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## FWRC BACK AT HISTORIC FORT WAYNE FOR FIELD DAY 2017



Field Day photos provided by Al Burke, WB9SSE. More photos in this issue and on the web page.



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## FWRC WINS INDIANA QSO PARTY

The scores are in, and Fort Wayne Radio Club has won the club competition of this year's Indiana QSO Party!! This is mostly due to the excellent performance of Jack Shutt, W9GT, who also is the individual winner of the INQP. Way to go, Jack!!

With 167,000 points the FWRC has easily won with the second place Goshen and Kokomo clubs all beating the Indianapolis club.

To see all the scores and results, go to the link <http://hdxcc.org/inqp/scores.php> and read all about it!

Thanks to all that worked the INQP and submitted their logs. Thanks again to Jack for the biggest score in the state and helping to push FWRC over the top. This is the second win for FWRC as well, and we have the plaques to prove it, hanging in our Robison Park repeater shack.

Steve, W9SAN



July 21: Field Day wrap up and more.

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## FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

The June meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 16 June, 2017, club president Charles Ward, KC9MUT presiding. There were about 35 people in attendance. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance everyone present introduced themselves via their call sign.

Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the status of the treasury. As of 16 June, 2017 the numbers were as follows:

Income year-to-date,	\$4,236.46
Expenses year-to-date,	\$6,517.72
Cash on hand:	\$ 140.18
Checking:	\$1,352.17
Savings:	\$7,824.51
Current membership:	125 members

Al Burke, WB9SSE provided a repeater status update. All FWRC repeaters are working nominally. There had been an issue with the Robison Park Command Link receiver that was resolved after Jim Pliett, K9OMA did a little tweaking on the receiver's front end helical filters. The ACARTS 147.255 repeater was moved to the Parkview/Randallia site and appears to be working fine. The ACARTS 147.390 digipeater is down and it has been given to ACARTS in order to determine the nature of its problem.

Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ is putting the finishing touches on an upgraded version of the 146.910-Echolink machine. It will feature a BridgeCom Systems BCR50V repeater, identical to the BridgeCom machine we are using for the 146.76/.16 repeater at Robison Park, and a Linux based microcontroller to provide the Echo Link controller function.

For several years we had been on the lookout for a used three-by-three, band reject/band pass duplexer to replace the two-by-two duplexer currently in service with the 146.910-Echolink machine. Paul Prestia found a really nice one (a WACOM WP-643) amongst the mud balls in the Flea Market at Dayton (Xenia). He was able to acquire it for the club for \$500.00. Since club expenses in excess of \$150.00 require a vote by the membership, Al Burke made a motion to formalize the expenditure in the name of the club which was seconded and voted in the affirma-

tive by all present.

Jim Boyer, KB9IH announced that a meeting of a Ft. Wayne Hamfest Steering Committee would occur at the Old Fort Friday night, 23 June, starting at 7:00 pm. Anyone who wishes to contribute ideas or volunteer to serve on the committee is encouraged to attend. Items on the meeting agenda include the purpose of this and follow-on meetings, assignments that need to be filled, documentation of the tasks involved in managing the event, and the location, time and date of following meetings.

Following the Business meeting a discussion of plans for Field Day occurred:

Charles Ward reported that we will be using the Old Fort in downtown Ft. Wayne as our Field Day site again this year. We will have access to the facility starting at 4:00 pm Friday, 23 June. Charles stated that the formal Field Day setup would occur starting at 09:00 am Saturday morning, 24 June, and the plan would be to separate the phone and cw station antennas as much as possible to minimize interference. We will likely utilize end-fed or dipole wire antennas for the HF stations and probably will erect one or more of our towers to serve as anchor points for them, and possibly to mount a six meter beam.

We will operate 5A or 6A. Charles plans to bring a 20 meter sideband rig, Bryan Jenks, WB9BGJ, will bring a CW station, Terry Bowman, K9FMX, (if he's available), will bring a CW station, Jack Forbing, N9GT, will bring a forty meter CW station, Steve Nardin, W9SAN will bring a six meter station, and we will set up the GOTA station managed by Debbie Jenks, KB9DEB. Undoubtedly additional equipment will show up as the needs dictate. Folks planning to support the set up Saturday morning, or the tear-down Sunday afternoon should bring a hard hat if they have one.

