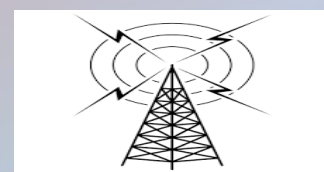


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<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/>

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+ TalkGroup 8710 and 31189

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 RACES Net
When: Every 3rd Friday of the Month
Time: 20:00 Local Time
Freq: 146.790+ (PL 141.3)
DMR Talkgroup 31811



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225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111
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or fax (860)594-0303



Notes from the President

73's to all who were able to gather at the October meeting. We had a good crowd and a lot of interest in all the current things going on with the club.

Special Thanks to all who spoke and were courteous and also good listeners.

A brief overview is below...

Firstly: The New Equipment cabinet is on site at the Upland location. It is secure at the base of the tower. It has most all the necessary components inside and can function as soon as we connect the new antennae to the internal units. (Special Thanks to all who were involved with this purchase, transport, secure/install cabinet, install equipment, remove club equipment from old location, and will soon be up and running as a great improvement over existing operation.)

We do believe this new upgrade will serve the club for years to come.

Secondarily: Again a special thanks to all who were involved with the procurement of the second equipment cabinet for use at the GM tower. This cabinet is a bit larger and was donated to the GCARC by the Huntington Amateur Radio club. Again this involved meeting with Huntington club personnel and locating the cabinet's whereabouts. Then transporting it to Marion. The site is not quite prepared, so we dropped it beside the Conex Box until it can be moved to its final destination. (Should any of you happen to run into any Huntington club members, make sure to thank them for their generosity toward us.)

Again, special thanks to all who so generously made all these necessary things happen. A VERY productive month for the club and our future.

Thirdly: We discussed the Christmas party. We are once again working with Maribeth Hix as the caterer, and will finalize the menu shortly.

Fourthly: We also discussed the replacement of aging officers with some younger faces and ideas. This looks like the best year we have ever had in many years.

Of course, should you have any questions or comments on any of these matters, please feel free to contact me or any executive member. And remember to always remain radioactive.

Blessings

Bob (AD9AW)



Notes from the Editor

On November 1st thru November 8th is the National Amateur Radio Alliance- Club Week. More details are on the next 2 pages. Basically you make contacts on frequencies that you are licensed for. Give your info including our club call. More information can be found at USNARA.org.

Well the end of the year is fastly approaching. Things that are happening in the club in the coming months is the election of Officers for the calendar year of 2026. We are Looking for people for the following Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

This year we will be doing elections via a secure internet website. More details will be available as we get closer at the end of November. If you are interested in any of these positions, please get in touch with any member of the Executive Board.

Mark you calendar for the Club's annual Christmas Party. This year the date of the Christmas Party is December 13th at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$15.00 per person. You can reserve Your spot by contacting me at k9nqw1979@gmail.com or at 765-517-1581.

We will also be taking your membership dues for 2026.
Full Annual Membership: \$25.00 for full membership 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:
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As always – Stay Radio Active and have fun with the hobby.



Club Week - November 1-8

Club Week is a multipurpose, week-long event. While the primary goal is to contact other clubs and exchange QSL cards, this uniquely designed on-the-air event serves many additional purposes.

Provides opportunities to set up in public spaces and engage with the community

Promotes activity across all ham bands

Encourages conversations between operators

Helps new hams overcome mic fright and gain confidence

Is a great event to introduce newly licensed hams and technicians to the exciting world of HF

General Guidelines

The event officially begins on Saturday, November 1st, and runs through Saturday, November 8th. However, you might hear people calling CQ Club Week the weekend before, which makes this a awesome 9-day event! This is not a contest and rag-chewing is encouraged, participants may use any band they are licensed to operate on. A list of recommended frequencies will be published closer to the event. CW operation is encouraged, and we will split our recommended frequencies into two groups: one for slower and new CW operators, and another for those who are more advanced. Digital operation is certainly possible, but since this event is designed to foster voice and conversations, modes that support conversations are encouraged. Spotting and the use of social media are encouraged—both on the day of the event and to promote your club prior to the event.



Suggested Exchanges

Club Week is all about making contacts, having great conversations, and helping new operators feel more confident on the air. We suggest keeping each QSO between 3 to 7 minutes—just enough time for a fun and meaningful chat!

