



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *February 2019 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

March 8: Dave Arland's annual report from the Consumer Electronics Show.

April 12: MMDVM based multi-mode digital system from Southern Indiana

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### **Highlights from the February Meeting:**

After attempting to receive an SSTV transmission from the International Space Station during a pass over Indiana, Club President David Spoelstra, N9KT, called the meeting to order at 7:45. There were approximately 40 in attendance. Even though the ISS evidently wasn't transmitting, since it was a clear evening, we were able to see the ISS in the sky! David asked for a volunteer for a "new ham greeter". There were a couple of guests present, the Hoffmans, who are interested to see what ham radio is all about. David announced the request for volunteers for the Mini Marathon. David talked about the duties of race volunteers and told a story of last year where he and Jim saved a guy having a heart attack by getting medical assistance to him. Contact Mike Palmer, N9FEB, to volunteer. There was discussion regarding the upcoming Hamvention, May 17 through 19 at Xenia, Ohio. Carl Ashmore, KC9EVI, said he would be willing to drive his van to Xenia on any or all of the days of the Hamvention if others would like to ride with him. More information below. David took a poll to see how many present were interested in the club securing a bus to go to Xenia. Based on cost estimates gathered from a few bus companies, the cost would be around \$45 per person. Only two of those

present expressed interest. Based on that response, the club will not be reserving a bus for the Hamvention.

David went over the upcoming meeting topics:

March 8: Consumer Electronics Show wrap up.

April 12: MMDVM Southern Indiana system

May 10: Radio astronomy using DirecTV receiver and dish.

June 14: Auction

Jim, K9RU and David, N9KT represented the Ivy Tech club (W9IVY) at a club callout event at the school. They had 12 students at the event that signed up, and another 11 have since expressed interest. David went over our normal outreach including talking to new hams at VEC sessions, and mailing letters to new hams. Next David summarized our current budget numbers. We're currently in the black!

David showed the picture he downloaded earlier in the day from an ISS pass. He accomplished this with a handheld radio and smart phone app.

Next, Jeff, N9NIC, Dave, N1RF, and Jace, KD9BIG gave a presentation about a plan for the future of the club, to grow membership, interest, and sustainability. Among the key points were to cultivate outreach and generate interest to the general public through things such as casual operation on the old Washington Street Bridge over White River, and other public locations. Jeff talked about the plan for Field Day on the IMS "Coke Lot". Weekend License classes. Establish an "Elmering" group of experienced operators to help others with problems or answer questions. This is a four-step continuing plan. Carl, KC9EVI wondered if there would be interest in an additional monthly meeting to help new members with technical questions or problems.

Next, the members that brought in old radio gear gave short presentations about what they brought in. John, WB0HTP had an extensive collection of radios from his past, including his first razor blade receiver. Jerry, WX9S, Jim, K9RU, Dave, K9RTT, Mike, WA9FDO, and Ron, WB9DKL gave some information about the items they had brought in to show. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **RIDE-SHARE OPTION TO HAMVENTION**

With no Radio Club bus going to Hamvention, Carl Ashmore, KC9EVI, offered rides in his van to Xenia for \$30 per person, roundtrip. He can go any or all of the three days of the event, May 17, 18, and 19. Contact Carl directly either by phone at (317) 626-1175, or by email at [carlna28@aol.com](mailto:carlna28@aol.com) if interested.

### **CLASSES CONTINUING IN HENDRICKS COUNTY**

The Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society is hosting amateur radio license classes every Wednesday night through March 13, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

These classes are for anyone who wishes to obtain a Technician class amateur radio license or upgrade to General class license only.

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

The Technician class is using 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 is using the ARRL General Q & A book 5th Edition available from Amazon or ARRL at the same prices as the 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: [hcarshamclass@gmail.com](mailto:hcarshamclass@gmail.com)

## **GIVE BOB A CALL**

*I received this from Bill, K9YDO:*

For all of you that know Bob Blake, N9FIM from the Indy hamfest and Marion County RACES, he went on a fishing trip to Minnesota in August, had a severe back situation and is still up in Duluth Minnesota in rehab.

He has been in the hospital several times with back surgery, pneumonia and intestinal issues. He just was in the hospital and returned to the rehab.

If you can give him a phone call in the late afternoon / evening about 5 pm EST. He will enjoy talking with all of you. His in room phone number is 218-279-4263. Please pass the word for any others that know Bob and might give him a call. You might imagine what it is like in Duluth in the winter up on Lake Superior.

## **UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSION**

Franklin IN 46131-9733  
Sponsor: Mid-State ARc  
Date: Feb 16 2019  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Scott W. Nelson  
(812) 320-2790  
Email: [scott@w9dba.com](mailto:scott@w9dba.com)  
VEC: LAUREL MD  
Location: REMC Bldg  
750 International Dr  
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: Feb 19 2019  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627

Email: smriley@hughes.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EOC  
200 Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Greenfield IN 46140-1100  
Sponsor: Hancock Cty ARC  
Date: Mar 09 2019  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Jill Schaumloeffel  
(317) 363-4674  
Email: n2jlc@yahoo.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Park Chapel Christian Church  
1176 E McKenzie Rd  
Greenfield IN 46140-1100

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407  
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP  
Date: Mar 09 2019  
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

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: Mar 12 2019  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627

Email: smriley@hughes.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EOC  
200 Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238

## **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 February, 1965 *Amachewer*:**

### ARE YOU HEARING DOUBLE?

Who is this second op who seems to be present at every fone station I contact lately?... I actually heard a fone station recently say “We went to the dentist today and had a tooth pulled.” I was tempted to ask him if it wasn’t a little crowded in the chair or if their dentist used a love seat for an operating chair.

So, wat say, OM, unless you are pregnant or one half of a Siamese twin, and you are referring to yourself, for TOM’s sake, say “I”.

## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- April 6, 2019: 36th Annual Columbus Hamfest at Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds. Go to <http://carcnet.net> for more info.
- May 17 - 19, 2019: Hamvention 2019 at Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, Xenia, OH. Go to <https://hamvention.org/> for more info.
- July 12 - 13, 2019: Indianapolis Hamfest at Marion County Fairgrounds. Go to <http://www.indyhamfest.com/> for more info.

## 2019 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – [davids@mediamachine.com](mailto:davids@mediamachine.com)
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - [dmiller@ivytech.edu](mailto:dmiller@ivytech.edu)
- Secretary: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)
- Treasurer: Mark Burke, W9MGB - [w9mgb@arrl.net](mailto:w9mgb@arrl.net)
- Chief Operator: Jace Thompson, KD9BIG - [kd9big@arrl.net](mailto:kd9big@arrl.net)
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – [k9ru@arrl.net](mailto:k9ru@arrl.net)
- Dir. at large: Dave Michaels, N1RF - [dw\\_michaels@comcast.net](mailto:dw_michaels@comcast.net)
- Dir. at large: Jeff Hammer, N9NIC - [n9nic@arrl.net](mailto:n9nic@arrl.net)
- W9JP Trustee: Jay Kraus, W9TC - [W9TC@arrl.net](mailto:W9TC@arrl.net)