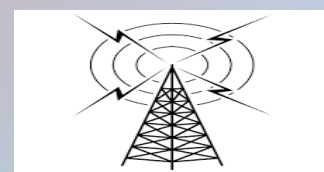


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<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/>

Grant County ARC Nets

What: 2 Meter Net
When: Every Sunday Evening
Time: 2030 hrs Local Time
Freq: 146.790- (PL 141.3) 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 3rd Friday of the Month
Time: 20:00 Local Time
Freq: 146.790+ (PL 141.3)
DMR Talkgroup 311811



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



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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



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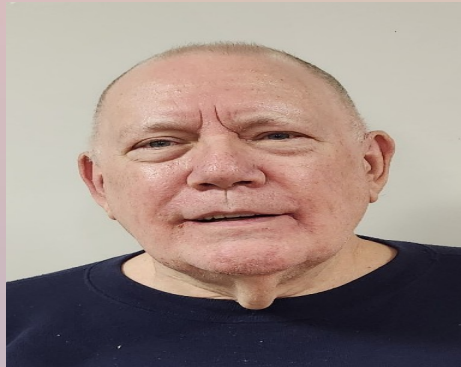
Meet the 2026 Officers

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"

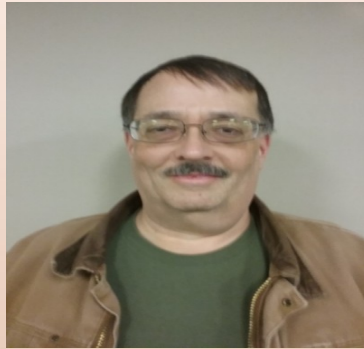
Treasurer – David Larson - KD9ZZB



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 club's 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 of 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 go directly to the club.

One last thing. I want to remind all DMR users that starting January 4th that we will be Using Talkgroup 311811 for both the GCARC Sunday Night 2 Meter Net and the Races Net on the 3rd 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	2	3
				No Dstar Net Happy New Year		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control KC9RAX	Crossroads DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW			Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control K9NQW		See Notes Below
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control K9NQW	Crossroads DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW			Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KA9OPL		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control K9NQW	Crossroads DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW			Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KA9OPL	Grant County RACES Net 8 PM Net Control K9NQW	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control K9NQW	Crossroads DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW	See Notes Below		Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control K9NQW		

Notes: January 10th – Monthly Breakfast Meeting – 8:30 AM at Georgie's Cafe on the Bypass
 January 10th – Monthly Siren Test – 11:45 AM
 January 27th - 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 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:
 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.**



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.

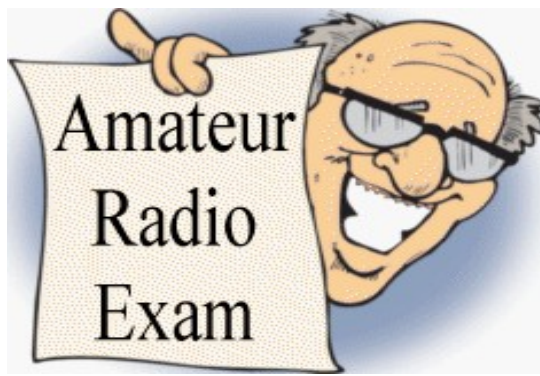
BALANCED....Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

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

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**





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

01/10/2026

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club
Time: 12:00 PM (**No Walk-ins / Register or Call Ahead**)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: testing@indyradioclub.org
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS
Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Road
Indianapolis, IN 46254-2407

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 – Sherriff's Campus Training Room
18100 Cumberland Road
Noblesville, IN 46060-1624

Call Ahead

01/26/2026

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
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.



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



Contest



Below is a list for contesting. ^g 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

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 th 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.	www.skccgroup.com/k3y
01/09 to 01/11	"Remembering W0JH Father Metcalf"	www.radioham.org
01/10	MRAC 109 th Anniversary https://www.w9rh.org/special-event-station	
01/10	Operation Desert Storm	
01/16 to 01/17	Celebrating the Fort Myers ARC Hamfest and the ARRL Section Meeting	www.fmarc.net
01/24	First Wireless-coordinated High Seas Rescue 1909	qrz.com/db/k3s
01/25 to 01/27	Discover of Gold in California 177 th Anniversary Special Event Station	edcarc.net

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 15th

For the September Newsletter – August 15th

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

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



*****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

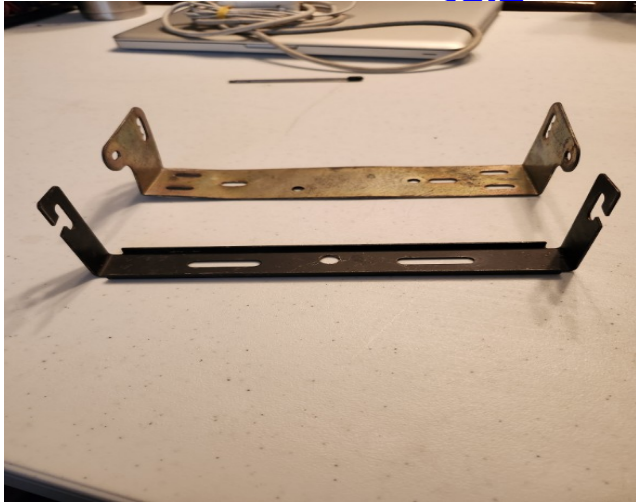
All Items Sold As Is – Buyer pays Shipping

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



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 – K9NQQW
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

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

Contact:
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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:
Nick – K9NQW
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



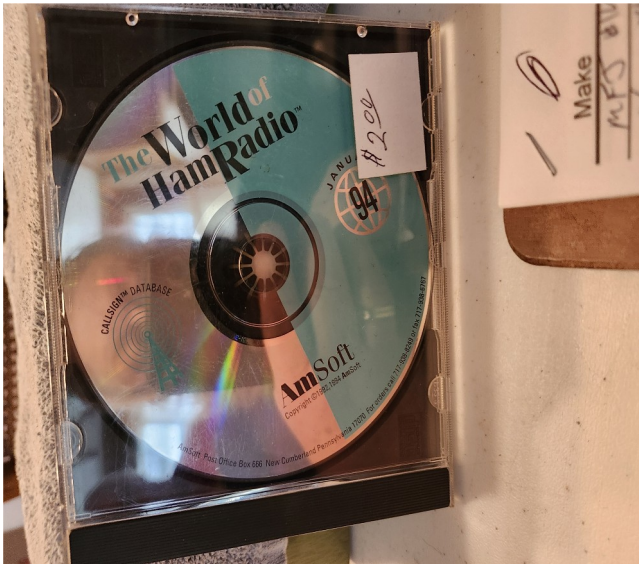
Yaesu YE17 Handheld Dynamic Microphone

Asking Price: \$7.00 OBO

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Contact:
Nick – K9NQW
k9nqw1979@gmail.com

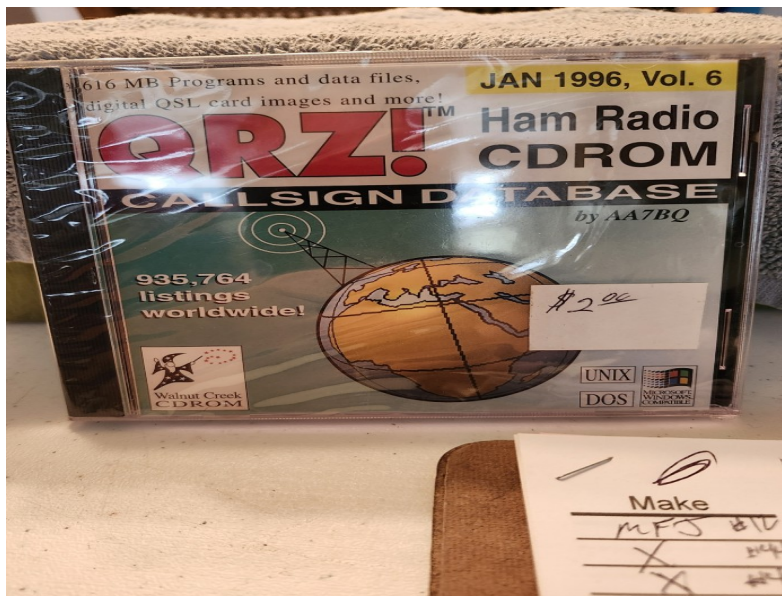
Equipment For Sale



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

All Items Sold As Is – Buyers pays Shipping

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