



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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June 2026 Newsletter

Upcoming IRC Meetings and Events:

June 20: Club POTA activation. Noon at Fort Harrison State Park.

July 25: 4th annual IRC “Picnic and POTA” at Fort Harrison State Park.

Highlights from the June Meeting:

This was our annual club auction. Club President David Spoelstra, N9KT called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. New ham, Carleigh Winters, KE9FTH was recognized. After a couple of announcements and ground rules, David donned his auctioneer hat, and we were off! Jim Rinehart, K9RU and Cathy Harris, W9SS were the “runners” for the auction, delivering purchased items to their new owners. Overall, it was a very successful auction. There were a total of 41 participants (buyers and/or sellers), including 14 sellers and 30 buyers. Total sales were just over \$800, with over \$400 from those sales donated to the club. There were only a handful of items that did not sell.

Ham Radio News:

CLUB “PICNIC AND POTA” COMING JULY 25

The Fourth Annual Indianapolis Radio Club “Picnic and POTA” is coming up on Saturday, July 25. Once again, we will be in the Cherry Tree Shelter at Fort Harrison State Park. The club will again furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, ice, and condiments. We’ll also have a couple of HF stations on the air to make some POTA contacts. Go to

<https://forms.gle/NwyJQZh2oVwLjNm26> to RSVP. The picnic is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy some time in the park. Remember, our picnic is open to anyone, club membership is not required. However, there will be a receptacle for donations available.

Remember also that unless you have an annual State Park pass, there is an admission charge of \$7 per vehicle or \$2 per person on foot or bicycle as established by Indiana State DNR.

NEXT W9JP POTA OPERATING EVENT JUNE 20

Coming up on Saturday, June 20, we will be meeting for a club Parks on the Air (POTA) operating event. We'll be set up in our regular location in front of the Visitor Center at Fort Harrison State Park. We plan to have 2 HF stations on the air by 12:00 noon, and will probably go for 2 or 3 hours. These are great opportunities for folks to get a taste of HF operating and to see what the POTA program is all about. As usual, we will be using the club's callsign of W9JP, but if you are registered with the POTA program, you will get credit for contacts that you make. If you're not licensed for HF operation, don't worry, we will have control operators on hand to get you on the air.

We will have coffee, donuts and cold water. So come on out! THIS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE IRC!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming up on Saturday, October 17 is the Tecumseh Trail Challenge. This event is famous for its point-to-point, epic route through the hills and hollers of Brown County. Volunteers for this event will need to be self-sufficient and have a good antenna/radio setup due to the hilly terrain. If you would like to volunteer for this event, contact Jeff Hammer, N9NIC via his email n9nic@arrl.net.

On Saturday, November 7 is the Monumental Marathon. There are 26 stations to be staffed for the 5k, half marathon, and full marathon routes, requiring 28 volunteers. Click [Here](#) to Volunteer for the Monumental Marathon.

To get details and volunteer for these events and to see other events that Marion County ARES is involved with, go to <https://www.mcinares.org/publicservice/>

IRC VE TEST SESSION RESULTS

9 candidates attended the Indianapolis Radio Club sponsored VE testing on 6/13/2026. 5 new hams earned their first license and 2 hams upgraded. Thanks to Ken Bandy KJ9B, Dave Jarvis N9KZJ, Rich Mullen WD9HCP, Bryce Wolf N9WF, Dave Rogers KB9YYM, Jim Brown W0RLD, Steve Tharp K9MD, Jim Rinehart K9RU, and Jim Kajder AC9ZL for their help as volunteer examiners!

GET READY FOR FIELD DAY!

Coming up on June 27 and 28 is ARRL Field Day, one of the largest operating events in the US. Field Day is not only an opportunity for hams to make contacts via any mode or band, but it's also an opportunity to show the public what ham radio is all about and maybe even recruit some new hams! While the Indianapolis Radio Club has no specific Field Day site this year, several IRC members, as well as members of other clubs in the area will be joining forces to operate as the Indy United Field Day team. The Indy United group sets up a major operation in Morgan County, and will have several stations on the air, including a GOTA (Get On The Air) station, which is limited to new operators or operators who have been inactive for a few years. The Indy United team hosts training sessions for their potential GOTA operators. If you're interested in becoming involved with the Indy United group, either as an experienced operator or as a GOTA operator, contact Brian Smith, W9IND at bdsmith@indy.net

For more information on Field Day in general, including Field Day site locators and rules, point your browser to <https://www.arrl.org/field-day>

UPCOMING IN-PERSON TECH CLASSES

Our friends with the Latter Day Saints ERC are hosting Technician classes on July 11 and July 18 at the Brownsburg LDS church at 9710 W 56th Street. Testing will be following the class on the 18th. If you know someone that may be interested in this, contact Bruce Enz, W9ENZ at bruceenz@gmail.com for more info or to register.

ITU INDUSTRIES ACQUIRES MORE MFJ LINES

You might remember that in April, Dave Carpenter, of ITU Industries (located in Dugger, Indiana) and Martin Jue, of MFJ Enterprises, announced that ITU Industries had acquired MFJ lines Hy-Gain and Cushcraft antennas. To add to the good news, on June 9, ITU Industries announced it was also acquiring the MFJ lines of Ameritron and Mirage amplifiers and electronics. All of these lines are going to be manufactured at ITU's recently acquired facility in Linton, Indiana. ITU is hoping to have full production underway by the end of 2026. More information can be found [here](#).

NEW VERSION OF WSJT-X AND NEW WEBSITE ANNOUNCED

Just today, it was announced that the WSJT Development Team has completed its transition to a modern cloud-based development environment with automated package building and testing. Related changes to workflow procedures reduce local burdens on team members and allow for faster development and more frequent releases. According to the email from Joe Taylor, K1JT, "This is good news for all users of WSJT-X, MAP65, and QMAP! Our new official web site is <https://wsjtx.github.io/wsjtx/index.html>. Please explore it at your leisure."

Joe continues, "Today we are pleased to announce the General Availability (GA) release WSJT-X 3.0.2, MAP65 3.6, and QMAP 0.7. Tested packages for Windows, macOS, and Linux include all three applications as well as our usual collection of utility programs. From a user perspective these program versions are simple bug-fix releases: installation procedures and program usage are the same as before. We strongly recommend that users of WSJT-X, MAP65, and QMAP should upgrade to the latest versions. A summary of changes since v3.0.1 can be found in the Release Notes, available here on the new website: https://wsjtx.github.io/wsjtx/release_notes.html."

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

Franklin IN 46131-9733

Sponsor: Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

Date: Jun 20 2026

Time: 9:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Jacqueline M. Frederick
(317) 432-7095
Email: vetestingmarc@yahoo.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Johnson County REMC Building
Register at Website
750 International Dr
Franklin IN 46131-9733
Website: <https://midstatehams.org/>

Lafayette IN 47901-1141
Sponsor: Tippecanoe County VE Team
Date: Jun 24 2026
Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Charles Schwarz
(765) 558-2838
Email: tippecanoeveteam@gmail.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: The Bindery Artist Studios
511 Ferry St
Lafayette IN 47901-1141
Website: <https://www.tcvet.info/>

Greencastle IN 46135-7587
Sponsor: PCAUXCOM
Date: Jun 27 2026
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: George E. Edenfield
(765) 721-1771
Email: Gedenfield@yahoo.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: Putnam Cty EOC
1600 W County Road 225 S
TECHNICAN TESTING ONLY!!!
Bring pencils & calculator
Greencastle IN 46135-7587

Bloomington IN 47401-5337
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc
Date: Jul 11 2026
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: William F. Wootton
(812) 327-5457
Email: KC9ACL@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: First United Church
2420 E 3rd St
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Indianapolis IN 46254
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club
Date: Jul 11 2026
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: James Kajder
(505) 228-3704
Email: testing@indyradioclub.org
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
Register or Call ahead
Indianapolis IN 46254

Franklin IN 46131-9733
Sponsor: Mid-State Amateur Radio Club
Date: Jul 18 2026
Time: 9:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Jacqueline M. Frederick
(317) 432-7095
Email: vetestingmarc@yahoo.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Johnson County REMC Building
Register at Website
750 International Dr
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Website: <https://midstatehams.org/>

Greenfield IN 46140-9654

Sponsor: Hancock ARC

Date: Jul 18 2026

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Sean Waltz

(317) 753-8846

Email: harcexams@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Hancock County EOC

640 South Franklin St

Greenfield IN 46140-9654

Website: <https://w9atg.org/ve-testing2/>

Anderson IN 46016

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Date: Jul 21 2026

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

300 N. Delaware St

GPS LOCATION: 119 N. Jackson St

Anderson IN 46016

Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Noblesville IN 46060-1624

Sponsor: Central Indiana ARA/ HCRACES

Date: Jul 25 2026

Time: 10:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Joseph March

(317) 224-9433

Email: joe.march@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Sheriff's Training Room

CALL AHEAD

18100 Cumberland Rd
Noblesville IN 46060-1624
Website: <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/908/RACES>

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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 June, 1976 *Amachewer*:

PROGRAM REVIEW May 28th. -- NUCLEAR ENERGY by Jerome Palma, of Public Service Indiana. Mr. Palma enlightened members and guests as to what is happening in the nation's need for production of electrical power. An introduction into the subject of making electrical energy by use of nuclear fuel. Mr. Palma discussed how nuclear fuel produces heat to make steam to turn the turbine generators. Plant construction and safeguards, and the way nuclear fuels are made. And the difference between the fuel used in power plants and the fuel used in the atom bomb. Mr. Palma fielded many key questions from the audience, and provided a great amount of info about a subject making so much in the news these days.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Auburn Hamfest: July 18 at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. More information at <https://www.w9ou.org/>
- LaPorte Tailgate Hamfest: July 18 at 3354 W Shultz Rd, LaPorte, IN. Go to <https://lpcarc.org/hamfest/index.html> for more info.

2026 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – president@indyradioclub.org
- Vice Pres.: Jim Brown, WØRLD - vp@indyradioclub.org
- Secretary/Treasurer: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - secretary@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – board@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Dave Miller, K9RTT – 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:

