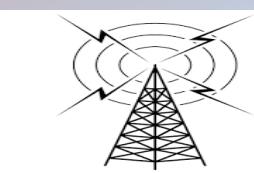




# OFF THE AIR



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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) DMR Talkgroup 311811  
**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month  
**Time:** 20:00 Local Time  
**Freq:** 146.790+ (PL 141.3)  
DMR Talkgroup 311811



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# Meet the 2026 Officers

President: Eric Creech - KC9AZP



Hello, I am Eric Creech. In 1998 I was a manager in training at Radio Shack here in Marion with Bart Bartholomew – WA9SPT and he sparked an interest. Fast forward a handful of years, and I was once again talking with an old ham Rollie Clouse – KA9CVL. Rollie and I worked in Biomedical Engineering at MGH. He was taking his General Exam in a couple of months, and that I needed to go and get my Tech license. I did in February of 2022. Fast forward to 2025, I retested for my tech that I had mistakenly let expire and my general a month later.

Vice President: Scott Shepler - KC9RAX



Due to technical problems, Information is not available

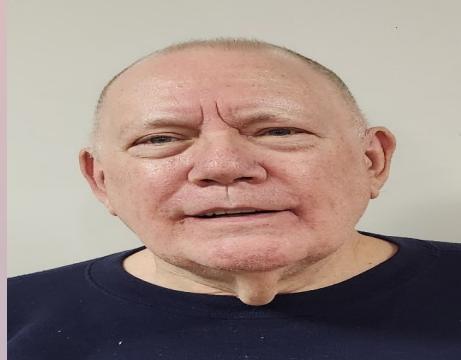
# Meet the 2026 Officers

## Secretary – L B Nickerson - K9NQW



I first became licensed in 1979 while stationed in Seoul, Korea in the US Army. I was working at the Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS) in Seoul. I was trained as a Radio Teletype Operator with Morse Code. The US Army wanted to test the MARS system to see how reliable it was for sending messages in case of an emergency. After 30 days for 1 hour each day of sending Morse Code messages to Japan and Okinawa, a friend of mine suggested that I take the Novice License Test. I got my first callsign as KA6NQW. Since working the MARS system I promised myself that I would use the hobby for community work. I have been involved with the Grant County Amateur Radio Club for several years. I have been the Secretary of the Club for the last 6 years. I also publish the monthly newsletter "Off the Air"

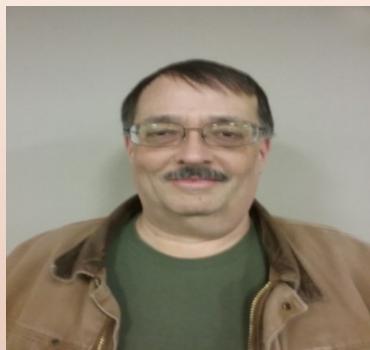
## Treasurer – David Larson - KD9ZZB



My experience with radio began many years ago when I was in college. I got involved with our college Station. I served as the tech guy and did all the repairs there – even rebuilt a recording/broadcast studio while on break. I went to Buffalo take my first radio exam. My senior year I served as the college radio station manager. Then – for a LONG time, I was totally out of radio. I have served as a treasurer for several organizations, including my church district, and my Rotary club several times. My amateur radio time started when I met a young man named Nicholas, and he encouraged me to take the class and take the exam. Which I did. So I appreciate the opportunity to serve GCARC as this year's treasurer.

# Meet the 2026 Officers

Trustee – Kevin McNeely - KB9CRA



I became the trustee somewhere around 1991 and for about a year before that I was learning the job in maintaining the repeater and the clubs equipment from Jay Shoup (N9IVQ) then later he was unable to take the appointed trustee position which is how I ended up with the task. I believe the previous trustee that I replaced was Don Hoke (AG9I) which at that time Jerry Richards (KA9DLJ) help maintained the club's repeater. I've seen the club have it's up and downs over the years and one thing that I feel is a asset to a growing club is having a good working repeater in which I'm wanting to see it thru again.



## A Message from the President

Happy New Year!!!

First, I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season! The weather sure wasn't what I would have hoped for the Christmas season, but friends and family were able to travel safely and for that I am thankful.