For new operators, check out our website for a list of handy questions to ask.

For those more experienced, just let the conversation flow naturally!

Some great things to share during your QSO include:

Your club's call sign

Your name

Your city and state

A brief description of your day ("It's a crisp fall day, the leaves are beautiful, and we've had lots of visitors stopping by.")

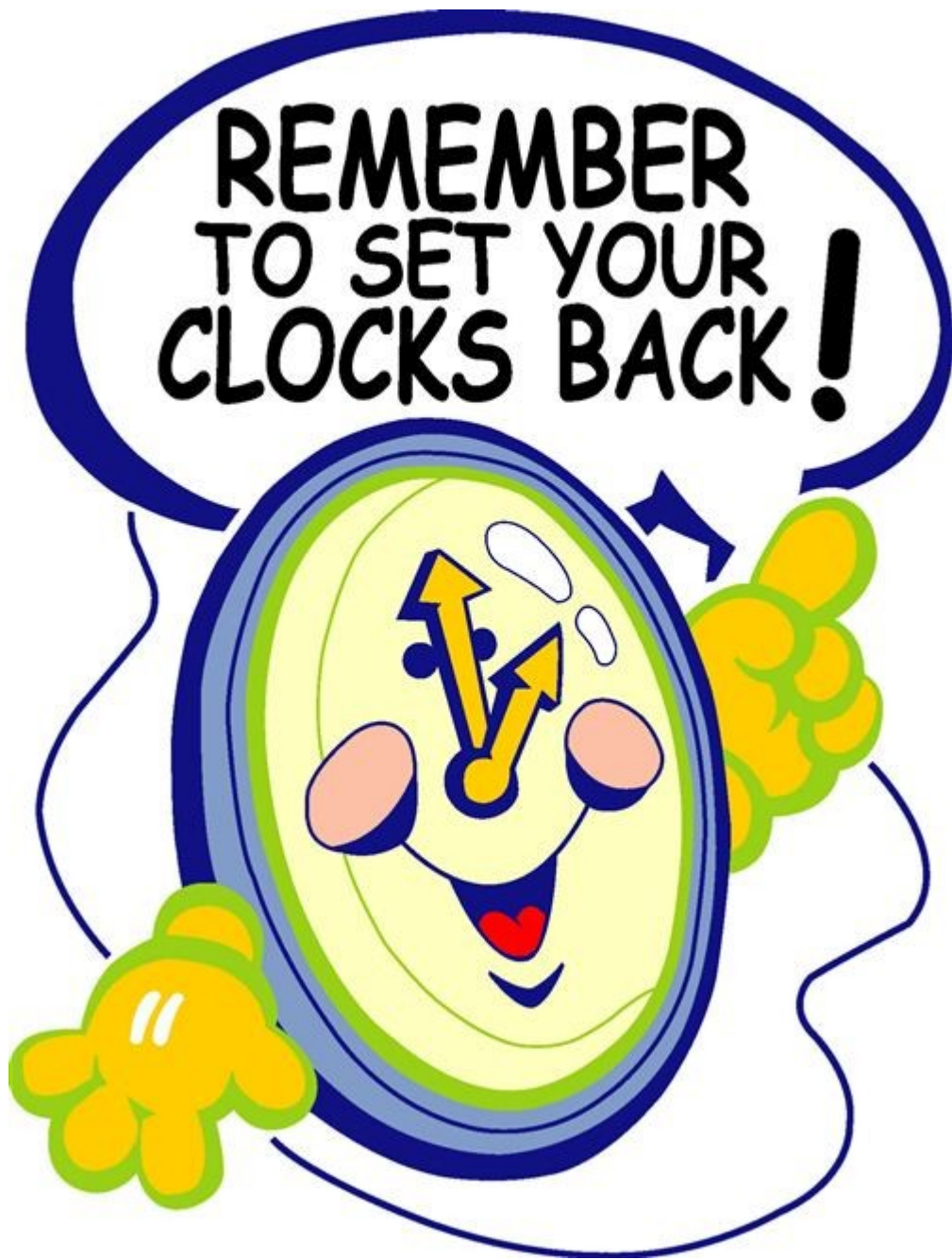
Whatever the exchange, if you chose to use a RST Report, the report should be delivered in log form. ("you are perfectly readable and you have strong signals.

