



**Indiana Section  
American Radio  
Relay League**

# **Newsletter**

**October 2025**

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## Friends we'll miss

For a Silent Key notice to be placed in the newsletter, and sent to the ARRL, please forward a copy of or a link to the obituary to the Bob Burns AK9R, ARRL Indiana Section Manager, at [ak9r@arrl.org](mailto:ak9r@arrl.org).

Ron Lile K0RL of Lynnville

Carl Crisp W9QPB of New Castle

Roy Bradley KC9HUB of Knox

Richard (Dick) Wright N9ACD, Plainfield

Norman Leach Jr. KA9WQJ, Connersville

James Hammer KO9T of Lafayette

## Section Traffic Manager's Report

From Brian Jenks W9BGJ, Section Traffic Manager

To all Net Managers, please remember to turn in your reports to Brian Jenks W9BBJ, Section Traffic Manager, by the 6th of the month ([stm@inarrl.org](mailto:stm@inarrl.org)).

INDIANA STM REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
ITN	N9TU	1307	103	1274	60
QIN	NJ9S	117	36	314	30
TOTALS					
NETS REPORTING					

INDIANA STM REPORT AUGUST 2025							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSION S	MESSAGE S	APPT S	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITA L	TOTAL L
W9BGJ	40	45	30	0	0	20	135
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W9EEU	40	64	20	0	0	20	144
TOTALS							
STATIONS REPORTING		3					

INDIANA STM REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	4	41	40	0	85
AB9ZA	ORS	0	25	15	5	45
W9EEU	ORS	0	30	34	0	64
W9PC	ORS	0	3	8	1	12
W9MGB	ORS	2	2	3	3	10

INDIANA STM REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025					
VHF/UHF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	72	0	123	5
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	141	0	112	5
CLAY COUNTY ARES	W9EEU	50	0	95	5
D STAR NET	K9NQW	53	0	105	4
IMO NET	K9SKS	436	0	334	29
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	15	0	33	3
INDIANA SECTION ARES	KD9EDR	2789	102	1587	202
MID STATE ARC	KI6QOG	164	0	172	4
LAPORTE ARES	KD9LWR	9	0		2
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	50	7	91	5
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	65	0	134	5
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	77	1	73	4
TRI STATE 2 METER	AG8O	276	0	458	22
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	82	0	148	4
WHITLEY CO ARES	K9EJS	NR	NR	NR	NR

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NETS REPORTING

October 2025

Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR									
DMR		Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
		09/01/25	KC9OYW	24	0	20	20:00	20:20	442.750(+)
		09/08/25	KC9OYW	36	0	25	20:00	20:25	442.750(+)
		09/15/25	K9NQW	29	0	24	20:00	20:24	442.750(+)
		09/22/25	K9NQW	24	0	22	20:00	20:22	442.750(+)
		09/29/25	KC9OYW	28	0	21	20:10	20:31	442.750(+)
Sessions:	5	Total:		141		112			
Month of Report: September 2025									
D-Star		Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
		09/04/25	K9NQW	19	0	34	20:00	20:34	443.400(+)
		09/11/25	K9NQW	9	0	17	20:00	20:17	443.400(+)
		09/18/25	KA9OPL	9	0	21	20:00	20:21	443.400(+)
		09/25/25	KA9OPL	16	0	33	20:00	20:33	443.400(+)
Sessions:	4	Total:		53		105			
Month of Report: September 2025									

# QIN QNU

Issue Number 019      October 2025

The Bulletin for the INDIANA CW SECTION NET of the ARRL National Traffic System  
 Evenings Daily on 3535 khz; alternate freq. is 1810 khz at (7:00 P.M CST/8:00 P.M. EST);  
 Mornings Mon-Fri at 0900 ET on 3535 khz (7028 khz alt.) \*\*

Net Control Assignments:

Day	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
0000Z NCS	W9PC MARK	NJ9S BRUNO	WB9FIU RUSTY	NJ9S BRUNO	WB9FIU RUSTY	K9LA CARL	K9LA CARL
0900 ET NCS		W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	

## Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it Superman?



### It's Rusty WB9FIU installing his new SteppIR 6m-40m Beam!

When Rusty puts up an antenna, he really goes all out! That is a 70 foot tower crowned with a SteppIR 6m thru 40m beam, soon to be followed by a horizontal 7 element 2 meter beam for SSB and CW. Finally, this all will be topped off with a 2 meter/440 mhz vertical. Congratulations Rusty! VY FB!

**Meanwhile back on the ground** (hi hi !), September QIN operations hit a few bumps in the communications road. The 80 m band was plagued with QRN as storms transited our state. Carl K9LA wrestled with rig problems and several of us had schedule conflicts that rendered making a net sked difficult. However, the good news is that we covered for one another and to the

best of our abilities, we kept QIN going! A special thanks to Rusty WB9FIU who when not soaring about his tower covered NCS for Carl and me, and I thank all of you for your help! It was nice to have Mike K0TQ check in, and also nice to chat with Dave AD8WR and Jim WB8SIW at the Michiana ARC meeting,

**Also, on September 15,** Brian W9BGJ kicked-off the return to morning QIN sessions. I have incomplete stats so far, so may have to report the morning session summary in a future newsletter. If you have a bit of time around 9:00 a.m. on weekday mornings, drop by 3535 khz and check-in with Brian.

**Amateur radio exists for the service we can provide.**

That's it for this month; see you on QIN!

73,  
Bruno NJ9S

#### CURRENT QIN (EVE) NET ROSTER & PARTICIPATION STATS

CALL	NAME	QTH	QNI SEP 2025	NCS SEP 2025
W9BGJ	BRIAN	HUNTINGTON, IN	5	1
WB9FIU	RUSTY	COLUMBUS, IN	25	10
W9PC	MARK	ROSSVILLE, IN	6	3
K9LA	CARL	FORT WAYNE, IN	24	5
AD8WR	DAVE	GRANGER, IN	6	
K9UT	JERRY	RICHMOND, IN	10	
NJ9S	BRUNO	MISHAWAKA, IN	24	10
N9OL	JOHN	EVANSVILLE, IN		
KA8BJA	FRANK	COSHOCOTON, OH	7	
W9KTP	JERRY	VALPARAISO, IN		
WD4MSM	BARRY	SOUTH BEND, IN		
NI9Y	DAN	MISHAWAKA, IN		
WB8SIW	JIM	BUCHANAN, MI	6	
K0TQ	MIKE	N. VERNON, IN	2	
WA2USA	DENNIS	NEWBURGH, IN		
N9IVI	IVIN	PLAINFIELD, IN		
N9CJT	NOEL	CLIFFORD, IN		
NA9F	RON	COLUMBUS, IN	1	
WD9DWE	DENNIS	PEKIN. IN	1	

## EVENING QIN CW SECTION NET QUICK STATS

Month/Yr	Sessions	QNI	QTC Incl net reports	QTC Minus net rpts	QTR min.
MAR 2024	31	94	49	31	259
APR 2024	30	82	39	26	254
MAY 2024	31	80	45	29	238
JUN 2024	29	88	35		288
JUL 2024	30	90	23	8	218
AUG 2024	31	104	22	6	267
SEP 2024	28	91	20	9	235
OCT 2024	31	99	33	17	258
NOV 2024	29	90	43	23	263
DEC 2024	31	120	59	41	345
JAN 2025	31	120	29	4	323
FEB 2025	28	109	37	16	303
MAR 2025	31	106	44	16	296
APR 2025	30	103	46	25	300
MAY 2025	30	94	43	26	297
JUN 2025	30	112	43	22	343
JUL 2025	31	103	39	18	319
AUG 2025	31	132	32	7	359
SEP 2025	29	117	36	26	314

## Technical Specialist Coordinator's Report

**From Tom Busch WB8WOR, Technical Specialist Coordinator**

Technical Specialists are urged to send their reports to Technical Coordinator Tom Busch WB8WOR ([tc@inarrl.org](mailto:tc@inarrl.org)).

**Mark Skowronski K9MQ**

This month was spent mentoring/elmering a potential new ham. I recommended the ARRL license manual to him. A week or two later, I spotted an upcoming "Ham in a Day" license class coming up and passed it along. Between reviewing the material at home beforehand and attending the "Ham in a Day" license class, he easily passed and earned his technician license.

He has asked for help with recommendations for his first radio and I have made several suggestions along with possible accessories that he may wish to purchase. The only thing that is holding him back right now, is the government shutdown, but once the government reopens and starts processing licenses again, he should be ready to go.

**Roger McEntarfer N9RM**

For the month of October, I continued keeping busy with the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club and Tamiami Amateur Radio Club meetings, and VE Testing in Indiana, Venice, Florida and nationwide with multiple teams and VEC's.

On October 8, 2025, I assisted with VE Training via zoom with numerous VE's across the country.

On October 10-12. 2025, I assisted with the IT-100 Race at Chain-O-Lakes State Park helping with setting up a tearing down the portable repeater system and with comms on Sunday.

The Whitley County W5YI/ARRL Test Team will be conducting In Person and Virtual Amateur Radio Test sessions through the year.

**ATTENTION: Free Student Testing!!** W5YI Licensing Services now offers free testing for students 25 years of age or younger! Yes, you read that correct! Testing fees are covered for all 3 licenses classes, and for Technician applicants, they will also cover the \$35 application fee! Subject to valid student ID verification. If you are a student registering to test, after completing registration, please send an email to [rilmcen56@gmail.com](mailto:rilmcen56@gmail.com), with your name and Student Applicant, so your registration is confirmed. If you register at the Fort Wayne Hamfest, show your Student ID to the Volunteer Examiners.

Virtual test sessions are held every Monday evening a W5YI at 8:00 PM and an ARRL session at 8:30 PM.

To register for any of these test sessions visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/n9rm>

Upcoming In-Person test sessions:

The Fort Wayne Hamfest , November 15, 2025, from 9:00 AM – Noon.

To register visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/67f6bbec55ccd4f2b2800778/1>

If you need a different day or time, please let me know as we can set up testing any day of the week or time of day to fit your needs.

The cost to take the test is \$14.00 for W5YI and \$15 for ARRL.

The next WCARC General Meeting will be held November 13, 2025 @ 6:00 PM at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Lower-Level Meeting Room A.

The program will be The Belize DX-pedition and an ARRL Update presented by Josh Long – W9HT.

**Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG**

Oct 4th - Participated in the Indiana 10-4 Day in Larwell Indiana. Used a Buddipole Tripod and push pole with two Ham sticks at 45 degrees slope downward to make an NVIS antenna. Was able to work Indianapolis with it.

Oct 5th - In the W9OU trailer, all of the computers and Winlink software passwords were updated. The same password is used in the computers and the software.

Oct 7th - The Extra Class training started which runs on Tuesday and Thursday nights until November 20th. License testing will be on November 22nd. I have one student, Jeff KE9CMZ.

Oct 14-16 - The tower that has the W9OU repeater and KD9QDL repeater requires ordering hardware to the new coax being purchased in preparation for a new tower. Liftgrip kits and grounding kits for 7/8" heliax and 1/2" heliax were ordered.

Oct 14-18 - Reviewed the Extra Class power point slides which had some error in them. The errors that were found were corrected.

Oct 20 -21 -Helped Dave K9TZ to try to get a Zumspot/Raspberry Pi-4 working using WPSD software. The device would have audio coming from the internet but would receive RF from a handie talkie. Later it was found by Matt WB9ENB that the receive frequency had to be adjusted by -750 Hz in the WPSD software.

Oct 27th - The FM station Tower had to have the lights, radio equipment and the amateur radio antennas removed. The tower was to be demolished in preparation for a new tower. The W9OU repeater, KD9QDL repeater and the WInlink Gateway computer were shut down, Also the repeater and duplexer were moved to my home QTH (KB9QG). The duplexer and radio will be checked prior to installation when the new tower is up.

OCT 28th - The DB224E antenna and the Comet GP-6 antennas were moved to my QTH as well.

Oct 29th - The tower was taken down and the cheif engineer requested I take drone pictures when the tower was toppled.

Oct 30th- The DB224E was damaged on March 30th from a wind storm. The VSWR measured from the ground was 10 to 1. The DB224 had to have a connector replaced as it was cut off during the removal process from the tower. After replacing the connector, the antenna measure 1.5 to 1.

Oct 31st - The duplexer was checked using a spectrum analyzer and show a minor change in the transmit and receive filter curves.

## Public Information Coordinator's Report

### From Barry Palencer KC9WMS, Public Information Coordinator

Public Information Officers are urged to send their reports to Public Information Coordinator Barry Palencer KC9WMS ([pio@inarrl.org](mailto:pio@inarrl.org)).

### DeKalb County-PIO John D Maag- KD9QDL

On Oct 2nd, JD, KD9QDL and Jeff, KB9QG went to the National Weather Station in North Webster, Indiana to inspect the Ham Radio setup in their building. We found it in not working order. We reprogrammed the radios and it is now in a working state. On Saturday, Oct 10th we participated in the 10-4 event. It went fairly well. Was able to make a few contacts, even down to Indy which was great. Jeff, KB9QG decided to use the NVIS antenna and it worked very well. John, KD9QDL was using Winlink and VHF analog and was able to make a few contacts. Jeff and I thought the 10-4 day is a good idea, but too complex in what we had to do. On Monday, Oct 20th, JD, KD9QDL and Jeff KB9QG went to John, W9GOO house and helped him adjust his counter poise on his 160m long wire. We were successful in getting it down to 1.9 to 1 SWR. Oct 29th, our W9OU repeater is off the air for the next month due to the tower we were using was taken down. They are in the process of putting up a new one due to the fact one of the tower legs of the old tower had a hole rusted in one of the legs. We are putting up a new dual band antenna for our W9OU and DMR. We will also have a Winlink and APRS system on the new tower also.

### Whitley County PIO Roger McEntarfer, N9RM

I announced in the local news media: WANE TV News, WPTA 21 Alive News, WOWO, WFFT Fox 55 Media, WJHS 91.5 FM (Whitley County Joint High School) radio station, Ink Free News, Times Union News, The Post & Mail, The Hoot News of Whitley County, Adams Radio Group, Journal Gazette. HF Nets: Indiana Traffic Net and several of the local 2M and 70 CM nets around the northern Indiana area about the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on October 9, 2025, the Whitley County W5YI & ARRL Virtual Remote Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 & 8:15 PM, and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on November 13, 2025.

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## Affiliated Club Coordinator's Report

**From Jimmy Merry KC9RPX, Affiliated Club Coordinator**

Affiliated clubs across Indiana are encouraged to send a note to Jimmy Merry, ARRL Indiana Section Affiliated Club Coordinator, each month. Please include the following:

- Please be sure to send me any club news. Example: Historical events, Upcoming events, Outstanding member, etc. Include captioned photos.
- Regular updates about your club, its events, special occasions, club news, outstanding members, and other newsworthy items.

This information could let hams across Indiana know what is going on in your club. Assist hams in your area know about your club. Help membership. And assist other clubs across Indiana with ideas. Please send to [kc9rpx@arrl.net](mailto:kc9rpx@arrl.net).

## Section Emergency Coordinator's Report

From Brian Sexton KD9EDR, Section Emergency Coordinator

To all Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, and Official Emergency Stations, please remember to turn in your reports to Section Emergency Coordinator Brian Sexton KD9EDR.

Report: Form4

Division: Central

Section: Indiana

Month/Year: October 2025

History: Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2025-11-21 11:22:19 UTC

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Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month: 31

Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section: 49

4. Total number of ARES members: 738

Difference in ARES members from previous month: N/D

5. Number of ARES net sessions held: 206

6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison: 52

7. Number of participants in nets: 2,528

	Number	Person-Hrs
8. Exercises this month:	44	779.30
9. Training events this month:	22	187.80
10. Public service events this month:	29	940.90
11. Community service events this month:	6	133.80
12. Emergency events this month:	0	0.00
13. SKYWARN events this month:	5	127.10
14. Meetings this month:	28	232.90
15. Unclassified events this month:	2	13.90

### Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

K9WG, KA9AMP, KB9WWM, KC9AFE, KC9JAV, KC9RPX, KC9RVL, KC9VRA, KD9BKT, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA, KD9LWR, KD9MRM, KD9PMT, KD9TFY, KP4CI, KV9N, N9CAD, N9CJT, N9CWW, N9GTL, N9JPX, N9LAA, NM9R, W9COD, W9DRB, W9MDT, W9SOX, WR9G, KC9JAV, KD9TFY

### Activity Details:

DISTRICT 1-----

October 2025

District 1 conducts regular ARES District 1 nets even without an appointed District Emergency Coordinator. A big thank you to Michael Vidimos, W1MCV for keeping the net going and coordinating district-wide ARES communication.

DISTRICT 2-----

The district conducted its monthly net.

DISTRICT 3-----

The major event in District 3 was support of the Indiana Trails IT-100 trail run at Chaon O'Lakes State Park. This was a 30 hour event and was entirely off-grid and tested our ability to provide communications under these conditions.

DISTRICT 4-----

I have received no District 4 reports.

DIST 6-----

Tipton County - standard nets

Grant County - Repeaters down and being relocated; had abbreviated nets on Sunday

Delaware Co - Weekly Nets held on Thursday on 441.900 & 146.730 repeaters, followed by 146.490 simplex

DISTRICT 7-----

No district 7 activities reported.

DISTRICT 8-----

No activity reported from District 8 out side of Bartholomew and Monroe Counties.

DISTRICT 9-----

No district wide reporting.

ALLEN COUNTY-----

Busy month for the team in Allen County. We participated in 10-4 Day. We also coordinated and participated in the Ignite Trail Series IT-100. This was a 30 hour trail run at Chain O'Lakes State We also used the event to participate in the Indiana State SET.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY-----

5 weekly nets

2 exercise nets -- SET and ShakeOut

BENTON-----

There are no reports coming out of Benton County.

BLACKFORD CO-----

Blackford Co EC position is vacant

Seeking EC for this position

BROWN-----

No activity report from Brown County.

CARROLL-----

no reports from Carroll County.

CASS-----

No new activity in this area

CLARK COUNTY-----

None

CLINTON-----

No one has reported any activity in Clinton County.

DEARBORN-----

No reporting from Dearborn County.

DECATUR-----

No reports from Decatur County.

DELAWARE CO-----

Weekly Nets held on Thursday on 441.900 & 146.730 repeaters, followed by 146,490 simplex

FAYETTE CO-----

Fayette Co EC position is vacant  
seeking replacement EC

FLOYD-----

No reports from Floyd County.

FOUNTAIN-----

No activity reported from Fountain County.

FRANKLIN-----

No reports from Franklin County.

FULTON COUNTY-----

Fulton County ARES ran the D-2 net again this month along with our regular nets.

Mondays on the K9RCR repeater is the Monday night ARES net. 442.700 Also Monday night ARES Simplex net on 146.535 and our Winlink net through the KD9PMT-10 Gateway on 145.530

Plus, our Skywarn net on the KB9WSL repeater 146.805

GRANT-----

We did not take part in 10/4 or SET this year due to repeaters being down and relocation process going on.  
Had abbreviated nets on Sun. PM, but minimal activity.

GREENE COUNTY-----

The Greene County ARES Net is conducted each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm ET on the W9HD 2m repeater in Cincinnati, IN, 147.240Mhz, PL 103.5 positive offset

HAMILTON-----

10/11/25 Indiana SET - it was a well organized simulated emergency test and we had good participation. We

had ARES members, Hamilton County Comms Group members (Races) and Hamilton County CERT Teams involved in sending in radio reports from the field on damaged houses during a simulated storm. They were each assigned a set of 5 homes from a group of pictures we had on a website and they gave damage assessment reports using the FEMA PDA guide. I have sent in all the reports for the exercise.

Also on 10/11/25 Dallas N9DAM assistant EC met with a Girl Scout troop on Saturday. He had 10 Girls get on the air and have QSOs with a couple of hams on the repeater. It was a great time, and they really enjoyed it. He gave a basic overview of ham radio, how radios work, how to communicate. He gave them resources to study for ham radio exam if they are interested. Also left them with the phonetic alphabet and morse code cheat sheets.

It was a great time, and the girls really enjoyed themselves.

He also explained them about ARES and RACES.

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Weekly local net

HARRSION-----

42 Check Ins and 103 mins of air time

HENDRICKS-----

Weekly/Monthly Nets:

We conducted four (4) weekly Tuesday Night ARES Nets on 145.130 MHz during the month and had good participation. We accumulated just over 20.5 man-hours of airtime.

The Hendricks County ARES Hospital Net (HRH/IU).

The Monthly Hospital Net was held on October 18, 2025, with Jeremy Enz K9ENZ hosting from IU West Hospital, starting at 1030 hrs. on 147.570 Simplex Frequency. We accumulated just over 1 man-hour of airtime.

JACKSON-----

no activity report from Jackson County.

JAY CO-----

Jay Co EC position is vacant.

Seeking replacement for Jay Co

JEFFERSON-----

No reports

JENNINGS-----

We had two participate in 2025 10-4 day.

We had three participate in 2025 Set exercise.

Two have obtained VE status to offer testing in the future.

One has obtained instructor status.

KNOX COUNTY-----

N/A

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY-----

we participated in the Warsaw Family Fun Night, the IT-100, Ft Wayne run, Dist 2 10-4 Day, and the Indiana

State ARES Set

LAKE-----

I have not received any ARES reports for Lake County.

LAPORTE-----

LaPorte County ARES participated in the annual SET. We host a net every Thursday at 8pm central on the K9JSI repeater. Post-SET we are developing standard operating procedures.

LAWRENCE-----

no activity reported from Lawrence County.

MADISON CO-----

Madison Co EC position is vacant  
seeking replacement EC

MARION COUNTY INDIANA-----

Marion County participated in the yearly SET, finding a couple deficiencies to work on and improve on. Those participating did a great job and we collectively learned a lot.

Amateur radio volunteers from Indianapolis and surrounding counties supported the Indy Half at Ft Ben, providing communications to organizers from the running field.

MARSHALL-----

a number of operators ran the weekly net

MONROE COUNTY-----

Hilly 100 Bike Ride Oct 11 - 12 (20) participant activated for almost a 24 hr period this was our SET

SET Net for non Hilly 100 participants - (6) Check-ins. Followed state wide protocol

Monthly Warning Siren Test to support EMA (8)

5 Weekly nets (70)

5 Weekly Simplex nets (40)

MONTGOMERY-----

No activity reported from Montgomery County.

MORGAN-----

Seven operators provided communications for the Martinsville Fall Foliage Festival Parade on October 12th. Stations participating were W9EAM, KA9JQR, WA9MTY, N9AWU, N9JPX, KA9ZZR, KE9DQS, KD9LES, & KE9CBU.

NEWTON-----

No one in Newton County is reporting any activity.

OHIO-----

No reporting from Ohio County

ORANGE-----

No activity to report from Orange County.

PORTER COUNTY-----

We hold the weekly training net on Tuesdays

PULASKI COUNTY-----

The County is being monitored by DEC

PUTNAM COUNTY-----

ARES Tuesday Evening Net at 8:00 pm - 4 Nets this month

RIPLEY-----

No reporting

RUSH CO-----

Rush Co EC position is vacant  
seeking replacement EC

SCOTT COUNTY-----

In October, there were 4 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 42 check-ins and a total of 72 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

SPENCER CO-----

Nets: 4 analog, 4 Digital (C4FM)

ST. JOSEPH-----

The EC has stepped back from service. The DEC is monitoring the group.

STARKE-----

Participated in District 1 ARES Net. Attended Starke County Radio Club meeting. No interest in ARES.

SULLIVAN-----

No activity report from Sullivan County.

TIPPECANOE-----

TCARES started the month with Tippecanoe Co. Siren Test on October 4th with a 24min net on WIRES 147.135 (PL 131.8) net. 12 Hams helped observing sirens through out the county. Regular training Nets took place on October 7, 13, 20 and 27. These took place on the WIRES 145.370 (PL 131.8), and all Amateur Radio operators are invited to participate. Several questions or sequence of check in took place to keep operators attentive and following instructions. TCARES had a meeting at Franklin L. Cary Camp starting at 5pm and ended at around 8pm. Only 7 Amateur Radio operators showed up, one not being ARES member. The training here was to bring you're portable equipment and deploy it in the field. Only two Hams brought their equipment. Contacts on 10M and 20M were accomplished. Notes of the assembly and tare-down were made, especially having light at the beginning, then darkness and drop in temperature.

TIPTON COUNTY-----

Standard nets this month

UNION CO-----

Union Co EC position is vacant  
seeking replacement EC

VERMILLION-----

Help the Wabash Valley amateur radio group with a ARISS with the terre haute children museum

VIGO-----

No ARES activity reported from Vigo County.

WARREN-----

No ARES activity report from Warren County.

WASHINGTON-----

No reports from Washington County.

WAYNE CO-----

Wayne Co EC position is vacant  
seeking replacement EC

WHITE-----

No ARES activity reported from White County.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

DISTRICT 1-----

We need a District 1 Emergency Coordinator. ARES is really picking up in District 1 with participation and registrations increasing in Lake County, Porter County and LaPorte County doing good things and Jasper County with a new Emergency Coordinator. I have had many conversations with folks from Newton County and I think we are getting closer to an organized ARES there as well.

DISTRICT 2-----

Several members participated in the IPSC 10-4 Day at the Elkhart County EMA. We had discussions to address the EC position in Pulaski County. More discussion will be had at the upcoming District meeting in November.

DISTRICT 3-----

We continue to recruit for EC's in counties that currently do not have an EC. Person Hours for the IT-100 event were reported in the Allen County EC report/

DISTRICT 4-----

Cass and Tippecanoe County are the only District 4 counties with an Emergency Coordinator. Carroll County has one individual that has registered with the Section. Only those three are currently registered as ARES with the Section. We are in need of a District Emergency Coordinator as well as several County Emergency Coordinators throughout District 4.

DIST 6-----

Tipton Co - 2 members, n9laa and kd9zbj, volunteered for the Indy Half Marathon at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis.

Grant Co - Hopefully within another 30-60 days, new repeater site will be operational and nets will pick up and other activities will be able to be done. Still did our monthly county wide emergency siren test, but coverage is minimal even within our county right now.

Delaware Co - participated in the Statewide SET on October 11th. We had 21 participants from Delaware, Madison and Randolph Counties

DISTRICT 7-----

District 7 has 8 counties with 5 of them represented by an appointed ARES Emergency Coordinator. This month only 3 of the 5 submitted reports. There are 8 registered ARES members, and 7 known silent keys whose licenses are still active.

DISTRICT 8-----

We need volunteers in Brown, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties.

DISTRICT 9-----

We need more counties in District 9 to organize an ARES team. We also need a District Emergency Coordinator and several other positions filled in the district.

ALLEN COUNTY-----

The IT-100 was reported as a Public Service event and includes the Person-Hours of all participants. The participants included operators from other counties as well.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY-----

Installed CARC 339f Meshtastic node 127 feet up White River Broadcasting Tower  
Team training twice, once during CARC meeting for pre-SET and once online for pre-ShakeOut

BENTON-----

Benton County only has 24 active amateur radio licenses in the county and one of those is a club license. Promoting amateur radio and getting more individuals licensed will need to happen in conjunction with developing an ARES program in Benton County.

BLACKFORD CO-----

Report submitted by Dist 6 DEC

BROWN-----

With 75 individual and 5 club active licenses. Is able to support an ARES team. We just need someone to step up and volunteer to be the Emergency Coordinator to coordinate it.

CARROLL-----

Carroll County is one of the mostly rural counties and has 46 licensed hams. There are no clubs licensed in Carroll County and organizing ARES is a challenge; however, with Charles Berry, KD9ZBD, now registered with the Section ARES things are starting to look up for Carroll County.

CASS-----

All activity from our regular weekly net. 5 events, 62 check-ins, 123 minutes.

CLARK COUNTY-----

None

CLINTON-----

Clinton County has 85 active licenses with 2 of those being club licenses and one known silent key whose license is still active. There are no ARES registered members or appointees.

DEARBORN-----

Dearborn County is seeking volunteers for ARES, including volunteers to fill leadership roles.

DECATUR-----

Decatur county is looking for volunteers for ARES, including leadership roles.

DELAWARE CO-----

We participated in the Statewide SET on October 11th. We had 21 participants from Delaware, Madison and Randolph Counties

FAYETTE CO-----

Report submitted by Dist 6 DEC

FLOYD-----

Floyd County needs volunteers for ARES including leadership positions.

FOUNTAIN-----

Fountain County has 33 active licenses with one being a club license. There are no registered ARES members or appointees.

FRANKLIN-----

Franklin County needs volunteers for ARES including leadership positions.

GRANT-----

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HAMILTON-----

in person meeting on October 4th, we had Bryan Kercheval and Tom Huser give presentations on CERT and being a Hamilton County EOC Volunteer. Very good meeting with a lot of information.

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

2025 SET -

18 participants total:

10 ARES members

8 non-ARES members

1 guest.

5 stations deployed to three locations.

HARRSION-----

42 Check Ins and 103 mins of air time

HENDRICKS-----

The Plainfield Community Night Out was held on October 7th. We had a booth set up with displays and

information on ARES and HAM radio. We accumulated just over 7.5 man-hours.

The annual Hendricks County Halloween Patrol went off without a hitch again this year. We had six ARES members patrol designated neighborhoods and one as Net Control as requested by the Hendricks County Sheriff. We accumulated just over 23 man-hours.

JACKSON-----

Jackson County has 103 active amateur radio licenses. 1 of those is a club license. We need an Emergency Coordinator in Jackson County.

JAY CO-----

Report submitted by Dist 6 DEC

JEFFERSON-----

Volunteers are needed for ARES including leadership positions.

JENNINGS-----

Continue to work on trying to grow the group and completing task books.  
HF radio issue at EMA is still not resolved.

KNOX COUNTY-----

N/A

LAKE-----

Lake County continues to re-develop an ARES team. Several hams have submitted ARES registrations and working on their task books. We need a qualified person to step up to be the Emergency Coordinator.

LAWRENCE-----

196 amateur radio licenses, 8 of them are club licenses. Lawrence County has the capability to support an ARES team in the county. We just need someone to volunteer to organize it.

MADISON CO-----

Report submitted by Dist 6 DEC

MARSHALL-----

2 members operated for 30 hours at the IT100

MONROE COUNTY-----

Monroe Co Stepped up this month especially to assist with the annual Hilly 100.

Hilly 100 Bike Ride Oct 11 - 12 (20) participant activated for almost a 24 hr period this was our SET Public Service POTA Like setup for public

SET Net for non Hilly 100 participants - (6) Check-ins. Followed state wide protocol

Monthly Warning Siren Test to support EMA (8)

5 Weekly nets (70)

5 Weekly Simplex nets (40)

MONTGOMERY-----

Montgomery County has 94 active licenses with one being a club license. There are no registered ARES members or appointees.

MORGAN-----

Why can't this page get populated for the whole year or at least a month ahead of the current month? I can't turn in a report on the 31st for the following month without using a form that's dated a month old. Then it doesn't get recorded...

NEWTON-----

I have had several conversations with a few individuals including club representatives, individual hams and public safety officials about ARES in Newton County. I believe that we are heading in the right direction. We just need a qualified person to take on the responsibility of Emergency Coordinator.

OHIO-----

No ARES team currently exists in Ohio County. We need volunteers to fill the void.

ORANGE-----

Orange County is seeking a volunteer for the position of Emergency Coordinator for the ARES program.

PORTER COUNTY-----

We had 7 Participants in the October siren Net. We had 3 participants in the SET.

PULASKI COUNTY-----

There is currently no EC in Pulaski County or an organized ARES group. Planning was recently discussed to address the county.

PUTNAM COUNTY-----

PCCERT KC9VRA Carl and KC9PIB Nancy had one battery change with Project Lifesaver this month - 30 minutes

RIPLEY-----

Ripley County has over 100 amateur radio operators. We need volunteers for the ARES program.

RUSH CO-----

Report submitted by Dist 6 DEC

SCOTT COUNTY-----

The Scott County EMA Group held a VE Testing Session Saturday, October 11th at the EOC. The next testing session is scheduled for December 13th at 11:00 AM. Walk-Ins are always welcome. The testing location is at the Bacala Center, 69 E Wardell St, SE Corner of Courthouse Square, Scottsburg IN 47170 and is ADA accessible. For more info email: [steve@wr9g.net](mailto:steve@wr9g.net) or visit [www.wr9g.net/links](http://www.wr9g.net/links). 73, Steve WR9G

ST. JOSEPH-----

The County is being monitored by DEC.

SULLIVAN-----

Sullivan County has 66 active amateur radio licenses, 3 are club licenses. There are no registered ARES members or appointees.

TIPPECANOE-----

- 1)TCARES has MOU with WIRES repeater group and Purdue W9YB (in good standing after conversation in 2024). To be verified is MOU with Salvation Army and TARA (Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association).
- 2)Looking at the number of Hams in Tippecanoe County from the Indiana ARES Report finds about 9 Extra Class hams that are SK, and many Techs that were Purdue Students that have moved, never changed address, and do not want to continue in Amateur Radio. They got their License for use of radios in several class projects. When FCC site is operational, will continue the review. A number of Hams on FCC list are known to support ARES but do not want to participate (Previous members, Retired Hams and / or with Medical issues)
- 3)Talk with Franciscan Hospital for the 2026 Neonatal 5K walk /Run if they still want TCARES to help with comms.
- 4)Have not heard back from TEMA for Christmas Parade support.

TIPTON COUNTY-----

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UNION CO-----

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VIGO-----

Vigo County has several active amateur radio operators that are integrated into local emergency through more than one local group. There is no ARES registered members or appointees. It is unclear if Vigo County has any agreements for communication support from outside of the county.

WARREN-----

Warren County has 25 active licenses with 2 of those being club licenses. There are no registered ARES members or appointees.

WASHINGTON-----

Washington County is looking for volunteers for ARES.

WAYNE CO-----

Report submitted by Dist 6 DEC

WHITE-----

White County has 46 active licenses with one of those being a club license. There are no registered ARES members or appointees.

## Section Manager's desk

**Note:** Each week, I send out an Indiana Section News email for that week. If you are an ARRL member, log into your profile on the ARRL website to make sure you have "Division and Section News" selected in the "Opt In/Out" section in order to get those weekly emails. The items you see here in the "From the Section Manager's desk" section of the monthly section news are taken from the weekly emails.

### ARRL Teachers Institute

Adam Warrix KD9NRT of Fort Wayne and Martha Bowman KD9VNX of Unionville recently attended the ARRL Teachers Institute of Wireless Technology. The institute teaches classroom teachers about how to incorporate wireless technology into the classroom. Congratulations to Adam and Martha for completing this program. For more information about the ARRL Teachers Institute, see: <http://www.arrl.org/teachers-institute-on-wireless-technology> If you know of a teacher who might be interested in attending, the ARRL does reimburse some of the travel expenses.

