

# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## November 2018 Newsletter

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

December 14: The Club's annual Holiday Dinner at the Casetleton MCL, with Terry Zivney, N4TZ, talking about the WRTC 2018 in which he was a competitor. January 11: Charles Dawes, AC9FN, on MESH Networks. February 8: Dave Arland's annual report from the Consumer Electronics Show.

## **Highlights from the November Meeting:**

Club President David Spoelstra, N9KT, called the meeting to order at 7:35. David started the meeting with a moment of silence for three local hams that have passed away in the past couple of months:

- Bob Osterhous, W9PSE
- Wes Murphy, N9AJM
- Jeff Skinner, NN7C

David announced the results of the election of officers for 2019. President, VP, Secretary, and Chief Op same as last year. New this year are Mark Burke, W9MGB, treasurer, Dave Michaels, N1RF, and Jeff Hammer, N9NIC, who join Jim Rinehart, K9RU, as directors. *[See the complete listing at the end of this newsletter. - ed.]*  David asked for ideas from the body to increase membership. It was announced that the combined Field Day efforts of the Indianapolis Radio Club, RCA club, and HDXCC, operating under W9JP placed 3rd in the nation in class 3A.

The December meeting will be our annual holiday dinner, on December 14, at 7:00 pm, held again this year at the Castleton MCL (5520 Castleton Corner Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46250). Please note that the club no longer subsidizes meals for members.

Next, Jim Rinehart, K9RU, and David Spoelstra, N9KT, gave their presentation, HOW TO WORK DX AND DXPEDITIONS IN THE DIGITAL AGE. They talked about FT8, fldigi, real time DX, Fox and Hound, <u>http://www.dxsummit.fi/#/</u> and <u>http://www.voacap.com/</u> - free websites to aid in locating and working DX.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

[Many thanks to Mark Burke, W9MGB, for supplying these meeting notes. - ed.]

#### Ham Radio News:

#### DANVILLE WX9HC REPEATERS OFF THE AIR

Due to the loss of the tower site that they occupied, the WX9HC repeaters (DMR 444.575, and FM/YSF 145.130) are down indefinitely. The repeater trustees are pursuing other locations.

#### W1AW WINTER OPERATING SCHEDULE

Morning Schedule:

TimeModeDays1400 UTC (9 AM EST)CWsWed, Fri1400 UTC (9 AM EST)CWfTue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST) 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)

(Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri 2100 " " CWs Tue, Thu 2200 " (5 PM EST) CWb Daily 2300 " (6 PM EST) DIGITAL Daily 0000 " (7 PM EST) CWs Mon, Wed, Fri 0000 " " CWf Tue, Thu 0100 " (8 PM EST) CWb Daily 0200 " (9 PM EST) DIGITAL Daily 0245 " (9:45 PM EST) VOICE Daily 0300 " (10 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri 0300 " " CWs Tue. Thu 0400 " (11 PM EST) CWb Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8025 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 50.350 147.555 DIGITAL: - 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 50.350 147.555 VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 50.350 147.555

#### **CLASSES STARTING IN HENDRICKS COUNTY JAN. 30**

The Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society will be hosting amateur radio license classes starting January 30, 2019, and ending with license testing on March 13, 2019.

This is for anyone who wishes to obtain a Technician class amateur radio license or upgrade to General class license only.

This class will be every Wednesday night from January 30 through March 13 at 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Classes will be held at the Hendricks County Senior Services Center, 1201 Sycamore Ln., Danville, IN.

Registration will be at the January 30 session.

The Technician class will use the ARRL Tech Q & A book 7th Edition available from Amazon or ARRL for \$9.99 for Kindle, \$17.95 in Paperback versions.

The General class will use the ARRL General Q & A book 5th Edition available from Amazon or ARRL at the same prices as Technician book. The current General question pool will be effective through June 30, 2019; starting July 1 there will be a new set of questions in the General pool.

For more information, email: <u>hcarshamclass@gmail.com</u>

#### UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSION

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407 Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP Date: Dec 08 2018 Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: James K. Rinehart (317) 721-1458 Email: k9ru@arrl.net VEC: ARRL/VEC Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility 4020 Georgetown Rd Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

## 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 <u>http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm</u>.

## SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

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

## Signals from the Past:

#### From the November, 1978 *Amachewer*:

<u>PROGRAM REVIEW</u> On October 13th, the membership had the rare opportunity to hear one of our old timers, Winn Clark, W9JIY, discuss recent trends in UHF and VHF antennas and propagation. He demonstrated the Quagi antenna, a beam antenna driven by a quad loop and reflector with Yagi type directors. This beam is an excellent performer, having high realized gain and excellent frontal lobe and front to back ratio.....

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

 November 17 & 18: Fort Wayne Hamfest. Go to <u>http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm</u> for more info.
November 24: Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. 2018 Turkeyfest & Computer Expo. Go to <u>https://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest/turkeyfest\_2018.pdf</u> for more info.

• February 9, 2019: Hendricks County Hamfest 2019. Go to <u>http://hcars.org/hamfest</u> for more info.

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