I'd give you a 58!".) Practicing this during Club Week helps new hams understand the meaning of RST numbers while keeping them engaged on the air a little longer.

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 GCARC 2 Meter Net 8:30 PM Net Control Scott - KC9RAX	3 Crossroads DMR Net 8:00 PM Net Control Chad - KC9OYW	4 Indiana Statewide DMR Net 8:00 PM	5	6 Indiana Statewide DStar Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	7	8 See Notes Below
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23 GCARC 2 Meter Net 8:30 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	24 Crossroads DMR Net 8:00 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW	25 GCARC Monthly Meeting - 6 PM Marion City Hall Indiana Statewide DMR Net 8:00 PM	26	27 Thanksgiving Day No Indiana Statewide DStar Net	28	29
30 GCARC 2 Meter Net 8:30 PM Net Control Nick - K9NQW						

Notes	November 8th - Monthly Breakfast Meeting - 8:30 AM at Georgie's Cafe on the Bypass
	November 8th - 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; and 14
	Testing has been suspended till next year



November 2, 2025



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: _____ Zip Code: _____

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:

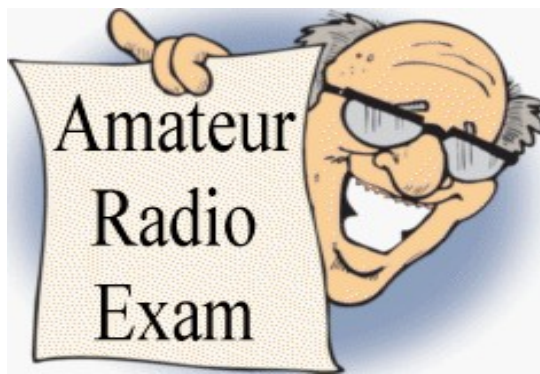
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 2. Cannot hold Office
- Partial-Year Membership: After July 1st dues are reduced to ½ the normal rate for Full or Associate Membership. (**Full Membership is \$12.50 with \$2.50 going into the Repeater Fund**)

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.



11/01/2025

Sponsor: Wells County Radio Club
Time: 9:00 AM ()
Contact: Rick Allen Velasquez
(765) 348-9322
Email: ab9hp@yahoo.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location:
200 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714-1954

11/03/2025

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

11/10/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC
Time: 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Roger L. McEntarfer
(260) 503-9008
Email: rimcen56@gmail.com
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: **Virtual - On Line**
717 E 400 N
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

11/01/2025

Sponsor: Hancock County ARC
Time: 9:00 AM ()
Contact:
(317) 753-8846
Email: waltz1972@msn.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hancock EMA EOC
604 South Franklin St
Greenfield, IN 46140-9654

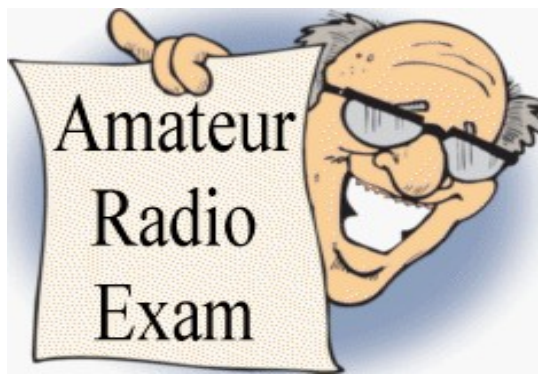
11/08/2025

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club
Time: 12:00 PM ()
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

11/17/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC
Time: 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Roger L. McEntarfer
(260) 503-9008
Email: rimcen56@gmail.com
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: **Virtual - On Line**
717 E 400 N
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

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



11/18/2025

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 EOC

200 Delaware Street

Anderson, IN 46016-2238

<https://www.andersonrepeater.club>

11/24/2025

Sponsor: Marshall Cnty ARC

Time: 8:00 PM ()

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

Whitley County ARC

Walk-ins Allowed)

