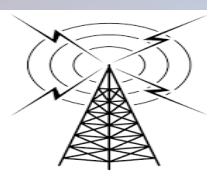


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Grant County ARC Nets

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+ (Talk Group 31189)

What: DNR Net – Indiana Statewide Net
When: Every Tuesday Night
Time: 2000 hrs Local Time
Freq: 442.750+ (Talk Group 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 RACES Net
When: Every 3rd Friday of the Month
Time: 20:00 Local Time
Freq: 146.790+ (PL 141.3)
DMR Talkgroup 31811



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



Notes from the President

Update from the President:

We met the new guard at the City Hall this meeting as the former guard (Luci) has moved to Michigan. This new young guard is named Braxton, and is potentially going to become a ham.

We tested another new testee and he became a member also.

We made decisions on how to proceed with the Flyin-Cruisein that came up last Saturday.

Fortunately, we had sorted much of the equipment and material and had it mostly all placed in its permanent position in the Conex. We set up on Friday, and wish a large thank you to all who were able to assist us in that set up.

Saturday morning was the actual beginning and another large thank you to all who were able to assist in that operation. We will be following up on the people who left their names as interested in Ham Radio.

We should be returning the 790 back to service shortly from the hospital location. There is a lot of moving and shaking going on these days, but it does seem to be ironing out to a better operation for the club.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23.

Hope you all are having an enjoyable Labor Day weekend that extends as far as you can make it reach.

As always, remain radio-active.

Blessings

Bob (President AD9AW)



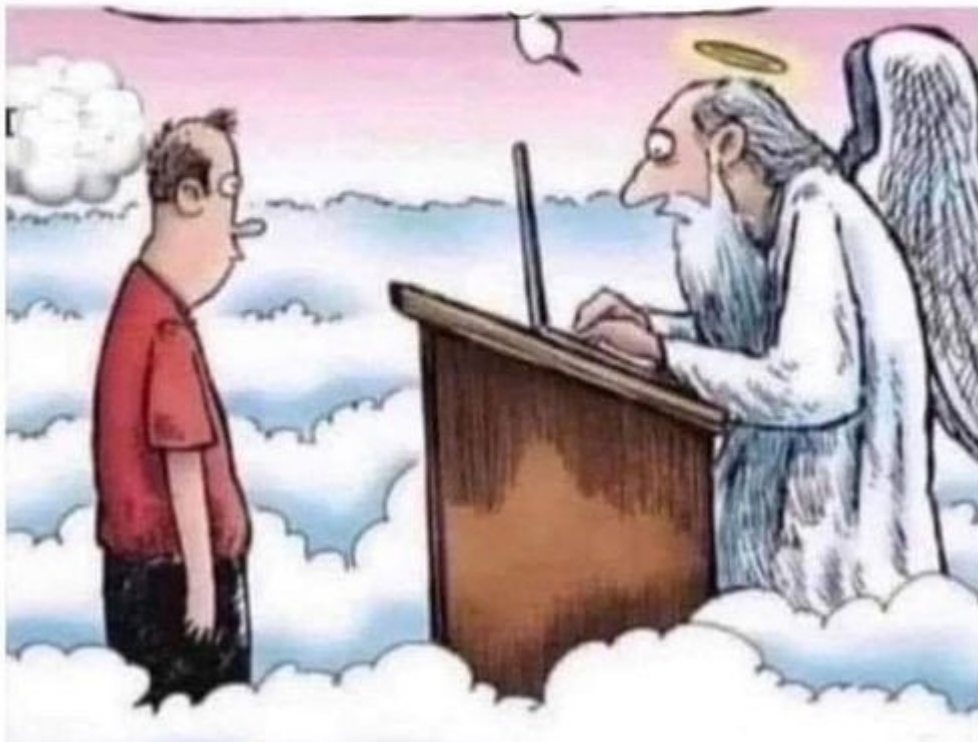
Notes from the Editor

The Grant County Amateur Radio Club again this year is supporting the Swayzee 5K run in Swayzee. The event this year is September 13, 2025 from 7:00 AM till about 8:30 AM. We need volunteers for this event. Our job will be supporting the run as communicators. We need people set up along the route to report any problems that might take place during the run.

This is an opportunity to expose the public to what Amateur Radio is all about.

If you have any questions please call me at 765-517-1581 or email me at k9nqw1979@gmail.com

You almost made it, except for the language when working on your HF beam!



September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day No Crossroads DMR Net	2 Indiana Statewide DMR Net 8:00 PM	3	4 Indiana Statewide DStar Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	5	6
7 GCARC 2 Meter Net 8:30 PM Net Control Scott - KC9RAX	8 Crossroads DMR Net 8:00 PM Net Control Chad - KC9OYW	9 Indiana Statewide DMR Net 8:00 PM	10	11 Indiana Statewide DStar Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	12	13 See Notes Below
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21 GCARC 2 Meter Net 8:30 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	22 Crossroads DMR Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	23 GCARC Monthly Meeting - 6 PM Marion Public Library Indiana Statewide DMR Net 8:00 PM	24	25 Indiana Statewide DStar Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	26	27
28 GCARC 2 Meter Net 8:30 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	29 Crossroads DMR Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	30 Indiana Statewide DMR Net 8:00 PM				

Notes	September 13th - Monthly Breakfast Meeting - 8:30 AM at Georgie's Cafe on the Bypass
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	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
	Monthly Testing: 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:00 PM at Marion City Hall



Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Membership Application 2025

Please complete this form and return it with your dues. Make all checks or money orders payable to **GCARC**. Send the printed form with your dues to the Treasurer at the address below. You may also return this application at one of the club's meetings. Please either mail or bring this application and dues to the next meeting.

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Marion City Hall, 301 S Branson St. Park in lot on East side of building. Enter on East side.

Mailing Address:

Grant County Amateur Radio Club
P O Box 1786
Marion, IN 46952

Name: _____

Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

Street Address or Post Office Box

Street Address Line 2

City: _____ State: _____ ZipCode: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Email: _____

Current ARRL Member? Yes _____ No _____

Dues:

- Full Annual Membership: \$25.00 per person. (**\$5.00 goes into the Repeater Fund**)
- Family Annual Membership: Full membership + \$5.00 per person, maximum of \$30.00 per household
- Associate Membership: \$15.00 per person.

Limitations on Associate Membership:

1. No voting privileges
 2. Cannot hold Office
- Partial-Year Membership: After July 1st dues are reduced to ½ the normal rate for Full or Associate Membership. (**Full Membership is \$12.50 with \$2.50 going into the Repeater Fund**)

Please make sure you sign the form.

Signature: _____

I agree to abide by and support the Constitution and ByLaws of the Grant County Amateur Radio Club.

NOTE: Please fill out a separate form for each family member.



The Officers of the Grant County Amateur Radio Club want to say

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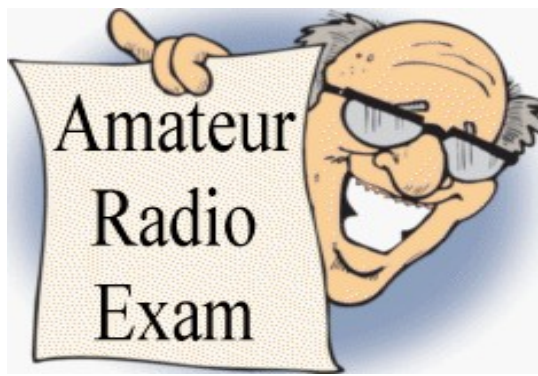
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to the following Hams that recently upgraded to General

KE9DLF Eric Creech of Marion, IN

KD9JKI Scott Buckles of Jonesboro, IN

Again congratulations on upgrading your ham license.



09/01/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC, Inc
Time: 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Roger L. McEntarfer
(260) 348-9322
Email: rimcen56@gmail.com
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: **On Line**
717 E 400 N
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

09/06/2025

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: Annex Building
233 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714-1996

09/08/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC, Inc
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

09/13/2025

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club W9JP
Time: 12:00 PM (**No Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: James Kajder
(505) 228-3704
Email: testing@indyradioclub.org
VEC: ARRL VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS
Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Road
Indianapolis, IN 46254-2407
Call Ahead

09/15/2025

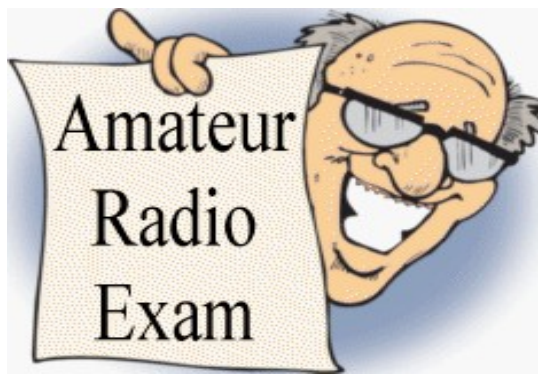
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(260) 503-9008
Email: rimcen56@gmail.com
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: **On Line**
717 E 400 N
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

09/16/2025

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Time: 7:00 PM (**Walkins Allowed**)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
300 Delaware Street
Anderson, IN 46016-2238

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





09/22/2025

Sponsor: Marshall Cnty Amateur Radio Club

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
1525 State Road 10
Argos, IN 46501-9519

09/22/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC, Inc.

