



The club will once again be chartering a bus to go to the Dayton Hamvention on Saturday, May 19, 2012. The cost will be \$30 per person for the round trip only, admission to the show is not included in this price.

It was announced that the Chili Cook-off was won by K.C. Corbin.

Next, Bob Burns, W9RXX, gave his presentation on APRS.

Door prizes were drawn, and before adjournment, a reminder was given for those with 220 MHz radios to join in on the 220 net on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 pm on the 224.8 repeater.

*[Editor's note: Thanks to K.C. Corbin for taking notes at this meeting in my absence.]*

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **YAESU SPLITS FROM MOTOROLA, NOW YAESU MUSEN**

After four years under the Motorola umbrella, Yaesu has split from that company. According to Vertex Standard President and Chief Executive Officer Jun Hasegawa, effective January 1, 2012, Motorola decided to keep the Vertex Standard Land-Mobile Division, while the amateur, marine and air-band will be under the Yaesu Musen banner. The new company will be known as Yaesu USA here in the US.

While Yaesu Musen will have a new Japanese address, the address and phone numbers -- as well as the US operations and sales organization -- for Yaesu USA will not change. Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, will remain in charge of Yaesu USA's sales division. More details are available at <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/yaesu-s-amateur-radio-division-breaks-with-motorola-changes-name-to-yaesu-musen>

### **JOHNSON COUNTY TECHNICIAN CLASS SCHEDULED**

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club is holding an all day Technician License class on February 11, 2012 beginning at 8AM. This entry level Amateur Radio license class is being held in the training room at the Johnson County Sheriff's office at 1000 Hospital Road in Franklin, IN. The eight hour class will cover all the rules, regulations and technology necessary to pass the 35-question test at the end of the day.

The class is free to the public but all class members are required to pre-purchase the Ham Radio License Manual from the American Radio Relay League's on-line site at: , in the <http://www.arrl.org> Education section. This will be a condensed class and it is recommended that students study the workbook before attending the February class.

Pre-register on-line at: [secretary@midstatehams.org](mailto:secretary@midstatehams.org). Class size is limited, so sign up as soon as possible.

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

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Contact Dave Lucas, K9MSG at [dlucas002@indy.rr.com](mailto:dlucas002@indy.rr.com) for more information.

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## **INTERESTING PROPAGATION PREDICTOR WEB SITE**

For those of you interested in another tool for your “DX tool box”, this web site was pointed out to me. It gives a very nice and easy to understand presentation of DX probability. Go to <http://www.voacap.com/coverage.html> to try it out.

## **SEVERE WEATHER SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION OPEN**

The 2012 Central Indiana Severe Weather Symposium will be held Saturday, March 10 at the Valle Vista Conference Center in Greenwood. This is an all day in depth conference featuring three professional meteorologists. Registration is due by March 8, and no walk in registration will be available. For more information, point your browser to

[http://www.crh.noaa.gov/news/display\\_cmsstory.php?wfo=ind&storyid=40755&source=0](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/news/display_cmsstory.php?wfo=ind&storyid=40755&source=0)

## **HAMS NOT AFFECTED BY NARROWBANDING REQUIREMENTS**

The FCC released a Public Notice on January 6, reminding land mobile licensees, frequency coordinators and equipment manufacturers that they have less than one year to transition to narrowband operations in the 150-174 and 421-512 MHz bands. While the latter frequency range includes amateur service allocations, radio amateurs are not affected by the narrowbanding requirement. Land mobile operation is permitted in parts of the 421-430 MHz band in the areas around Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo, and land mobile licensees in these areas are among those who will have to migrate to narrowband (12.5 kHz or narrower) technology by January 1, 2013. Amateur operation is not permitted along the Canadian border (north of Line A as defined in the FCC Rules) in the band 420-430 MHz.

## **ARMY MARS AND WINLINK UPDATE**

According to Pudge Forrester, AAA9GL, government liaison for Army MARS, Lieutenant General Susan Lawrence has reversed the decision to phase out the use of the WinLink 2000 global radio e-mail system by Army MARS members. Ms Lawrence stated that the Army, after reviewing its capabilities, had decided that the continued use of WinLink 2000 was a valuable asset to Army MARS members and agencies that were using the service. She issued a statement to that effect on December 21, 2011. On January 5, 2012, the Chief of Army MARS officially notified his membership that the phase out notice had been rescinded. Army MARS members and agencies who had been using the service hailed the decision by Ms Lawrence and resumed use of WinLink 2000.

## **NEW WUST AWARD ANNOUNCED**

WUST stands for "Worked US Territories" and was announced recently by the Metro DX Club in Chicago. According to reports, the new award is well made, very colorful and makes a very nice addition to a "wall paper" collection in your shack. For more information on the award go to: <[http://www.metrodxclub.com/wust\\_award.htm](http://www.metrodxclub.com/wust_award.htm)>.

## **LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD NOW WORKS FOR CQ AWARDS**

CQ Communications, Inc. (CQ) and ARRL – the national association for Amateur Radio, have signed an agreement to begin providing support for CQ-sponsored operating awards by the ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) electronic confirmation system.. The agreement was announced jointly by ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, and CQ Communications President Richard Ross, K2MGA.

CQ's awards will be the first non-ARRL awards supported by LoTW and will be phased in, beginning with the CQ WPX award. Additional CQ awards will follow. The ARRL's LoTW system, an interactive database recording contacts between radio amateurs was created in 2003 and has been adopted by 47,500 radio "hams" worldwide. It already has records of 400 million contacts and grows weekly. The target date for beginning LoTW support for WPX is April 1, 2012. Amateurs will be able to use LoTW logs to generate lists of confirmed contacts to be submitted for WPX credit. Standard LoTW credit fees and CQ award fees will apply.

Point your browser to [www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world](http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world) for more information.

## **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 La fayette 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."

## **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 January – February, 1954, *Amachewer*:**

Programs of the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc. for 1954 are being set up on the following schedule.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of each month | Movies and Quiz.                    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month | Business meeting and Bull session.  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month | Novice training program.            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of each month | Talk, usually of an advanced nature |

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### Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- February 25: Brownsburg Hamfest at Brownsburg American Legion post 331
- May 19: Bus trip to Dayton Hamvention

### 2011 and 2012 Officers:

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