Contact: Roger L McEntarfer

(260) 503-9008

rimcen56@gmail.com

Virtual – On Line

717 E 400 N

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





Fort Wayne Hamfest And Computer Expo

Start Date: 11/15/2025

End Date: 11/15/2025

Location: Allen County War
Memorial Coliseum

4000 Parnell Ave
Ft Wayne, IN 46801

Website: <https://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio
Technical Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-IN: 146.880- (PL 141.3)

Public Contact: ACARTS Fort Wayne, W9INX
P O Box 10342

Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Phone: (260) 579-2196

Email: FM@ACARTS.COM

WVARA Turkeyfest

Start Date: 11/29/2025

End Date: 11/29/2025

Location: Clay County 4H Fairgrounds
6550 North State Road 59
Brazil, IN 47834

Website:

<https://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest.php>

Sponsor: Wabash Valley ARA, Inc

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-IN: 146.685 (PL 151.4)

Public Contact: Kevin Berlin, K9HX
308 W 4th Street
Clay City, IN 47841

Phone: (812) 239-9140

Email: kevin.berlen@gmail.com



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Contesting



November 2025

Date: 01-03
08-09
15-17

Nov Sweepstakes - CW
EME – 50 to 1296 MHz
Nov Sweepstakes - Phone

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>
11/01	The Potomac Highlands Flood Of 1985: 40 th Anniversary	potomacheadwatershams@outlook.com
11/02 to 11/15	50 th Anniversary, Sinking of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald	livoniaarc.com
11/02	Mill Mountan Star Special Event	W4CA.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>
11/03 to 11/12	Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald	https://www.w8lrk.org
11/07 to 11/09	Alabama Pecan Festival	
11/07 to 11/17	Amateur Radio Software Award	https://arsaward.com/special-event.html
11/08 to 11/10	2025 Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald	radioham.org
11/08 to 11/11	AFMARS 77 th Special Event	AFMARS.COM
11/08 to 11/12	Continental Marines Birthday	wm3pen.org
11/08 to 11/09	NB9QV USS Cobia Veteran's	https://www.qrz.com/db/NB9QV
11/08	Veteran's Day and US Marine Corps Birthday	www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw
11/08 to 11/09	Voices of the Volunteer State	TNMAG@Proton.me
11/11	Honoring our Veterans and Celebrating Veterans Day, 2025	https://horrypost111sc.org/radio-club



Special Event Stations



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
11/11 to 11/12	NAVY DAYS/Veterans Day	
11/11	Veteran's Day from the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA	www.n4nrv.org
11/15	1 st Transatlantic Amateur Radio QSO	www.qrz.com/db/k3s
11/15 to 11/16	Allegheny Uprising 260 th Anniversary Commemoration	www.w3ach.com
11/15 to 11/17	W6SFM Bug Roundup	https://w6sfm.org/bug-roundup
11/17	Celebrating the 154 th Birthday Of the National Rifle Association	www.w7yr.org
11/18 to 11/22	K9L Club 66 years Celebration	byroncordes@icloud.com
11/21 to 11/30	CACTUS Special Event	qrz.com/db/AK7AZ
11/21 to 11/22	In Support of University of Southern Mississippi Annual Pow-Pow	www.qrz.com/db/w0w
11/25	The 100 th anniversary of the first Contact between Norway and USA By LA1A and 1YB (now W1ET) in 1925	www.qrz.com/db/LA100A

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

Below is a sample of what is needed for your ad.

Alinco DJ-580T Handheld Transceiver with drop-in charger and extra battery

The Alinco DJ-580T is a powerful 2 meter / 70 cm twinband HT with great sound. You get Features galore including 40 memories, three RF power levels, full duplex and dual watch, Independent VHF/UHF controls, sophisticated scanning and illuminated keypad. Transmit coverage is: 144-147.995 and 440-449.995 MHz. Receive coverage is: 130-173.99 and 400-519.995 MHz. Frequency resolution is 5, 10, 12.5, 20 and 25 kHz. High power output with the supplied EBP-20N is 2.0 watts and 1.5 watts UHF. Medium power is 1 watt and low power is 0.3 watts. High power output is 5 watts VHF and UHF. Comes with extra battery and drop-in charger.



Asking Price:
\$90.00

Contact Nick – K9NQQW at k9nqw1979@gmail.com

or

grantcountyamateurradioclub@gmail.com