



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *June 2023 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming:**

**July 29 (Saturday):** IRC Picnic & POTA at FORT HARRISON STATE PARK.

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

Meeting called to order at the Salvation Army EDS Facility at 7:30 pm by club president, David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were 28 in attendance

After a few announcements, including a reminder to RSVP for the Picnic & POTA event on July 29 [see more information in this newsletter], David switched into “auctioneer mode” and started the 2023 Indianapolis Radio Club Auction. There were 8 sellers and 17 buyers, with a total sales of \$354, of which \$250 was contributed to the club.

The auction concluded around 9:30.

### **Ham Radio News:**

## **PICNIC/POTA COMING UP ON JULY 29**

Mark your calendars for the (first annual?) Indianapolis Radio Club Picnic/POTA on Saturday, July 29. The event will be held at the Cherry Tree Shelter in Fort Harrison State Park. The plan is for the event to start around 11:00 with lunch around noon. We will have 2 HF stations on the air for Parks on the Air (POTA), using the club’s call sign

of W9JP. If you haven't done POTA, or HF, this will be a great opportunity to learn! Please fill out this [form](#) to RSVP and let us know your plans. We need to know your intentions so we have enough burgers and dogs.

Contact Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB, at [colbert@iquest.net](mailto:colbert@iquest.net) with any questions regarding the Picnic part. Contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B, at [ken.kj9b@gmail.com](mailto:ken.kj9b@gmail.com) with any questions regarding the POTA part.

## **W9DXCC REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Registration for the 2023 W9DXCC Convention, along with the DX and Contest Universities is now open at <https://w9dxcc.com/> The Convention and Banquet take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville, and the DX and Contest Universities take place on Friday, September 15, 2023 at the same place.

If you are remotely interested in DXing or contesting, you owe it to yourself to attend the convention, where you can hear presentations from some of the top DXers and contesters in the world. It's also a great opportunity to swap stories and get tips from these same folks. The DX and Contest Universities are where you can learn how to maximize your chances of getting rare DX and improving your contest scores.

## **TECHNICIAN CLASSES COMING UP**

If you know someone interested in getting their Technician license, here are a couple of classes scheduled in central Indiana:

- June 17 and 24 at the LDS church at 9710 W. 56th St., Brownsburg. Contact Bruce Enz, W9ENZ at [bruceenz@gmail.com](mailto:bruceenz@gmail.com) or (317) 201-8299 for more information and to register.
- July 22 and 29 at the Putnam County EOC, 1600 W. CR225S, Greencastle. Contact Jeff Wonser, K9WNZ at [jwonser@gmail.com](mailto:jwonser@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

## **HAMVENTION FINAL NUMBERS IN**

According to the Hamvention's website, the 2023 Hamvention attendance was 33,861, which is more than 2,000 greater than last year and even surpassed the previous pre-pandemic attendance record at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center of

32,472. General Manager Jim Storms said, “Things went very smoothly due to the dedication and hard work of close to 700 volunteers.” Also related to Hamvention, you can see submitted photos from Hamvention 2023 at <http://hamgallery.com/dayton2023/>

For more information, from the ARRL’s perspective, go to <https://www.arrl.org/news/dayton-hamvention-2023-wrap-up>

For pre-planning, the 2024 Hamvention will be May 17 - 19.

## **IRC ON-LINE CALENDAR AVAILABLE**

If you want to stay up to date with Indianapolis Radio Club meetings (with topics), as well as other area ham radio events, a new Google Calendar has been created, called “Indianapolis Radio Club Events” (catchy title, right?). This calendar is available at <https://tinyurl.com/IRC-calendar> as well as on the IRC website. If you have a Google Calendar of your own, you can subscribe to this calendar so you are automatically up to date with events.

## **CALIFORNIA HAM HIT WITH \$24K FINE**

If you think the FCC doesn’t enforce their rules on the ham bands, evidently if you tick off the right people enough, you may find they do. Evidently, N6PJB did just that by repeatedly interfering with a 75 meter net. To read the whole story, go to <http://www.arrl.org/news/licensee-hit-with-24-000-fine-for-jamming-net-failure-to-id-fcc>

## **FCC ULS UNAVAILABLE, FILING DEADLINES EXTENDED**

Due to unspecified “technical issues”, the FCC’s Universal Licensing System (ULS), as well as a couple of other systems, have been down since around 6:30 pm, Friday, June 9, due to “due to technical issues that the agency anticipates resolving in the near term.” However, as of the writing of this newsletter, the systems are still down, and the FCC has stated they do not have a target for the ULS systems to be back online.