It was noted that we will have a meal Saturday evening again this year, probably starting about 6:30 pm. This time it will feature hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by Chef Charles, the buns, plates, utensils, condiments and napkins provided by the club. Everyone is re-

quested to bring a carry-in dish or dessert, similar to what we do at the Spring and Christmas banquets. (ARRL legend has it that Hiram Percy Maxim, co-founder of the ARRL, was fond of bringing deviled eggs and/or meatballs to early Field Day events....just saying). Sunday morning breakfast will be provided starting about 9:30 am for a \$3.00 fee. Attendees are requested to bring chairs and picnic style fold-up tables if possible to ensure that everyone has a place to sit down and enjoy their meal.

The official operating hours of Field Day itself are from 2:00 pm local Saturday to 2:00 pm local Sunday. Talk-in will utilize the 146.910/.310 machine.

Kevin Loughin, KB9RLW described a pre-Field Day QRP activity he is organizing, and presented a video on the same subject. Kevin is proposing that on the Friday evening prior to Field Day that QRP enthusiasts set up their equipment at Field Day sites across the country, and, in effect have a broad based QRP-QSO party. He has posted his idea on Face Book, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxbeu4oLKu8>

He has had about 2,500 people express interest and the ARRL is looking into the idea too.

He encouraged interested QRP'rs to drop by the Old Fort Friday evening after 4:00 pm and bring their gear.

The meeting concluded at about 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club

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### SWISS DAYS SPECIAL EVENT STATION

July 28 - 29, 1300Z-2000Z, W9A, Berne, IN. Adams County Amateur Radio Club.

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# State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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## ACARTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to Charles Ward, KC9MUT, for his great presentation on Foxhunting at the June ACARTS meeting. Charles gave many tips and tricks for a successful hunt. He invited anyone that was interested to ride along with one of the teams at the next foxhunt to see how it is really done.



sky conditions, the observatory is open to the public on Saturday nights after dark. Interested members could go across the park and do some star gazing. This picnic is in the early planning stages. We need to see if enough members and families are interested and think that they would

The results of the FM VHF/UHF Simplex Contest were announced at the June meeting and certificates presented to the winners. In the Rover category, the winners were the team of Charles Ward, KC9MUT and Fred Gengnagle, KC9EZF. The winner of the Base category was Steve Nardin, W9SAN. The surprise winner in the portable category, with only one contact, was Jim Boyer, KB9IH. Congratulations to the winners. See the article on the contest elsewhere in this newsletter for complete details of the contest.

The board of ACARTS would like to resurrect the club picnic that had been held in August for many years. We can hold a picnic at the Jefferson Township Park on Webster Road on Saturday, August 12th. The picnic would be in the late afternoon, early evening. The club would supply hamburgers and hotdogs, chips, and drinks. Salads and desserts would be a potluck carry-in. Everyone would be welcome, spouses, grandkids, etc. An HF rig could be setup to give everyone some operating fun. As an added bonus, the park is the home of the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society observatory. Depending on

like to attend if they were available. We will also need some of the members to step-up and take responsibility for some aspects of the event. Please contact me by Sunday, June 8th, and let me know if you would like ACARTS to have the picnic, and approximately how many people would be in your group. Also, let me know if you are willing to help out with some stage of the picnic. At this time, this is not a definite "I will be there", but just a poll to see how many members are interested. If not enough member express an interest at this time, the board will go no further with any planning. Please see the article on the proposed picnic elsewhere in the newsletter for more details. The ACARTS Picnic was a fun thing for the whole family several years ago. Let's try to bring it back and make it an annual event again.

Remember, there is no ACARTS board or general meeting in July.

73,

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

President

**July:** No ACARTS meetings in July.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all General meetings are held at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Center, 1212 E California Rd, Fort Wayne, IN. Board meeting are held at the Salvation Army Facility.



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## ACARTS JUNE 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Dave, W9LKH at 7:00 PM.

General meeting next week is Charles Ward, KC9MUT discussing Fox Hunting and Field Day. Joseph, K9RFZ presented the awards that will be handed out at the General Meeting next week for having participated in the VHF FM Simplex Contest.

There will be no Board or General meeting in July.

For August it is suggested that for August 12, 2017 our General Meeting, we

will have a picnic at Jefferson Township Park. The observatory will be open for those who would like to stay for stargazing. Clear weather permitting. The cost for rental is \$60.00 for the day. Board was asked to take a vote and all voted in favor. This will be our General Meeting event and we will not meet on August 15th.