Time: 8:30 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)

Contact: Roger L. McEntarfer
(260) 503-9008

Email: rlmcen56@gmail.com

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: **On Line**
717 E 400 N
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

09/23/2025

Sponsor: Grant County ARC

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

Contact: Lynn B. Nickerson
(765) 5171581

Email: k9nqw1979@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Marion City Hall
310 S Branson St
Marion, IN 46952

09/27/2025

Sponsor: Fort Wayne Radio Club

Time: 10:00 AM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)

Contact: Joshua J. Long
(260) 444.8009

Email: drjoshlong@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Indiana Tech, Cunningham
Business Center
1600 E Washington Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46803-1228

09/22/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC, Inc.

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

Contact: Roger L. McEntarfer
(260) 503-9008

Email: rlmcen56@gmail.com

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: **On Line**
717 E 400 N
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

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MARC Tailgate Hamfest

Start Date: 09/13/2025

End Date: 09/13/2025

Location: Atterbury State FWA
Headquarters Parking Lot
7970 South Rowe Street
Edinburgh, IN 46124

Website: <http://www.midstatehams.org>

Sponsor: Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-IN: 146.520 Simplex

Public Contact: James Adams, KB9JMU
15 Briar Patch Rd.

Bargersville, IN 46106

Phone: (317) 499-5451

Email: jkadams@aol.com

Adrian Hamfest

Start Date: 09/14/2025

End Date: 09/14/2025

Location: Lenawee County Airport
2651 W Cadmus Rd
Adrian, MI 49221

Website: <http://w8tqe.com>

Sponsor: AARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.370

Public Contact: Mark Hinkleman, NU8Z
108 E Kilbuck St

Tecumseh, MI 49286

Phone: (517) 423-5906

Email: cqnu8z@gmail.com



ARRL
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Contesting



September 2025

Date: 13-15
13-14
20-20

September VHF
EME – 2.3 GHz & Up
10 GHz & Up – Round 2

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>
08/24 to 09/06	Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Special Event Station	www.w9ou.org
09/01 to 09/10	175 th Anniversary of California Statehood 1850-2025	
09/01 to 09/15	Star Trek Debut Special Event	https://www.qrz.com/db/N6S
09/02 to 09/14	80 th Anniversary of Victory Over Japan Day	www.qrz.com/db/W2V
09/05 to 09/07	Handiham Radio Camp 2025	https://handiham.org
09/06 to 09/07	70 th Anniversary of the Birmingham Zoo	www.qrz.com/db/n4ghp
09/06 to 09/07	High Sky Wing of the Commemorative Air Force AIRSHO 2025	www.W5CAF.com

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>
09/06 to 09/12	K4A 9-11 We Do Remember	www.alabamacontestgroup.org
09/06 to 09/12	Route 66 On the Air	www.w6jbt.org
09/06 to 09/12	Route 66 On the Air	www.qrz.com/db/w6h
09/07	INTERCOM, Celebrating 65 Years of Service	interconnet.us
09/09	175 th Anniversary of California's Admission to the Union as the 31 st State	https://specialevent.arrlsacvalley.org
09/10 to 10/12	Swedish Amateur Radio Society 100 Year Anniversary	www.ssa.se
09/13	Baltimore Defenders Day	www.qrz.com/db/k3s
09/13	Celebrating Arthur Collin's Birthday	https://www.qrz.com/db/W0CXX
09/13	Commemorating USS Midway Commissioning in 1945	www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw
09/13	Fred Harvey House Museum on the Air	www.pkarc.org
09/13	SS John W Brown Sept 13 Living History Cruise	www.ssjohnwbrown.org

Special Event Stations



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
09/17 to 09/24	Constitution Day	www.qrz.com/db/k6qcb
09/19 to 09/21	National POW MIA Recognition Day	www.qrz.com/db/k4mia
09/20	Remembering the Freedom Trail - Underground Railroad through Indiana	www.qrz.com/db/w9efu
09/20 to 09/21	SENARC 89 Year Anniversary	senebrradioclub@gmail.com
09/20	State Line Radio Club Annual Picnic	www.statelineradioclub.com
09/25 to 09/27	18 th Annual Triple Tree Fly-In	https://www.qrz.com/db/W4F
09/27 to 09/28	Helene, One Year After	www.roadshowarc.org
09/27	Villa Rica Gold Rush	www.wgars.com
09/27	Volcano Days – Oil and Gas History	W8PAR.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

The below item is not For Sale

This is a sample of what is needed



Icom IC-2720H Transciever

Icom ICI-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:

Contact: Nick at k9nqw@yahoo.com