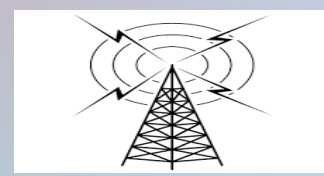


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Grant County ARC Nets

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+ Talkgroups: 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: 8:00 PM EST
Freq: 146.790- (PL 141.3)
Talkgroup 31181



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Notes from the President

Welcome Spring!

I am looking forward to the warmer weather and all the activities it brings with it. Fishing, cookouts and Parks On The Air. I have to say I really enjoy my HF rig portable. It allows me to not only try new antenna builds easily, but also allows me to operate in less noisy band environments.

I would like to plan for a monthly outing with the club. I was thinking on Saturday after the siren testing, we could carpool/meet at an approved park and get on the air together as a group and fellowship for a couple of hours. We could take turns on equipment used. This would also be a great time for our Tech license holders to use HF outside of Field Day. We could also make it a carry in type lunch if we wanted to on occasion.

How many would be interest in this? Would another fixed day of the month work better?

Let me know!

God Bless,
Eric – KC9AZP
yourproppertypros@outlook.com



Notes from the Editor

At our last meeting I showed a slide presentation on Field Day sites that Eric – KC9AZP, Charlie – KA9HDG, and myself had scouted out. The club had picked a site for Field Day. I can tell you that the site is on private property on the East side of Marion. I can tell you that there is plenty of room for camping, and a pond for fishing. As we get closer to Field Day, we will let people know the location.

We have a website called GiveButter. This is a site that we can list equipment for sale. It works on the basis like Ebay, but is for Non Profit Organizations. Eric – KC9AZP and myself have spent some time putting this auction together. It went live on March 24th. go to givebutter.com and check it out. All members of the club should of received an email about the site. The auction will end on April 7th. We have 43 items that are listed.



L B Nickerson – K9NQW
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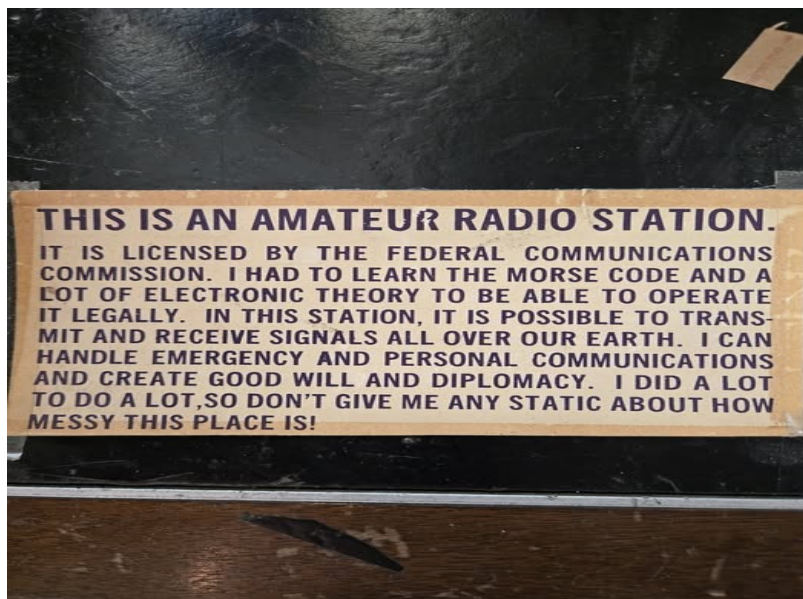


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Notes: April 11th – Monthly Breakfast Meeting – 8:30 AM at Georgie’s Cafe on the Bypass
 April 11th – Monthly Siren Test – 11:45 AM / 146.790- (PL 141.3); 146.195+ (PL 141.3); Talkgroup 31181
 April 17th – Monthly RACES Net – 8:00 PM 146.790 (PL 141.3); 146.195 (PL 141.3); Talkgroup 31181
 April 28th - 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 7:30 PM on 147.195 (PL 141.3); 146.790-(PL 141.3); Talkgroup 31181





Grant County Amateur Radio Club

Membership Application 2026

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 seperate form for each family member.

New Indiana Amateur Radio License Plate:

Latest information from BMV about the Indiana Amateur Radio License Plate:

According to BMV, the vendor issue affecting the new redesign of the Indiana Amateur Radio License Plate has been resolved.

Per the BMV: "All operators that have received the 'covered bridge' plate since 2/13/2026 do not need to return to the branch. The vendor will send them a new plate at no cost."

Also per the BMV: "If you have an existing 'covered bridge' plate (issued before 2/13/2026), you can get the new-design plate by going to a BMV branch and ordering a duplicate plate. Duplicate plates are \$9.50."

If you have questions or concerns, please email me at ak9r@arrl.org.



New HOA Regulations

== A legislative step in the right direction ==

The Indiana General Assembly recently passed House Bill 1152 (<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2026/bills/house/1152/details>). This bill contains the following language regarding homeowners associations and amateur radio antennas:

SECTION 6. IC 32-25.5-3.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

Chapter 3.4. Homeowners Association Regulation of Amateur Radio Antennas

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "amateur radio antenna" means an antenna, support structure, tower, feed line, or related equipment used by an amateur station as defined by 47 CFR 97.3.

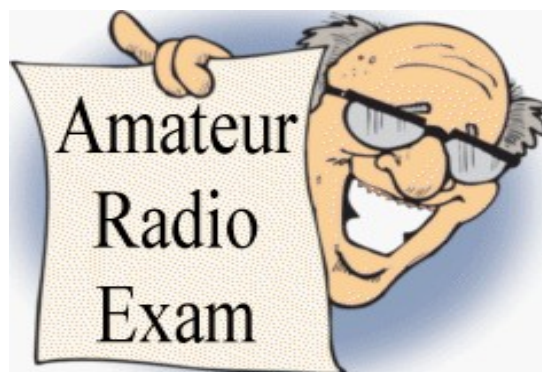
Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "governing documents" has the meaning set forth in IC 32-25.5-2-3.

Sec. 3. This chapter applies only to a homeowners association's adoption or amendment of governing documents after June 30, 2026.

Sec. 4. A homeowners association may not adopt or enforce a regulation, rule, or other policy that has the effect of prohibiting a person from maintaining an amateur radio antenna on a property that the person owns, rents, or leases.

Big thank you to Hunter Reed KD9YLQ, Campbell Reed KD9GEK, and State Senator Scott Alexander for getting this legislation passed.

According to KD9YLQ, "the bill would require that once an HOA updates its governing documents, then they have to comply with the law." There's nothing in the law that would require an HOA to change or not enforce their existing rules unless the rules were adopted or amended after June 30, 2026.



04/11/2026

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club
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 Center
4020 Georgetown Road
Indianapolis, IN 46254-2407
Call Ahead

04/25/2026

Sponsor: Centra Indiana ARA/HCRACES
Time: 10:30 AM (**No Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Joseph March
(317) 224-9433
Email: jmarch54@att.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Sheriff's Training Room
18100 Cumberland Rd
Noblesville, IN 46060-1624
Call Ahead

04/21/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC
Time: 08:30 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Roger L McEntarfer
(260) 503-9008
Email: n9qcl@arrl.net
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: **On Line**
717 E 400 N
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

04/21/2026

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Time: 07:00 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>

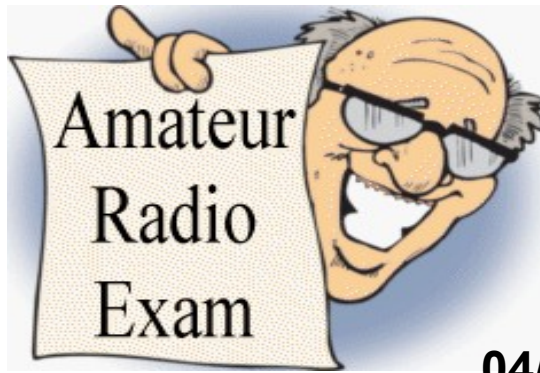
04/27/2026

Sponsor: Marshall County ARC
Time: 10:30 AM (**No Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Joseph March
(317) 224-9433
Email: jmarch54@att.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Sheriff's Training Room
18100 Cumberland Rd
Noblesville, IN 46060-1624
Call Ahead

04/22/2025

Sponsor: Grant County ARC
Time: 05:00 PM (**No Walk-ins Allowed**)
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.



04/26/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC
Time: 10:00 AM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Roger L. Mc Entarfer
(260) 503-9008
Email: rimcen55@gmail.com
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds
1029 W 200 N
Peru, IN 46970-7526

04/28/2025

Sponsor: Marshall County ARC
Time: 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Richard J. Basham
(574) 216-6080
Email: rjbasham@yahoo.com
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: Cornerstone Church of Argos
11525 State Road 10
Argos, IN 46501-9515

04/28/2025

Sponsor: Whitley County ARC
Time: 8:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)
Contact: Roger L. Mc Entarfer
(260) 503-9008
Email: rimcen55@gmail.com
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: **On Line**
717 E 400 N
Columbia City, IN 46725-8612

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**IF \$ CAN'T BUY
HAPPINESS,
THEN EXPLAIN HAMFESTS**

SJCARC Hamfest

Start Date: 04/18/2026

End Date: 04/18/2026

Location: St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
316 E Charlotte

Centreville, MI 49032

Sponsor: SJCMIARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-IN: 145.310- (PL 123)

Public Contact: John Felcyn, KC8AAF
65793 Burr Oak Rd.

