



AUGUST 23 IS THE NEXT CLUB POTA EVENT

The next Indianapolis Radio Club Parks on the Air (POTA) operating event will be Saturday, August 23 at Fort Harrison State Park. We will plan to be on the air by noon with 2 HF stations. We will be set up at our normal spot, in front of the Visitor Center. If you have heard of the POTA program, but not been able to take part, this is your chance! Even if you're not licensed for HF, there will be control operators on site to help get you on the air. Both radios will have 2 positions, one for the operator and one for a logger, in case you need help logging. As usual, we will be using the club's callsign of W9JP, but if you're registered with the POTA system, you will get credit for the QSOs you make. So, if you're new to HF or POTA, or even if you're an experienced operator, stop by on August 23. We'll try to make sure the new operators get a chance to get on the air, but with 2 radios, anyone that wants to get on should be able to.

This event is open to everyone, **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE IRC** to attend. As usual, we will have coffee, donuts, and water available for refreshments. Even if you don't want to operate, just stop on by to chat with everyone.

IRC MEETING LINE UP FOR 2025-2026 SEASON

Sept. 12, 2025: 3D Printing with W0RLD and KC9GLR.
October 10, 2025: Meshtastic and MOTUS (wildlife tracking) by N9UMJ (via Zoom).
November 14, 2025: Drones, KE9DBN
December 12, 2025: Holiday Pitch-In
January 9, 2026: Steve McVoy, Early Television Museum (via Zoom)
February 13, 2026: Dave Arland CES Recap
March 13, 2026: 6 meter tutorial by N4BAA (via Zoom)
April 10, 2026: Amateur Rocketry, KD9YEE
May 8, 2026: Mag Loop Antennas by John Portune (via Zoom)
June 12, 2026: Auction

TECH AND GENERAL CLASSES COMING UP

The LDS Emcomm group is putting on another Technician and General class, this time in Anderson. The classes will be on 2 consecutive Saturdays: 8/30 and 9/6. The 8/30 class will be 9 am to 4 pm and the 9/6 class will start at 9 am and conclude with testing. Contact Bruce Enz at bruceenz@gmail.com for more info and to register.

PUBLIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

From Brent Walls, N9BA:

Hancock Flat 50 on Saturday August 23rd

The Hancock Flat 50 is a community bicycle ride through the country roads of Hancock County. Amateur radio operators provide logistical communications and course safety situational awareness. I am currently looking for someone to serve a rescue driver. You will need a vehicle with the ability to carry a bicycle or two as well as their riders. The times for the rescue driver position will be 0730 until 1400. If you are interested, please sign up at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/27T6WyFSsK>.

Indianapolis Half Marathon on Saturday October 4th

The Indianapolis Half Marathon is run through historic Fort Ben and the adjacent neighborhood streets in Lawrence. Amateur radio operators provide communications at all water stops and other strategic locations back to race command. Radio operators will report safety issues, supply needs and other issues that may impact the safety of participants. You can sign up at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/2G8eLCA2tK>.

INDIANA HISTORICAL RADIO SOCIETY SWAP MEET

The Indiana Historical Radio Society is having a swap meet Saturday, August 9 at 8:00 am at Cool Creek Park in Carmel. Admission is free. While this isn't a ham radio event per se, they normally have some interesting antique radios and parts to check out.

WORKSHOP COMING UP BY WESTERN KENTUCKY DX ASSN.

The Western Kentucky DX Association (WKDXA) will be hosting a "DX Workshop: Communicating to the Other Side," *[Editor note: I'm assuming they mean the other side of the world, as opposed to a seance.]* on October 4, 2025, at the Bob Kirby Branch Library in Bowling Green, KY, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM (CT), with check-in starting at 9:00 AM. Registration is \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth under 18. Registration includes lunch and drinks. Topics will include DX basics, operating DX, propagation, and a Q&A with instructors. The focus is on DX rather than contesting. Complete details at <https://wkdx.org/events/>

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

Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc

Date: Aug 02 2025

Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: William F. Wootton

(812) 327-5457

Email: KC9ACL@ARRL.NET

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 46254

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club

Date: Aug 09 2025

Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: James Kajder

(505) 228-3704

Email: testing@indyradioclub.org

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility

4020 Georgetown Rd

Register or Call ahead

Indianapolis IN 46254

Franklin IN 46131-9733

Sponsor: Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

Date: Aug 16 2025

Time: 9:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Jacqueline M. Frederick

(317) 432-7095

Email: vetestingmarc@yahoo.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Johnson County REMC Building
750 International Dr
Franklin IN 46131-9733
Website: <https://midstatehams.org/>

Anderson IN 46016
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Aug 19 2025
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EMA EOC
300 N. Delaware St
GPS LOCATION: 119 N. Jackson St
Anderson IN 46016
Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Bloomington IN 47401-5337
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc
Date: Sep 06 2025
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: William F. Wootton
(812) 327-5457
Email: KC9ACL@ARRL.NET
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

Greenfield IN 46140-9654
Sponsor: Hancock County ARC
Date: Sep 06 2025
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Sean Waltz
(317) 753-8846
Email: waltz1972@msn.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hancock EMA EOC
640 South Franklin St
Greenfield IN 46140-9654
Website: <https://w9atg.org/ve-testing2/>

Indianapolis IN 46254
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club
Date: Sep 13 2025
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: James Kajder
(505) 228-3704
Email: testing@indyradioclub.org
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
Register or Call ahead
Indianapolis IN 46254

Anderson IN 46016
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Sep 16 2025
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
300 N. Delaware St
GPS LOCATION: 119 N. Jackson St
Anderson IN 46016
Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

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 July-August-September, 1955 *Amachewer*:

From our Secretary Pete a note to the effect of an FCC notice concerning those working DX. It cautions US Amateurs not to communicate with stations in Cambodia, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Laos, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The prefixes to be avoided are FI8, 3W8, XW8, PK, IP, IQ, HL and HS.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Elkhart East Hamfest: August 2 at Northern Indiana Event Center, 21565 Executive Parkway, Elkhart. More info at <http://elkharteasthamfest.com>
- Hendricks County Tailgate Fest: August 9 at Avon United Methodist Church, at 6850 E. US 36 (Rockville Rd.), Avon, IN 46123. Vendor setup at 8:00 am, with the event running from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Admission \$5 per person for both vendors and attendees. For more info, contact Ken Kayler, KC9SQD at (317) 874-7068 or email at kc9sqd425@gmail.com
- ARANCI Hamfest: August 23 at Christ Presbyterian Church, 7416 E 109th Ave, Winfield, IN Contact: Michael Swiader KA9E, Phone: 815-409-5070, Email: ka9e@usa.com

2025 Officers:

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Or Scan this QR Code with your smartphone:

