



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *January 2015 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meeting:**

February 13: Dave Arland, "The Gadget Guy" from WIBC on upcoming technologies.

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### **Highlights from the January Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by club President David Spoelstra. There were around 40 in attendance at the meeting.

#### Announcements:

There is a one day tech class in Johnson county Saturday, March 14. Contact Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, for information.

Marion Co. ARES training last saturday in January at Salvation Army, 9-12

Christmas dinner was well received. The venue was good.

The club will be reserving a bus for Dayton again this year. More information will be available at next month's meeting.

There was one new ham in attendance: Jeff, K9DET.

February meeting Dave Arland, formerly "The Gadget Guy" on WIBC on upcoming technologies.

Next, Dave introduced the speaker for the evening, John Deegan, K9XT.

John is from Putnam County. He is very involved in Radio scouting, and is responsible for 65 packs in central Indiana. Hi program would help to explain how our club can help scouting.

John passed out information with references to help topics. Radio Scouting is in over 100 countries. Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

John explained that the Radio Merit Badge is not so much how to be a ham, but more general RF communication. It is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) study.

Over 50,000 scouts have been exposed to ham radio since 1953 at JOTA. This is the largest single scouting event. 2011 was a banner year for Radio Scouting, because there was a Memorandum Of Understanding finalized between BSA and ARRL.

Scouts can benefit from our club, and our club can benefit from scouting. John showed how the IRC can get involved with Radio Scouting.

After John's thought provoking talk, door prizes were drawn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **NORTH AMERICAN PHONE SPRINT DISCONTINUED**

#### *From ARRL Contest Update Newsletter:*

After a run of nearly 40 years, the North American Phone Sprint has been discontinued. As new editor Pat N9RV explains in the Jan/Feb 2015 issue of the National Contest Journal, as a result of declining participation, "the operating experience that continues to make the CW Sprint so special is essentially lost." NCJ remains open to trying new and innovative contest formats, particularly for SSB operators. Past Phone Sprint participants are considering running their own version of the contest, as well, so stay tuned for future announcements.

## **CQ MAGAZINE COMBINING JAN/FEB 2015 ISSUES, CLOSING CQ PLUS DIGITAL SUPPLEMENT**

CQ magazine announced that it will be publishing a combined January/February 2015 issue and will be ceasing publication of its "*CQ Plus*" digital edition supplement as of the March 2015 issue. Both moves are intended to help restore the magazine's normal schedule for its print edition and to strengthen its foundations moving forward as it enters its eighth decade of publication, said Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA. "These decisions were not made lightly," he added, "but in recognition of the realities of the publishing industry. It's a tough time to be in the magazine business, and we appreciate the patience and loyalty of both our readers and our advertisers."

The complete press release can be viewed at [http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/news/2015\\_01\\_02\\_cq\\_news\\_release.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/news/2015_01_02_cq_news_release.html)

## **ARRL CENTENNIAL QSO PARTY AWARDS INFORMATION**

Certificates and plaques for stations that participated in the ARRL Centennial QSO Party are being processed. At this point, point totals are being calculated and confirmed. Participation exceeded expectations, with nearly 16,000 stations achieving at least 1000 points in the Centennial QSO Points Challenge. Approximately 2500 stations reached the Top Level of 15,000 points. W1AW portable operations completed nearly 3.5 million contacts during 2014, and W100AW logged some 70,000 contacts. Most Centennial QSO Party participants entered their contact information into the ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW) program.

"The W1AW WAS certificate and plaque designs are complete, as is the design for the Centennial Points Challenge certificate," said ARRL Field Services and Radiosport Manager Dave Patton, NN1N. "Once the web and software processes are ready to go, we will be able to start fulfilling awards." Patton said order forms will be available on the Centennial QSO Party web page for those who do not use LoTW or online ordering tools.

For more information, point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>

## **BROWNSBURG HAMFEST RETURNS IN FEBRUARY**

The 4th Annual Brownsburg Hamfest Sponsored by the Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society will be on Saturday, February 14, 2015, at the American Legion Post 331 located at 636 East Main St. in Brownsburg. Setup will be on Friday the 13th from 3pm

till 7:30pm. Setup will also start at 6am on Saturday Morning, the day of the Hamfest. Doors will open at 7am for the Hamfest, which runs through 3pm. Admission is \$5 at the door, parking is free. Vendors- Tables with power is \$15 and \$10 without power. Table sales available at the door both days. ( Bring your own power strips and extension cords ) Food Service put on by the American Legion. Talk-In will be on the 147.015 Repeater. For more information and table reservations contact Wayne Fox, KE9P, at [hcars46122@gmail.com](mailto:hcars46122@gmail.com)

## **CLASSES STARTING IN HENDRICKS COUNTY**

Amateur radio classes for all three license grades will be starting up in Hendricks County on January 28, 2015. The classes will be held at the Senior Services Building located at 1201 Sycamore Lane, Danville, just north of the Danville Hendricks Regional Health facility. The classes will run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This will be a 7 or 8 week course, with testing at the completion of the course. The classes are free, however there will be a \$15 charge (cash only, please) for the testing session at the end of the course. For more information contact Wayne Fox, KE9P, at [hcarshamclass@gmail.com](mailto:hcarshamclass@gmail.com) or Jay Wright, KK9L, at [drjwrght@gmail.com](mailto:drjwrght@gmail.com) or at 317-203-3335.

## **NEW 220 REPEATER IN DANVILLE**

A group of hams from Hendricks County and western Marion County have put a new 220 MHz repeater on the air. It is on 224.22 with a negative 1.6 MHz offset, no tone required. This repeater is located just east of Danville on US 36, with the antenna at 130 feet. The repeater is said to have great coverage over all of Hendricks County, and a good part of Marion County.

## **WABASH VALLEY HAMFEST MOVING TO NEW LOCATION**

The Wabash Valley Hamfest will be held at the Clay County Fairgrounds starting this year. The hamfest in 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, March 14. Go to <http://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest.html> for more information.

## INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB VE TESTING SCHEDULE

*(All sessions start at 12:00 noon)*

**February 14, 2015** - Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd., Indianapolis, IN  
Contact: James K. Rinehart, (317) 495-1933, Email: [k9ru@arrl.net](mailto:k9ru@arrl.net)

**March 14, 2015** - Integrated Public Safety Commission, 8468 E 21<sup>st</sup>, Indianapolis, IN  
Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis, (317) 363-7457, Email: [ws9h@arrl.net](mailto:ws9h@arrl.net)

## HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

I have a new 3 500 tube that I would like to sell. I paid \$190 for it and I would be pleased to receive \$125 for it. Thanks,

David Wilmelmus, WA9OUX  
Contact : [wilhelmusdavid@gmail.com](mailto:wilhelmusdavid@gmail.com)  
Phone: 317 926-2358

## MORE HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

In order to make room on the shelf, I am selling my Yaesu FT-897D, along with some accessories. I am the original owner of the rig, having purchased it new in July of 2005. At that time, I purchased the radio and the "built in" FP-30B power supply (no noise). Later, in October of 2005, I ordered the LDG AT-897 tuner (not the current "plus" model). Finally, in November of 2005, I installed a SSB filter in the rig. It also comes with the stock hand microphone and manual. As a "bonus", I will throw in the carrying case I have the radio in currently. It's a "road case" attaché that I used to use for a portable DAT (Digital Audio Tape) recorder, that I repurposed for the radio and it's accessories. I unfortunately do not have the original box.

My total investment in all this is just under \$1400. I am willing to sell the complete package for \$900.

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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 January, 1965 *Amachewer*:**

The caption below this photo in the newsletter was “OLD TIMERS, ARISE”

Pictured are:

Front row: Paul Nelson, W9BHC; D.J. Angus, W9CYQ; Bob Caskey, W9DNQ; Bob Annis, ex-9CUD, and John Jones, W9FZW. Back row: Fred Manning, W9VPN; Bill Lueth, W9DSC; Alvey Pittman, W9JJC; Claude Richie, W9TKV, and Jerry Lucas, W9APJ.

It is noted that “every one of these gents has been an officer of the IRC, and most of them have been president—and they're still able to smile!



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

- January 28: Classes start in Danville. See article in this newsletter for more info.
- February 14: Brownsburg Hamfest. 7:00 – 3:00 at American Legion Post 331
- March 14: Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association Hamfest. 8:00 – 1:00 at Clay County Fairgrounds Go to <http://w9uuu.org/hamfest.html> for more information
- March 28: Columbus Hamfest 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Bartholemew County Fairgrounds. Talk in on 146.79 R (103.5 tone)

### **2015 Officers:**

- President: Dave Spoelstra, N9KT – EMAIL [n9kt@arrl.net](mailto:n9kt@arrl.net)
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