Burr Oak, MI 49030

Phone: 269-353-7673

Email: fusebox@hotmail.com





Contesting



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

April 20236

Rookie Roundup - Phone Date: 04-19

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>
02/23 to 04/21	Republic of Texas SES	See ARRL Special Events page for Info
04/01 to 04/03	Cyphercon	https://cyphercon.com
04/03 to 04-06	Tater Day 2026 – Yam It Up	See ARRL Special Events page for Info
04/04	Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club 65 th Birthday	ivrac.org
04/05	335 th Mission Tumacacori Anniversary	See ARRL Special Events page for Info



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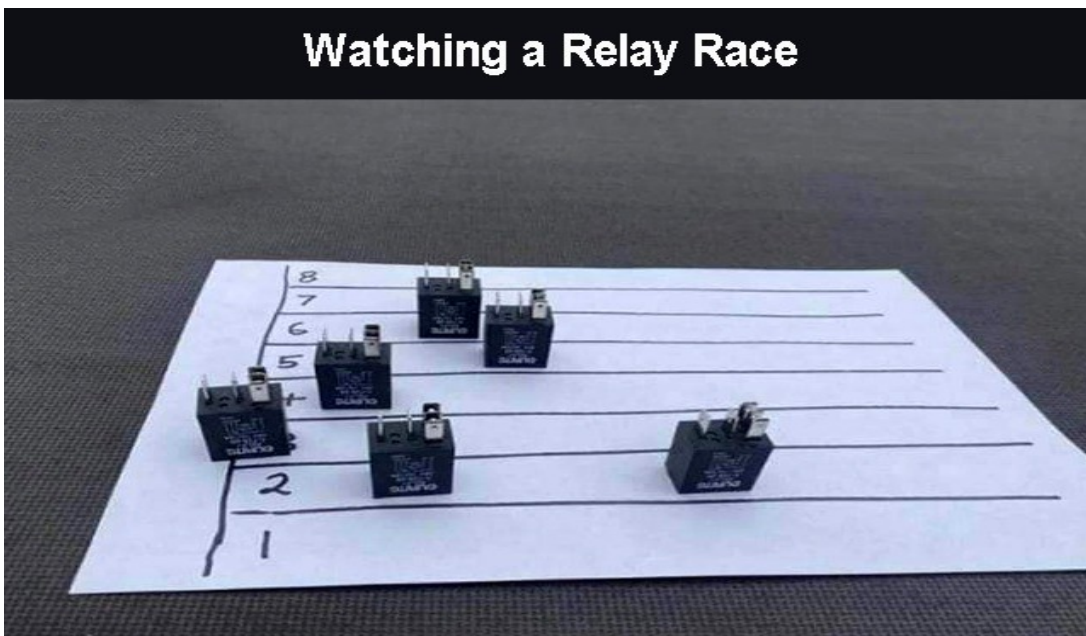
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
04/10 to 04/15	The Titanic Memorial	seccion.vigo@ure.es
04/11 to 04/12	Atlas Missile Silo, Oplin, TX	https://keycityarc.org
04/11 to 04-12	Shark's Tooth Festival	tamiamiarc.org
04/11	USS Wisconsin will be on the Air celebrating her 82 nd Anniversary	n4wis.com
04/14 to 04/19	Sun & Fun Aerospace Exposition	info@lakelandarc.com
04/15 to 04/30	Franklin County VA Moonshine Heritage Month	See ARRL Special Events page for Info
04/16 to 04/21	Louisiana Purchase Special Event	www.k5arc.org
04/16	Wilbur Wright 159 th Birthday Event	https://w9ob.org
04/17 to 04/20	Florida State Parks on the Air	fspota.org
04/18 to 04/19	K5LRK	https://www.k5lrk.org

Special Event Stations



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
04/18	MERT-22	MERIT-22@KG4NXO.org
04/23 to 04/27	Battle of Hobkirk's Hill	info@kc4rc.com
04/24 to 04/26	Handiham Program 59 th Anniversary QSO Party	handiham.net
04/25	Int'l Marconi Day Official Station	See ARRL Special Events page for Info
04/25	Marconi Day	http://WWW.GSBARC.ORG
04/26 to 05/09	POTA in the Bahamas	See ARRL Special Events page for Info
04/30 to 05/01	2026 BEACON Exercise	beaconexercise.org

Watching a Relay Race



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 15th of the month so that they can be put in the newsletter the following month.

Example: Items for the March newsletter must be submitted no later than February 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 k9nqw@arrl.net

For Sale - Example



Icom IC-2720H Transceiver

Icom IC-2720H VHF/UHF

Transceiver: VHF-144-148 MHz

UHF-440-450 MHz

Receiver 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 k9nqw@yahoo.com