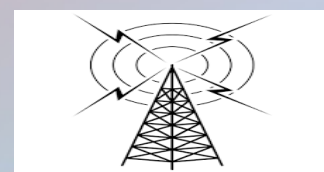


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<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/>

### Grant County ARC Nets

**What:** 2 Meter Net  
**When:** Every Sunday Evening  
**Time:** 2030 hrs Local Time  
**Freq:** 146.790- (PL 141.3); 147.195+ (PL 141.3)  
Talkgroup: 31181

**What:** DMR Net – Indiana Crossroads Net  
**When:** Every Monday Night  
**Time:** 2000 hrs Local Time  
**Freq:** 442.750+ (Color Code 1)

**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 RACE Net  
**When:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month  
**Time:** 8:00 PM EST  
**Freq:** 146.790- (PL 141.3);  
147.195+ (PL 141.3)  
Talkgroup 31181



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## From the President

It was great seeing everyone this week at our meeting. If the weather is cooperative on Saturday following our siren test, I will likely be heading up to Salamonie and attempting a POTA activation. Anyone who may be interested in joining just let me know.

Dont't forget to get registered for Field Day, and encourage any Ham friends you may have to join as well, even if they aren't GCARC. If you know anyone who may be interested and isn't a ham, invite them too!

Have a great weekend! 73  
Eric KC9AZP

*Ham Radio Operator: A rare and highly human subspecies, usually spotted near an antenna mast, or a soldering gun, or sitting in front of a radio with mic in hand*

## From the Editor

The GiveButter Auction is in the books. Out of 43 items we were able to sell 7 items. It doesn't sound like much, but at least it is a start.

Field Day 2026 is going to be here before we know it. We are asking everyone that plans to show up to please sign up on GiveButter. We need to know if you are coming just for the day or if you are going to camp over night. We will have a fire pit with plenty of firewood available. There is also a lake so bring your fishing pole and drown a few worms. There will be a Port-a-potty on site, also.

Deadline to Sign up is June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM

### **Instructions for Sign up:**

Go to GiveButter.com

Click on <Sign up for Free> to create an account

Once you have signed in -

On the left side of the page click on Campaigns

Then click on GCARC Field Day 2026 June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

In the upper right side click Donate and Tickets

Once you click Donate and Tickets follow the prompts.

Bring your own drinks and snacks.

If you have problems signing up for Field Day 2026, don't hesitate To contact the either Eric at 765-506-1855 or yourpropertypros@outlook.com OR Nick at 765-603-5322 or k9nqw1979@gmail.com

More information will be coming in the future as we get closer To the event.

L B Nickerson - K9NQW  
Editor

# Indiana ARRL News

== Indiana QSO Party ==

The 2026 INQP will be held Saturday May 2nd from 11:00am to 11:00pm EDT (Saturday 1500 UTC to Sunday 0259 UTC).

The rules for the INQP can be found here:

<http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html>

Starting with the 2026 INQP, all SSB contacts will count 2 points per QSO. This is a change from previous years when SSB contacts counted 1 point per QSO. CW QSOs will still count 2 points per QSO. Contest logging developers have been notified of this change. There are no other rule changes for 2026.

The activity map showing the planned county activations can be found here: <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/activity.php>

If you are planning to participate, please notify Tim K9WX ([timk9wx@gmail.com](mailto:timk9wx@gmail.com)) to get your participation posted on the activity map. The goal is to have activity from all 92 counties for some period of time during the 12 hours of the QSO party. If you can only devote 30 minutes of your time during the 12 hour period that is fine. Your county will have been activated at some point during the QSO party.

== Armed Forces Day Crossband Test ==

The Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test is coming up on May 9. More than 15 military stations will be on the air from around the country during that day. This is a rather unique event in that the military stations transmit on military HF frequencies adjacent to the amateur radio bands while amateur radio stations transmit amateur radio frequencies. This is your opportunity to exercise that "SPLIT" button on your radio. Full information can be found here:

<https://www.dodmars.org/mars-comex-information-website/armed-forces-day>

== Indiana company acquires Hy-Gain and Cushcraft ==

ITU Corporation, a manufacturing company based in Dugger, has purchased the Hy-Gain and Cushcraft brands from MFJ Enterprises and Martin F. Jue. ITU Corporation produces LearnLab training systems that are used to teach electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic, and automated systems. ITU will be moving the production of Hy-Gain and Cushcraft products to a recently-acquired facility in Linton. The designs, tooling, specialized equipment, manufacturing and marketing rights for Hy-gain and Cushcraft antennas and rotators are included in the sale. More info about the acquisition here:

<https://www.lintonnews.com/itu-corporation-re-purposes-linton-armory-facility-to-house-iconic-amateur-radio-manufacturing-free-article/>

Grant County Amateur Radio  
Club

Members Consent Form

The member listed below gives permission to the GCARC to post on its website my picture and email address under the members listing tab. No member information will be posted on the the GCARC website without this written authorization.

The picture and email will stay on the members listing as long as the member is in good standing with the club and yearly dues are up to date.

This permission may be revoked by the member at any time by providing notice, written or verbal, to the GCARC. Upon revoking permission, personal information will be removed as soon as practical.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

On this day: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## License 2 Year Grace Period

The following hams from Grant County have expired licenses that fall under the 2 year grace period. If you know any of these hams please reach out to them and remind them that their license is within the 2 year period of expiration.

### Fairmount

Callsign	Name	Expired Date	Grace Period Date
KI4JMJ	Hammtree, Derek A	04/07/2025	04/07/2027

### Gas City

Callsign	Name	Expired Date	Grace Period Date
AE4XT	Esterline, Ralph C	07/14/2025	07/17/2027
KA9VEW	Walters, Angie K	02/05/2026	02/05/2028

### Jonesboro

Callsign	Name	Expired Date	Grace Period Date
K9JRA	Akers, Jay R	04/12/2024	04/12/2026

### Marion

Callsign	Name	Expired Date	Grace Period Date
KB4MDR	Robinette, Michael D	11/16/2024	11/16/2026
KD9CXN	Reynolds, David J	01/30/2025	01/30/2027
W9CUC	Manor, Robert M	07/20/2024	07/20/2026
KA8HCY	Sellars, Mary Jo	02/16/2026	02/16/2028
W9RWC	Cloud, Richard W	09/08/2024	09/08/2026
WD9HLY	Galbraith, Merrilee K	01/25/2025	01/25/2027

### Matthew

Callsign	Name	Expired Date	Grace Period Date
KA9FDN	Biggs, Harold A	08/19/2024	08/19/2026
KD9DCQ	King, David L	03/04/2025	03/04/2027

### Upland

Callsign	Name	Expired Date	Grace Period Date
K9RNN	Thorne, Gary D	11/20/2025	11/20/2027
KD9CQK	Shelor, Christopher A	12/01/2024	12/01/2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control KC9RAX	4 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KC9OYW	5	6	7 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control K9NQW	8	9 <b>See Notes Below</b>
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24 2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control K9NQW	<b>Memorial Day</b> 25 DMR Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control K9NQW	<b>See Notes Below</b> 26	27	28 Indiana D-Star Weekly Net 8 PM Net Control KA9OPL	29	30
31 2 meter weekly net 8:30 PM Net Control K9NQW						

Notes: May 9<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Breakfast Meeting – 8:30 AM at Georgie's Cafe on the Bypass  
 May 9<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Siren Test – 11:45 AM  
 May 15<sup>th</sup> – Monthly RACES Net – 8:00 PM 146.790 (PL 141.3);147.195 (PL 141.3); Talkgroup 311811  
 May 26<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)





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 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:**

