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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.

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).

Attached is the Section Traffic Manager's report for October 2025. Note of interest 2 of the larger VHF nets in the state failed to submit their report on time this month. I will reach out to the respective net managers and remind them of the deadline for reporting...Thank you and 73

INDIANA STM REPORT OCTOBER 2025					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
ITN	N9TU	1367	103	1371	62
QIN	NJ9S	134	37	373	31
TOTALS					
NETS REPORTING					

INDIANA STM REPORT OCTOBER 2025							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	40	40	30	0	0	20	130
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W9EEU	40	82	20	40	0	20	202
TOTALS							
STATIONS REPORTING		3					

INDIANA STM REPORT OCTOBER 2025						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORIGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	4	41	40	0	85
AB9ZA	ORS	0	45	27	7	79
W9EEU	ORS	0	41	41	0	82
W9PC	ORS	0	0	4	0	4

INDIANA STM REPORT OCTOBER 2025					
VHF/UHF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	62	0	123	5
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	110	0	92	4
CLAY COUNTY ARES	W9EEU	40	0	75	4
D STAR NET	K9NQW	92	0	117	5
IMO NET	K9SKS	NR	NR	NR	NR
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	16	0	38	3
INDIANA SECTION ARES	KD9EDR	2516	102	1387	233
MID STATE ARC	KI6QOG	206	0	214	4
LAPORTE ARES	KD9LWR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	50	7	91	5
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	51	0	122	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	117	2	117	5
TRI STATE 2 METER	AG8O	276	0	424	22
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	85	0	142	4
14					
NETS REPORTING					

Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR								
DMR Date		Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
10/06/25		KC9OYW	25	0	24	20:00	20:24	442.750(+)
10/13/25		KC9OYW	31	0	24	20:00	20:24	442.750(+)
10/20/25		K9NQW	25	0	22	20:00	20:22	442.750(+)
10/27/25		K9NQW	29	0	22	20:00	20:22	442.750(+)
Sessions:	4	Total:	110		92			
Month of Report:		October 2025						
D-Star Date		Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
10/02/25		K9NQW	10	0	21	20:00	20:21	443.400(+)
10/09/25		K9NQW	10	0	18	20:00	20:18	443.400(+)
10/16/25		KA9OPL	13	0	32	20:00	20:32	443.400(+)
10/23/25		KA9OPL	16	0	25	20:00	20:25	443.400(+)
10/30/25		K9NQW	13	0	21	20:00	20:21	443.400(+)
		Total:	62		117			
Sessions:	5							
Month of Report:		October 2025						

QIN QNU

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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 11:30 ET on 7035 khz.

Net Control Assignments:

Day	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
0100Z NCS	W9PC MARK	NJ9S BRUN0	WB9FIU RUSTY	NJ9S BRUNO	WB9FIU RUSTY	K9LA CARL	K9LA CARL
11:30 ET NCS		W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	



NJ9S LOOKING OVER SOME OF THE LST325 RADIO EQUIPMENT

The photo above was taken aboard the museum ship LST 325 several years ago. This ship is now ported at Evansville, IN after being saved from the scrap yard and returned to the U.S. from the Mediterranean Sea by volunteers. If you have the opportunity to visit one of the museum ships or submarines located around the country, I recommend you do so. Many hams became “Sparks”, or radiomen on these ships; and many military radiomen became hams following their military service. Were you one of them?

REMEMBER, NOVEMBER 11th IS VETERANS’ DAY!

Most of us enjoy attending hamfests- I certainly do! However, as I get older, it becomes more difficult to get to them for one reason or other. So far this year, I was able to attend the Elkhart East hamfest, but had to miss the Kalamazoo hamfest (two of my favorites!). The Fort Wayne hamfest will be held on November 15th and 16th this year, and I’m going to do my best to get there. I hope to see some of you there!

NOTE: Brian W9BGJ has shifted the time and band for the **Early QIN** nets to **11:30 a.m.** on **7035 khz** Monday through Friday. If you have time and are seeking a traffic net fix, stop by and QNI with Brian!

Usually I take a moment to recall a memory or two from our amateur radio past, but this month I'd like to take a moment to dwell a bit on our next national holiday after vets day and before Christmas- **THANKSGIVING!** We as a nation have come a long way from when the Pilgrim forefathers celebrated that first Thanksgiving Day. They were grateful to have survived the early rigors of the "New World". Much has transpired since then- wars, civil war, and economic depression(s). Our nation has survived, thrived and today is deemed one of the richest of it's peers. However, I worry for our country. Too many of our young people drop out of school or graduate without the necessary skills to properly support themselves. I worry about a government that refuses to work harmoniously **with itself** to legislate the nation and to work toward eliminating the nation's debt. I'd like to see a nation of citizens that is grateful for what we have, and citizens that truly live by the golden rule! Happy Thanksgiving Day to all of you!

Amateur radio exists for the service we can provide.

73,
Bruno NJ9S

CURRENT QIN (EVE) NET ROSTER & PARTICIPATION STATS

CALL	NAME	QTH	QNI OCT 2025	NCS OCT 2025
W9BGJ	BRIAN	HUNTINGTON, IN	9	6
WB9FIU	RUSTY	COLUMBUS, IN	27	9
W9PC	MARK	ROSSVILLE, IN	5	3
K9LA	CARL	FORT WAYNE, IN	26	7
AD8WR	DAVE	GRANGER, IN	7	
K9UT	JERRY	RICHMOND, IN	9	
NJ9S	BRUNO	MISHAWAKA, IN	27	11
N9OL	JOHN	EVANSVILLE, IN		
KA8BJA	FRANK	COSHOCTON, OH	11	
W9KTP	JERRY	VALPARAISO, IN		
WD4MSM	BARRY	SOUTH BEND, IN		
NI9Y	DAN	MISHAWAKA, IN		
WB8SIW	JIM	BUCHANAN, MI	1	
K0TQ	MIKE	N. VERNON, IN	1	
WA2USA	DENNIS	NEWBURGH, IN		
N9IVI	IVIN	PLAINFIELD, IN		
WD9DWE	DENNIS	PEKIN, IN	5	
NA9F	RON	COLUMBUS, IN	1	
N8AFT	LANE	COLUMBUS, OH	4	

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	
OCT 2025	35	134	37	25	373	

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).

Chris Frederick KQ9Y

ANTENNA PROJECT

FINALLY!! The antenna change-out project that has been underway for nearly a year is completed.

Mid-State ARC operates both VHF and UHF repeaters in Johnson County.

The old system, the original, was a Decibel Products DB222 2M stick, top mounted at 140' AGL on the tower of a local township fire department. About the same time that was installed, fed by 190 feet of 7/8" Heliac, a member opined we should put up a spare, "just in case". A Comet dual band was mounted on a water pipe at 130' AGL, fed with an old roll of 213 someone came up with. Eventually the dual band was connected to one of the "NEW" Yaesu DR-1X repeaters. Coordination through the IRCINC, and we went live on UHF.

Over many years the DB222 started to produce a crackling sound when RF was applied. A Diplexer was located to place both repeaters on the side mounted Comet at 130 feet. Covered the county! So always good.

The dual band gave way to a Diamond D200, with a coax change out to 7/8" Heliac. (Yes, the plastic coupler half way up on the Comet was split vertically, and the bottom half of the cover was filled with water.) Somehow it still worked, with a VSWR under 1.5:1!!! Somehow!!!

Two weeks ago, a tower climber was located. AT A DECENT PRICE! And one heck of a nice fella. Well, he is also a HAM. So that's automatic.

The DB222 came down, to be replaced with a Diamond X510. That is now on the air on 2M, Yaesu DR-1X. The side mount Diamond X200 was replaced with a Diamond X700. Also a Yaesu DR-1X. Both are connected with 7/8" Heliac. On the repeater frequencies, both antennae are right at 1.3:1

And this project is finally completed. A couple years in the making. Biggest road block? Finding a climber.

I wish to acknowledge the assist from Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX for a couple suggestions, that led to a couple additional contacts, that finally led to a climber that, frankly, just likes to climb!! And he does it safely!!!

Field intensity measurements are being done, like I used to do at a directional AM broadcast station decades ago. That turned out to be like "riding a bike." New measurements, compared to previously logged measurements? Night and day.

Mark Skowronski K9MQ

This month, I continued mentoring the new ham that I've been helping. With the government shutdown ending, he received his license and new callsign. At his request, I provided him with a list of area repeaters that he should program into his new handheld. I'm hoping I will be able to work him, on the air soon.

Roger McEntarfer, N9RM

For the month of November, 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.

I continued working with the Whitley County W5YI VE Team with virtual remote testing and In Person Testing.

November 2025

I attended the Quarter Century Wireless Club Meeting in Sarasota, FL on Monday November 3, 2025, and saw a great program on a Solar Powered Battery Backup system.

I led the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club In-Person Test session on November 8, 2025 at the Venice Library from 10AM to noon. We had one applicant at the session and he passed his Technician test.

I attended the Fort Wayne Hamfest on November 15, 2025. My N9RM Test Team conducted Amateur Radio Testing from 9AM to noon. We produced 9 new Technician class, 6 General class and 2 Extra class operators at our session.

I assisted with the Auburn In-Person Test session on November 22, 2025. We had two students upgrade from Technician to Extra, one additional upgrade to Extra and one applicant passed the Technician and General tests.

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 rlmcen56@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>

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 the Annual Dinner Meeting and will be held at the El Rancho Mex Grill, 5108 W. County Line Road N, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG

Nov 4th -Finish the Extra Class License training

Nov 7th - In preparation for a new tower at the repeater site, antenna clamps and other parts were obtained for coax installation.

Nov 10th - One of the W9OU members donated an ICOM37A 220MHz radio. However it had no audio. the Audio and Squelch potentiometers were open circuit. New parts were received however they had to be modified as the parts needed were no longer available. After modifying the control shafts, the radio now operates properly,

Nov 11th - The analog repeater & DMR repeater are on a common antenna, the Winlink Gateway and APRS antennas are at new location on the tower. New ERP calculations were being made to determine any issues and determine coverage range for the site.

Nov 14th - The antennas for the repeaters, Winlink Gateway and APRS has 10 ft coax cables to allow for flexibility after being mounted. The cable on the repeater was LMR-400. This coax was switched with the APRS antenna. The LMR-400 can develop passive intermodulation over time. The duplex operation of a repeater using LMR-400 could generate noise in the receive signals. The repeater coax was change to RG213 to avoid the noise issue in the future.

November 2025

Nov 20th to 26th - The system requires documenting the repeater cabling, setup, power output and ERP calculations for both analog and DMR. The Winlink Gateway and APRS also require similar documentation.

Nov 27th - A W5YI test session was held in Auburn. We have 3 new Extra Class operators: AD9HU Tim, AD9HV Andrew, and AD9HW Joseph and one New General Class Operator KE9EFE Richard.

A Windows 11 issue has come to light. The Prologic chip (PL2303TA) used in some of the USB cables for programming radios will not work. Prologic is not supporting drivers for Windows 11. FTDI has a pin for pin replacement for the PL2303TA. It is an FTDI RL232R. I have replaced 4 devices in the SCU-20 cable for some Yaesu radios.

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).

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 November 13, 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 December 11, 2025.

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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>

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.

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: November 2025
 History: Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2025-12-20 14:12:01 UTC

Number of DEC/ECs reporting this month:	68	
Total number of DEC/ECs appointed in section:	46	
4. Total number of ARES members:	615	
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D	
5. Number of ARES net sessions held:	161	
6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	39	
7. Number of participants in nets:	2,047	
	Number	Person-Hrs
8. Exercises this month:	77	225.80
9. Training events this month:	14	66.40
10. Public service events this month:	1	8.00
11. Community service events this month:	2	185.40
12. Emergency events this month:	0	0.00
13. SKYWARN events this month:	5	85.80
14. Meetings this month:	29	216.80
15. Unclassified events this month:	1	4.10

Call signs of DEC/ECs reporting:

K9WG, KA9AMP, KB9WWM, KC9AFE, KC9JAV, KC9RPX, KC9RVL, KC9VRA, KD9BKU, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA,

KD9MRM, KD9PMT, KD9TFY, KP4CI, KV9N, N9CJT, N9CWW, N9JIN, N9JPX, N9LAA, N9UN, NM9R, W9COD, W9DRB, W9MDT, W9SOX, WR9G

Activity Details:

DISTRICT 3-----

Quiet month in D3. Preparing for the IT Marathon/Half Marathon at Chain O'Lakes SP in December.