### Call for Instructors

ARRL is embarking on a journey of training for club officers and members. The new club development webinar series will include live Q&A, and the live sessions will be available to everyone. The webinars will be recorded and available to ARRL members through the ARRL Learning Center. The ARRL is looking for ARRL members to help produce, create, and deliver the webinars.

The purpose of this program is to offer a series of short webinars that offer training for the skills needed to build and run a successful club. If you or one of your club officers has good ideas about club leadership, activities, finance, or recruiting and you'd like to help with the webinars, please contact Josh Johnston KE5MHV at [JJohnston@arrl.org](mailto:JJohnston@arrl.org) for further details.

### Basic Electronics Class

The Hancock County Amateur Radio Club is planning to offer a basic electronics class sometime this winter. If you live in the Hancock County area and would like to learn more about electronics, you can find out about their plans and take a survey to indicate your interests by clicking here: <https://w9atg.org/basic-electronics-class/>

### Digital Library of Amateur Radio and Communications

The Internet Archive has begun gathering content for the Digital Library of Amateur Radio and Communications (DLARC). This will be an online library of materials and collections related to amateur radio and early digital communications. The DLARC is funded by a grant from the Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), a private foundation, to create a digital library that documents, preserves, and provides open access to the history of this community. The DLARC project is looking for partners and contributors with troves of ham radio, amateur radio, and early digital communications related books, magazines, documents, catalogs, manuals, videos, software, personal archives, and other historical records collections, no matter how big or small. Internet Archive will work directly with groups, publishers, clubs, individuals, and others to ensure the archiving and perpetual access of contributed collections, their physical preservation, their digitization, and their online availability and promotion for use in research, education, and historical documentation. All collections in this digital library will be universally accessible to any user. For more information, contact Kay Savetz K9KJN at [kay@archive.org](mailto:kay@archive.org).

### NIFOG and AUXFOG

The Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) publishes two books that you may find to be interesting references. The National Interoperability Field Operations Guide (NIFOG) is a technical reference for emergency communications planning and for radio technicians responsible for radios that will be used in

disaster response. Of more interest to amateur radio operators is the Auxiliary Communications Field Operations Guide (AUXFOG) which is a reference for auxiliary communicators (amateur radio operators) who directly support backup emergency communications for state/local public safety agencies or for amateur radio organizations supporting public safety. Both documents are downloadable as PDFs from CISA's website at: <https://www.cisa.gov/safecom/field-operations-guides>

### You can help

There are two bills before Congress, S.459 in the Senate and H.R.1094 in the House, that would go a long way to help hams who live with private land use restrictions. These restrictions are often imposed by home-owners' associations. These are bi-partisan bills with co-sponsors from both sides of the political aisle.

ARRL lobbyists have been talking to Members of Congress about these bills and we need action from the amateur radio community to help the lobbyists deliver a stronger message. You can ask your Congressional representatives to support these bills by pointing your browser to <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>, enter your amateur radio callsign, and click the "Send My Letters" button. The form will fill in your address information from the FCC license database and use your ZIP Code to determine the correct Senate and House members. That's all there is to it.

What will happen with your letters? They will be printed out by the ARRL lobbyists and hand delivered to the appropriate Member of Congress. Could you write your own letter and send it yourself? Yes, you could. However, individual letters are sometimes delayed or mislaid on their way to Congressional offices. If you use the link shown here, your letter will be hand-delivered to your representatives' offices. Could you send an email yourself? Yes, you could. But, individual letters from constituents that are printed and hand-delivered will have much more impact and that's the service our lobbyists can provide. Do you have to be an ARRL member? No. Every licensed amateur radio operator can use this website to send letters to Congress.

So, do it now! Go to <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>, enter your callsign, and click "Send My Letters".

To club officers, you can use the strength of your club's membership to send a message to Congress. Get in touch with Affiliated Club Coordinator Jimmy Merry KC9RPX ([kc9rpx@gmail.com](mailto:k9rpx@gmail.com)) or myself ([ak9r@arrl.org](mailto:ak9r@arrl.org)) for information about using the club letter boilerplate that the ARRL has prepared.

## Upcoming Hamfests in Indiana

The up-to-date hamfest listing for Indiana, and the entire U.S., can be found on the ARRL's website at: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search> Note: Hamfests must be submitted to the ARRL in order to appear on the ARRL website. For more information, see: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application>

If your hamfest is not listed here, please contact Bob Burns AK9R, ARRL Indiana Section Manager, at [ak9r@arrl.org](mailto:ak9r@arrl.org)

### **Hendricks County Hamfest ARRL Indiana Section Convention**

**Start Date:** 02/07/2026

**End Date:** 02/07/2026

**Location:** Hendricks Co. 4H Fairgrounds and Conference Center  
1900 E. Main St.

Danville, IN 46122

**Website:** <http://n9hc.org>

**Sponsor:** Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Talk-In:** 147.015 MHz 88.5 PL

**Public Contact:** John Farmer , N9CQ

4157 Mimosa Dr. Plainfield, IN 46168

Phone: 317-308-0890

**Email:** [Hamfest@n9hc.org](mailto:Hamfest@n9hc.org)

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