



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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June 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming IRC Meetings and Events:

July 27: Second annual “Picnic and POTA” at Fort Harrison State Park at Noon.

September 13: Don Kirk, WD8DSB, presentation on identifying and tracking down RFI sources.

Highlights from the June Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Club President, David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were 31 in attendance. There were 4 new hams present: Jeff Basile, KE9AJF; Mark Bernhardt, KE9AWD; Josh Auker, KE9ABT; and Calvin Johnson, KE9APG. There was also a new member, Mike Feldman, KC9LRB in attendance. A big IRC welcome to all of these individuals, especially the new hams!

David reminded all in attendance that Indianapolis Radio Club dues are payable at any time, with the term of membership through the calendar year. The easiest way to pay dues is to go to <https://tinyurl.com/irc-dues-payment> and complete the process through PayPal.

Jeff Hammer, N9NIC talked a little about this year’s W9JP Field Day, coming up on June 22 & 23. Jeff said that there will be a disaster exercise prior to Field Day, utilizing 146.52 simplex or the 442.5 W9EMO repeater. This exercise traffic will be on the air by 8:00 am.

David also announced that the club's Second annual "Picnic and POTA" event will be held Saturday, July 27, at the "Cherry Tree" shelter in Fort Harrison State Park. *[See more information in this newsletter.]* David also announced that 3 members of the IRC, N9KT, WORLD, and KJ9B are going to the Philmont Scout Training Center in July to share ham radio with Scouts for 2 weeks.

Next, the club's annual auction was started, with David serving as auctioneer. Of those present, 25 had sales and purchases amounting to over \$650. Of this, over \$400 was donated to the club. Thanks to all that participated in the auction, with special thanks to those that donated to the club, and to N9KT for acting as auctioneer.

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SECOND ANNUAL "PICNIC AND POTA" COMING UP JULY 27!

After a great time at our First Annual "Picnic and POTA" last year, we are doing it again! This year's event will be on Saturday, July 27, at the same place as last year, the Cherry Tree Shelter, in Fort Harrison State Park. The club will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, plates and utensils, water, and ice for drinks. If you would like, bring a side dish to share and a non-alcoholic drink. That's the "Picnic" part, for the "POTA" part, we will have 2 HF stations on the air, just like we do for our "quasi-monthly" POTA operating events.

You don't have to be a member of the Indianapolis Radio Club to be eligible to come to this event. Feel free to bring significant others and kids to the picnic! Remember, there is a \$7 per vehicle park admission fee unless you have an annual park pass. To RSVP, go to <https://forms.gle/5HQqk3PVqgVduuZL8>

SOME GREAT MEETING TOPICS NEXT SEASON

Starting with central Indiana's "RFI Whisperer", Don Kirk, WD8DSB on September 13, we have some excellent presentations lined up for the Indianapolis Radio Club's 2024-2025 season. In addition to Don's presentation, following is a summary of planned presentations (subject to change):

- Space Weather by Steve Van Frank, W9TN
- The Latest Elecraft news from Elecraft co-founder Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ

- Our own Mike Sercer, WA9FDO talking about his experiences in Armed Forces Radio
- Dale Hammer, K9NN talking about the Reverse Beacon Network (RBN)
- Our annual favorite, Dave Arland's CES report (this year on February 21, to preserve relationships)

In addition to this line-up, we are considering doing a club build project, building a roll-up J-pole antenna.

INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB POTA EVENT NEWS

On Saturday, June 8, the Indianapolis Radio Club held another club POTA (Parks on the Air) operating event at Fort Harrison State Park. We had 22 folks show up for the event. Of those 22, 11 were IRC members. 7 of the 22 operated for a total of 122 contacts. The highlight of the day was Mark Bailey, AD9BG making his first HF contacts!

Our July 27 picnic will be our July POTA date, but watch your email for the August date.

ARRL COMPUTER NETWORKS COMPROMISED

Unless you have been living under the proverbial rock for the last 7 weeks, you are aware that just before Hamvention, Logbook of the World (LoTW) became unreachable. As it turns out, this was related to a "sophisticated network attack by a malicious international cyber group". As of the writing of this newsletter, LoTW is officially still down, even though some users claim to have been able to access it for short periods of time this past week. Undoubtedly, when LoTW does come back up, due to pent up demand, there will be a massive queue to get into the system, so patience will be required. The latest information regarding the issue can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-systems-service-disruption>

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

Bloomington IN 47401-5337
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc
Date: Jul 06 2024
Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: William F. Wootton
(812) 876-8689
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 46218-2169
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio club W9JP
Date: Jul 13 2024
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: testing@indyradioclub.org
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: Jul 16 2024
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Jeffrey L. Dyer
(317) 775-3415
Email: k9dyr@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EMA EOC
200 N Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238
Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Franklin IN 46131-9733
Sponsor: Mid State Amateur Radio Club

Date: Jul 20 2024
Time: 9:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Jacqueline M. Frederick
Email: vetestingmarc@yahoo.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: Johnson County REMC
750 International Dr
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Greenfield IN 46140-9654
Sponsor: Hancock County ARC
Date: Jul 20 2024
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
Website: <https://w9atg.org/ve-testing2/>

Gas City IN 46933-1155
Sponsor: GCARC
Date: Jul 23 2024
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: <https://www.grantarc.net/>

Noblesville IN 46060-1624
Sponsor: Central Indiana ARA/ HCRACES

Date: Jul 27 2024
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: Sheriff's Training Room
CALL AHEAD
18100 Cumberland Rd
Noblesville IN 46060-1624
Website: <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/908/RACES>

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If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the June, 2004 *Amachewer*:

Don - N9DOO introduced this months program speaker;
R.J. Barmore-KB9GHX.
The presentation was on "Digital TV Broadcasting &
Very High Power Transmitters. R.J. Barmore-KB9GHX ;
Engineer from TV Channel 13 brought us up to date on the
current Broadcasting schemes for TV in the Indy area.
If you like Tech talk, HDTV & High Power (55KW)
Transmitters, this was an excellent presentation.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Auburn Hamfest: July 20, 9 am to 2 pm at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. Go to <https://www.w9ou.org/2024-auburn-hamfest-scheduled-for-july-20-2024-9am-2pm/> for details.
- Indy Radio Club 2nd annual “Picnic and POTA”: July 27, Noon to 4:00 or so, at Fort Harrison State Park, Cherry Tree Shelter. Go to <https://forms.gle/5HQqk3PVqgVduuZL8> to RSVP.
- East Central Indiana Hamfest: July 27, 8 am to 2 pm at the Jay County Fairgrounds. Go to <https://sites.google.com/view/ecindianahamfest/home> for details.

2024 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – president@indyradioclub.org
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- Dir. at large: Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR - board@indyradioclub.org
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