DISTRICT 5-----

No activity for November

DISTRICT 6-----

Delaware Co: Normal 3 Nets per week on 441.900 & 146.730 repeaters followed by 146.490 Simplex Net

ALLEN COUNTY, IN-----

No public service events this month. Preparations underway to support an Indiana Trail Event in December.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY-----

Impromptu on-air discussion of considerations (sound cards, antennae) for digital HF ops (see line 15)

BLACKFORD CO-----

Blackford Co EC position is Vacant

CASS-----

No activity in this section

CLARK-----

Normal weekly nets discussed future training

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DEKALB COUNTY INDIANA-----

Topics covered: Winterize-maintain gas powered equipment, Emergency Food Storage, Winter Weather definitions and Safety Winter Driving

DELAWARE CO-----

Normal 3 weekly Nets held, on 441.900 & 146.730 Repeaters and 146.490 Simplex

FAYETTE CO-----

Fayette Co EC position is vacant

FULTON COUNTY-----

Fulton County ARES group have been working hard with our county 911 dispatch to start building an EOC at the Fulton County Sheriff's Department. After getting the blessing of the County commissioners to use a dedicated room just off of the dispatch center to set up our ARES EOC. Weather will dictate how long it will take to get our antennas installed on the departments roof. These will include UHF VHF and HF antennas. We will also have a dedicated Winlink station to work with our KD9PMT-10 Gateway we have installed and operating at the Fulton County Highway Department and our station at our county EMA comms room.

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-----

ARES members helped the Good Samaritan Network deliver Thanksgiving meals to people in the community that need assistance over the holiday. There were 15 of us that helped GSN deliver over 400 boxes of complete Thanksgiving meals on the Saturday before the holiday.

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Hancock county local net

HARRISON-----

85 Mins of air time

HENDRICKS-----

We conducted four (4) weekly Tuesday Night ARES Nets on 145.130 MHz during the month and had good participation. We accumulated just over 15.6 man-hours of airtime.

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

The Monthly Hospital Net is done for the year and will start back up in January of 2026.

HOWARD-----

The Kokomo Amateur Radio Club hosted a Technician class this fall. With 5 students enrolled, 5 passed after 8 weeks of instruction. Students met one night a week for 3 hours. Classes were taught by several different volunteers who were more than excited to share their love of this great hobby. Also, the members of KARC will enjoy their annual Christmas dinner together on Sunday December 14th at Half Moon in Kokomo.

JAY CO-----

Jay Co EC position is vacant

JENNINGS-----

Trying to get training calendar topics set for 2026. Finalization of topics and dates slated for December meeting.

One additional VE now in the group.

One has become a registered license instructor.

KNOX COUNTY-----

Meeting 5 OCT 2025 with 19 present.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY-----

Members supported the Ft Wayne Hamfest with Parking

MADISON CO-----

Madison Co EC position is vacant

MARION COUNTY INDIANA-----

This month we resumed Winlink practice starting with a basic re-familiarization of the application with plans for increasing difficulty and elements as the months go on. During our monthly planning meeting we drafted our calendar of events and activity for 2026.

Amateur radio participated in the annual Monumental Marathon again this year which went well from the radio perspective.

MARSHALL COUNTY-----

Held the weekly net 4x with a total of 40 check-ins

MONROE CO INDIANA-----

In November Monroe County held 4 ARES Nets (68), 4 Simplex Nets (32), and 1 net to assist the Monroe County EMA office to test the severe weather warning sirens (8). Also 1 Skywarn net on Nov 18 (8).

