



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *Summer 2016 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meeting:**

September 12 meeting to be announced. *Have a great summer!*

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### **Ham Radio News:**

#### **RUMORS PROVE TRUE: HAMVENTION MOVING**

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) regrets to inform our many vendors, visitors and stakeholders that, unfortunately, HARA has announced the closing of their facility. We have begun execution of our contingency plan to move Hamvention® 2017 to a new home.

DARA and Hamvention® have enjoyed many successful years working together with HARA Arena and we wish the Wampler family the best.

DARA and Hamvention® have been working on a contingency plan in the event HARA would become unavailable. We have spent many hours over the last few years evaluating possible locations and have found one in the area we believe will be a great new home! Due to logistics and timing issues, we will make a formal announcement introducing our new partner. This information will be coming soon. We all believe this new venue will be a spectacular place to hold our beloved event. Please rest assured we will have the event on the same weekend and, since it will be in the region, the current accommodations and outside events already planned for Hamvention® 2017 should not be affected.

We look forward to your continued support as we move to a new future with The Dayton Hamvention®.

Ron Cramer  
General Chairman  
Dayton Hamvention 2017

Here is a link to a related news story on the future of Hara Arena:  
<http://wdtn.com/2016/07/29/hara-arena-to-shut-down/>

## **ISLEY RETIRES AS ARRL CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR**

In an open letter to ARRL membership, Dick Isely, W9GIG, passed the baton:

“I'm 77 years old and I still have pretty good health despite my slow recovery from a shingles attack that hit me last December. However, It's time that you have a younger Central Division Director.

“After serving on this board for 15 plus years, I resigned Saturday afternoon July 16th, and Kermit Carlson, W9XA is now your director. I firmly believe he will do a better job than me.

A candidate is being vetted to serve as Kermit's Vice Director.  
An announcement should be forth-coming in a few days. *[See next article.]*

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you over these many years and from time to time, there will be future opportunities for this activity.

Sincerely - George R. (Dick) Isely, W9GIG  
ARRL Past Director, Central Division”

## **K9LA APPOINTED AS CENTRAL DIVISION VICE DIRECTOR**

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in consultation with Central Division Director Kermit Carlson, W9XA, has appointed R. Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, to become the new Central Division Vice Director.

Luetzelschwab is a resident of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Licensed since 1961, he is an ARRL Life Member and is well known in the amateur community.

He is a frequent contributor to many ARRL publications, and had previously served as the Editor of the ARRL's National Contest Journal. He is an active contester and DXer, having achieved DXCC #1 Honor Roll as well as having earned 160 Meter DXCC. He is considered one of the leading authorities on HF propagation and has been a frequent presenter at many hamfests and conventions, including W9DXCC, Dayton Hamvention, and DX University.

"I plan to bring lots of energy to the job and to be visible to the members of the Central Division," Luetzelschwab said. "It is an honor to serve and give back to the Amateur Radio service for all that it has given me over the years. I am looking forward to working with Kermit Carlson, W9XA, whom I have known for a number of years. And I would like to give a big thank you to retired director Dick Isely, W9GIG, for his friendship and many years of service. I hope to emulate his visibility and approachability."

Luetzelschwab is married to Vicky, AE9YL, and together they have participated in several DXpeditions, including YK9A, OJØ, and numerous trips to ZF, operating as ZF2LA and ZF2YL. He retired in 2013 after 41 years as an RF Design Engineer with Motorola and Raytheon (formerly Magnavox).

## **HELP NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ham Radio Volunteers are needed in all the public served events that we support. These are:

Sep 10 - Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride

Oct 1 - Indianapolis Marathon in Lawrence

Nov 7 - Indianapolis Monumental Marathon

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## **HILLTOP CONTEST SEPTEMBER 24, 2016**

The Indianapolis Radio Club Hilltop Operating Contest will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Check the club's web site for more specifics.

## **64TH ANNUAL W9DXCC DX CONVENTION SEPT. 16 & 17**

The 64th annual W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet will be held September 16-17, 2016, in Schaumburg, Illinois. Sponsored by the Northern Illinois DX Association, the event is an ARRL-approved operating specialty convention. Contest University and DX University programs will both be held on Friday, with presentations for new and veteran DXers and contest operators. The daylong session on Saturday will feature speakers, exhibits, QSL card checking, a CW pileup contest and many prizes. The evening banquet is a time to relax with keynote speaker Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, the new ARRL CEO. For family members, Woodfield Mall, which offers a wide array of shopping, is one traffic light south of the convention site at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 East Golf Road.

Main Convention – Saturday (as of now, with more being added)

- VP8STI/SGI Sandwich Island/South Georgia Island by K3LP
- VK0EK Heard Island by KK6EK
- K5P Palmyra Island by K9CT
- Cycle 24 Update by K9LA
- DX'ing During Declining Conditions by K9ZO
- Flex 6000 for Contesting & DX'ing by N5AC

Registration: Go to <http://w9dxcc.com/> for more information. Hotel registration is now open, with special convention rates available.

Updates: <http://w9dxcc.com/> for new developments.

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## **FCC FIXES GLITCH IN AMATEUR RADIO BATCH PROCESSING**

It took a couple of weeks, but the FCC resolved a computer programming problem that had affected its ability to accept and process batch-filed Amateur Radio applications, resulting in a backlog for the Volunteer Examiner Coordinator and others taking advantage of automated processing. The FCC information technology staff had been attempting to fix the glitch affecting the Universal Licensing System Electronic Batch Filing system, since it first cropped up on June 28. At first, the problem affected the

processing of all Amateur Radio and commercial license applications, said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, who alerted the FCC IT Department.

Point your browser to

<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/fcc-finds-a-fix-for-amateur-radio-application-batch-processing-problem> for the complete story.

## **AES CLOSING DOWN, HRO TO RE-OPEN MILWAUKEE STORE**

Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) has announced plans to hire an unspecified number of Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) employees, when AES shuts down its four locations in late July. In addition, the current AES Headquarters store in Milwaukee will become HRO's newest location later this summer, following renovation. On July 1, AES announced that it was going out of business and ending retail operations at its Milwaukee, Las Vegas, Cleveland, and Orlando locations. With the approval of AES management, HRO senior managers visited each AES location to interview staffers in hopes of "acquiring some of the Amateur Radio retail employee talent in each of the current AES locations," an HRO news release said. "Together with this interview process, HRO examined what it would take to perhaps acquire one or more of the AES store locations. At the time of these interviews, many opportunities were explored with current AES senior management," the release continued.

HRO announced that once AES shuts its Milwaukee location at 5710 W Good Hope Road on July 28, Ham Radio Outlet will undertake an extensive remodeling project to create a new HRO Milwaukee store at the same site, which will open at the end of August. "It is with great pleasure that we are able to continue Terry Sterman and Phil Majerus' legacy of providing a fantastic Amateur Radio store in Milwaukee, Wisconsin," HRO President Robert Ferrero, W6KR. "It is our immediate goal to have the largest, most well-stocked Amateur Radio retail store in North America and perhaps even the world." HRO National Sales Manager Steve Gilmore, W4SHG, said the Milwaukee location will be "a showplace that all must come see!"

For the complete story go to

<http://www.arrl.org/news/ham-radio-outlet-to-acquire-some-aes-employees-re-open-milwaukee-location-as-hro-branch>

## **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 September, 1976 *Amachewer*:**

BUY YOUR HAM LICENSE: The FBI of Indianapolis is checking into a supposed ring of people who are telling prospective Hams they can get them a ticket for 200 green stamps. Mr. Big in this operation is described as a Fed employee in Pennsylvania having access to FCC computers feeding fake info to obtain the ticket. The Indy agent O. Franklin Lowie confirmed this report, stating that several Indy people have been visited.

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## **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- August 13: HCRCSG Tailgate Hamfest – Danville, Ind. Go to <http://hcrmsg.org/tailgate.html> for more information.
- August 27: Owen County Hamfest at Owen County Fairgrounds.
- September 16 - 17: W9DXCC conference in Schaumburg, IL Go to <http://w9dxcc.com/> for more information.
- September 24: Indianapolis Radio Club Hilltop Contest
- September 24: Bloomington Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Monroe County Fairgrounds. More info at <http://www.bloomingtonradio.org/index.php/12-news/62-barc-hamfest-on-sept-24>

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