

Spark Gap

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On Our MARC...

I would like to thank Steve & Jeannie Brown for hosting the picnic again this year. We had lots of good food and stories to tell. Sure glad we had the nice weather and not the cooler weather that we are having now.

For those of you that didn't attend the picnic, here are your Officers for the current year: President-Jacki Frederick KI6QOG, Vice President-Dave Daily KB9LOT, Secretary-Rhonda Curtis WS9H, Treasurer-Cy Young N9CHY and Trustee-Chris Frederick KQ9Y.

The officers will be looking at ways that we can bring back old members, work on getting new members and keeping the current members. We will be talking about topics that the club might like to have. If you have any topics that you would like to see presented, please let us know. We are planning on another Tech Class in March and maybe one in the fall.

Please mark your calendar for Oct 31st for the Goblin patrol. I'm hoping Dave Daily will have more information for us at the meeting. This is a yearly event and Greenwood Police Department and the Sheriff's Department really appreciate our help.

As I mentioned at the picnic, I am asking everyone that has cleaned out their closets and find coats that they don't wear anymore for one reason or another or any spare blankets that aren't being used, to bring them to the Oct or Nov meeting. I am planning to collect them and take them to The Wheeler Mission or the homeless that live under a bridge downtown. Hopefully it won't be as cold as last year but this way if it is, maybe they can stay warm.

Jacki – KI6QOG
President





OCTOBER BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

AF9SE-Steve Ellis
KC9NJM- Bob Jones
NW9Q-David (Jason) McClellan
KN9C-Rudy Richardson
WV9W-Jim Smith
KC9ZMV-Clifford Whitrock

M.A.R.C. GOBLIN PATROL



M.A.R.C. GOBLIN PATROL FRIGHTDAY (FRIDAY) October 31st
Starts about sundown on the 146.835 (PL 151.4). Help is needed on this evening to assist the Greenwood Police and the Johnson County Sheriff's Department. Net control will originate from the Johnson County EOC. More information will be given at the M.A.R.C. monthly meeting October 18th.

W9IMH --- Indiana Masonic Home Amateur Radio Club

The Indiana Masonic Home Amateur Radio Club, W9IMH, will be operating their first ever on the air Special Event to celebrate the 98th anniversary of the dedication of the Masonic Home in Franklin, IN that happened in October 1916. The resident hams that live on campus will be operating 4 days starting on October 19 thru October 22 from 1800Z to 2359Z each day.

Frequencies to look for will be 146.460, 7.240 , 14.240 , 18.140, 21.280, and 28.340 mhz. QSL direct or to KC9WLI with SASE or look on qrz.com or w9imh@aol.com.

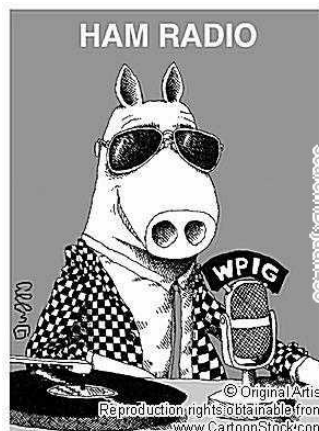
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Sam Carter WA9VBG

ARRL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The ARRL Foundation is currently accepting applications from eligible radio amateurs pursuing higher education. More than 80 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 will be awarded in 2015. Applications must be received between midnight, October 1, 2014 and 11:59PM Eastern Standard Time January 31, 2015. Transcripts must be received by February 13, 2015.

The Indianapolis Amateur Radio Association, operator of the Indianapolis Hamfest, sponsors a \$1000.00 scholarship awarded to a licensed amateur pursuing a course of study in Electrical or Electronics Engineering, Computer Science, or related fields. Preference is given to applicants living in Indiana or the ARRL Central Division. The 2014 scholarship was awarded to James R. Lithgow, KC9LXT of Schaumburg, IL.

ARRL Central Division



Aerial View

Across

1. 10 kilogauss
 6. UA parliament
 10. Kludge
 14. Kind of socket or tube
 15. Ancient OA-lander
 16. Competent
 17. Improbable dream VHF/UHF antenna
 20. Achy, as after an antenna project
 21. Transceiver knob label
 22. Part connections
 23. Ckt.between IF and AF
 24. Suffix with bio- or proto-
 26. Loud speaker
 30. Eye part
 31. US hams do it every 10 years, usually
 32. "That's great, friend", on CW
 33. Be next to
 37. What rural hams fancy themselves?
 40. Feedline badness
 41. Baseball stats
 42. Symbol in coax specs
 43. Go out of your cell area
 44. Unidirectional dipole
 45. Where all good signals go, eventually?
 48. Late summer contest
 49. Tribander parts
 50. Kind of FET
 51. They have replaced tuning dials in modern rigs, often.
 55. Improbable dream HF antenna
 59. K, on phone
 60. Elser-Mathes Cup target
 61. Look of disdain
 62. One meaning of V
 63. Switch type
 64. They deliver power