We have accomplished a lot in the last year. I want to thank Bob - AD9AW and the rest of the executive team, and the members who assisted, for the amount of work that was accomplished. There are a couple of loose ends we are going to button down this year; but the ground work and equipment has already been aquired and staged.

Looking ahead into 2026 and beyond, what are some goals our members would like to see come to fruition?

- Field activities?
- Carry in Picnics?
- Attendance at special events for the club exposure?
- Membership recruitment ideas?
- Membership engagement ideas?
- Additional infrastructure added to the fleet?

I hope to hear from all of you about ideas and/or goals you would like to see up accomplish. I will share my contact details at our next meeting, and will be available for offline communications if needed.

As always, remain Radioactive and get on the air!

God Bless,

Eric - KC9AZP

## Notes from the Editor

First of all I want to wish everyone a Safe and Happy New Year.  
If you are going to be traveling – be safe.

I want to thank all those volunteers that volunteered for the monthly Siren Test. It is greatly appreciated. The following is a message from Bob Jackson, Grant County EMA/DHS Office.

Thank you so much for the amazing job you have done coordinating the efforts to cover the siren test each month.

On behalf on the County Commissioners and a grateful community thank you sir and all the volunteers that help you.

Wow, 188 man-hours is incredible.

I'll be sure to share this info with the Grant County EMA Advisory Council.

Bob Jackson  
Executive Director, Grant County EMA/DHS  
302 So. Washington Street  
Marion IN. 46952

Membership for the Grant County Amateur Radio Club is now due for the 2026 year. The membership application is on page 12 of this newsletter. Please send it in as soon as possible so that you do not forget.

Take a look at the items that are for sale at the end of the newsletter. This equipment is owned by the club so all profits goes directly to the club.

One last thing. I want to remind all DMR users that starting January 4<sup>th</sup> that we will be Using Talkgroup 311811 for both the GCARC Sunday Night 2 Meter Net and the Races Net on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. This Talkgroup will be linked to the 146.790 Repeater.



## Notes from Bob - AD9AW

To The Grant County amateur Radio Club, Incorporated (All Inclusive)

As this will be my final Note as your President, I sincerely wish you all happy Holidays and best of health. I have been tasked with capturing the upgrading of much of the club equipment and future. as my beginnings with communications was in the sixties, and now the art of communications is almost unrecognizable from that former century standpoint. Progress is sometimes not very visible to the moment, but in future viewpoints, it becomes clear change was necessary to remain relevant to current progress. This can only be accomplished with great help.

A very special thank you to all the numerous friends and visionaries who picked up on this future and became active as a team to see this through. Personally, I feel very confident that this club is set for multiple future upgrades as technology improves (at a much greater pace then heretofore).

I plan to remain a member of the club and offer to assist any place that I can in the future to help bring this club forward as it goes and grows.

Again a large thank you to every member and God Bless you all.  
All the Best....

President: Dr. Bob

AD9AW



## GCARC 's Christmas Party 2025



Colt Pace - KD9VVS and his family and Elizabeth McFarland

**From Left to Right:**  
Jeff Banter – KB9CQZ  
Bob McFarland – AD9AW  
**With Back Turned -**  
Eric Creech – KC9AZP  
**Just barely seen -**  
Scott Shepler – KC9RAX  
Diann Miller – KD9WXW  
Mitch Miller – W9DDX  
David Larson – KD9ZZB  
Mrs Scott Shepler



# GCARC 's Christmas Party 2025



**From Left to Right:**  
Diann Miller – KD9WXW  
**Standing:**  
Paul Swanson – KD9TEX  
Scott Shepler – KC9RAX  
David Larson - KD9ZZB



**From Left to Right:**  
The Club's Treasurer for 2026: David Larson – KD9ZZB  
The Club's President for 2026: Eric Creech - KC9AZP



January 2026

Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>No Dstar Net Happy New Year</b>	2	3
4 2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control KC9RAX	5 Crossroads DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW	6	7	8 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control K9NQW	9	10 <b>See Notes Below</b>
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Notes: January 10<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Breakfast Meeting – 8:30 AM at Georgie's Cafe on the Bypass

January 10<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Siren Test – 11:45 AM

January 27<sup>th</sup> - GCARC Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM Marion City Hall

**Other Weekly Nets:**

Monday: Crossroads DMR Net at 8:00 PM on Talkgroups 8710 and 31189

Monday: Miami County ARC ARES/RACES Net at 8:00 PM on 147.345 (PL131.8)