Jim, KB9IH will be having a Hamfest steering committee meeting on June 23, 2017. This is on QRP night at the Old Fort where the Fort Wayne Radio Club will be setting up for Field Day.

Joseph, K9RFZ has six letters to send

out to newly licensed hams to attend our General Meeting next week.

Motion to adjourn by Norm, KD9HAV and second by Bob, N9PWM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted TJ, W9QHY

**NOTE:** At this time, the board meetings will still be held at the Salvation Army Center, 2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN at 7:00 PM.

## ACARTS JUNE 2017 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

ACARTS wants to have a picnic around 4:00 PM on August 12, 2017. We are looking for people to help out to make the picnic a success. A show of hands was asked for who would like to have the picnic. Majority would like to have the picnic.

Awards for the FM contest were handed out to Fred, KC9EZP Steve, W9SAN Jim, KB9IH and Charles, KC9MUT.

Presentation tonight is by Charles, KC9MUT on Foxhunting. This is a timed event and the term used is particular to the US.

Things to need for the hunt:

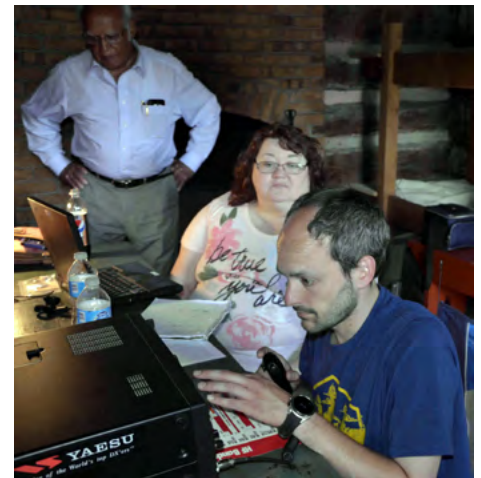
1. A radio with a signal meter
2. An antenna a small beam

3. An attenuator

At the start of the hunt it is best to find an area to get an initial bearing. The higher the antenna the better to get away from multi path signals. There are mapping programs; most common is Google Earth. Stopping often to get bearings enables you to obtain a better cross bearing to locate the approximate location of where the fox is hidden.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted TJ, W9QHY



A couple more of the FWRC Field Day photos. We should have more photos in next month's newsletter as well. To see all of them, go to the FWRC web page at:

[www.fwrc.info/index.php/photos/category/77-field-day-2017](http://www.fwrc.info/index.php/photos/category/77-field-day-2017)

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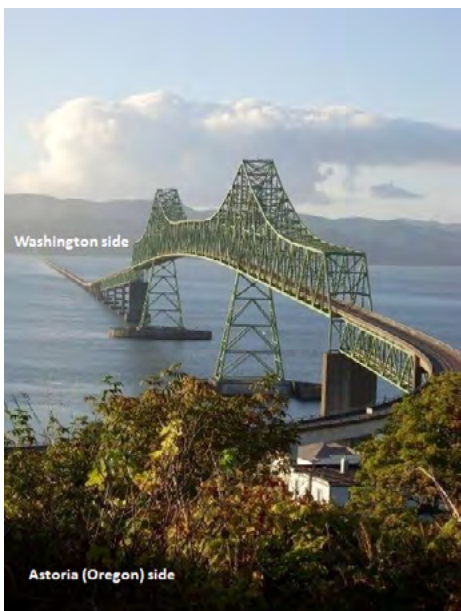


**Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA**

Last month (June) this column told of my trip to the International DX Convention in Visalia, CA. This month's column is a return trip to the West Coast – but a little farther south to Seaside, OR for SeaPac.

In June of 2011, Vicky and I attended the SeaPac Convention in Seaside, OR. The reason for attending was an invitation to me to give an afternoon presentation (three 1-hour sessions) on solar topics and propagation issues. We had a great time at the hamfest and also a great time visiting lighthouses (Cape Meares and Tillamook in Oregon, Cape Disappointment and North Head in Washington). We vowed to return to SeaPac in the future, and this year was the year we returned.

The purpose of this year's trip was similar to 2011 (see the 2017 brochure). But my presentation time was expanded



**Bridge Over the Columbia River**

# SEAPAC 2017

to a full day. I started from scratch (I didn't use the 2011 slides) and came up with seven 1-hour sessions.



We flew into Portland, OR on Thursday, and drove to Al K7AR's house in Vancouver, WA. His house was only a half hour or so from the Portland airport, and we had a great dinner with Al. Al was our team leader on our February 2001 DXpedition to Syria as YK9A. After dinner we made the 2-hour drive to Seaside, arriving at dusk for a great view of the Pacific Ocean sunset.

My full-day presentation on Friday went off without a hitch – after the organizers found a projector and a VGA-to-VGA cable. Those two items help tremendously when you're giving a PowerPoint presentation. That evening Vicky and I drove to Astoria to make our second trip across the bridge across the mouth of the Columbia River (see the picture of the bridge). That is one impressive bridge.

Saturday was essentially a free day. We checked in at the ARRL booth to say hello to Tom NY2RF (ARRL CEO), Bob NQ1R (ARRL HQ marketing person), Jim K7CEX (Northwestern Division Director), Bonnie AB7ZQ (Northwestern Division Vice Director) and many Northwestern Division Section Managers.

We also attended the DX Luncheon on Saturday. The speaker was Mike K6MKF, and he talked about his first ever DXpedition, which was to 3D2C Conway Reef in 2012. He also asked how many in the audience had worked them all, and 2 people (out of about 50) raised their hands – Jim K9JF (formerly of Ft Wayne) and me. Ft Wayne was well represented!

The flea market had lots of vintage gear. I certainly was tempted to buy something, but resisted knowing that I don't have a lot of room for more stuff (see the March 2017 FWDXA column to understand that comment).

## Northwestern Division Convention

*"The Northwest: Where Ham Radio is Growing"*



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**June 2, 3 and 4, 2017**

[www.seapac.org](http://www.seapac.org)



Sponsored by the Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Co-sponsored by the Clark County Amateur Radio Club

### SeaPac Brochure

The Saturday evening banquet was well attended, and the salmon was excellent. We left right after the dinner portion to drive back to Portland for our very early Sunday morning flight back home.

What can I say – we had another great time. Maybe we'll be back in several years for more fun at SeaPac in Seaside.



# ACARTS 2017 VHF FM SIMPLEX CONTEST RESULTS

By Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ  
ACARTS Vice-President

The ACARTS sponsored the 2017 Allen County VHF FM Simplex contest on Saturday April 8. More than 2 dozen participants spread across 16 townships in 4 different counties operated in the event. A total of 326 QSO's were confirmed during the 3-hour long sprint. The base station category was very competitive, while the rover and portable categories had a single entry in each. If you don't submit a log, then you aren't in the contest for a score. Even if you chose not to submit a log, giving out QSO's to those attempting to rack up big scores is very much appreciated. A few "DX" townships such as Thorncreek in Whitley County, Spencer in DeKalb, and Johnson in LaGrange only had one operator each, but they increased the township multiplier count for several operators. The contest score results are reported in the table below.

Certificate awards were presented by ACARTS President, Dave Lindquist W9LKH, at the June General meeting to first place winners in each operating category. The rover team of Charles Ward KC9MUT and Fred Gengnagel KC9EZP took top honors and boosted other scores with contacts

from multiple townships. Steve Nardin W9SAN operated his home base station to win his category. Jim Boyer KB9IH made a goodwill contact using his HT, submitted his log, and surprisingly won the portable category as the only entrant.

The Allen County VHF FM Simplex Contest started in 2009 as an ARES sponsored event to stimulate simplex operation and give every licensed operator an opportunity to compete with minimal equipment. The only award winners receive is a printed certificate and bragging rights. This year, Jim Moehring KB9WWM, the Allen County ARES Emergency Coordinator was hospitalized fighting a serious infection, so the ACARTS stepped up and sponsored the contest to keep the tradition alive. The ACARTS welcomes feedback about the format, rules, and execution of the contest. Regardless of which organization sponsors the contest next year, the ACARTS thanks all who participated and congratulates the 2017 winners.



Steve Nardin W9SAN Receives 1st Place Base Award.  
(L-R) Steve Nardin W9SAN, Dave Lindquist W9LKH



Jim Boyer KB9IH is Surprised to Win 1st Place Portable.  
(L-R) Jim Boyer KB9IH, Dave Lindquist W9LKH



Fred Gengnagel KC9EZP and Charles Ward KC9MUT Clinch Top Rover Award.  
(L-R) Fred Gengnagel KC9EZP, Charles Ward KC9MUT, Dave Lindquist W9LKH

## ACARTS 2017 VHF FM Simplex Contest

Call Sign	Category	QSO #	Township #	Score	Rank
W9SAN	Base	35	13	455	1
K9BLI	Base	29	13	377	2
WA9BBN	Base	26	13	338	3
KB9DPF	Base	28	12	336	4
KU8T	Base	22	12	264	5
WB9NOO	Base	25	10	250	6
N9TB	Base	29	8	232	7
N9HRA	Base	25	9	225	8
KB9OS	Base	19	9	171	9
KD9GDY	Base	10	5	50	10
KB9OZT	Base	5	4	20	11
KD9GDX	Base	2	1	2	12
KB9IH	Portable	1	1	1	1
KC9MUT/ KC9EZP	Rover	70	16	1120	1



# THE FOXHUNT CHRONICLES

Well, the June foxhunt was minimalistic in terms of hunters because only Team-Steve & Linda Nardin, W9's SAN & LAN and their grandson Alex, and Team-Charles Ward & Fred Gengnagel, KC9's MUT & EZP, were able to participate in this month's contest. But no matter, they were primed and ready to go at the starting point at Cobin Memorial Park, twirling their Weber Rakes (a technical term for receive antennas) in anticipation of detecting and getting a bearing on the electromagnetic waves launched from the fox's antenna.

The services of the fox this month was provided by Don Glick, K9LI who was situated on the back porch of his QTH out in Grabill. Don was not able to acquire the micro-fox normally used these days for our fox hunts, so locating Don constituted finding the fox for this contest.

The signal was weak but readable at the starting point. But once detected and a bearing to the north-east established the chase was on, and both teams drove like Fernando Alonso at the Indy 500. It took about 50 minutes for the hunters to get localized to the Leo-Cedarville-Grabill area. Linda, Steve and Alex went all the way around Riverside Park and down route 1, while Charles and Fred took a slower, but more precise route.

In Cedarville, the W9LAN team came upon the MUT team executing a U-turn in the middle of the road. (After phoning an anonymous tip to the Allen County Sher-

iff's department regarding apparent reckless driving), they followed the Charles team over Cedar Creek and spotted the location of the fox. Charles and Fred came to rest in a cloud of tire smoke, while the Linda-Steve-Alex team approached from the rear, and the chase was now on foot! Charles was first to discover Don and wife sitting on their back porch, so that team was deemed the winner.

Following the hunt everyone boogied over to the Tasty Freeze in Grabill for banana splits and other concoctions. As Alex was recovering from quadruple wisdom teeth removal he ate (according to him) only soft, tasteless food.

Scores for this hunt, and year to date totals are listed in the table.

So, Charles and Fred will serve as the fox for the July hunt. Why not join us?

73,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

## Classified Ads

Items for Sale

Want to Buy



If you have something you would like to have listed in the classified section then please send an email to the newsletter editor at [AB9ZD\(at\)ARRL.NET](mailto:AB9ZD(at)ARRL.NET).

**29th Annual Van Wert Hamfest**  
**Sunday, July 16, 2017**  
**Van Wert County Fairgrounds**  
[www.w8fy.org](http://www.w8fy.org)

**47th Indianapolis Hamfest**  
**July 7&8**  
**Marion County Fairgrounds**  
<http://indyhamfest.com/>

Call	Score This Month	Year to Date
WB9RUS	0	3
WB9SSE	0	6
K9OMA	0	8.33
KA9YYI	0	6.33
KC9MUT	3	18.67
KC9EZP	2	16.67
W9SAN	1	5
W9LAN	1	5
Alex	1	3
KC9UOQ	0	9.33
KK4QXC	0	8.33
K9LI	4	11

## Silent Key

### ROBERT F. ROSE, W9BRW



Robert F. Rose, 94, passed away Friday, June 23, 2017 in Fort Wayne. Born in Fort Wayne, Robert worked with Indiana Michigan Power for 43 years, where he began as a meter reader and retired as a manager. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Robert proudly served as a member of the US Army during WWII. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Radio Club, the Parkview Senior Club, and the American Legion. Robert enjoyed woodworking, fishing, following the weather, and most of all family gatherings. Memorials may be made to the Heartland Hospice and Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

For the complete obituary, see:

<http://hosting-24049.tributes.com/obituary/show/Robert-F-Rose-104918971>

## 2017 FOXHUNT SCHEDULE

The following is the planned Foxhunt schedule for 2017. All foxhunts start at 1:30 PM on Sunday at the River Greenway Trailhead at Cobin Memorial Park near Lakeside Golf Course.

July 9  
 August 6  
 September 10  
 October 1  
 November 5



# ACARTS PICNIC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

By Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ  
ACARTS Vice-President

2017 has seen several attempts at improving what ACARTS offers its members. We've moved the General Meeting to a larger and more amenable location at the Red Cross office. We're offering refreshments at the meetings to entice better attendance. We've gone to extra lengths to recruit guest speakers with topics that are fresh and interesting. We made special arrangements to host a tour of the GOES-16 weather satellite test facility. With all this effort, we still aren't seeing a commensurate growth in membership participation.

For several years, the ACARTS hosted a sizeable summer time picnic to gather families and friends for amateur radio fellowship, but then it dwindled to only a handful of members beside the Board and officers who carried the activity load. The picnic hasn't happened the last few years for lack of energy and interest. In my experience as the former ARRL Indiana Section Manager, clubs that don't work together on projects and share fun activities together become stale and wither until they fall below a critical threshold of interest before disbanding. Is this the impending fate of the ACARTS?



The ACARTS Officers and Board continue to provide opportunities to build club participation. We are trying to revive the annual summer time picnic, but we can't (and won't) do it without the members' support. We have placed a hold on the pavilion at the Jefferson Township Park on Webster Road (see map) about 3 miles east of New Haven.

The park has several benefits. It's large and spacious with several covered picnic

tables and a playground area for children (or grandchildren) to play while the adults are busy with ham radio. With power on site, we can set up some stations and operate away from all the city RFI. The pavilion has a kitchen with refrigerators and a stove for carry-in food handling. Indoor restrooms are available.

As an added bonus, Jefferson Township Park is the new location for the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society public observatory. If the weather is clear, then ACARTS members are welcome to visit the observatory, view planets, the moon (if the phase is right), and stellar clusters at no charge.

The event will start at 4pm with the carry-in dinner between 5 – 7PM on Saturday August 12. The ACARTS will furnish hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, lemonade, plates, cups, and plastic utensils. Members would be requested to bring side dishes and desserts to share. This activity will only happen if we can count on member participation and commitment. We need people who are willing to show up and pitch in. We need people who are willing to bring a grill for cooking

the hot dogs and burgers. We need people willing to help cook the meats. We need people willing to help clean up after the meal. In short, we need people who are willing to demonstrate that the ACARTS is a thriving club with



members who care about its longevity.

The ACARTS Officers and Board need to hear from you now. If you want the picnic to happen and are willing to support this club activity, then contact ACARTS President Dave Lindquist and let him know. We have the pavilion on hold for now, but we need to see the commitment and assess the level of interest before we go forward.



# CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are a few of the contests that will be held in the next few weeks. Please refer to the contest web sites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Some of the places on-line with information on contests include:

ARRL Contest Corral Web page	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	ARRL's National Contest Journal	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/ncj">www.arrl.org/ncj</a>
ARRL Contest Update	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contest-update-issues">www.arrl.org/contest-update-issues</a>	Contesting On-Line	<a href="http://www.contesting.com">www.contesting.com</a>
WA7BNM Contest Calendar	<a href="http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/">www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/</a>	DXNews	<a href="http://dxnews.com">http://dxnews.com</a>
DX Zone Contesting	<a href="http://www.dxzone.com/catalog/Contesting/">www.dxzone.com/catalog/Contesting/</a>	ARRL Contest Calendar	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar">www.arrl.org/contest-calendar</a>

IQRP QUARTERLY MARATHON			NRAU 10 METER ACTIVITY CONTEST			FISTS SUMMER UNLIMITED SPRINT					
JULY 3, 0800Z		JULY 9, 2000Z		JULY 6, 1700Z		JULY 6, 2100Z		JULY 8, 0000Z		JULY 8, 0400Z	
1.8-28	50+	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL		28	-	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL		3.5-28	-	CW	
RS(T)			RS(T), 6-CHAR GRID SQUARE			RST, SPC, FIRST NAME, MBR OR POWER					
<a href="http://www.arimontebelluna.it">www.arimontebelluna.it</a>			<a href="http://nrau.net/activity-contests">http://nrau.net/activity-contests</a>			<a href="http://fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints">http://fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints</a>					
IARU HF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP			RSGB 80 METER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, SSB			NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY, RTTY					
JULY 8, 1200Z		JULY 9, 1200Z		JULY 12, 1900Z		JULY 12, 2030Z		JULY 15, 1800Z		JULY 16, 0559Z	
1.8-28	-	PHONE, CW		3.5	-	PHONE		3.5-28	-	DIGITAL	
RS(T), ITU ZONE (HQ STATIONS: IARU SOCIETY)			RS, SERIAL			NAME, SPC					
<a href="http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship">www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship</a>			<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf">www.rsgbcc.org/hf</a>			<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>					
CQ WORLDWIDE VHF CONTEST			NAQCC CW SPRINT			ARS FLIGHT OF THE BUMBLEBEES					
JULY 15, 1800Z		JULY 16, 2100Z		JULY 20, 0030Z		JULY 20, 0230Z		JULY 30, 1700Z		JULY 30, 2100Z	
-	50, 144	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL		3.5-14	-	CW		7-28	-	CW	
4-CHAR GRID SQUARE			RST, SPC, MBR OR POWER			RST, SPC, POWER OR BUMBLEBEE NR					
<a href="http://www.cqww-vhf.com">www.cqww-vhf.com</a>			<a href="http://naqcc.info/">http://naqcc.info/</a>			<a href="http://arsqrp.blogspot.com/">http://arsqrp.blogspot.com/</a>					

ACARTS (W9INX) REPEATERS			FWRC (W9TE) REPEATERS			OTHER AREA REPEATERS			
Freq/Offset	Input Tone		Freq/Offset	Input Tone		Call	Freq/Offset	Input Tone	
146.880 (-)	No tone	General use / Skywarn priority	146.760 (-)	No tone	General use (Note 1)	W9FEZ	145.330 (-)	No tone	Fort Wayne
147.255 (+)	No tone	General use	146.910 (-)	No tone	General use (Notes 1 and 4)	W9FEZ	224.780 (-)	No tone	Fort Wayne (Note 1)
443.800 (+)	No tone	General use	146.940 (-)	141.3 Hz required	General use (Notes 1 and 3)	W9FEZ	444.800 (+)	No tone	Fort Wayne (Note 1)
144.390 (s)	Digital	APRS - wide	444.875 (+)	141.3 Hz required	General use (Note 1)	K9MMQ	443.100 (+)	N/A	Fort Wayne, DMR
145.530 (s)	Digital	W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node	442.99375	D-STAR	General use (Note 2)	K9MMQ	443.275 (+)	141.3 Hz required	Fort Wayne
<b>Notes:</b>			<b>Notes:</b>			N9MTF	442.6375 (+)	N/A	Fort Wayne, DMR
<b>General Note:</b> Standard 0.6 MHz (2-meter), 1.6 MHz (1.25-meter) and 5.0 MHz (70-cm) frequency offsets are used for all repeaters unless otherwise indicated.			1. 141.3 Hz output tone present 2. Offset + 5.0 MHz, W9TE ___ B, W9TE ___ G 3. Yaesu System Fusion repeater, supports both FM (analog) and C4FM (digital) voice 4. EchoLink connection repeater Node number 519521			W9AVW	444.250 (+)	141.3 Hz required	Fort Wayne
						W9OU	147.015 (+)	No tone	Auburn
Articles, photographs, and classified ads for publication in the Allen County HamNews should be emailed to the newsletter editor at <b>AB9ZD(at)ARRL.NET</b> several days before the first of the month. If you notice information that needs changed, please contact the newsletter editor by email.  The Allen County HamNews is prepared using Adobe's InDesign software along with PhotoShop and Acrobat on an i7 PC running Windows 10.						WC9AR	145.270 (-)	131.8 Hz required	Columbia City
						WC9AR	444.550 (+)	131.8 Hz required	Columbia City
						K9HC	146.685 (-)	141.3 Hz required	Huntington
						N9BCP	147.150 (+)	97.4 Hz required	Ligonier
						<b>Notes:</b> 1. 141.3 Hz output tone present			



# Membership Application for ACARTS OR FWRC

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted?  Yes  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site?  Yes  No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$25.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered?  by snail mail  download from web site.

<b>A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues</b>	
Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year
Additional family members <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Student membership <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Associate membership <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)	

<b>Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues</b>	
Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 / year
Family membership <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 / year
Student membership <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 / year
Associate membership <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 / year
Mailed newsletter premium	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 / year
(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)	

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.      2. K-12 or full time student      3. Unlicensed member

Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

ACARTS	Fort Wayne Radio Club.
PO Box 10342	PO Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46851-0342	Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5127

For dual membership, send a check to each club for your respective membership. Payment by check is strongly encouraged!

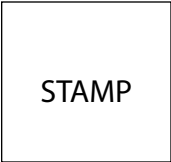
Special Event Stations This Month		
<b>USS Midway Museum Ship</b>		
Jul 8	1600Z-2300Z	NI6IW
<a href="http://www.arrrl.org/special-event-stations">http://</a>		
<b>Brickyard 400 Special Event</b>		
Jul 17-24	0400Z-0400Z	W9IMS
<a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/w9ims">https://www.qrz.com/db/w9ims</a>		
<b>2017 National Scout Jamboree</b>		
Jul 19-27	0000Z-2300Z	K2BSA
<a href="http://www.k2bsa.net/jamboree">www.k2bsa.net/jamboree</a>		
<b>Swiss Days Special Event Station</b>		
Jul 28-29	1300Z-2000Z	W9A
<a href="mailto:waynesteury@gmail.com">waynesteury@gmail.com</a>		
<b>EAA Warbirds AirVenture 2017</b>		
Jul 23-30	1700Z-1700Z	W9W
<a href="http://www.warbirds-eaa.org/">http://www.warbirds-eaa.org/</a>		

For a complete listing of special event stations, check the listing in QST and the ARRL web page:

[www.arrrl.org/special-event-stations](http://www.arrrl.org/special-event-stations)

AREA NETS					
<b>Daily</b>			<b>Tuesday</b>		
8:00 AM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM	50.580 USB	FWRC 6 Meter Net
8:30 AM	3.940	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	9:00 PM	146.940-	Allen Co. ARES Training Net
6:00 PM	3.940	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	<b>Wednesday</b>		
6:30 PM	146.880-	IMO (alternate is 146.760)	7:00 PM	146.760-	FWRCYL Net
7:00 PM	147.015+	Tri State Two Meter Net	7:30 PM	147.150+	21 Repeater Group
8:00 PM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM	145.270-	Whitley Co. ARES (131.8 PL disabled)
<b>Week Days</b>			9:00 PM	146.940-	Help and Swap Net
8:30 AM	3.820	Little Red Barn Net	<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>			7:30 PM	D-STAR	Indiana D-STAR net (Note 3)
8:00 PM	444.550+	Whitley Co. Sunday (131.8 PL)	8:00 PM	50.580 AM	6 Meter AM Net
8:30 PM	1.965 & 146.910-	"No-Name" Net also on EchoLink Node number 519521	8:30 PM	145.510 (s)	Allen County ARES Digital Operations Team Training Net (Note 4)
9:00 PM	145.530	Northeast Indiana Packet Net (Note 2)	<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Monday</b>			8:00 PM	146.685-	Huntington ARES
8:00 PM	224.780-	Fort Wayne 224 Net			

1. All times local time. **Any changes or corrections should be submitted to the newsletter editor at AB9ZD (at) ARRL.NET.**
2. On 145.530 @ 1200 baud. Use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor" settings on so you can see everyone.
3. 1st and 3rd Thursday, Reflector REF024B.
4. Net starts using BPSK-31 and switches to BPSK-250 after roll call to pass traffic etc. NBEMS suite of software (FLDIGI, FLMSG, and FLAMP) is preferred.
5. Indiana HF Traffic Nets Web Site: <http://www.inarrl.org/index.php/public-service/indiana-nts>



To:

## Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
07/09/2017	1:30 PM	Foxhunt - River Greenway Trailhead/Cobin Memorial Park near Lakeside Golf Course	
07/11/2017	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
<b>No ACARTS Meetings in July</b>			
07/21/2017	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
08/06/2017	1:30 PM	Foxhunt - River Greenway Trailhead/Cobin Memorial Park near Lakeside Golf Course	
08/08/2017	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
08/08/2017	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
08/12/2017	4:00 PM	ACARTS Picnic	Jefferson Township Park on Webster Road
08/18/2017	7:00 PM	FWRC Tailgate Hamfest	GSUMC
11/18/2017		Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo	
11/19/2017		Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo	