



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *May 2020 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

June 12: N3FJP logging program and other Field Day planning. **As of this time, this will be another “Virtual Meeting”.** Watch the club’s website and reflector for more details.

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### **Highlights from the May Meeting:**

This was a “Virtual Meeting”, held via Zoom prior to, and through the running of the Indiana QSO Party. In addition to the Zoom meeting, the IRLP “Crossroads Reflector 9200” was used throughout the contest.

### **Ham Radio News:**

#### **INDIANAPOLIS HAMFEST CANCELED FOR 2020**

Due to several reasons, the Indianapolis Hamfest Association announced that the 2020 Indianapolis Hamfest, originally scheduled for July 10 and 11, has been canceled. The main reason for the cancellation was the fact that the new management of the Marion County Fair Board had booked another event at the Marion County Fairgrounds for the weekend that the Hamfest Association had booked. This, in addition to concerns over

how to maintain social distancing and the impact this may have on the health of potential attendees led to the difficult decision. To see the Hamfest Association's letter announcing the cancellation, point your browser to <http://www.indyhamfest.com/links/HAMFEST%20CANCELLATION%20LETTER%20050520.pdf>

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR W9ICE D-STAR USERS**

The W9ICE Dstar System has been removed from service. All registered users have been removed from the W9ICE Gateway computer. Therefore you will need to register your Call Sign again to be able to use the Dstar System World Wide. Please go to the following link and REGISTER as a NEW USER <https://regist.dstargateway.org/Dstar.do> If you have already received an email and have already registered, disregard this email. REMEMBER YOU SHOULD ONLY REGISTER ONCE. Thank you for your understanding and 73.

Frank Swindler  
WB9OPR

Dale Schieman  
WB9YCY

Bill Akin  
K9YDO

## **AREA DX CONVENTIONS ANNOUNCED**

For those of us that are looking ahead to future radio related events, three DX conventions have been announced that are within driving distance of central Indiana. The first of these is the W8DXCC event, presented by the Southwest Ohio DX Association, scheduled for August 29, 2020. This event is being held during the Milford Hamfest, in Owensville, OH. For more details on this event, point your browser to <https://www.swodxa.org/w8dxcc/>.

The second of these events is the W9DXCC event. This one is scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2020. A concurrent Contest University and DX University program is scheduled for the 11th, with the W9DXCC presentations and banquet scheduled for the

12th. This event is scheduled to be held in Naperville, IL. More information on the W9DXCC event can be found at <https://www.w9dxcc.com/index.html>.

The third of these events is a little more of a drive, but worth it if you like Tennessee. This is the W4DXCC event, scheduled for September 25 and 26, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. There is a Ham Radio Bootcamp event scheduled for the 25th, and the actual DX convention is the 26th. More information on this event can be found at <http://w4dxcc.com/w4dxcc-convention.html>.

## **LOCAL VE TESTING UPDATES**

With the cancellation of the Indianapolis Hamfest, Indianapolis Radio Club VE testing coordinator, Jim Rinehart, K9RU, has added a testing session for July 11. As of the writing of this newsletter, Jim is still planning on having an in person testing session on June 13, contingent on State of Indiana and City of Indianapolis Stay at Home order status, as well as the availability and restrictions in place at the Salvation Army testing site. Due to the large number of people that have expressed interest in getting tested, to follow social distancing guidelines, Jim is planning on scheduling two 1 ½ hour test sessions, and both VEs and applicants will be required to wear masks.

## **HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDS FOR REPEATER SYSTEM**

Over the last year, the HCARES and the HERO teams worked in putting together data on what would be needed to build an emergency/regular repeater system that would cover all of Hendricks County. HCARES took this data and approached the Hendricks County Council in a bid to request funds. In a historical move the Hendricks County Council approved this request and has provided the funds! This is believed to be a first for a county within Indiana, especially Hendricks County. The HCARES and the HERO teams will now work on acquiring the repeaters, antennas, cabling and associated hardware and putting this system together. This system will be solely managed and maintained by HCARES. HCARES thanks the County Council for recognizing the service that Hams provide in the form of emergency communications to the county. A special thanks goes

out to Lise' Crouch, the Hendricks County EMA Coordinator, for working with HCARES and HERO to put the package together.

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

Franklin IN 46131-9733  
Sponsor: Mid-State ARc  
Date: May 16 2020  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Scott W. Nelson  
(812) 320-2790  
Email: scott@w9dba.com  
VEC: LAUREL VEC  
Location: REMC Bldg  
750 International Dr  
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: May 19 2020  
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

Mooresville IN 46158-1333  
Sponsor: Formidable Amt Radio Team  
Date: May 20 2020  
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Bill Spann

(317) 831-5582  
Email: wspann@iquest.net  
VEC: LAUREL VEC  
Location: Brown Township Government Ctr  
471 N Samuel Moore Pkwy  
also: 3176507528  
Mooresville IN 46158-1333

Bloomington IN 47401-5337  
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc  
Date: Jun 06 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

Greenfield IN 46140-1100  
Sponsor: Hancock ARC  
Date: Jun 13 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: Jun 13 2020  
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / 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  
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: Jun 16 2020  
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 16 2020  
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

Franklin IN 46131-9733  
Sponsor: Mid-State ARc

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Location: REMC Bldg  
750 International Dr  
Franklin IN 46131-9733

## **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 April-May 1970 *Amachewer*:**

Ron Cooper, WN9DKL, was a club visitor for the 2nd time March 27, after receiving his ticket in Feb. of this year. Ron has a DX40 with a HQ110 Hearing Aid. Hope you get your antenna loaded up Ron and we hear you on soon.

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## **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

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

- August 15: East Central Indiana Hamfest at Randolph County 4-H Fairgrounds. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Social-Club/East-Central-Indiana-Ham-Fest-595538614235868/>
- September 11 and 12: W9DXCC DX Convention. More info at <https://www.w9dxcc.com/index.html>
- November 14 and 15: Fort Wayne Hamfest. Go to <http://fortwaynehamfest.com/> for more info.

### **2020 Officers:**

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – [davids@mediamachine.com](mailto:davids@mediamachine.com)
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- Treasurer: Mark Burke, W9MGB - [w9mgb@arrl.net](mailto:w9mgb@arrl.net)
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