



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *June 2013 Newsletter*

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### **Next Meeting:**

September 13: The club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary season starts

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### **Highlights from the June Meeting:**

Club president Dave Spoelstra, N9KT, called the meeting to order at 7:34 and recognized the three new hams that were present. They were presented with their complementary first year of membership in the Club. Also, Mike Sercer, WA9FDO, presented them with a complementary ticket to the upcoming Indy Hamfest. There were just under 60 in attendance. Technical questions: Deb, AB9WX, had a question about a countdown timer for hockey intermissions. No one present was able to help with a solution. Email [AB9WX@hotmail.com](mailto:AB9WX@hotmail.com) with any possible solutions. Bob, W9PSE, asked for help with the Radio Club table at the hamfest and the GOTA station at field day. Ken, KJ9B, announced the upcoming W9ISF PSK-31 station operation at the state fairgrounds on August 8. Contact Ken at [KJ9B@arrl.net](mailto:KJ9B@arrl.net) if interested in operating. Bob, N9FIM, announced that he will be on the 146.76 repeater with weather info as needed on field day weekend. Marion County ARES will conduct two classes on EmComm on June 29, at Red Cross building. Rhonda, WS9H, announced there will be testing at the Indy Hamfest from 9:00 until 11:00, exact location TBA. It was announced that the W9IMS special event for the Indy 500, had a very successful run. The next W9IMS operation will be for the Brickyard 400 in July. Tom Chance, K9XV, announced that the club's field day operation will be June 22 and 23 at Camp Belzer. We don't have the facility until noon (later changed to 10:30 am). On the air at 2:00 pm. It will be a 2A operation with a GOTA station. Sunday morning will have kids with their families. Dave asked folks to

contact him ([N9KT@arrl.net](mailto:N9KT@arrl.net)) with suggestions of activities for the club. The club station is still being worked on. We are trying to get some more modern gear that is more capable of remote operation, and the antennas are being worked on. Radar, WB9DKL, and Travis, W8QHV, are heading up the Hilltop event. Steve, ND9C, announced that another foxhunt will be held on July 6, starting at Garfield park, just off of Shelby St. This will be a “driving” foxhunt.

At this point, the floor was turned over to Tom Chance, K9XV for the auction. There were 11 folks selling items, 27 folks buying items, for a total sales of \$423.75. Of this, \$235 was donated back to the club.

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **JOE LABRAICO, K9OOA, SK**

Joe Lobraico, Sr. K9OOA, passed away Wednesday, June 5th. Many will remember Joe and his wife Betty, K9OOB, as hosting the Broadripple Hamfest for many years. Joe will be missed by many. An interesting history of Joe's father, with an early picture of Joe and Betty is at [http://www.broadripplehistory.com/br\\_lobraico.htm](http://www.broadripplehistory.com/br_lobraico.htm)

### **FCC SEEKS SMALL VANITY CALL SIGN FEE INCREASE**

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on May 23, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs by 20 cents. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$15 and is good for 10 years. The new fee, if approved, will go up to \$15.20 for 10 years. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The NPRM can be found in PDF format at, [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2013/db0523/FCC-13-74A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db0523/FCC-13-74A1.pdf)

License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the FCC License Renewals web page at <http://www.arrl.org/renewals>. The FCC's forms page at <http://www.fcc.gov/forms> also offers the required forms.

### **W9ISF SPECIAL EVENT STATION AT STATE FAIR**

Coming up on Thursday, August 8, through special arrangements with the WW2IND volunteers, the Indiana State Fair special event station, W9ISF will be operating a PSK31 station from the fairgrounds. Operations will be from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. If you are

interested in operating, contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B, at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net), or by phone at 317-446-3312. This is a great opportunity to learn about and operate PSK31, as well as an opportunity to be an “ambassador of amateur radio”.

## **IRCC TECHINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN**

Each year the Indiana Radio Club Council selects an outstanding Indiana amateur radio operator from nominations submitted from their peers, who have used his or her technical expertise to advance the amateur radio service. They may have used this technical expertise at their own club, or at other clubs around the state or country, other amateur radio organizations, be they local, state, or national. They may have assisted in the development of ham radio in the Red Cross, Salvation Army, FEMA, or other disaster groups. They may have done seminars, put on classes, done forums at hamfests. They may be builders of equipment, antenna tinkerers, or just plain old time ham radio "geeks." Look around your area, there are plenty of the very knowledgeable in our ranks. We are looking for the best of these.

This Individual is not required to be a member of any club or organization. We are looking for nominees who have given of their time and technical expertise to the amateur radio community.

### **NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:**

We need as much information about your nominee as possible, including: the nominee's name, call, email and/or home address, and home and/or cell phone number. We also need the same information for the nominating person, because we may need to contact you for additional information or confirmation. Please explain in some detail just what your nominee has done with their technical skills and how the radio community is better for those efforts.

All nominations must be received by June 15, 2013 and the award is to be given at the Indianapolis Hamfest on July 13, 2013 Saturday at the IRCC forum.

### **SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO:**

Dennis Gilbey K9JZZ  
959 Harvest Ridge Dr.  
Avon, In. 46123-7142  
or [k9jzz9@gmail.com](mailto:k9jzz9@gmail.com)

## **IRCs FOR SALE**

Bob Schenck, N200, a very active QSL manager for lots of the big Dxpeditions, has IRCs (International Reply Coupons) available for sale. These are no longer available for sale from the Post Office in the US. When they were for sale from the Post Office, they were \$2.20 each. Bob is selling them for \$1.50 each, postage paid. Bob will accept PayPal payment to [qslmanager@comcast.net](mailto:qslmanager@comcast.net), or mail a check to his address:

Bob Schenck, N200

PO Box 345

Tuckerton, NJ 08087

Be sure to mark the outside of the envelope in large letters "IRCs"

## **2013 INDY HAMFEST TO BE AT MARION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

NEW FOR 2013: Expanded Commercial Space, Air Conditioned Indoor Table Spaces, Air Conditioned Forum Building, Overnight Camping on the Grounds, and Expanded Outdoor Flea Market.

