



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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November 2023 Newsletter

Upcoming IRC Meetings and Events:

December 8: Annual Holiday celebration and pitch-in (at Salvation Army EDS)

January 12: Rich Moseson, W2VU, Editor of CQ Magazine (via Zoom)

Highlights from the November Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Club Vice-President, Dave Miller, K9RTT. Dave started self-introductions. There were 38 in attendance.

New Technician Rachel Elliot, KD9ZBJ, was present.

The Club's Christmas party will be December 8 at the Salvation Army EDS Facility. The club will furnish fried chicken, chili, ice, and disposable plates, cups and utensils. See article for link to RSVP. Responses need to be in by November 27.

Next order of business was club elections. There had been no nominations received prior to the meeting, or from the floor. KJ9B made a motion to keep the current slate of officers for the 2024 term. That motion was seconded from the floor.

Jay, W9TC announced that there are several DXpeditions on now and that they are easy to work. It was announced that the time to respond to the proposed 60 meter rule changes has been extended (more in this newsletter).

Next, Dave introduced Jeff Hammer, N9NIC, for tonight's panel presentation. First, Jeff recognized the veterans present and announced the US Marine Corps 248th birthday.

First presentation was for ARES by Matthew Bechdol, W9SOX. He gave an overview of how ARES operates in Marion County. Their website is <https://mcinares.org/>

Matthew also presented on behalf of Central Indiana Skywarn. In Marion County, skywarn nets are held on the 146.76 and 443.250 repeaters, which are linked during weather nets. Spotter training for Marion County will be held on March 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the EDS Facility. The Central Indiana Skywarn website can be found at <http://www.w9nws.org/>

Next, Dan Meier, KB9AX, was introduced representing Air Force MARS. Dan said MARS has been realigned and is now a part of DOD and DHS. All traffic in MARS is now digital. There are 4 communication exercises per year. There are daily MARS traffic nets. MARS still does phone patches, but they are handled differently. Dan said there is still a MARS station at the Pentagon.

Next, Mike Moorehead, KD9OPM, of Marion County CERT was introduced. Mike said CERT is now an official FEMA program. Basic CERT training is a 21 hour class. They typically have 4 classes per year. Primary communications for CERT are held on the public safety trunked system. Amateur radio and GMRS/FRS are also used as needed. Marion County CERT's website is <https://indycert.org/>

AC9JX, John Kassebaum, was next introduced, representing the Indy Emergency Response Communications, associated with the Church of Latter Day Saints. John's group encourages members to be prepared for emergencies. Communications is a part of that. The Church has several large storehouses in the area for use in emergencies. They encourage their members to get their Ham licenses. They have an HF net on Saturday mornings on or around 3882 kHz, LSB. They also have a couple of local nets on area repeaters. On Saturdays at 8:30 am, they have a Northeast Indy net on the 146.76 K9LPW repeater, followed at 9:00 am by an Indy West net on the 145.130 W9HCA repeater.

Marion County RACES was represented by Jason Lopez, N9CRT. Jason said RACES only activates when they're called on by Marion County EMA.

Donald Campbell, N9PIC, is the president of Circle City REACT. He said REACT is not necessarily looking for communicators, they're more "boots on the ground". If interested, contact Circle City REACT through Jeff Hammer, N9NIC.

The last presentation for the evening was for SATERN, by Matthew, W9SOX. SATERN is more of a broader responding group. The Salvation Army is their only served agency. The local SATERN group is the Indiana Division, not just Indianapolis. For more information on SATERN, check out their web page at <http://www.n9eds.org/>

Following their presentations, there were some good questions from the floor related to MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding), RACES current standards, and training related to usage during a major event. The main take-away from the evening was to NOT "SELF DEPLOY", as this will only cause more problems than it solves.

The \$25 DX Engineering gift certificate was won by Kyle, KC9GLR. The formal meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm, with several attendees informally chatting with representatives of the presenting organizations.

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CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 8

The Indianapolis Radio Club's annual Holiday Party will take place Friday, December 8, at the Salvation Army EDS Facility. This will be a time to be able to meet the families of Indy Radio Club members and friends. The club will furnish fried chicken, chili, and ice, along with disposable plates, cups, and utensils. If attendees would like to bring a side to share, a dessert, or soft drinks or water to share with the group, that would be great. There will be lots of door prizes for all, including ticket vouchers for the Indianapolis Symphony, a \$25 gift certificate from KB3IFH QSL Cards and Shack Stuff, and more fun stuff! In addition, we will have a 50/50 drawing, with proceeds benefiting the club, and the "Member Only" Grand Prize drawing will be for a \$100 gift certificate for R and L Electronics, in Hamilton, Ohio. Remember, you don't have to be a member of the club to attend the party, but only members will be eligible for the R and L gift certificate.

If you can attend, please complete and return your RSVP, found at <https://forms.gle/K2UrBjAw1UFexaMx8> by Monday, November 27.

NOVEMBER W9JP CLUB POTA EVENT



We had another Indianapolis Radio Club W9JP POTA (Parks on the Air) operating event on Saturday, November 11, in the Fort Harrison State Park. This time, through the generosity of Ellen and Gordon Brock, KD9RUD and KD9RUE, we had a nice pop up tent to shield us from the breeze, as shown above. The sunny day provided solar heat inside the tent, so we didn't need to supplement with the propane heater we had on hand. We had 9 folks show up at the park for this session. Of those 9, 7 got on the air, including our newest licensed ham, KD9ZBJ, and W9RWG, who had previously only worked data on his activations, and who joined the IRC the following day!

With the busy holiday season, it might be a little difficult to find a weekend where we can get the "equipment providers" together in December, but we'll see what we can do. Watch your email for more information as it becomes available.

FIELD DAY RESULTS ARE IN!

The W9SU "Indy United" club, in which the Indianapolis Radio Club participates, placed a very respectable 3rd place in the Nation! The two clubs that placed in first and second places both were 12 transmitter clubs, while the Indy United club only used 4 transmitters, which is quite a remarkable distinction. The complete results with a summary article can be found at <https://contests.arrl.org/ContestResults/2023/Field-Day-2023-FinalQSTResults.pdf>, but here are the top 10 placing Field Day 2023 club results:

TOP TEN – FD 2023

1st W3AO 12A 35,633

2nd K6EI 12A-Battery 27,570

3rd W9SU 4A 21,066

4th KK5W 10A 20,638

5th W1NVT 2A 19,053

6th K7LED 6A 18,706

7th K7BFT 4A 17,740

8th K5M 6A 16,863

9th W1SYE 2A 16,727

10th W6ZE 5A 16,441

As Brian Smith, W9IND, the Chairman of the Indy United Field Day effort, said, “a big thanks and congratulations to everyone who had a part in our 2023 success, even if you couldn’t make it in person. No Top 3 Field Day team gets it done without many hands and much support!”

3 GENERATIONS OF HAMS IN THE ELLIOT FAMILY



Thanks to Rick Elliot, N9LAA, for providing the picture documenting three generations of hams in his family. Pictured here are (L to R): Rachel, KD9ZBJ, (the newest ham in the Elliot clan); Rick, N9LAA, (Rachel’s Dad); and Dick, W9FPJ (Grandpa and Dad). Congratulations to all of you!

DEADLINE FOR FILING 60M BAND COMMENTS EXTENDED

The deadline to file comments on the 60-meter band proposal has been extended by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to November 28, 2023 from the original October 30. You will recall that ARRL strongly encourages all amateurs to submit comments expressing support to the FCC for the current 100 W ERP power limit (instead of reducing the power limit to 15 W EIRP) and continuing secondary access to the current channels. ARRL has put up a web page detailing what is at stake, and how to submit a comment at <https://www.arrl.org/60-meter-band>

The complete article can be found at <https://www.arrl.org/news/deadline-extended-to-november-28-2023-for-60-meter-comments>

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE IRC

You can support the Indianapolis Radio Club in any, or all, of these four ways:

1. Join the club. Your annual membership dues (\$20 for an individual, \$30 for a family, in the same household, or \$10 for a student, with valid ID) help support the club in its mission to promote our hobby, by sponsoring monthly VE testing sessions, reaching out to new licensees, welcoming them to the hobby. The easiest way to join is to go to <https://tinyurl.com/irc-dues-payment> and complete the process through PayPal.
2. Pay your ARRL membership dues through the IRC, utilizing the Club Commission program. The club will get a \$5 commission for renewals, or a \$15 commission for new memberships. Fill out the form available at <https://tinyurl.com/ARRL-membership-form> and send it, along with payment, to club treasurer, KJ9B. Or fill out one of the forms at an in-person meeting.
3. Join the Kroger Community Rewards program (it's free!) by going to <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards> and designating the Indianapolis Radio Club as the charity you want to support. The club then gets a quarterly donation from Kroger based on a percentage of the amount spent by those supporting the club.
4. If applicable, donate part or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to the Indianapolis Radio Club, a 501(c)(3) charity.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B, at treasurer@indyradioclub.org.

UPCOMING CENTRAL INDIANA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Nov 21 2023
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EMA EOC
200 N Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238
Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Gas City IN 46933-1155
Sponsor: GCARC
Date: Nov 28 2023
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Mitchell D. Miller
(765) 661-5893
Email: mitchmiller55@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: EMA Building
3921 S Garthwaite Rd
Pre-register only, contact ahead
Gas City IN 46933-1155
Website: <http://www.grantarc.org/>

Bloomington IN 47401-5337
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc
Date: Dec 02 2023
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 - Call or email ahead due to COVID-19

2420 E 3rd St
Register at 11:30am
Testing at 12 NOON
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio club W9JP
Date: Dec 09 2023
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: testing@indyradioclub.org
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Dec 19 2023
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EMA EOC
200 N Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238
Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Gas City IN 46933-1155
Sponsor: GCARC
Date: Dec 26 2023
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Mitchell D. Miller
(765) 661-5893
Email: mitchmiller55@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: EMA Building
3921 S Garthwaite Rd
Pre-register only, contact ahead
Gas City IN 46933-1155
Website: <http://www.grantarc.org/>

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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.

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 October-November 1963, Ama-Chewer:



[This goes along with the story earlier in this newsletter about the Elliot family.-KJ9B]

Ham radio is an all-family hobby with the Lewis Carmeans. Pop, mom, and son are all hams. If you haven't met them at club meetings, or talked with them on the air, you've missed a rare pleasure: a family that can see eye to eye on such important matters as SWR, QRM, and ERP. Lew is WA9DYT, Betty is WA9DYU, and son Steve is WA9DYV *[now K9DY]*. All got their Technician licenses last year.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Fort Wayne Hamfest: November 18 & 19 at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. More info at <http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm>
- WVARA Turkey Fest and Computer Expo: Saturday, Nov. 25 at Clay County Fairgrounds. More info at https://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest/turkeyfest_2023.pdf

2023 & 2024 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – president@indyradioclub.org
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - vp@indyradioclub.org
- Secretary/Treasurer: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - secretary@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – board@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR - board@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB - board@indyradioclub.org
- W9JP Trustee: Jay Kraus, W9TC - w9jp.trustee@indyradioclub.org

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<https://tinyurl.com/irc-dues-payment>

Or Scan this QR Code with your smartphone:

