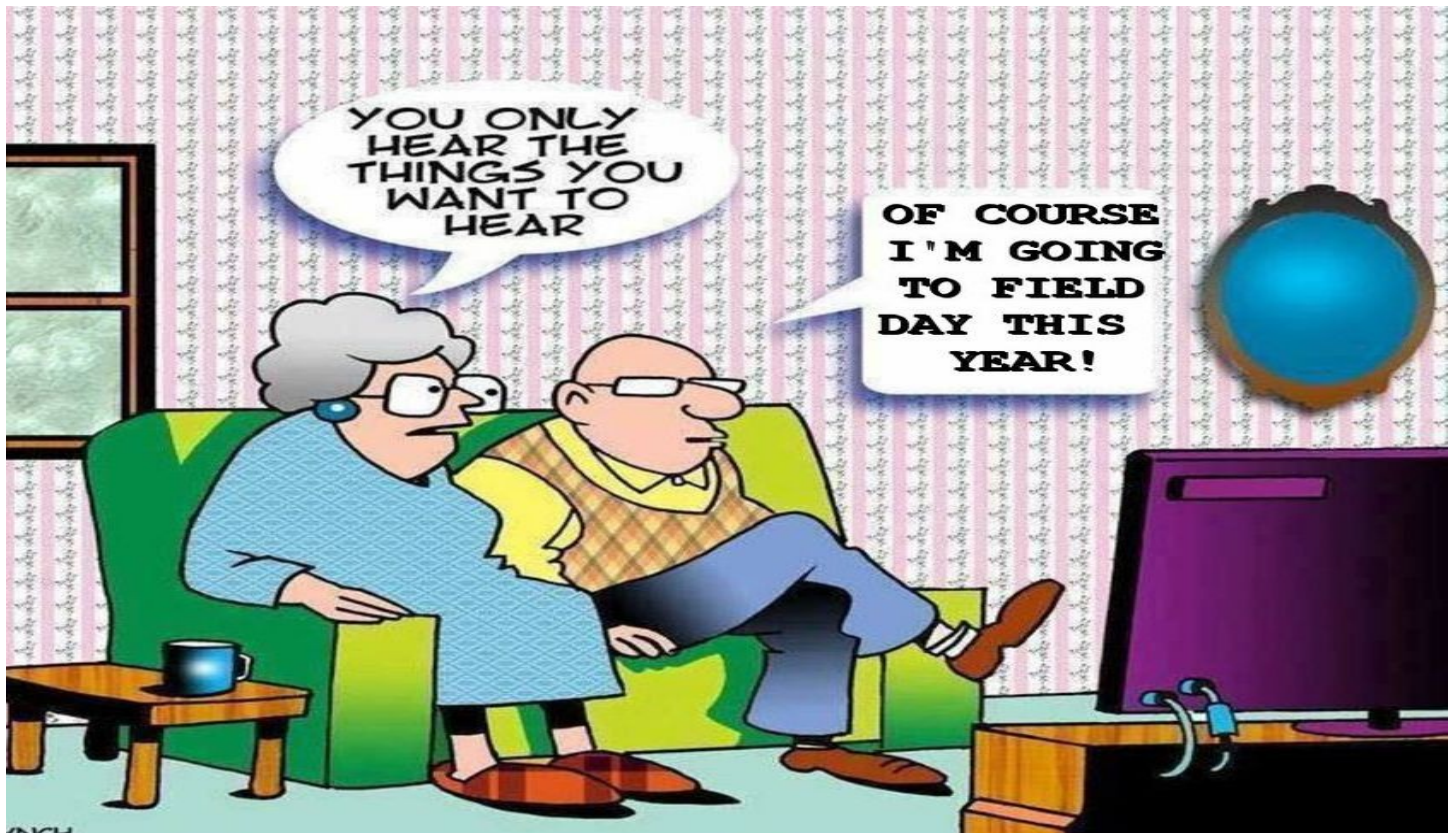
Audible trip fuses

From the Editor

The North Central Indiana Hamfest for 2025 is now in the books. By all accounts that I heard it was a great success.

At the May 27th meeting Ed Brown – N9GTL will be giving a presentation on RACES/ARES. This presentation will explain the mission of both RACES and ARES. It is imperative that all members that are RACES members of Grant County be present for this presentation. The presentation will begin approximately at 7:30 PM at the Marion City Hall right after the monthly meeting.

The next event that is coming up is Field Day 2025. Again we will be teaming up with the Mississinewa Valley Amateur Radio Club this year. We will be setting up at the hardware store in Upland again this year. Be sure to mark your calendars for the weekend of June 21st to 22nd.



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Indiana Statewide DStar Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	2	3
4 GCARC 2 Meter Net 8:30 PM Net Control Scott - KC9RAX	5 Crossroads DMR Net 8:00 PM Net Control Chad - KC9OYW	6	7	8 Indiana Statewide DStar Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	9	10 See Notes Below
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25 GCARC 2 Meter Net 8:30 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	26 Memorial Day Crossroads DMR Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	27 GCARC Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM Marion City Hall Testing - 5:00 PM Indiana Statewide DMR Net 8:00 PM	28	29 Indiana Statewide DStar Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	30	31

Notes	May 10th - Monthly Breakfast Meeting - 8:30 AM at Georgie's Cafe on the Bypass
	May 10th - Monthly Siren Test - 11:45 AM
	Other Weekly Nets: Sunday: Miami County ARC Sunday Night Ragchew Net - 8:00 pm 147.345 (PL 131.8)
	Monday: Miami County ARC ARES/RACES Net - 8:00 pm 147.345 (PL 131.8)
	Tuesday and Thursday: Miami County ARC Ladies with a License Net 8:00 pm 147.345 (PL 131.8)
	Wednesday: Blackford County ARC Net - 8:30 PM - also on Talkgroup 31181; 146.790+ (PL 141.3) and 146.655
	Thursday: 10 Meter Net - 28.425 MHz (+- 25 hz) 8:00 pm (Early Checkins) Net starts at 8:30 pm

Pictures of the Container



Charlie – KA9HDG working on the doors



View of container looking towards the doors



View of container looking from the doors

More pictures of the Container



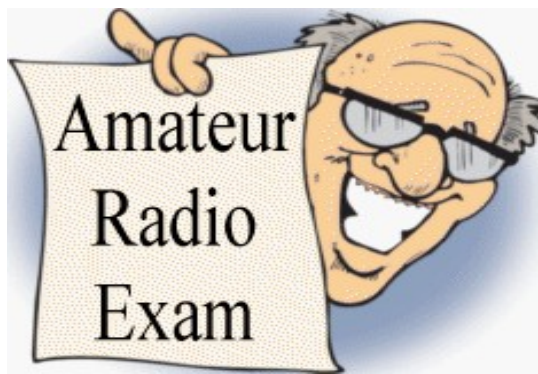
Front side of Container



Back side of Container



Looking in from the doors



05/03/25

Sponsor: Wells County Radio Club
Time: 9:00 AM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Rick Allen Velasquez
(765) 348-9322
Email: ab9hp@yahoo.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Wells County Library
200 West Washington St
Bluffton, IN 46714-1996

05/03/2025

Sponsor: Hancock County ARC
Time: 9:00 AM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: David Kelser
(317) 440-8486
Email: kc9urp@hrtc.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hancock EMA EOC
640 South Franklin St
Greenfield, IN 46140-9654

05/05/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC
Time: 8:30 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Roger L McEntarfer
(260) 503-9008
Email: rimcen56@gmail.com
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: **On Line**
717 E 400 N
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

05/12/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC
Time: 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
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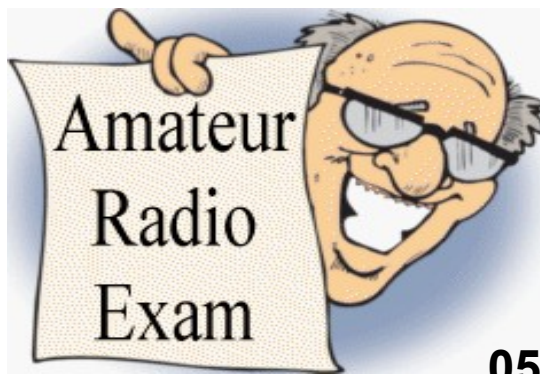
05/19/2025

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VEC: W5YI VEC
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05/19/2025

Sponsor: Marshall County ARC
Time: 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Richard J Basham
(574) 216-6080
Email: k9ilu@yahoo.com
VEC: Laurel VEC
Location: Cornerstone Church of Argos
11525 State Road 10
Argos, IN 46501-9519

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, please verify with your VE team that the exam session is being held.



05/20/2025

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Time: 7:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)

Contact: Stephen M Riley
(765) 425-4627

Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Madison County EMA EOC

300 N Delaware St

GPS Location: 119 N Jackson St

Anderson, IN 46016

05/26/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC

Time: 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)

Contact: Roger L. Mc Entarfer
(260) 503-9008

Email: rimcen56@gmail.com

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: **On Line**

717 E 400 N

Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

05/27/2025

Sponsor: Grant County ARC

Time: 5:00 PM (**No Walk-ins / Register
Or Call Ahead**)

Contact: Lynn B Nickerson
(765) 517-1581

Email: k9nqw1979@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Marion City Hall

301 S Branson St

Marion, IN 46952

**Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, please verify with your VE team
that the exam session is being held.**





Four Days In May

Start Date: 05/15/2025

End Date: 05/18/2025

Location: Holiday Inn
2800 Presidential Drive
Fairborn, OH 45324

Website: <http://qrparci.org/fdim>

Sponsor: QRP Amateur Radio
Club International

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: None

Public Contact: David Cripe, NM0S

118 Hilltop Dr, NE
Mount Vernon, IA 52314

Phone: (319) 651-5879

Email: nm0s@nm0s.com

Dayton Hamvention

Start Date: 05/16/2025

End Date: 05/18/2025

Location: Greene County Expo
Center

210 Fairgrounds Road
Xenia, OH 45385

Website: <http://Hamvention.org>

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio
Association

Type: Convention/Hamfest

Talk-in: 146.940-(PL 123.0)

Public Contact: Brian Markland, N8UDQ
6619 Bellefontaine Road

Dayton, OH 45424

Phone: (937) 830-8711

Email: chair@hamvention.org



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Contesting



There are no ARRL Contest for the Month of May 2025

ARRL.org webpage

Also for other contest that are available go to the above webpage and look under Contest Corral.

Special Event

Stations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
04/26 to 05/06	Dxpedition to St. George Island	k5ten@aol.com
05/03	Ozark Highland Nature Center 5 th Anniversary	https://bellavistaradioclub.org
05/03	Pedals for Paws	https://www.scara.net
05/08 to 05/18	80 th Anniversary Of The Victory In Europe, VE Day	https://www.qrz.com/db/W2V
05/09 to	Liberation by British Forces of the Channel Islands 9 May 1945	www.qrz.com/db/gu80lib
05/10 to 05/17	129 th Annual New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Convention	NJ2KC.org
05/10	Armed Forces Day	www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw
05/10	Golden Spike Special Event Station – W7Gw7g.org	

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



Special Event Stations



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
05/10	Jamestown Special Event	https://www.k4rc.net
05/10 to 05/17	National Police Appreciation Week	
05/10	PCARA's Silver Anniversary	pcara.org
05/11 to	National Police Week - Honoring Our Fallen Heros	www.qrz.com/db/K3FBI
05/15 to 05/17	73 rd Convention CNH District-LCMS	www.garshamradio.org
05/15 to 05/18	Kishwaukee ARC 75 th Anniversary	karc-club.org
05/16 to 05/19	Armed Forces Day	https://www.qrz.com/db/K9NBH
05/17	Air power Museum Honoring all veterans	WWW.GSBARC.ORG
05/17	National Maritime Day	www.qrz.com/db/k3s
05/17 to 05/19	W6WFM Bug Roundup	https://w6sfm.org/bug-roundup
05/18	National Maritime Day 2	qrz.com/db/k3s
05/19 to 05/25	National EMS Week	www.qrz.co/db/k4wtl



Special Event Stations



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
05/24	Living History Cruise of SS John W Brown: WW2 Liberty Cargo Ship	www.ssjohnwbrown.org
05/28 to 05/31	Scott Joplin International Ragtime Festival	wa0sdo.org
05/30 to 06/06	Portland Rose Festival	https://w7lt.org
05/31	Audie Murphy	www.n4nrv.org



Ham Radio Trader

This is a new section of the newsletter. Items on this page are for sale by hams. The following rules will apply for items to be listed on this page.

1. All items must be Amateur Radio related:

Example: Ham radio gear and computer items.

2. Ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month for the following month.

Example: For the January Newsletter must be submitted by December 15th.

Items must include the following:

Item description, picture of item in jpg form, selling price, email of seller.

You can send your ad to k9nqw1979@gmail.com

**For Sale -
Example**



Icom IC-2720H Transciever

Icom IC-2720H VHF/UHF

Transciever: VHF-144-148 MHz

UHF-440-450 MHz

Reciver Frequency Coverage:

Left side: 118-550 Mhz,

Right side: 118-174, 375-850, 910-999.99 MHZ
(less Cellular)

Mode: FM, AM Memory Channels: 212

Output Power: VHF: 50W, 15W, 5W

UHF: 35W, 15W, 5W

Power output is selectable

Power Supply Requirement: 13.8V DC

Asking: \$220.00

Contact: Nick at k9nqw1979@gmail.com