UPDATE: Air Conditioned Indoor Tables --- SOLD OUT Air Conditioned Forums  
----- FULL Outdoor Flea Market - Acres available on FIRST COME basis License Testing Onsite. Walk-ins welcome Advance sale tickets at many valued locations Homebrew contest & QSL contest, prizes awarded

This year's date: Saturday, July 13, at the MARION COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, 7300 East Troy Ave. Point your browser to <http://www.indyhamfest.com/> for more details.

## **2013 CENTRAL STATES VHF SOCIETY REGISTRATION OPEN**

The online registration for the 2013 Central States VHF Society Conference is now available. The 2013 Conference will be held near Chicago at the Elk Grove Village, IL, Holiday Inn from Thursday July 25th until Sunday July 28. This year's Conference location allows for free Hotel transportation to and from the Chicago-O'Hare Airport and has easy access from major interstate routes.

Activities begin with onsite check-in and registration Thursday afternoon with the offering of a trip to the Schaumburg Boomer's baseball game at 5PM. Friday morning's activities feature the Antenna Range (144MHz-24Ghz) measurements, Rover Row, Dish Display and Noise Figure Measurement Contest.

In addition to the world-class technical presentations on topics about activity on the amateur bands VHF/UHF and above; this year's conference will feature a return of the free-admission "VHF-101" introductory session on Saturday Morning !

For an up-to-date schedule of events please check the Central States VHF Society website at <http://www.csvhfs.org/2013conference/agenda.html>

## **ARRL COMMENTS ON PROPOSED EXPANSION OF 5 GHZ UNLICENSED BROADBAND**

Observing that "a decision in the near term with respect to the addition of [unlicensed National Information Infrastructure] U-NII devices to the 5.85-5.925 GHz band would be premature," the ARRL has commented in response to an FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ET Docket No. 13-49) that proposes to authorize U-NII use of an additional 195 MHz of spectrum in the 5.35-5.47 GHz and 5.85-5.925 GHz bands. The Commission was obligated, pursuant to Section 6406(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Public Law No. 112-96), to begin a proceeding to allow U-NII devices in the 5.35-5.47 GHz band. As the ARRL comments note, "There is no legislative obligation, however, to make available the 5.85-5.925 GHz band for U-NII use."

The Amateur Radio Service has a longstanding secondary allocation of 5.65-5.925 GHz, with an amateur-satellite uplink band at 5.65-5.67 GHz and a downlink at 5.83-5.85 GHz. In its 14-page filing, the ARRL traces the history of "a continuing series of overlays" to which the band has been subjected over the past 16 years, progressively reducing the utility of the amateur allocation. In 1999, the Commission allocated 5.85-5.925 GHz for direct vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-roadside, or "Dedicated Short Range Communications" (DSRC). Amateurs may continue to operate in this segment, but only to the extent that they do not interfere with DSRC operations. In support of its argument that the introduction of U-NII into this segment would be premature, the ARRL observes that "...a U-NII overlay at the present time requires a good deal of compatibility analysis, none of which has been completed to date."

The full text of the ARRL's comments is available on the web in PDF format at, [http://www.arrl.org/files/media/News/ARRL\\_5\\_GHz\\_Docket\\_13-49\\_Comments.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/media/News/ARRL_5_GHz_Docket_13-49_Comments.pdf).

The comments were filed on the deadline date of May 28, 2013. Reply comments are due by June 24.

## **EQUIPMENT FOR SALE**

Icom 7600 as new all accessory's and boxes. \$2975.00

E-Mail [rudellw@centurylink.net](mailto:rudellw@centurylink.net) or call 317-535-1030

Thank you,

Rudy KN9C

## **MORE EQUIPMENT FOR SALE**

Yaesu FT897 HF + 2 meter + 70 cm all mode radio plus accessories. This is the non-D model (No 60 meter channels). My main use of the radio was as a portable/alternate location rig. The radio got limited use on vacations with a portable antenna. I am asking \$600 for the FT897, including a MH-59 (DTMF) microphone, and an LDG FT Meter. I have a manual for the radio, but no box.

If you're interested in this package, please contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B, either via email, at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net), or via my cell phone, at (317) 446-3312. I am located north of Brownsburg.

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Bryon Blackburn, W9FMS

Barry Evans, KC9ZBB

Wayne Michael, KC9ZBP

Jacob Tuchek, KC9KCM

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

## Signals from the Past:

From the May, 1956 *Amachewer*:

### PROJECT VANGUARD

The amateur in 1990 may be working on his WAP (Worked All Planets) Certificate. He will be in communication with the Moon and the Planets in the not too distant future if the present space travel program activity is kept up. Scientists are confident that during the International Geophysical Year (18 months) they will crash the space barrier and launch an observable satellite.

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## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- July 6: Foxhunt starting at Southeastern Park. This will be a “driving Foxhunt” Contact Steve Curtis, ND9C, for more information
- July 13: Indy Hamfest. Go to [www.indyhamfest.com](http://www.indyhamfest.com) for more information
- August 8: W9ISF operating from State Fairgrounds. Contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B if interested in operating.
- October 5: Bedford Hoosier Hills hamfest. More info at <http://www.w9qyq.org/>

## 2013 Officers:

- President: Dave Spoelstra, N9KT – EMAIL [n9kt@arrl.net](mailto:n9kt@arrl.net)
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