



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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June 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming:

July 23: Radio Club PICNIC at **Sahm Park**. Details following in this newsletter.

Highlights from the June Meeting:

Tonight's meeting and auction were held at the Salvation Army EDS facility. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by club president David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were 25 present. There was one new ham present, Mark McCullough, KD9UYC, and one upgraded ham present, Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR, who recently upgraded to General.

David asked that anyone who has any ideas for speakers for upcoming meetings to send him suggestions at president@indyradioclub.org. David announced that once again the Indy Radio Club would be teaming up with the Indy United group for Field Day (June 25 and 26). Anyone interested in operating should contact Brian Smith, W9IND, at w9ind@arrl.net.

David announced that the club is planning on having a picnic on July 23 at Sahm Park. Contact Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB, at colbert@iquest.net if planning to attend. *[see more later in this newsletter.]*

Bob Burns, AK9R, was introduced as the ARRL Indiana Section Manager elect.

Next David presented a plaque of appreciation and a Life Membership in the club to former club treasurer, Mark Burke, W9MGB. Mark was instrumental in procuring 501(c)(3) status for the club.

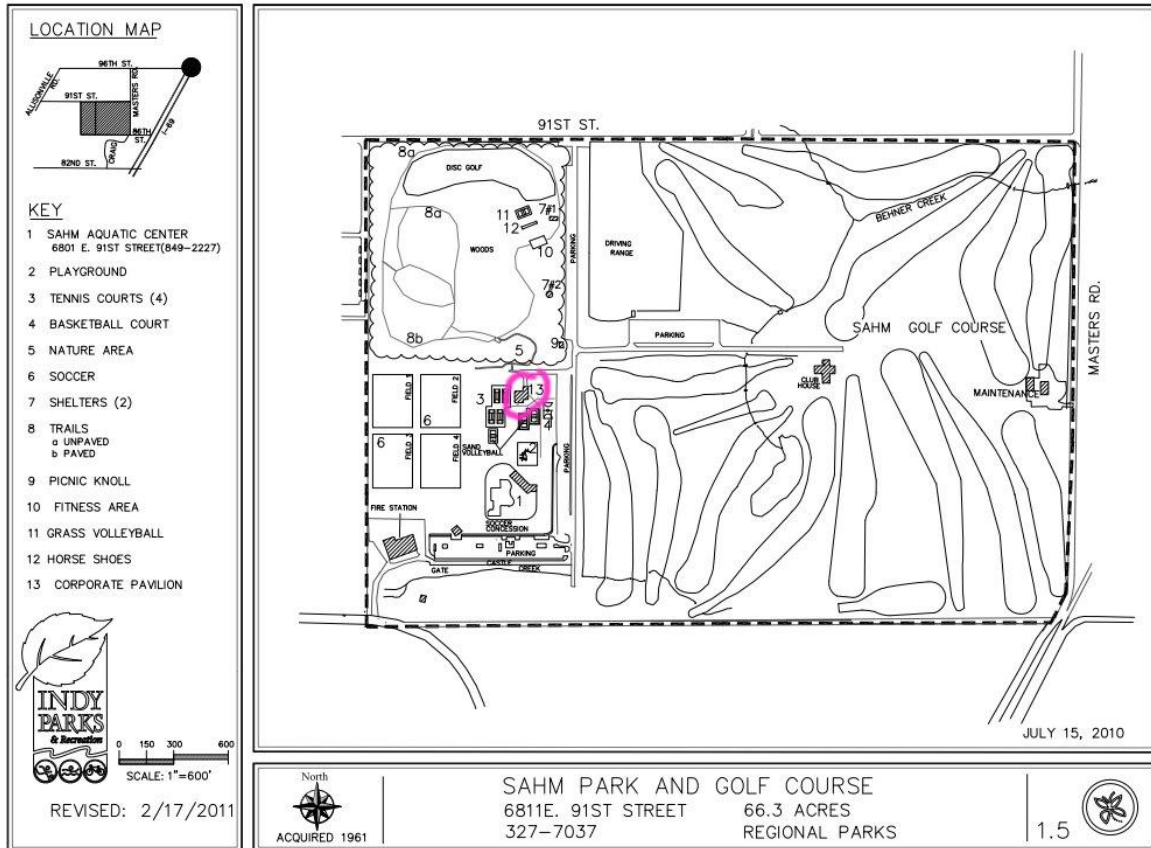
Under announcements from the floor, Bob Burns, AK9R, announced Hendricks County Field Day plans to operate at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds, and the Hendricks County Tailgate Hamfest, on August 13, at the Avon United Methodist Church.