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1. Narrowest tower sections, often
 2. EME signal
 3. Sirius, for one
 4. Emit coherent light
 5. Draft pick
 6. One's self, on CW
 7. Ampere, for one
 8. Lots and lots of Hz in the old days
 9. Word to a doctor
 10. Bugs, Roger, Peter, et. al.
 11. Garfield's middle name
 12. Copper often does it
 13. Enables, as a transmitter
 18. Kind of hunter, in radio
 19. Word of regret
 23. "See you ____ the log"
 24. Univ. teachers
 25. Kilo follower
 26. Not written
 27. W7-land city
 28. What this puzzle is about, for short
 29. Connectors named for their shape
 30. Italian yagi?
 32. One C per V
 33. BBs, e.g.
 34. E, to a non-ham?
 35. Encourage
 36. Bygone UA leader
 38. It glows amber
 39. Part
 43. Sometimes causes antenna failure
 44. Window part, where the feedline might come in
 45. Group of trees
 46. 5 wpm, 70 mph, etc.
 47. Eyeball benders
 48. Least good
 49. Gait faster than a walk
 50. QSLs often go via them (abbr.)
 51. Lead-ins to P
 52. Future ham, sometimes
 53. Became SK
 54. Switching semiconductors
 56. RX spec.
 57. Break, during a long contest, say
 58. Sig. src.

October's Coffee Break Training

October's Coffee Break Training continues our review of the FEMA Disaster Assistance process. As many people expect in a bureaucracy like FEMA there's a lot of red tape and people often feel as though they are over looked or not treated fairly. Fortunately in the Disaster Assistance application program there is an appeals process. There are specific guidelines to follow to ensure fairness and a full review of details that may have been overlooked or not considered in the original application. This is the applicants chance to give details that they feel will provide a more favorable finding on their case. Below is a news release from FEMA Region V explaining the process.

When Disaster Assistance Registration Ends You Have the Right to Appeal FEMA Decision for 60 Days
AURORA, IL – There is a right to appeal a FEMA decision within 60 days of the determination letter's date. One may appeal any decision. If an applicant does not agree with an inspection report, with the amount of assistance, or with a denial letter from FEMA, an appeal can be made for review of the case.

The appeals process begins with a letter from the applicant stating in as much detail as possible why the decision about the amount or type of assistance received may not be correct. Correspondence may include estimates for repair, invoices for repair work that could indicate additional time and expenses for work. The appeal letter may also include information about an insurance settlement. For a case to be reviewed, an appeal letter must be postmarked within 60 days of the decision letter's date. Remember to date the appeal letter.

Review of one's case requires:

- You or someone who represents you or your household sign the letter. If the person writing the letter is not a member of your household, there must be a signed statement saying the person may act for you.
- The nine-digit FEMA identification number be included.
- The disaster number be included: DR-4116-IL (shown at the top of the decision letter).

Mail the appeal letter to:

FEMA - Individuals & Households Program

National Processing Service Center

P.O. Box 10055

Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055

Or fax the appeal letter to: (800) 827-8112

Attention: FEMA - Individuals & Households Program

All appeals are reviewed and decisions are usually made within 30 days of receiving the request.

Notification of the response to an appeal comes by mail. For additional information, review "Help After a Disaster," the guide sent to each applicant after registration. Information is also available at www.fema.gov/help-after-disaster.

FEMA's helpline continues as a source of information and assistance.

ARRL Contest Schedule

October

11-12 EME - 2.3 GHz & Up

20-24 School Club Roundup

November

1-3 Nov. Sweepstakes – CW

8-9 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

15-17 Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone

December

5-7 160 Meter

6-7 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

13-14 10 Meter

21 Rookie Roundup–CW

For more information on contesting please see the ARRL link:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>



HAMFESTS

10/04/2014 | [Hoosier Hills Hamfest](#)

Location: Mitchell, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club

Website: <http://www.w9qyq.org/hamfest>

11/15/2014 | [Indiana State Convention \(Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo\)](#)

Location: Fort Wayne, IN

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Website: <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>



MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the **THIRD SATURDAY** of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.

Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a HAM to attend our meetings or a member of the club.

WA9RDF
Repeater
146.835/
146.235 MHz
151.4 Hz PL Tone

Club Officers:
President: Jacki Frederick – KI6QOG
Vice President: Dave Daily – KB9LOT
Secretary: Rhonda Curtis– WS9H
Treasurer: Cy Young – N9CHY
Repeater Trustee: Steve Chris Frederick – KQ9Y

Weekly Net: Sunday evening 7:00 PM ARES/RACES members and ALL RADIO AMATEURS

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Please send your articles to my email n9siu@yahoo.com no later than the 3rd of the month

Answer to Aerial View:

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