

The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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October 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

November 9: Tony Tolbert, W9AMT, presentation on the latest happenings in DMR.
December 14: The Club's annual Holiday Dinner at the Casetleton MCL, with Terry Zivney, N4TZ, talking about the WRTC 2018 in which he was a competitor.

Highlights from the October Meeting:

Club President David Spoelstra, N9KT, called the meeting to order at 7:30. There were approximately 35 present at the meeting. David welcomed all to the new room. He welcomed 3 new members. Jim Rinehart, K9RU, and David are going to be giving a license class to 19 IVY Tech students. David showed slides of the IVY Tech W9JP/W9IVY station and antennas. They had just completed doing some antenna work. David said there is a possibility of getting some more up to date radios for the station. More Elmers and helpers are needed for the station. It was noted that if you are over 60 and retired, you can take classes at IVY Tech for free, just buy books. The station is available for operating every Tuesday afternoon. Contact Jim, K9RU, for details on admittance. Once set up with the door code, the station can be operated when ever the building is open.

Most of the upcoming meetings for this season have been firmed up (subject to change):

November: W9AMT DMR

December: Holiday meeting at MCL Castleton with N4TZ, on WRTC 2018

January: AC9FN on MESH Networks

February: CES wrap up

March: TBA

April: TBA

May: W9IFW on Radio Astronomy with small satellite dishes.

June: TBA (not auction)

November is elections for club officers. If anyone has any nominations, contact David.

Ron Cooper, WB9DKL, reminded those present that the 10 meter contest is December 8 and 9. Make contact with W9JP.

The Fort Wayne Hamfest is going up November 17 and 18

Greg, W9NWO, announced that there is lots of gear for sale on his lunch newsletter.

Ballots for ARRL Central Division Director have been mailed to ARRL members, and are due at the accounting firm handling the balloting by November 16. The race is between incumbent Kermit Carlson, W9XA, and Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L.

David next introduced Don Kirk, WD8DSB, for his presentation on locating RFI (Radio Frequency Interference). Don got into this because he was trying to work 160 meters DXCC. Don's home station for 160 meters has three 160 meter pennant receive antennas. Don had a very interesting and informative presentation, including some good tips and pointers on how to locate RFI, and the tools he uses to locate it. He had a couple of good handouts with equipment and technique tips.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Ham Radio News:

SILENT KEYS OVER THE SUMMER

Since this is the first newsletter since starting back from the summer break, I have the sad news of announcing 3 silent keys from the Indianapolis area:

Betty Lobraico, K9OOB, passed away Thursday, June 7, 2018. Indy Radio Club members and friends may remember when she and her husband Joe, K9OOA, (SK) used to host the "Broad Ripple Tailgate" hamfest and cookout.

Robert (Bob) Osterhous, W9PSE, of Indianapolis passed away July 25, 2018.

Bob graduated from Broad Ripple High School in 1950 and Purdue University in 1954 with a degree in electrical engineering.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956.

Bob was a long time member of the Indianapolis Radio Club, serving in many leadership roles with the club. Bob also took pride in presenting information to new hams about their new hobby. One of his most recent roles with the club was the acquisition and presentation of door prizes at meetings.

Jeff Skinner, NN7C, passed away August 26, 2018.

Jeff had been diagnosed with late stage Pancreatic Cancer. Fortunately, his family was with him during his final days. As Brent Walls, N9BA, said, "Jeff was one of the most considerate, generous, and sincere people I have known in my life. Jeff genuinely enjoyed helping others whether it was with a project or at a Public Service Event using his radio skills."

We will miss all of them.

PROPOSED USPS RATE INCREASE

A proposal that hasn't been approved by Congress yet would take First Class postage to \$.55 for the first ounce. If approved, this increase would go into effect on January 27, 2019.

NEW RELEASE CANDIDATE FOR FT-8 SOFTWARE

A third candidate release ("RC3") of WSJT-X 2.0 is now available for download and use by beta testers. This release contains several bug fixes and program updates.

UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS

Franklin IN 46131-9733
Sponsor: Mid-State ARC
Date: Oct 20 2018
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Kevin J. Nuetzman
(317) 523-9909
Email: kevinnuetzman@gmail.com
VEC: LAUREL MD
Location: REMC Bldg
750 International Dr
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Noblesville IN 46060-1624
Sponsor: Central Indiana ARA
Date: Oct 27 2018
Time: 4:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Joe March
(317) 224-9433
Email: jmarch54@att.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hamilton Cty Emer Operations Ctr
18100 Cumberland Rd
Noblesville IN 46060-1624

Greenfield IN 46140-1100
Sponsor: Hancock Cty ARC
Date: Nov 10 2018
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Jill Schaumloeffel
(317) 363-4674
Email: n2jlc@yahoo.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Park Chapel Christian Church
1176 E McKenzie Rd
Greenfield IN 46140-1100

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP
Date: Nov 10 2018
Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: k9ru@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Franklin IN 46131-9733
Sponsor: Mid-State ARC
Date: Nov 17 2018
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Kevin J. Nuetzman
(317) 523-9909
Email: kevinnuetzman@gmail.com
VEC: LAUREL MD
Location: REMC Bldg
750 International Dr
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Nov 20 2018
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: smriley@hughes.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

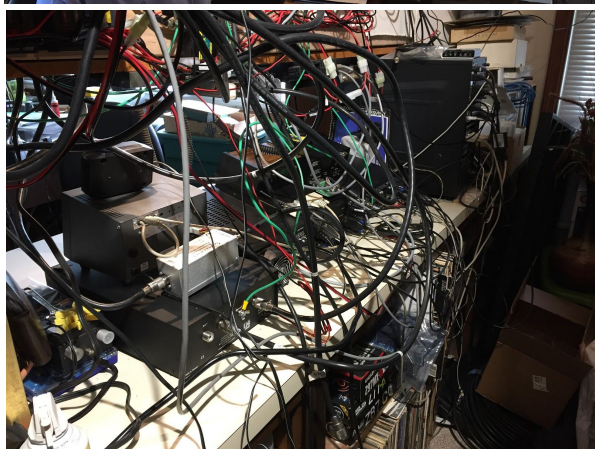
Mooresville IN 46158-1333
Sponsor: Formidable Amt Radio Team
Date: Nov 20 2018
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Matthew C. Payne
(317) 210-0443
Email: kb9uje@qsl.net
VEC: LAUREL MD
Location: Brown Township Government Ctr
471 N Samuel Moore Pkwy
Mooresville IN 46158-1333

SHACK SHARING

It has been suggested that folks may want to see other area hams' operating conditions. To that end, I have decided to share my shack. If you would like to "share your shack", send me photos at kj9b@arrl.net.



Here I am at my operating position.



Here's the "business end" of the station. I was able to inset the station through a wall into a closet type room in my "shack", so I have complete access to the back of the gear.

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>.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the October, 1978 *Amachewer*:

Ron Cooper, WB9DKL, and his team have supplied radio communications for the Annual Canoe Regatta which took place over the weekend, October 7 -8

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- November 17 & 18: Fort Wayne Hamfest. Go to <http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm> for more info.

2018 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – davids@mediamachine.com
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - dmiller@ivytech.edu
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- Chief Operator: Jace Thompson, KD9BIG - kd9big@arrl.net
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – k9ru@arrl.net
- Dir. at large: Ron Cooper, WB9DKL - wb9dkl@aol.com
- Dir. at large: Mark Burke, W9MGB - w9mgb@arrl.net
- W9JP Trustee: Jay Kraus, W9TC - W9TC@arrl.net