Tuesday: Indiana Statewide DMR Net at 8:00 PM on Talkgroups 3118

Tuesday and Thursday: Miami County ARC Ladies with a License Net on 147.345(PL 131.8)

Wednesday: Blackford Amateur Radio Club Net at 8:30 PM – also on Talkgroup 31181 and 146.655

Thursday: Indiana Statewide Dstar Ne at 8:00 PM on Reflector 24B

Sunday: Miami County ARC Sunday Night Ragchew net at 8:00 PM on 147.345 (PL131.8)

Sunday: Mississinewa Valley Amateur Radio Association net at 8:00 PM on 147.195 (PL 141.3)

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**



# **Amateur Code**

## ***The Radio Amateur's Code***

The Radio Amateur is

CONSIDERATE....He/[She] never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL.....He/[She] offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his/[her] country, through which Amateur Radio in his/[her] country is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE....He/[She] keeps his/[her] station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. His/[Hers] operating practices is above reproach.

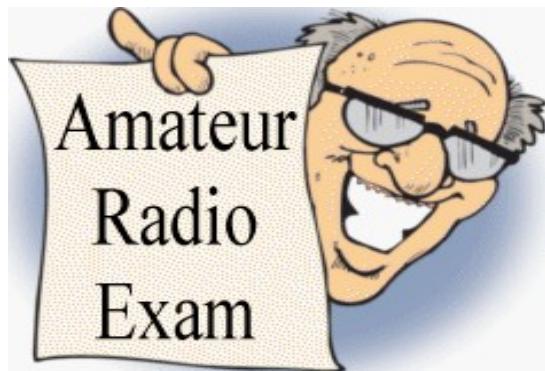
FRIENDLY.....He/[She] operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the mark of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED....Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC.....His/[Her] station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

*Adapted from the original Amateur's Code, written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928*





## 01/03/2026

**Sponsor:** Wells County Radio Club  
**Time:** 09:00 AM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)  
**Contact:** Rick Allen Velasquez  
(765) 348-9322  
**Email:** ab9hp@yahoo.com  
**VEC:** ARRL/VEC  
**Location:** Annex Building  
223 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714-1996

## 01/24/2026

**Sponsor:** Central Indiana ARA/HCRACES  
**Time:** 9:00 PM (**No Walk-ins Allowed**)  
**Contact:** Joe March  
(317) 224-9433  
**Email:** jamrch54@att.net  
**VEC:** ARRL/VEC  
**Location:** Hamilton Cnty Emergency Ops  
Center – Sheriff's Campus Training Room  
18100 Cumberland Road  
Noblesville, IN 46060-1624  
**Call Ahead**



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



**There are no Hamfest within the 100 mile radius of Grant County for the Month of January 2026**



## Contestin



Below is a list for contesting. This list is from the ARRL.org webpage

January 2026

- Date: 01 Straight Key Night
- Date: 03 Kids Day - Jan
- Date: 03-04 RTTY Roundup
- Date: 17-19 January VHF Contest

Rules can be found at [www.arrl.org/contest](http://www.arrl.org/contest)

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>
01/02 to 01/31	20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Straight Key Month K3Y/0 thru 9 plus KH6, KL7, KP4 and DX members stations in six WAC areas operating straight keys, bug and cootie keys. QSL card confirms One QSO per area, up to 19 for all-area sweep. See URL for op sched/map, stats, etc.	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com/k3y">www.skccgroup.com/k3y</a>
01/09 to 01/11	“Remembering W0JH Father Metcalf”	<a href="http://www.radioham.org">www.radioham.org</a>
01/10	MRAC 109 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary <a href="https://www.w9rh.org/special-event-station">https://www.w9rh.org/special-event-station</a>	
01/10	Operation Desert Storm	
01/16 to 01/17	Celebrating the Fort Myers ARC Hamfest and the ARRL Section Meeting	<a href="http://www.fmarc.net">www.fmarc.net</a>
01/24	First Wireless-coordinated High Seas Rescue 1909	<a href="http://qrz.com/db/k3s">qrz.com/db/k3s</a>
01/25 to 01/27	Discover of Gold in California 177 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Event Station	<a href="http://edcarc.net">edcarc.net</a>

More info on these Special Events Stations go to: [http://www.arrl.org/special\\_events](http://www.arrl.org/special_events)

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# 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

**Examples:** Ham radio gear and computer items.

2. Ads must be submitted by the following deadlines.

For the July Newsletter – June 15<sup>th</sup>

For the September Newsletter – August 15<sup>th</sup>

Ads must have the following information.

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

You can send your ad to [k9nqw1979@gmail.com](mailto:k9nqw1979@gmail.com)

**The following pages are equipment that the Grant County Amateur Radio Club has received as donations from family members of previous members that are now Silent Keys.**

**All equipment is being SOLD AS IS.**

**The prices are listed below the item. No reasonable offer will be refused.**

**Contact Nick – K9NQW if interested in any of the equipment.**

**EMAIL: [k9nqw1979@gmail.com](mailto:k9nqw1979@gmail.com)**



## \*\*\*Equipment For Sale\*\*\*



**Westinghouse AM/FM Radio Headset**  
Asking Price: \$2.00 OBO



**HandiTalkie Antennas QTY: 5 - BNC Ends**  
3 – Unknown Ends  
Asking Price: \$1.00 for all OBO



**Mag Mount Antenna Base**  
Asking Price: \$3.00 OBO



**Base Station Microphone**  
Asking Price: \$5.00 OBO

All Items Sold As Is – Buyer pays Shipping  
Contact:  
Nick – K9NQW  
k9nqw1979@gmail.com

**\*\*\*Equipment For  
Sale\*\*\***



**Mounting Brackets Qty: 3  
Asking Price: \$1.00 Each OBO**



**Project Box – Metal 10"x5"x3"  
Picture #1**



**Project Box – Metal Picture #2**



**Project Box – Metal Picture #3**

**Asking Price: \$5.00 OBO**

**All Items Sold As Is – Buyers pays Shipping**

**Contact:**

**Nick – K9NQW  
k9nqw1979@gmail.com**

## \*\*\*Equipment For Ham Radio



**Project Box – Plastic 12"x8"x4"**  
**Asking Price: \$5.00 OBO**



**Alinco DJ-175 Handheld VHF/UHF  
Transceiver**  
**Asking Price: \$30.00 OBO**



**Ascom Antenna Switch**  
**Asking Price: \$6.00 OBO**



**Astrom RS-20A Power Supply**  
**Asking Price: \$40.00 OBO**

**All Items Sold As Is – Buyers pays  
Shipping**

**Contact:**  
**Nick – K9NQW**  
**k9nqw1979@gmail.com**

## \*\*\*Equipment For Sale\*\*\*



**B&W Model 75 Low Pass Filter**  
Asking Price: \$15.00 OBO



**Cobra 18WXST SoundTracker CB**  
Asking Price: \$20.00 OBO



**Cobra External Speaker**  
Asking Price: \$3.00  
OBO

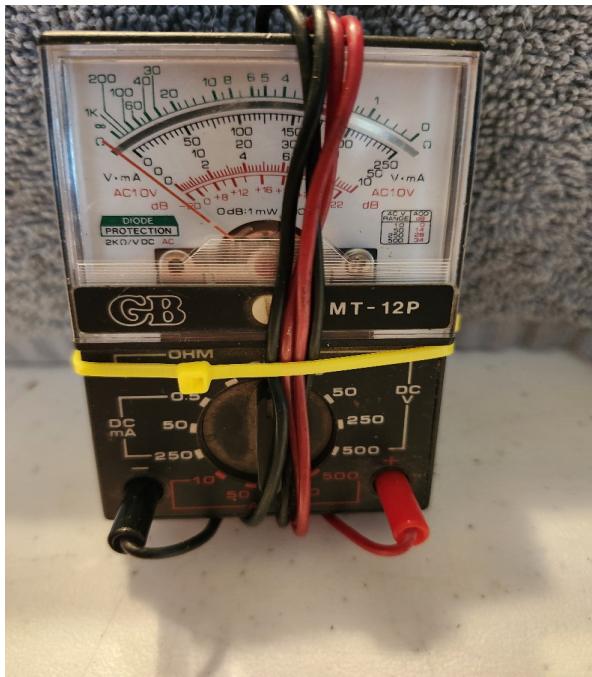


**Gardner Bender GDT-3190  
Multimeter**  
Asking Price: \$10.00  
OBO

All Items Sold As Is – Buyers pays  
Shipping

Contact:  
Nick – K9NQW  
k9nqw1979@gmail.com

# \*\*\*Equipment For Sale\*\*\*



**Gardner Bender GMT-12P  
Multimeter**  
**Asking Price: \$8.00 OBO**



**Kenwood KPS-12 Power Supply**  
**Asking Price: \$50.00 OBO**



**Kenwood SWT-1 144-148 MHz Booster**  
**Asking Price: \$60.00 OBO**



**Kenwood SP-520 External Speaker**  
**Asking Price: \$50.00 OBO**

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k9nqw1979@gmail.com

## \*\*\*Equipment For Sale\*\*\*



**Kewood TK-353 440 MHz HandiTalkie  
With Desktop Charger/Extra Battery  
Asking Price: \$30.00 OBO**



**Micronta 12 Volt Power Supply  
Asking Price: \$20.00 OBO**



**Micronta 22-193 Multimeter  
Asking Price: \$20.00 OBO**



**Micronta Field Strength/SWR Tester  
Asking Price: \$10.00 OBO**

**All Items Sold As Is – Buyers pays  
Shipping**

**Contact:  
Nick – K9NQW  
k9nqw1979@gmail.com**

### \*\*\*Equipment For Sale\*\*\*



**Micronta – 22-120A Regulated Power Supply 13V @ 2.5Amp QTY: 2 Asking Price: \$20.00 each OBO**

**Micronta – 22-120 Regulated Power Supply 13V @ 2.5Amp Asking Price: \$20.00 each OBO**



**MFJ-1263 Microphone / Radio Switch Asking Price: \$100.00 OBO**

**All Items Sold As Is – Buyers pays Shipping**

**Contact:  
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k9nqw1979@gmail.com**

## \*\*\*Equipment For Sale\*\*\*



**Radio Shack Pro 504A 50 Channel Scanner**

**Asking Price: \$8.00 OBO**



**Radio Shack Pro-2039  
200 Channel Scanner**  
**Asking Price: \$15.00 OBO**



**Regency WU1510 UHF Radio**  
**Asking Price: \$15.00 OBO**



**Yaesu YE17 Handheld Dynamic Microphone**  
**Asking Price: \$7.00 OBO**

**All Items Sold As Is – Buyers pays Shipping**

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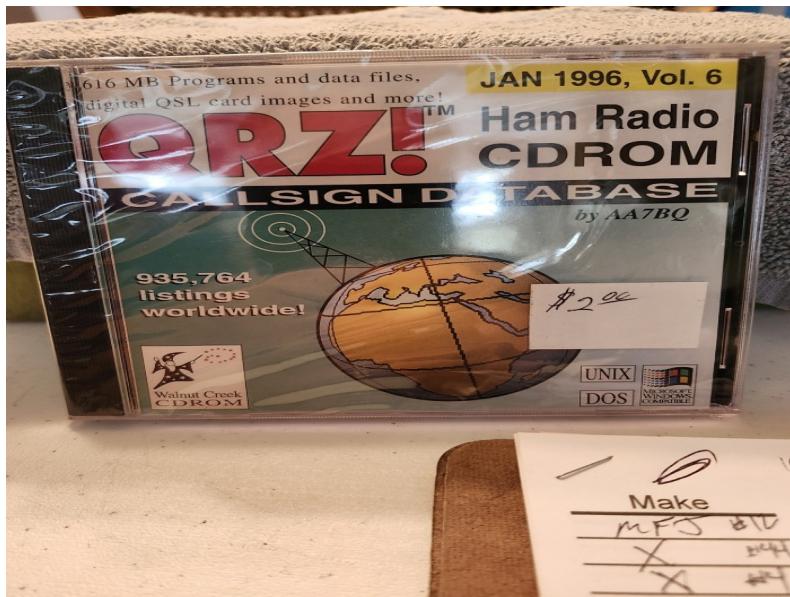
## \*\*\*Equipment For Sale\*\*\*



**The World of Ham Radio CD**  
Asking Price: \$2.00 OBO



**Ham Radio CD Callsign Database  
Vol 4 Winter 1995**  
Asking Price: \$2.00 OBO



**Ham Radio CD Callsign Database  
Vol 6 January 1996**  
Asking Price: \$2.00 OBO

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