



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *May 2018 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

June 8: Annual auction. Contact Jim Rinehart, K9RU, if you have any “large ticket” items (over \$100) for the silent auction.

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### **Highlights from the May Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by club president David Spoelstra, N9KT, at 7:30. There were around 40 in attendance.

There were several new and upgraded hams present, among them were KD9KWM, KD9KTU, KD9JSS, KD9KMS, and KD9KMU.

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO, announced that he has advance sale Indy Hamfest tickets.

Mike Palmer, N9FEB, thanked all those that volunteered at the Mini. Parade is next. David, N9KT, gave his testimonial for the fun and rewards of working the Mini. Hams played a part in saving a participant’s life this year at the mini.

Jim, K9RU, made an announcement regarding Field Day that Camp Belzer is out due to a scouting event being held at the Camp that weekend. Several different venues have been checked. Franklin College is a possibility. Victor Conservation club by Martinsville is

another good possibility. (More later in this newsletter.)

The bus to Dayton has been cancelled due to cost overruns. Rhonda, WS9H, is going to contact those that made a reservation and aren't at the meeting tonight.

Auction next month. Silent auction for big ticket items. Greg, N9NWO, suggested posting on Facebook about items for sale.

David played a video clip showing off Google's new AI phone app.

Next, David introduced K9EOH, Jim Baughn, this evening's speaker on Raspberry Pi. Jim has been a ham for over 60 years. Was radioman in Navy. Got in Navy MARS after getting home. Been in computers since the early IBM days. He opened one of the first computer stores in Indy. 1971 Intel first computer on a chip for a calculator. Raspberry Pi OS is Unix based Raspbian.

Jim gave a rundown of the various models of Raspberry Pi's and the differences. He also talked about some Raspberry Pi based applications of interest to ham operators.

After Jim's presentation, Doug, N9DR, announced that a B-17 is at the Anderson Airport offering rides.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **USS INDY LOOKING FOR OPS FOR MUSEUM SHIPS OTA**

I received this note from Chuck Crist, W9IH, regarding some great operating opportunities coming up at WW2IND. If you haven't seen the USS Indy Radio Room exhibit at the Indiana War Memorial, you owe it to yourself to stop by and see it. The Museum Ships on the Air event will be a great opportunity to operate there, as well!

*Hello IRC club:*

*Lots of events & operator times, this month. Also the World Wide Museum ships is June 2nd & 3rd (Sat & Sun) 2018*

*We need help operating the IWM USS Indy Radio exhibit.*

*Perhaps some would like to join us ....at the Indiana War Museum and operate during "SHIPS"?*

*This year we will operate PSK31 for the 1st time...?!*

*Interested hams; Please let me know the times and day of the visit...  
hour(1) ..really helps...73 ...w9ih Chuck*

## **FIELD DAY SITE FOUND!**

### **Some great news from Brian Smith, W9IND:**

As expected, we've made a Field Day reservation for the Victor Conservation Club at 6675 Red Day Road, Martinsville (but it's actually near Centerton on State Road 67). We'll have the run of practically the whole property, including full use of the clubhouse, which has flush toilets, a large dining area, and a kitchen with a sink, stove, microwave, coffeemaker, and refrigerator. There are large trees around the perimeter of the property, and perhaps 30 to 50 feet behind the clubhouse. The grounds have been checked for line noise and other forms of interference, and were found to be clean.

Some trivia about the site, it's called the "Victor Conservation Club" because it was originally a recreation spot for RCA employees. In fact, it's rumored that Jim Rinehart, K9RU, and the RCA radio club once operated Field Day out there.

## **MARION COUNTY ARES NETS BACK ON 146.700**

As of May 2, the weekly Wednesday night ARES nets are back on the W9IRA repeater at 146.700. The nets start at 7:30 pm.

## **THE RESULTS ARE IN ON INDIANA ARRL SECTION MANAGER**

Brian G. Jenks, W9BGJ, of Fort Wayne, received 438 votes.

James Merry, Jr. (Jimmy), KC9RPX, of Ellettsville, received 451 votes.

Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, has been declared the winner. Jimmy will begin his two-year term of office on July 1, 2018.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS NEEDING HAM RADIO SUPPORT**

October 6 - 7: Hilly Hundred Bicycle Event. Contact the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club rep Tom Myers, K9TEM at [tmyers@bluemarble.net](mailto:tmyers@bluemarble.net)

October 6: Lawrence Half Marathon. Contact Jeff Skinner, [NN7C@comcast.net](mailto:NN7C@comcast.net) to volunteer.

October 20: American Diabetes Assn. Tour-de-Cure. Contact Tony Stokes at [KU9V@arrl.net](mailto:KU9V@arrl.net) to volunteer.

November 3: Monumental Marathon. Contact Mike Palmer, N9FEB, to volunteer.

## **NEW TECHNICIAN CLASS QUESTION POOL STARTS JULY 1**

On July 1, 2018 a new Element 2 Technician class question pool will take effect for examinations. VECs and VEs will have new test designs available for use at exam sessions effective that date.

The newly revised pool released in January 2018 (updated and re-released February 12, 2018) by the Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) must be in use starting July 1. There are three graphics required for this pool and 423 questions in this pool, down slightly from 426 in the previous pool. ARRL VEC will be supplying all its (near 1,000) Field Stocked VE teams with new test booklets about the 3rd week in June.

The question pools review is part of a regular process and each question pool is reviewed and updated on a four year rotation. The General pool is scheduled for an update in 2019. All current question pools and useful information pertaining to the pools can be viewed on the ARRL Web at <http://www.arrl.org/question-pools>. To view all three questions pools, visit the NCVEC web site at <http://www.ncvec.org/>.

## **HANDY TOOL FOR CHECKING STATUS OF LoTW**

Are you wondering if ARRL's LoTW is up or down? Now you don't have to send an email to your favorite news group or reflector as the following site gives you the answer to your question: <https://status.lotw.arrl.org>

## **UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS**

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP

Date: Jun 09 2018

Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart

(317) 721-1458

Email: [k9ru@arrl.net](mailto:k9ru@arrl.net)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility

4020 Georgetown Rd

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Franklin IN 46131-9025

Sponsor: Mid State ARC

Date: Jun 16 2018

Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Kevin J. Nuetzman

(317) 523-9909

Email: [kevinnuetzman@gmail.com](mailto:kevinnuetzman@gmail.com)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: REMC Building

750 International Drive

Franklin IN 46131-9025

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Date: Jun 19 2018

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Stephen M. Riley

(765) 425-4627  
Email: [smriley@hughes.net](mailto:smriley@hughes.net)  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EOC  
200 Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238

## **FOR SALE**

National NCL-2000 Linear amp \$500  
80-10 meters 1000 watts out plus.  
Pair of RCA 8122 tetrodes  
Input drive selectable 20W or 100W (either will drive the amp to full output)

This amplifier was donated to the Indianapolis Radio Club and I have checked it out and I am currently using it with my SB-104A.

I do have the TA33 tribander for \$100 and Jay, W9TC, has a TA33 tribander with the 40M extensions for \$125.

Jim Rinehart K9RU  
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## **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 May, 1968 *Amachewer*:**

Bob Osterhous, W9PSE, has his new 6 meter gear on the air, and Frank Fitch, W9EJW, is well on the way. W9JJC and W9BS are the laggards, and still are not on, but with weather getting good enough to get out and work on a car, will probably be on in the near future.

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### **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- July 13 & 14: Indianapolis Hamfest and 2018 ARRL Indiana State Convention. Go to <http://www.indyhamfest.com/> for more info.

### **2018 Officers:**

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – [davids@mediamachine.com](mailto:davids@mediamachine.com)
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