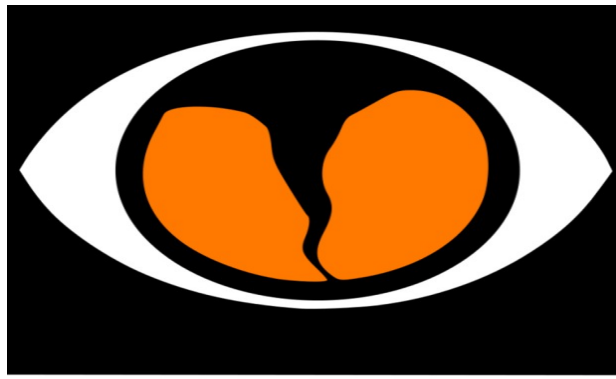
- Full Annual Membership: \$25.00 per person. (**\$5.00 goes into the Repeater Fund**)
- Family Annual Membership: Full membership + \$5.00 per person, maximum of \$30.00 per household
- Associate Membership: \$15.00 per person.  
    **Limitations on Associate Membership:**
  1. No voting privileges
  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.**



**SKYWARN**

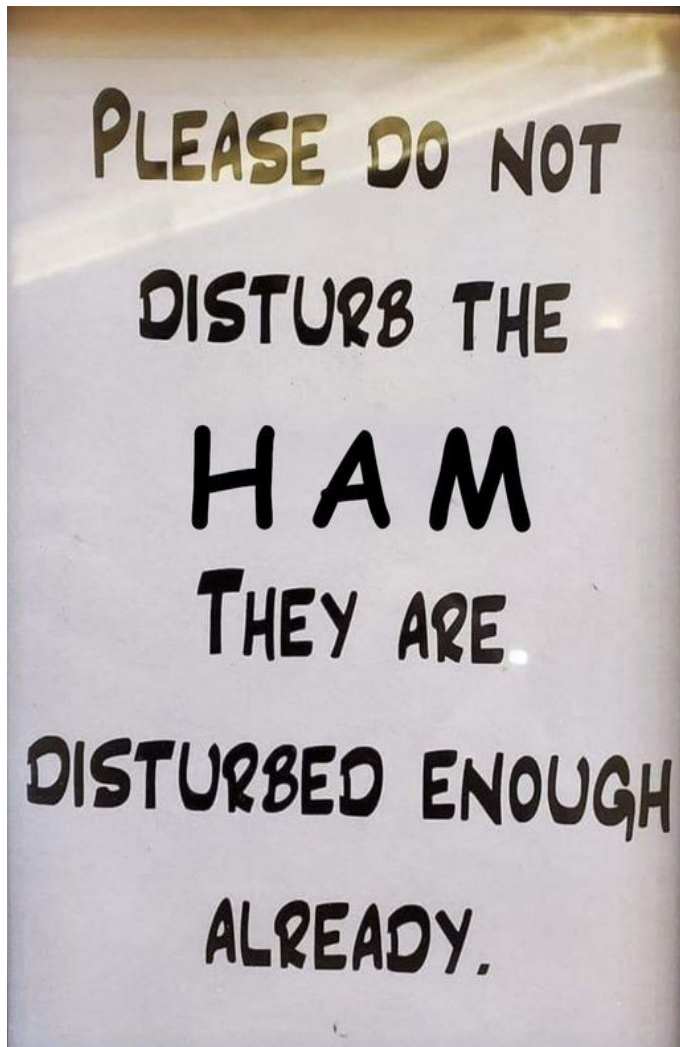
VIRTUAL Spotter Talk - Registration Required

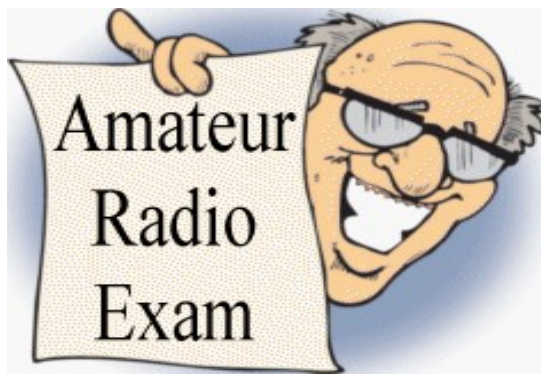
Saturday, May 30·10:00am – 12:00pm

notes

Please register for NWS Spotter Training Webinar on May 30, 2026  
at 10:00 AM EST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9107139816862633813>





**05/02/26**

**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:** Wells County Library  
200 West Washington St  
Bluffton, IN 46714-1996

**05/18/2026**

**Sponsor:** Marshall County ARC  
**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

**05/05/2025**

**Sponsor:** Anderson Repeater Club  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (**Walk-ins Allowed**)  
**Contact:** Step[hen M Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
**Email:** wa9cwe@arrl.net  
**VEC:** ARRL/VEC  
**Location:** Madison County EMA EOC  
300 N Delaware St  
GPS Location: 119 N Jackson St  
Anderson, IN 46016

**On Line Testing**

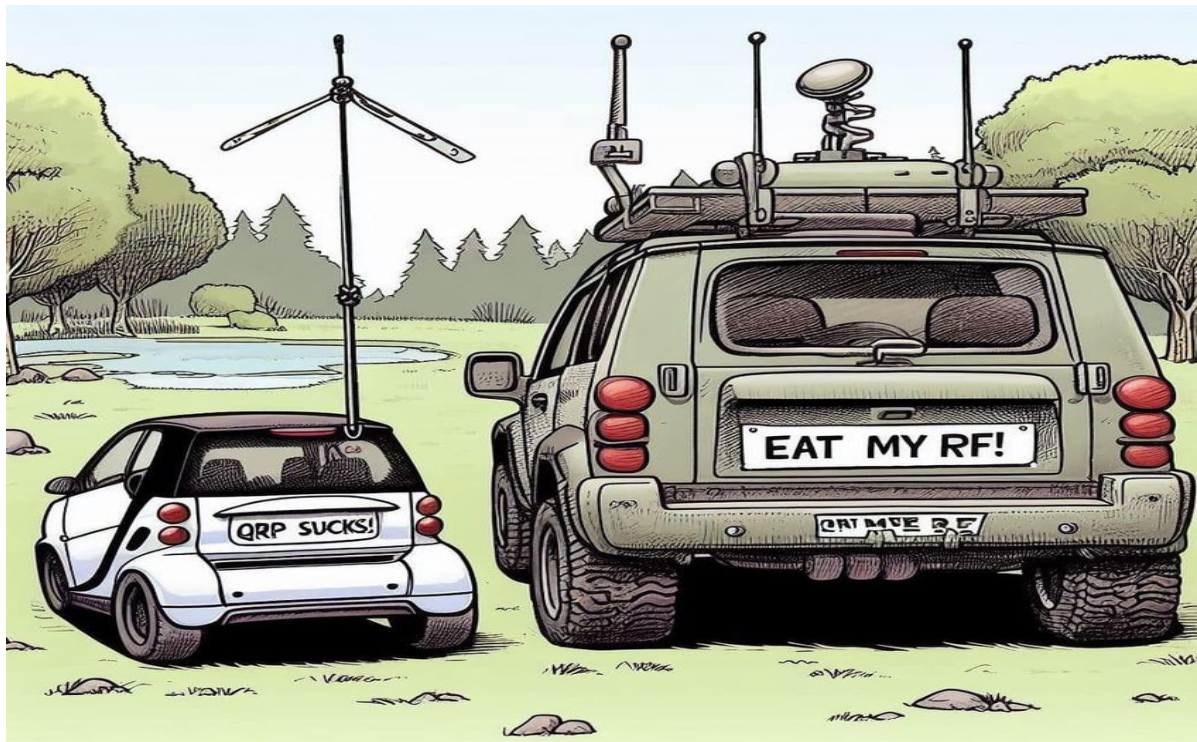
The following testing is being conducted on line by the Whitley County Radio Club

**Dates:** March 02, 09, 16, 23, 30

**Time:** 08:00 PM

**PreRegistration is required**

Go to [Hamstudy.org](http://Hamstudy.org) Find an Exam Session





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

### Four Days In May

**Start Date:** 05/14/2026

**End Date:** 05/18/2026

**Location:** Double Tree by Hilton  
2800 Presidential Drive  
Fairborn, OH 45324

**Website:** <http://qrparci.org/fdim>

**Sponsor:** QRP Amateur Radio  
Club International

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Talk-In:** None

**Public Contact:** David Cripe, NM0S

118 Hilltop Dr, NE

Mount Vernon, IA 52314

**Phone:** (319) 651-5879

**Email:** [nm0s@nm0s.com](mailto:nm0s@nm0s.com)

### Dayton Hamvention

**Start Date:** 05/15/2026

**End Date:** 05/17/2026

**Location:** Greene County Expo  
Center

210 Fairgrounds Road

Xenia, OH 45385

**Website:** [www.hamvention.com](http://www.hamvention.com)

**Sponsor:** Dayton Amateur Radio  
Association

**Type:** non-ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-in:** 146.940-(PL 123.0)

**Public Contact:** Dayton Hamvention

P O Box 964

Dayton, OH 45401-0965

**Phone:** (937) 276-6930

**Email:** [info@hamvention.com](mailto:info@hamvention.com)





# Contesting



## There are no ARRL Contest for the Month of May 2025

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>
04/26 to 05/09	POTA in the Bahamas	
04/30 to 05/01	2026 BEACON Exercise	beaconexercise.org
05/02 05/03	N1D – Number 1 Dawgs PAARC in the Park 2026 “The POTA Challenge: Beyond the Park”	https://www.athensradioclub.org prez@paarc.net
05/03 to 05/09	The INDYCAR Grand Prix – Race One	w9ims.org
05/08 to 05/18	130 <sup>th</sup> New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Convention	nj2kc.org
05/09	Armed Forces Day	www.qrz.com/db/ni9iw
05/09	Golden Spike Special Event Station	ogdenarc.org
05/09	Jamestown Landing Day Event	www.k4rc.net

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



## Special Event Stations



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
05/09 to 05/10	Mills on the Air	<a href="http://nharg.org.uk/mota">nharg.org.uk/mota</a>
05/09	National Train Day	<a href="mailto:trainday@fmarc.net">trainday@fmarc.net</a>
05/10	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Titan Missile Museum	
05/10 to 05/16	National Police Week	
05/13 to 05/30	GRAND PRIX DU CANADA	
05/14	Honoring the Serving Members and Veterans of our Armed Forces	<a href="mailto:talarcpst111sc@gmail.com">talarcpst111sc@gmail.com</a>
05/16	AIR POWER MUSEUM ARMED FORCES DAY	<a href="http://www.gsbarc.org">www.gsbarc.org</a>
05/16 to 05/17	National Maritime Day Sat & Sun	<a href="http://qrz.com/db/k3s">qrz.com/db/k3s</a>
05/16 to 05/18	W6SFM Bug Roundup	<a href="https://w6sfm.org/bug-roundup">https://w6sfm.org/bug-roundup</a>
05/18 to 05/24 05/23	The Indianapolis 500 - Race Two Amateur Radio Origins of KD3KA	<a href="http://w9ims.org">w9ims.org</a> <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/kd3ka">https://www.qrz.com/db/kd3ka</a>



# Special Event Stations



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Special Event</u>	<u>Webpage</u>
05/27 to 05/31	Scott Joplin Ragtime International Music Festival	
05/30	Audie Murphy	dannywylam@gmail.com
05/30	Historical Wineries of Ohio	rondyke2000@yahoo.com
05/30 to 05/31	Selfridge ANG base 2026 open house and airshow	



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month.

**Example:** For the January Newsletter must be submitted by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:k9nqw1979@gmail.com)

**For Sale -  
Example**



## **Icom IC-2720H Transciever**

Icom IC-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: \$220.00

Contact: Nick at [k9nqw1979@gmail.com](mailto:k9nqw1979@gmail.com)