



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *June 2020 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

September 11: Public Service Panel

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### **Highlights from the June Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 via Zoom by club president David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were 21 in attendance.

Announcements:

Club dues are payable to club treasurer, Mark Burke, W9MGB.

The September meeting will be the Public Service Panel that was originally scheduled for March.

W9IMS Special Event Station operating starting June 29 through July 5 for the Indy Grand Prix and Brickyard 400. Contact David Spoelstra, N9KT, if interested in operating. Reminder that the Indy Hamfest is canceled for 2020.

The Auburn Hamfest is still scheduled to happen on July 11, 9-5. More info later in newsletter.

We don't know if Ivy Tech will open the buildings in the fall. Looking for alternate meeting sites if needed. Open to suggestions for free or very reasonable facilities.

Field Day June 27 1800 UTC through 2059 UTC June 28.

Home Stations with commercial AC are class D

Class D stations can work other class D Stations this year.

Also “distributed clubs”, submit individual log with “Indianapolis Radio Club”, exactly as that, as the club.

The Indy United club will be operating from 6675 Red Day Road, Martinsville.

Also, HCARS in Hendricks County will be operating from the Hendricks County Fairgrounds.

Madison County is operating class F from their EOC.

No club meeting in July or August. Look for emails from the club regarding upcoming meetings.

Next, David introduced Jeff Hammer, N9NIC, who gave a talk on N3FJP software, for use in Field Day logging. N3FJP is not free, but reasonably priced (\$8.99 per program, or \$49.99 for all modules). Jeff showed and explained several N3FJP screens.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB FIELD DAY CANCELED**

The Indianapolis Radio Club is canceling its Field Day effort at Legion Post 500 this year.

If you are still interested in an in-person Field Day event, some IRC members will be operating here: Indy United ARC, 6675 Red Day Road (near Centerton, IN), Martinsville, IN. They will have a GOTA station and the contact is: Brian D. Smith [w9ind@arrl.net](mailto:w9ind@arrl.net) <https://www.facebook.com/IndyUnitedFieldDay/>

Otherwise, the ARRL has made accommodations for hams staying at home this year:

1) For Field Day 2020 only, Class D stations may work all other Field Day stations, including other Class D stations, for points.

Field Day rule 4.6 defines Class D stations as “Home stations,” including stations operating from permanent or licensed station locations using commercial power. Class D stations ordinarily may only count contacts made with Class A, B, C, E, and F Field Day

stations, but the temporary rule waiver for 2020 allows Class D stations to count contacts with other Class D stations for QSO credit.

2) In addition, for 2020 only, an aggregate club score will be published, which will be the sum of all individual entries indicating a specific club (similar to the aggregate score totals used in ARRL affiliated club competitions).

Ordinarily, club names are only published in the results for Class A and Class F entries, but the temporary rule waiver for 2020 allows participants from any Class to optionally include a single club name with their submitted results following Field Day.

If you wish to participate in the Indianapolis Radio Club score, please use the club name: “Indianapolis Radio Club” when you send in your entry.

All the Field Day information is located here: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

Thanks!  
-David, N9KT

## **W9DXCC CONVENTION CANCELED FOR 2020**

The board of directors for the Northern Illinois DX Association voted unanimously on May 19 to cancel this year’s W9DXCC convention due to the coronavirus pandemic and expected limitations in Illinois surrounding large gatherings this fall. Plans are already being made to book the 2021 convention at the Marriott in Naperville, where the 68th annual W9DXCC had been scheduled for Sept. 11-12.

For more information: <http://w9dxcc.com/>

## **AREA DX CONVENTIONS ANNOUNCED**

For those of us that are looking ahead to “live”radio related events, two DX conventions have been announced that are within driving distance of central Indiana. The first of these is the W8DXCC event, presented by the Southwest Ohio DX Association, scheduled for August 29, 2020. This event is being held during the Milford Hamfest, in

Owensville, OH. For more details on this event, point your browser to <https://www.swodxa.org/w8dxcc/>.

The next event is a little more of a drive, but worth it if you like Tennessee. This is the W4DXCC event, scheduled for September 25 and 26, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. There is a Ham Radio Bootcamp event scheduled for the 25th, and the actual DX convention is the 26th. More information on this event can be found at <http://w4dxcc.com/w4dxcc-convention.html>.

As of the preparation of this newsletter, both of these events were still scheduled to happen.

## **AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE MAP**

There is a cool little tool that was recently pointed out to me that lets you search for ham radio operators. You can search by callsign, grid square, zip code, or street address. It's handy to see where other hams are in your area, or if you drive by a house that has a big antenna farm, and wonder who it is. Point your browser to <https://haminfo.tetranz.com/map> to give it a try.

## **FIRST QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO ANNOUNCED**

QSO Today host Eric Guth, 4Z1UG, announced that the first QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo will commence on August 8th and 9th, 2020, over a period of 48 hours. This virtual Expo is built on a live virtual reality platform commonly used by Fortune 500 companies and major universities. Attendance is free, and anyone can attend from their home or office.

Eric and his team, including George Zafiropoulos, KJ6VU, have assembled 50+ of the best ham radio mentors in multiple tracks to address this conference from the virtual Expo's auditorium. Icom has taken the lead as the Expo's Platinum Sponsor, along with Gold Sponsors RT Systems, FlexRadio, RFinder, DX Engineering, Elecraft, and GigaParts.

At the Expo, amateur radio operators will be able to:

- Learn from a packed line-up of renowned ham radio speakers such as Ward Silver, N0AX, on Grounding and Bonding; Glen Johnson, W0GJ, on DXpeditions, and John Portune, W6NBC, on building slot antennas for HOA.
- See demos of the latest ham radio equipment from the world's top equipment companies. Attendees can easily ask questions and engage with Exhibitors through video, audio, or chat.
- Share ideas and network with their fellow ham radio operators at any time throughout the Expo.

For more information go to [www.qsotodayhamexpo.com](http://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com)

## **2021 INTERNATIONAL DX & CONTESTING CONVENTION ANNOUNCED**

Formerly known as the Visalia DX Convention, the International DX and Contesting Convention will be a “virtual event” in 2021. Dates: Part 1: Friday, April 16-18 Part 2: Friday, April 23-25 Note: Each weekend will be a unique 3-day event, not duplicates  
 Formal Online Registration: Early 2021 – exact dates TBD. Check out their website at <http://www.dxconvention.com/> for more details.

## **UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)**

Spencer IN 47460-1740  
 Sponsor: Owen County ARA  
 Date: Jun 20 2020  
 Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: Kathryn J. Smith  
 (317) 862-0468  
 Email: [rasacres55@gmail.com](mailto:rasacres55@gmail.com)  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: Spencer Christian Church  
 110 S Montgomery St  
 Corner Market & Montgomery  
 Pre-Registration Urged  
 Spencer IN 47460-1740

Greencastle IN 46135-7587  
Sponsor: PCAUXCOM  
Date: Jun 27 2020  
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: George E. Edenfield  
(765) 653-5327  
Email: gedenfield@yahoo.com  
VEC: LAUREL VEC  
Location: Putnam Cty EOC  
1600 W County Road 225 S  
TECHNICAN TESTING ONLY!!!  
Bring pencils masks calculator  
Greencastle IN 46135-7587

Rushville IN 46173-1846  
Sponsor: Michael Elder  
Date: Jun 27 2020  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Michael Dwight. Elder  
(765) 389-0166  
Email: wj9e1977@yahoo.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Rushville Public Library  
130 W 3rd St  
Call 4-5days in advance  
to schedule appointment  
Rushville IN 46173-1846

Bloomington IN 47401-5337  
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc  
Date: Jul 11 2020  
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: William F. Wootton  
(812) 876-8689  
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: First United Church  
2420 E 3rd St  
Register at 11:30am  
Testing at 12 NOON  
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169  
Sponsor: Indianapolis RC  
Date: Jul 11 2020  
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)  
Contact: James K. Rinehart  
(317) 721-1458  
Email: k9ru@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility  
4020 Georgetown Rd  
6-13-2020 Session is FULL!!!  
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Mooresville IN 46158-1333  
Sponsor: Formidable Amt Radio Team  
Date: Jul 15 2020  
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Bill Spann  
(317) 831-5582  
Email: wlspann@iquest.net  
VEC: LAUREL VEC  
Location: Brown Township Government Ctr  
471 N Samuel Moore Pkwy  
also: 3176507528  
Mooresville IN 46158-1333

Franklin IN 46131-9733  
Sponsor: Mid-State ARc  
Date: Jul 18 2020

Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Scott W. Nelson  
(812) 320-2790  
Email: scott@w9dba.com  
VEC: LAUREL VEC  
Location: REMC Bldg  
750 International Dr  
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: Jul 21 2020  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EOC  
200 Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Bloomington IN 47401-5337  
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc  
Date: Aug 01 2020  
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: William F. Wootton  
(812) 876-8689  
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: First United Church  
2420 E 3rd St  
Register at 11:30am  
Testing at 12 NOON  
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Greenfield IN 46140-1100



Sponsor: Hancock ARC  
Date: Aug 08 2020  
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 46218-2169  
Sponsor: Indianapolis RC  
Date: Aug 08 2020  
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)  
Contact: James K. Rinehart  
(317) 721-1458  
Email: k9ru@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility  
4020 Georgetown Rd  
6-13-2020 Session is FULL!!!  
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Franklin IN 46131-9733  
Sponsor: Mid-State ARc  
Date: Aug 15 2020  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Scott W. Nelson  
(812) 320-2790  
Email: scott@w9dba.com  
VEC: LAUREL VEC  
Location: REMC Bldg  
750 International Dr  
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: Aug 18 2020  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EOC  
200 Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Columbus IN 47201-7477  
Sponsor: SCICSG  
Date: Aug 18 2020  
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Michael D. Tanksley  
(812) 350-5175  
Email: kd9eau@gmail.com  
VEC: LAUREL VEC  
Location: Columbus Twp. Fire & Rescue  
935 Repp Dr  
Columbus IN 47201-7477

Rushville IN 46173-1846  
Sponsor: Michael Elder  
Date: Aug 22 2020  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Michael Dwight. Elder  
(765) 389-0166  
Email: wj9e1977@yahoo.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Rushville Public Library  
130 W 3rd St  
Call 4-5days in advance  
to schedule appointment  
Rushville IN 46173-1846

Spencer IN 47460-9999  
Sponsor: Owen County ARA  
Date: Aug 22 2020  
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Kathryn J. Smith  
(317) 862-0468  
Email: [rasacres55@gmail.com](mailto:rasacres55@gmail.com)  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Owen County Fairgrounds  
South East St  
Spencer IN 47460-9999

### **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://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews\\_indyradioclub.org](http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews_indyradioclub.org).

### **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 June \* September 1950 *Amachewer*:**

Several radio clubs over the country offer their services as ham station operators in reporting scores and results of simultaneous activities in various cities, such as swimming meets, chess matches, intercity golf tourneys, etc. Many of our fellows could help out in such activities if they were approached on the subject. Here's hoping the publicity committee can get something started.

## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- July 11: Auburn, IN Hamfest at the Auburn Cord Dusenber Museum. Go to <https://w9ou.org/> for more info.
- August 15: East Central Indiana Hamfest at Randolph County 4-H Fairgrounds. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Social-Club/East-Central-Indiana-Ham-Fest-595538614235868/>
- November 14 and 15: Fort Wayne Hamfest. Go to <http://fortwaynehamfest.com/> for more info.

## 2020 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – [davids@mediamachine.com](mailto:davids@mediamachine.com)
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - [dm0584213@gmail.com](mailto:dm0584213@gmail.com)
- Secretary: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)
- Treasurer: Mark Burke, W9MGB - [w9mgb@arrl.net](mailto:w9mgb@arrl.net)
- Chief Operator: Quinton Ritter, KD9MVK - [qritter@ivytech.edu](mailto:qritter@ivytech.edu)
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – [k9ru@arrl.net](mailto:k9ru@arrl.net)
- Dir. at large: Jay Kraus, W9TC - [W9TC@arrl.net](mailto:W9TC@arrl.net)
- Dir. at large: Jeff Hammer, N9NIC - [n9nic@arrl.net](mailto:n9nic@arrl.net)
- Dir. at large: George Taylor, KC9IKD - [jr9554@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jr9554@sbcglobal.net)
- W9JP Trustee: Jay Kraus, W9TC - [W9TC@arrl.net](mailto:W9TC@arrl.net)