Next, David kicked off the auction. There were 22 buyers and/or sellers in this year's auction, with a total of \$455 in sales. Of that, \$233 was donated to the club.

Ham Radio News:

INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB PICNIC JULY 23!

Those of us that have been around the Radio Club for a while can remember the Swap Meet/Cookouts that we used to have at Joe and Betty Lobraico's place (K9OOA and K9OOB, both SK now). They were a great time for club members and guests to get together for a burger and swap stories. After a many year hiatus, and to celebrate being able to get together again, the club is going to have a picnic on Saturday, July 23, from 1:00 to 4:00 at Sahn Park, 6801 E. 91st St, in the Corporate Shelter (circled on the drawing of the park below). The Club will supply Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Charcoal, Paper Products and Condiments. Items that need to be supplied by attendees are Ice, drinks (non-alcoholic), Potato Chips, Hot Dog and Hamburger Buns, and dessert items such as Cookies and Cupcakes. Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB, has done a great job securing the facility for us, and needs to know how many are planning on attending, and what they are bringing. **Kevin needs to know ASAP who is coming. If we don't have sufficient numbers signed up by June 22, the picnic will be canceled.** Please call, text or email Kevin at colbert@iquest.net (317) 506-3750. Anyone that is available to help with set up and tear down would be appreciated.



SUPPORT THE CLUB WITH AMAZON AND KROGER REWARDS

If you shop at Amazon, please consider supporting the Indianapolis Radio Club with your purchases. The IRC is one of over a million not for profits that can be selected to benefit from the “Amazon Smile” program. To learn more about the Amazon Smile program, follow [this link](#). To support the IRC with your Amazon purchases, go to the [charity selection page](#), and enter “Indianapolis Radio Club” in the search field. That search will find our club and the “Indianapolis Press Club Foundation, Inc.” (for some reason). Be sure to select “Indianapolis Radio Club”. Once you have made that selection, Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price of eligible items (most things are eligible) to the radio club in a quarterly donation. Just remember to go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> when making Amazon purchases. You can also make Amazon Smile purchases through the Amazon app. There is no cost to you for using Amazon Smile.

You can also donate to the IRC if you shop at Kroger by utilizing the [Kroger Community Rewards Program](#). If you don't already have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at any Kroger. There is no charge to you for acquiring a Kroger Plus card. Once you have your card, go to [this page](#) and search for "Indianapolis Radio Club". After you have completed this process, when you shop at Kroger, be sure to scan your card, and a percentage of each of your purchases will be donated to the club. An added "plus" of the Kroger Plus card is the discounts you can get on fuel purchases at Kroger fuel stations!

CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT INDIANA SECTION MANAGER

Indianapolis Radio Club member Bob Burns, AK9R, received 625 votes, and incumbent ARRL Section Manager Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, received 344 votes.

The Indianapolis Radio Club thanks Jimmy for his work over the past four years to keep us informed of ARRL matters, and his work to encourage new hams to get active in the hobby, including his involvement in establishing the "Welcome Net".

We look forward to working with Bob, come July 1.

UPCOMING DX AND CONTESTING CONVENTIONS

Our "home area" DX and Contesting Convention is the **W9DXCC Convention**, held again this year in Naperville, IL, at the [Chicago Marriott Naperville](#). The Convention and Banquet are on Saturday, September 17, with DX and Contest Universities taking place concurrently on Friday, September 16. Among the scheduled presentations are a 3Y0J Bouvet preview, Crozet Island preview, and a Cycle 25 Propagation Outlook. Tim Duffy, K3LR, is scheduled as the banquet keynote speaker. For more information on the W9DXCC Convention, point your browser to <https://w9dxcc.com/>.

A bit southeast of us is the **W8DXCC Convention**, held in conjunction with the Cincinnati Hamfest on Saturday, August 13. There's not a lot of info available right now on this one, but watch <https://www.swodxa.org/w8dxcc/> for more information.

A little further south is the **W4DXCC DX and CONTEST CONVENTION**. This event is held in Pigeon Forge, TN, and takes place September 23 and 24. Friday, the 23rd, is the "Ham Radio Bootcamp", where operating techniques for both new and experienced

hams are discussed. Saturday, the 24th will have presentations (TBA) and a banquet in the evening. Go to <http://www.w4dxcc.com/index.html> for more information.

A lot further west is the **74th INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION**, taking place April 21 through 23, 2023, in Visalia, CA. This event touts a full day of training and presentations on Friday and concurrent seminar sessions on Saturday. There are 15 to 20 DX and technical sessions planned, as well as several specialty banquet options available. For more info, go to <https://www.dxconvention.com/>.

HELP VIDEO AVAILABLE FOR LOGGING IN TO ARRL WEBSITE

For those that may still be having problems getting logged into the recently renovated ARRL website, a video has been produced to help with that. The video is available by clicking on the “Login Help” link on the ARRL homepage (circled in the picture), or by going to <http://www.arrl.org/login-instructions>.

The image shows a screenshot of the ARRL website homepage. At the top left is the ARRL logo with the text "The National Association for Amateur Radio". To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with items: Home, On The Air, Licensing, Education & Training, Membership, Regulatory & Advocacy, Public Service, Technology, Get Involved, ARRL Store, About ARRL, and News & Features. In the top right corner, there is a search bar with "Website Search" and a "GO" button. Below the search bar are two smaller search boxes: "Keyword" and "Category" with a "GO" button, and "Call Sign / Name Search" with a "GO" button. A pink circle highlights the "Login Help" link in the top right area. The main content area features a large banner for "ARRL FIELD DAY IS JUNE 25-26" with a photo of two people at a radio station. Below the banner are several sections: "NEWS & EVENT LINKS" with links for News, Hamfests & Conventions, Media/PR, and ARRL Field Day; "RADIOSPORT" with links for DXCC, Contest Calendar, Logbook of the World, and Award Programs; "MEMBER QUICK LINKS" with links for Renew, Donate, QST & ARRL Magazines, Learning Center, and ARRL Foundation; "LICENSING LINKS" with links for Find a Class, License Manuals, Practice Exams, Find an Exam Site, and Resources for VEs; and "IN THE ARRL STORE" with a "New Available" badge and an image of a t-shirt. At the bottom, there is a "LATEST NEWS" section with two news items: "The KTRA Solar Update (06/10/2022)" and "Pete Varounis, NLTXM, Wins the April 2022 QST Cover Plaque".

NICE PORTABLE SHORTWAVE RECEIVER FOR SALE

Club member Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB, has a very nice, like new **Tecsun S-2000 Shortwave Receiver** for sale. He is asking \$250 for it. If interested, contact Kevin at colbert@iquest.net or at (317) 506-3750.



TERRE HAUTE CLUB OFFERING CLASSES VIA ZOOM

The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association is going to be holding licensing classes via Zoom. They plan to offer classes in all three operator classes, with Technician classes scheduled to start on September 6. For full details, point your browser to <https://www.w9uuu.org/classes/classes.php>.

CHANGES IN RIG EXPERT USA PRESENCE

From RigExpert email:

“We apologize to everyone who encountered a problem on the RigExpertUSA website. We would like to avoid misunderstandings on our part and explain the whole situation. Due to unforeseen changes, RigExpertUSA (aka PNC Engineering) has been officially closed for business as of 5/31/2022. RigExpertUSA was an independent legal entity and operated as a partner of Rig Expert Ukraine without being its branch.

We would like to assure you that Rig Expert Ukraine Ltd., the owner of the RigExpert brand, continues to operate in the USA. The customers of PNC Engineering can definitely contact RigExpertCare warranty service centers for warranty and post-warranty service of the RigExpert devices. List of centers at this link:

<https://rigexpert.com/where-to-service/>

In case of questions regarding the service or purchase of products, you can contact us directly or one of our partners listed on the website: www.rigexpert.com

Sincerely yours,
RigExpert team”

UPCOMING CENTRAL INDIANA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Jun 21 2022
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Columbus IN 47201-7477
Sponsor: SCICSG
Date: Jun 21 2022
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Michael D. Tanksley
(812) 350-5175
Email: kd9eau@gmail.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: Columbus Twp. Fire & Rescue
935 Repp Dr
Columbus IN 47201-7477

Bloomington IN 47401-5337
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc
Date: Jul 09 2022
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: William F. Wootton
(812) 876-8689
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: First United Church - Call or email ahead due to COVID-19
2420 E 3rd St
Register at 11:30am
Testing at 12 NOON
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169
Sponsor: Indianapolis RC
Date: Jul 09 2022
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: k9ru@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
CALL AHEAD!!!
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Greenfield IN 46140-9654
Sponsor: Hancock County ARC
Date: Jul 16 2022
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: David Keiser
(317) 440-8486
Email: kc9urp@hrtc.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hancock EMA EOC
640 South Franklin St
Greenfield IN 46140-9654

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Jul 19 2022
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Noblesville IN 46060-1624
Sponsor: Central Indiana ARA
Date: Jul 23 2022
Time: 10:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Joseph March
(317) 224-9433
Email: jmarch54@att.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hamilton Cty Emer Operations Ctr
18100 Cumberland Rd
Sheriff's Campus Training Room
CALL AHEAD
Noblesville IN 46060-1624

Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc
Date: Aug 06 2022
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: William F. Wootton
(812) 876-8689
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: First United Church - Call or email ahead due to COVID-19
2420 E 3rd St
Register at 11:30am
Testing at 12 NOON
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169
Sponsor: Indianapolis RC
Date: Aug 13 2022
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: k9ru@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
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Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Rushville IN 46173-1846
Sponsor: ARRL
Date: Aug 13 2022
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Michael Dwight. Elder
(765) 570-0381
Email: wj9e42@yahoo.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Rushville Public Library
130 W 3rd St
Rushville IN 46173-1846

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Aug 16 2022
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Columbus IN 47201-7477
Sponsor: SCICSG
Date: Aug 18 2022
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Michael D. Tanksley
(812) 350-5175
Email: kd9eau@gmail.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: Columbus Twp. Fire & Rescue
935 Repp Dr
Columbus IN 47201-7477

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://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews_indyradioclub.org.

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 December 1935 *QST*:

December 7th and 8th are the dates set by the Indianapolis Radio club for its big hamfest. Activities will center in the Indianapolis Power and Light Auditorium, 1234 West Morris St., and will take place from 10:00 am Saturday until Sunday p.m. Admission is fifty

cents. The program will include some of the finest talks and demonstrations ever presented at any ham gathering on subjects of interest to all. A special committee has arranged to provide answers to any ham problems which may be troubling you. Come early and avoid the rush!!

[Special thanks to Mark Burke, W9MGB, for providing the December 1935 QST.]

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- East Central Indiana Hamfest: Saturday, July 30 at Randolph County Fairgrounds. Go to <https://sites.google.com/view/ecindianahamfest/home> for more info.
- Elkhart East Hamfest: Saturday, August 6 8:00 to 3:00, at the Northern Indiana Event Center. Go to <https://elkharteasthamfest.com/> for more information.
- Hendricks County Tailgate: Saturday, August 13
- Auburn Hamfest: Saturday, August 13, 9:00 to 1:00 at the Auburn Cord Dusenber Museum.

2022 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – president@indyradioclub.org
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - vp@indyradioclub.org
- Secretary/Treasurer: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - secretary@indyradioclub.org
- Chief Operator: OPEN
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – board@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR - board@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB - board@indyradioclub.org
- W9JP Trustee: Jay Kraus, W9TC - w9jp.trustee@indyradioclub.org