DAILY COCORAHS NETS AT 730 AM TO ASSIST NWS INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE. KC9RPX, N9JPX, KD9LES, KB9RBB, K9AKL, K9CBB, KE9CBU FOR PRECIP

During the Skywarn net we were assisted with checkins from Owen, Greene, Vigo and Sullivan Counties by KD9AWM, N9TLC, KD9AKL, K9MRV.

MORGAN-----

None...

PUTNAM COUNTY-----

ARES 2 Meter Tuesday Evening Net at 8:00 pm Net. Average 7 members for 4 weeks in November.

PORTER COUNTY-----

just the weekly nets this month

RUSH CO-----

Rush Co EC position is vacant

SCOTT COUNTY-----

In November, there were 4 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 47 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

STARKE COUNTY-----

ATTENDED STARKE COUNTY RADIO CLUB MEETING

TIPPECANOE-----

Tippecanoe County Emergency Management cancelled the monthly siren test. TCARES had had it's monthly training nets on Mondays at 20:00 on the 145.370 / PL 131.8 with a focus on practicing the skills of net discipline, standard ARES net procedures, and net control operations. All are welcome to participate. After the last TCARES meeting in October, Brent K9NMT and Bobby KP4CI talked about doing a net on the WC9IN connected repeaters once a month for District 4 on the third Monday of the month at 20:30 hours. The first net took place November 17th with 26 participants and 4 different counties. Next District 4 net will take place December 15th.

TIPTON COUNTY-----

No special activities this month

UNION CO-----

Union Co EC position is vacant

VERMILLION-----

working on getting a net backup and running

WAYNE CO-----

Wayne Co EC position is vacant

Administrative and Other Comments:

DISTRICT 3-----

We continue our search for EC's in the Counties without representation.

DISTRICT 6-----

Delaware Co Participated in IDHS Tabletop Exercise on November 6th. The scenario was how to communicate with no cell phone or internet service. Amateur radio is a key component when all else fails. This exercise demonstrated how vulnerable Public Safety entities are when primary communication methods are unavailable. Various Public Safety personnel participated, including Police, Fire, EMS, Hospital and IDHS.

ALLEN COUNTY, IN-----

Added 2 new members to the Allen County Team.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY-----

Wrote winter storm plan; scheduled upcoming team training event on the subject; turned in updated 2026 team calendar. EC and one other team member participated in ARRL webinar on Winlink (line 9).

BLACKFORD CO-----

Report submitted by District 6 EC

CASS-----

All activity this month from our regular weekly net. 4 events, 46 check-in's, and 91 minutes.

DELAWARE CO-----

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FAYETTE CO-----

Report submitted by District 6 EC

FULTON COUNTY-----

Hosted the District 2 ARES meeting.

HAMILTON-----

We had a CIARA ARES meeting on the first Saturday in November. We went over the Indiana SET from the month before and pulled up each picture that was assigned to a someone during the SET and discussed as a group how it should be rated using the FEMA PDA guide. The SET and the meeting were a good experience for everyone to learn more about how to assess damage.

HENDRICKS-----

The ARES LEADERSHIP meeting was held on November 17, 2025, at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds, located at 1900 E. Main St, in Danville, at 1900 hours.

HCARES wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

JAY CO-----

Report submitted by District 6 EC

JENNINGS-----

HF radio at EMA still usable.

KNOX COUNTY-----

N/A

KNOX COUNTY-----

N/A

MADISON CO-----

Report submitted by District 6 EC

MONROE CO INDIANA-----

GREAT GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS. WILL BE WORKING ON GETTING PLAN BOOKS AND COURSE WORK UPDATED FOR ALL FOLKS THAT ARE STILL INTERESTED IN ARES. AND RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FROM THE RECENT GROWTH IN NEWLY LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS.

RUSH CO-----

Report submitted by District 6 EC

SCOTT COUNTY-----

The Scott County EMA Group will host a VE testing session Saturday, December 13th at 11:00 AM. Sessions are normally held on the 2nd Saturday of every even numbered month. Walk-Ins are welcome, but all new candidates must be registered in the FCC CORES system and have received their FCC Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. 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 or visit www.wr9g.net/links. 73, Steve WR9G

TIPPECANOE-----

Finalize new meeting location. Finish 2026 TCARES calendar. Meeting with several organizations.

