



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## March 2020 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meetings:

April 10: ARRL Central Division Director, Kermit Carlson, W9XA

May 2: Indiana QSO Party Operation **NOTES FOR THIS MEETING: This is the Saturday of the Indiana QSO Party. Meeting time TBA. This meeting will be held in the W9IVY Radio Room, operating for the Indiana QSO Party.**

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**Due to Ivy Tech closing its campuses as a precaution to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the March meeting was canceled.**

*Watch for correspondence from the Club regarding future meeting dates and locations.*

### Ham Radio News:

#### IRC 2020 DUES PAYABLE NOW

Indianapolis Radio Club Treasurer, Mark Burke, W9MGB, wants to make sure everyone is aware that 2020 dues are now being accepted. Annual dues are still only \$20! Dues can be paid at the next meeting, or checks can also be mailed to Mark at 6347 Green Leaves Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220.

Contact Mark with any dues questions at [mark@mgburke.com](mailto:mark@mgburke.com)

## **HAMVENTION 2020 CANCELED**

As has been widely publicized just about everywhere hams receive news, the 2020 Hamvention has been canceled due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the first time in the 68 year history of the event that it has been canceled. Details are available at

<http://www.arrl.org/news/dayton-hamvention-announces-cancellation-of-2020-show>

## **SWAINS ISLAND DXPEDITION POSTPONED**

The W8S DXpedition to Swains Island in the Pacific, set to take place in mid-March, has been postponed until September as a result of travel restrictions imposed on individuals entering American Samoa, stemming from the recent coronavirus outbreak. The Department of Health allows non-residents to enter American Samoa only via Hawaii after a 14-day mandatory quarantine, and the DXpedition was unable to accommodate that requirement.

"Everything is prepared for our DXpedition, and we are eager to go, but unfortunately the coronavirus outbreak is out of our control," the DXpedition team said in announcing the delay. "Although this is a disappointment for everyone, the W8S DXpedition is not cancelled, just postponed for later this year."

The DXpedition said it would alert the DX community as soon as it has new firm dates for the trip.

## **CLARIFICATION ON INDIANA HB 1070**

As sent by ARRL Indiana Section Manager, Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, following is some clarification regarding the operation of mobile amateur radio gear.

HB 1070 addresses the use of a "telecommunications device" which is defined in IC 9-13-2-177.3 thusly:

(a) "Telecommunications device", for purposes of IC 9-21-8, IC 9-25-4-7, IC 9-24-11-3.3 (before its repeal), and IC 9-24-11-3.7, means an electronic or digital telecommunications device. The term includes a:

- (1) wireless telephone;
- (2) personal digital assistant;
- (3) pager; or
- (4) text messaging device.

**(b) The term does not include:**

- (1) amateur radio equipment that is being operated by a person licensed as an amateur radio operator by the Federal Communications Commission under 47 CFR Part 97; or**
- (2) a communications system installed in a commercial motor vehicle weighing more than ten thousand (10,000) pounds.**

The full text of the bill is available at

<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2020/bills/house/1070#document-89db916a>

## **UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)**

Franklin IN 46131-9733  
Sponsor: Mid-State ARc  
Date: Mar 21 2020  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Scott W. Nelson  
(812) 320-2790  
Email: [scott@w9dba.com](mailto:scott@w9dba.com)  
VEC: LAUREL MD  
Location: REMC Bldg  
750 International Dr  
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Spencer IN 47460-1740  
Sponsor: Owen County ARA  
Date: Mar 21 2020  
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Kathryn J. Smith  
(317) 862-0468  
Email: rasacres55@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Spencer Christian Church  
110 S Montgomery St  
Corner Market & Montgomery  
Pre-Registration Urged  
Spencer IN 47460-1740

Bloomington IN 47401-5337  
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc  
Date: Apr 04 2020  
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  
2420 E 3rd St  
Register at 11:30am  
Testing at 12 NOON  
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Franklin IN 46131-9733  
Sponsor: Mid-State ARC  
Date: Apr 18 2020  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Scott W. Nelson  
(812) 320-2790  
Email: scott@w9dba.com  
VEC: LAUREL MD  
Location: REMC Bldg

750 International Dr  
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Greenfield IN 46140-1100  
Sponsor: Hancock ARC  
Date: Apr 18 2020  
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 46218-2169  
Sponsor: Indianapolis RC  
Date: Apr 18 2020  
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 46218-2169

Noblesville IN 46060-1624  
Sponsor: Central Indiana ARA  
Date: Apr 18 2020  
Time: 10:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)  
Contact: Joe 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  
Noblesville IN 46060-1624

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: Apr 21 2020  
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

Columbus IN 47201-7477  
Sponsor: SCICSG  
Date: Apr 21 2020  
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Michael D. Tanksley  
(812) 350-5175  
Email: kd9eau@gmail.com  
VEC: LAUREL MD  
Location: Columbus Twp. Fire & Rescue  
935 Repp Dr  
Columbus IN 47201-7477

Frankfort IN 46041-1811  
Sponsor: Clinton County ARC  
Date: Apr 25 2020  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Michael V. Meiers  
(765) 242-9015  
Email: republic48@yahoo.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Frankfort Community Public Library

208 W Clinton St  
Room 216  
Frankfort IN 46041-1811

## **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 March-April, 1960 *Amachewer*:**

As most of our attention is directed to what is new in the way of amateur gear and new applications which effect (sic) us directly, we sometimes fail to keep an eye on what the commercial end of the business is doing. As an example, we keep that very tough 13 WPM in mind and strive to inch it up into the twenties, while in the commercial field they are now using "broadband circuits" to transmit information in 45 seconds as will be found in a 50,000 word book.

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## **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- April 4: Columbus Hamfest at Bartholomew County Fairgrounds (confirm before attending) more info at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/37th-annual-columbus-hamfest>

- ~~May 15 - 17: Hamvention 2020 at Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, Xenia, OH. Info at <https://hamvention.org/>~~

**HAMVENTION CANCELED**

- July 10 -11: Indianapolis Hamfest at Marion County Fairgrounds. See <http://www.indyhamfest.com/index.html> for more info.

**2020 Officers:**

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