Details can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/news/updated-fcc-uls-unavailable-filing-deadlines-extended>

## **ARRL FIELD DAY NEXT WEEKEND!**

The contest that's officially NOT a contest, known as Field Day is coming up next weekend, June 24 and 25. Field Day is always the fourth full weekend in June, and runs 1800 UTC Saturday through 2059 UTC Sunday. Locally, that is 2:00 pm Saturday, through 4:59 pm on Sunday. To find a registered Field Day site, go to <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator> Several members of the Indianapolis Radio Club, as well as members of other area clubs have combined for the last few years to form the Indy United Amateur Radio Club, and will be operating at the Victor Conservation Club, on Red Day Road in Martinsville. If you are interested in operating with the Indy United club, contact Brian Smith, W9IND, at [w9su@arrl.net](mailto:w9su@arrl.net) If you just stop by, don't necessarily plan on operating, because all operators are scheduled for Indy United. For more information on Field Day in general, go to <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

## **INTERESTING ARTICLE ABOUT HAM RADIO**

Thanks to a heads up from Mark Burke, W9MGB, who sent in a link to an article about ham radio emergency preparedness. In this article, from the *Guardian*, Glenn Morrison, WB6RLC, talks about preparing for emergency communications in Palm Springs, CA. For the full article, go to <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/may/27/ham-radio-emergency-natural-disaster-climate-crisis>

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

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: Jun 20 2023  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
Email: [wa9cwe@arrl.net](mailto:wa9cwe@arrl.net)  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EMA EOC  
200 N Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Columbus IN 47201

Sponsor: South Central Indiana Communications Support Group

Date: Jun 20 2023

Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Michael D. Tanksley

(812) 350-5175

Email: [kd9eau@gmail.com](mailto:kd9eau@gmail.com)

VEC: LAUREL VEC

Location: East Columbus United Methodist Church Youth Center

2439 Indiana Ave

Columbus IN 47201

Greencastle IN 46135-7587

Sponsor: PCAUXCOM

Date: Jun 24 2023

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: George E. Edenfield

(765) 721-1771

Email: [gedenfield@gmail.com](mailto:gedenfield@gmail.com)

VEC: LAUREL VEC

Location: Putnam Cty EOC

1600 W County Road 225 S

TECHNICAN TESTING ONLY!!!

Bring pencils masks calculator

Greencastle IN 46135-7587

Gas City IN 46933-1155

Sponsor: GCARC

Date: Jun 27 2023

Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Mitchell D. Miller

(765) 661-5893

Email: [mitchmiller55@gmail.com](mailto:mitchmiller55@gmail.com)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA Building

3921 S Garthwaite Rd  
Pre-register only, contact ahead  
Gas City IN 46933-1155  
Website: <http://www.grantarc.org/>

Bloomington IN 47401-5337  
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc  
Date: Jul 01 2023  
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: William F. Wootton  
(812) 876-8689  
Email: [wfwootton@gmail.com](mailto: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 Radio club W9JP  
Date: Jul 08 2023  
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
Contact: James K. Rinehart  
(317) 721-1458  
Email: [testing@indyradioclub.org](mailto:testing@indyradioclub.org)  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility  
4020 Georgetown Rd  
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Noblesville IN 46060-1624  
Sponsor: Central Indiana ARA/ HCRACES  
Date: Jul 08 2023  
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

Greenfield IN 46140-9654  
Sponsor: Hancock County ARC  
Date: Jul 15 2023  
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 18 2023  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EMA EOC  
200 N Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Gas City IN 46933-1155  
Sponsor: GCARC  
Date: Jul 25 2023  
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Mitchell D. Miller  
(765) 661-5893  
Email: mitchmiller55@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: EMA Building  
3921 S Garthwaite Rd  
Pre-register only, contact ahead  
Gas City IN 46933-1155  
Website: <http://www.grantarc.org/>

Greencastle IN 46135-7587  
Sponsor: PCAUXCOM  
Date: Jul 29 2023  
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: George E. Edenfield  
(765) 721-1771  
Email: gedenfield@gmail.com  
VEC: LAUREL VEC  
Location: Putnam Cty EOC  
1600 W County Road 225 S  
TECHNICAN TESTING ONLY!!!  
Bring pencils masks calculator  
Greencastle IN 46135-7587

## **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](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](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)



## Signals from the Past:

### From the (month unknown), 1946, Ama-Chewer:

Now that the FCC restrictions on amateur activities have begun to relax, we are noticing a gradual increase in the number of operators returning to the air lanes, as well as a decided up-swing in IRC attendance and club interest. Many of our boys just returned from distant war theatres are swelling our number, and adding stimulus to the trend toward full scale club operations.

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## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Van Wert (OH) Hamfest: July 16. Details at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/van-wert-hamfest-7>
- East Central Indiana Hamfest: July 29 (same day as the IRC Picnic & POTA), 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Randolph County Fairgrounds. Go to <https://sites.google.com/view/ecindianahamfest/home> for more info.
- Hendricks County Tailgate Fest: August 12. Details at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/hendricks-county-tailgate-fest-2>

## 2023 Officers:

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

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<https://tinyurl.com/irc-dues-payment>

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