TIPTON COUNTY-----

No other activities this month

UNION CO-----

Report submitted by District 6 EC

VERMILLION-----

working on get a net back up

WAYNE CO-----

Report submitted by District 6 EC

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.

Indiana Amateur Radio License Plate

I've been working with Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles staff over the past few weeks on a redesign of the Indiana Amateur Radio License Plate. You can see the redesigned plate here:

<https://inarrl.org/news/indiana-amateur-radio-license-plate>

The release date has yet to be determined. BMV is still working out some details regarding this revised plate. It's entirely likely that the plate won't be available until after the first of the year. I ask everyone to be patient.

Call for articles

The editors of QST are looking for authors to contribute articles for publication. We always encourage submissions of general interest or technical manuscripts, however for upcoming issues, we're looking for authors to submit technical manuscripts specifically about their ARRL Field Day and emergency communications experiences. One specific area of interest is how POTA activators with their easy to set up antennas and battery power are being integrated into your operations. Contact Conrad Trautmann N2YCH at ctroutmann@arrl.org.

Club Newsletter Contest

As part of the ARRL's 2026 Year of the Club celebration, the ARRL is conducting a club newsletter competition. The contest is open to all ARRL Affiliated Clubs that have published a newsletter for at least one (1) year. The submission deadline is Friday, January 30, 2026, 4 p.m. Eastern time. Full details can be found here: <https://www.arrl.org/club-newsletter-contest>

Club Website Contest

As part of the ARRL's 2026 Year of the Club celebration, the ARRL is conducting a club website competition. The contest is open to all ARRL Affiliated Clubs that have a club website. The submission deadline is Friday, January 30, 2026, 4 p.m. Eastern time. Full details can be found here: <https://www.arrl.org/club-website-contest>

Images beamed from space

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) will mark two major milestones this month with a special Slow Scan Television (SSTV) event aboard the International Space Station (ISS). Beginning November 12 through November 20, the station will transmit a series of 12 commemorative SSTV images, pausing only for a scheduled educational contact. The downlink frequency over the U.S. is typically 145.800 MHz. Randy Hall K7AGE has a good video on his YouTube channel that covers decoding these images.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4yHEtHGm_Y

FCC reopened

Reports are that the FCC licensing systems are up and running again, though you may still experience some temporary glitches or slow-downs.

The ARRL-VEC has a backlog of more than 2,500 license applications that they are feeding into the FCC's systems. More info here: <https://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-vec-ready-to-file-2-500-ham-radio-license-applications-fcc-extends-renewal-filing-deadline>

VE teams: Please keep in touch with your VECs and follow up on any test sessions you conducted during the government shut-down. Make sure that any license applications that your team filed are processed.

Military-Amateur Radio Cross-band operating event

From Ken Bandy KJ9B, Indianapolis Radio Club Secretary:

There will be a military to amateur cross-band operating event coming up on December 6 and 7 in memory of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. If you haven't worked one of these events, they're really cool! By special permission from the FCC, operators from the Battleship Iowa Amateur Radio Association and Iowa's Innovation, Engineering, and Technology Team will activate the Iowa's original Navy call of NEPM. There will also be operators on the Battleship Alabama this year, using the Alabama's original Navy call of NEMW. The operators from the ships will be transmitting on DoD frequencies and listening for calls from amateurs in the standard ham bands.

These are great opportunities to test "split" operation on your HF radio (transmitting on a different frequency than you are listening on). Also, of special interest to Technician class operators, according to the frequency plan published, the Iowa will be listening in the Technician frequency range on 10-meters! So, fire up a 10 meter radio with a dipole outside and give it a shot!

For all the details on this operating event, point your browser to <https://biara.org>

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 homeowners' 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) or myself (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

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

Phone: 317-308-0890

Email: Hamfest@n9hc.org

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AND

A.R.R.L. INDIANA SECTION CONVENTION

FEB. 7, 2026
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Contact via AE9R@arrl.net OR hamfest@n9hc.org

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