



## The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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### *December 2011 Newsletter*

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#### **Upcoming Meeting:**

January 13: APRS presentation by Bob Burns, W9RXR. CHILI COOK OFF NIGHT!  
February 10: "Legacy" night, featuring Heathkits.  
March 9: "Homebrew" night. Build a kit.  
April 13: Antenna Shootout – Tom Chance, K9XV, will give his antenna presentation.  
May 11: TBD  
June 8: Annual auction

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#### **Highlights from the December Meeting:**

There were around 40 club members and guests present at this year's Christmas dinner meeting. After dinner, Chuck Crist, W9IH, served as MC to introduce Garth and Angie Smithman from the Indiana World Skating Academy, located at Pan-Am Plaza downtown. The Academy came from the Pan-Am games that were held in Indianapolis in 1987. Garth stated that the number of folks enrolled in the Academy are on the increase and the Academy's world-recognized name is coming back. There are currently two well respected coaches that are paid a premium to stay here.

After Garth and Angie's presentation, club vice president Dave Miller, K9RTT, gave a recap of the year. The club has temporarily lost the facility that we have met in for the past several years. However, thanks to the generosity of IVY Tech, we have a home for the time-being.

Dave reminded those present to bring in Heathkits in February, for the annual "legacy" meeting.

Next, the annual awards were presented. The outstanding amateur of the year was presented to Ken Bandy, KJ9B. The Marconi Technical Excellence Award was presented to Tom Chance, K9XV. The Mentor Award, a new award for this year, was presented to Rhonda Curtis, WS9H. It was noted that Rhonda also received the 2011 Outstanding Amateur of the Year Award, presented by the Indiana Radio Club Council, at the Fort Wayne Hamfest in November. The Oldest Member Award was presented to Bill Goodall, K9DBY.

After the club's award presentations, Dr. Jay Wright, KK9L, presented some awards from Hendricks County that had originally been presented at the Hendricks County volunteer recognition ceremony.

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **INDIANA TRAFFIC NET CHANGE**

#### **A note from John Poindexter, Indiana ARRL Section Manager:**

The evening net of the ITN has moved to 2300 Zulu and to the new frequency of 3.940 Mhz.

The morning net is still at the same time it has always been.

Hopefully, this will allow more individuals to check in after they get off work.

Net Controls and Alternate Net Controls are always needed for the different nets, whether they are a Section Net such as the ITN and QIN, or local nets.

Consider volunteering for a Net Control position for one session, either morning or evening, on the Section Nets, and volunteer to cover a local net once in awhile.

Any questions, feel free to email the Indiana Section Traffic Manager  
[WA5LOU@arrl.net](mailto:WA5LOU@arrl.net)

73

John, W3ML

### **HENDRICKS COUNTY CLASSES SCHEDULED**

Hendricks County will be starting their annual classes on January 25, 2012. Contact Dr. Jay Wright, KK9L, (317) 203-3335 for more information.

## **NEW BROWNSBURG HAMFEST COMING IN FEBRUARY**

HAM RADIO, COMPUTER, ELECTRONICS FLEA MARKET

Saturday, February 25, 2012, running 6:00 am until 3:30 pm

Set up available on Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 through 8:30 pm

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## **POSTAGE RATES GOING UP**

Effective January 22, 2012, US Postal Rates will increase as follows:

- ⤴ First Class letters (up to 1 ounce): 1-cent increase to 45 cents.
- ⤴ Additional ounces: unchanged at 20 cents each.
- ⤴ Postcards: 3 cent increase to 32 cents.
- ⤴ Up to one ounce letters to Canada and Mexico: 5 cent increase to 85 cents.
- ⤴ Letters to other international destinations: 7 cent increase to \$1.05.

## **APRS CLASS COMING UP**

Bob Burns, W9RXX, will be presenting a class on APRS on Saturday, January 28, at 1:00 pm at the Hendricks County Senior Services building, 1201 Sycamore Lane, Danville, IN 46122. This is just north of the Hendricks Regional Health Hospital, east of Danville. *Please note this is a different date than previously stated in this newsletter. Sorry for my confusion...*

## **MARION COUNTY TESTING SESSION**

According to Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, testing sessions in Marion County are going to stay with the second Saturday at noon at the Salvation Army training facility at Georgetown and Laffayette Roads, for January thru March. In April, the sessions are going to go back to alternating Monday night test sessions with Saturday test sessions. "We were pleasantly surprised at how many folks came out for Monday evening testing."

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Mike Darnell, KC9TFZ  
Jeff Hagloch, KB9WZH

## **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://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## **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 December 4, 1972, *Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter*:**

Now 146.52 is becoming the National Simplex Frequency instead of 146.94. The moving of the WB9RAI auto-patch repeater off of 146.52 will make it OK to operate on .52/.52 in the local area. The local hams who stayed off this new simplex frequency showed their usual good cooperation until the move was completed. Thanks to all who cooperated.

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## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- January 28, 1:00 pm: APRS presentation by Bob Burns, W9RXR, at Hendricks County Senior Services Center
- February 25: Brownsburg Hamfest at Brownsburg American Legion post 331

## 2011 and 2012 Officers:

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