

SHORT SKIP - FROM THE PARADE STAND

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September's Club Meeting: Friday September 8th (always the 2nd Friday of the month) at 7:30PM.

LCARC meetings are now on the 4th floor of the 7 story EMA/Lake County health department building at 2900 W. 93rd Ave Crown Point Indiana.

Ample parking. Handicap accessible and you do not need to be a LCARC member to attend.

Don't be left out. New Club members receive both 2023 and 2024 Club membership for just \$20.

The LCARC Information NET Every Wednesday - at 8:00pm. 147.000 and 442.075 (pl 131.8) Informal, informative, and fun. A great way to stay connected with local hams in 30 minutes. *You do not need to be a Club member to check in.*

W9DXCC - 70 YEARS AND COUNTING

2023 Convention registration and info > www.w9dxcc.org

Friday, September 15th, 2023 (DX & Contest Universities)

Saturday, September 16th, 2023 (W9DXCC Convention & Banquet)

The W9DXCC convention is held annually in the Chicagoland area. Sponsored by the Northern Illinois DX Association, this convention is one of the premier DX conventions in the country. Enjoy the day filled with quality programs, equipment vendors, QSL card checking, prizes, and socializing. Be sure to end the day by staying for the convention banquet.

W9DXCC at the Chicago Marriott Naperville
1801 North Naper Boulevard
Naperville, Illinois 60563

OTHER REGIONAL HAMFESTS



HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/16/2023 - 09/17/2023

Midwest Superfest

Location: Chillicothe, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club

Website: <https://www.w9uvi.org/midwest-superfest-2023>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/24/2023 - Radio Expo

Location: Belvidere, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Chicago FM Club

Website: <http://chicagofmclub.org>

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LOCAL VE LICENSE TEST

- EXAM SESSION
09/16/2023 | Valparaiso IN 46383-4820
Sponsor: Porter County ARC
Location: Valparaiso Public Library
Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
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IMPORTANT FOR – 1st Time VE Exam Candidates: You are **REQUIRED** to register in the FCC CORES system and receive a FCC Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. For FRN registration information, see item #4: [Exam Session Requirements](#)
Candidates could go directly to the FCC CORES User Account and Registration page: <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>
[Click Here](#) for FCC CORES Tutorial Videos.

Search for Online Exam Sessions

List of VE Teams that offer Online Exam Sessions [Go Now](#)

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- New Improved RF overload resistant SDR-RTL V4 Dongle \$39.00USD
- 200 foot wire antenna on the ground results
- APPSPOT: APRS spotting tool
- SolarPi a review of small 12v 60watt solar panels for off-the-grid portable use
- Dos and Don't's of using IO-117 Medium Earth Orbit Greencube satellite
- Activating a random park on the side of the road
- Vertical ½ wave QRP antenna performance
- And much more

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- Building and using a QRP “slinky antenna”
- Accessing the QO-100 satellite with a Flex Radio 6700 and a transverter
- FREE Open source – Open data Repeater Directory
- DX in a Hurry an Ode to using FT-8 to achieve DXCC
- Modify a Mag-Mount mobile antenna to accept radials
- And much more

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WWII U-505 submarine Sept. 1954 arrival to Chicago



U-505's story of arrival to Chicago in September 1954

<https://www.msichicago.org/explore/whats-here/exhibits/u-505-submarine/story/the-first-exhibition/the-trip-to-chicago/>

30 second video clip:

<https://www.facebook.com/msichicago/videos/u-505-arrival-to-msi-in-1954/296209801275132/>

Amateur Radio “Newsline Report” #2392 for Friday September 1st, 2023

- RADIO CONNECTS US MISSILE SILOS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE '60s
- TRIO OF HAMS JOIN TEAM ON ISS
- ACMA INVITES COMMENTS FROM AUSTRALIAN HAMS
- SILENT KEY: BROADCAST ENGINEER, CONSULTANT WILLIAM CULPEPPER, W4BZ
- NEW ZEALAND ACTIVATION HONORS MEMORY OF SOTA ADVOCATE
- AUSTRALIAN HAMS HOST DEVELOPER OF ECHOLINK
- PREPARING FOR PAN-INDIA RADIO CONVENTION
- UK RADIO FANS LAUNCH PETITION TO SAVE BBC'S LONGWAVE SERVICE
- OBSERVATORY'S VERY LONG BASELINE ARRAY MARKS 30 YEARS
- QSO TODAY ACADEMY SENDS HAMS BACK TO SCHOOL
- WORLD OF DX
- KICKER: THE SKY WAS NO LIMIT FOR HER FIRST PARACHUTE MOBILE

Link: [Amateur Radio Newsline Report 2392 for Friday September 1st, 2023](#)



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CONTESTS LISTS

www.contestcalendar.com

www.ARRL.org/contest-calendar *pick the month you wish

SEPTEMBER 2023 VHF ARRL CONTEST

Objective: For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Stations outside the US & Canada (and their possessions) may only work stations in the US (and its possessions) and Canada.

Dates: The second full weekend in September (**September 9-11, 2023**)

Contest Period: Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 0259 UTC Monday.

Rule Changes for 2023: Participants in the **FM Only category** can now count contacts made on 902 MHz and 1.2 GHz toward their scores. Previously, only contacts on the four lowest VHF bands (50, 144, 222 and 432 MHz) counted toward participants' scores in this category.

All legal modes are permitted (while CW and SSB/Phone are most common, MSK144, FT8 and FM-Only are gaining popularity - other popular modes include PSK31, FSK441 and JT65). For Cabrillo file mode definitions, Digital modes should be represented as "DG" (for all things digital), SSB Phone as "PH", FM voice as "FM", and CW as "CW".

[Click Here for Complete ARRL September VHF Contest Rules \(PDF\)](#)

SEPTEMBER 2023 ARRL EME CONTEST

Contest Objective: To work as many amateur stations as possible via the earth-moon-earth path on any authorized amateur frequency above 50 MHz. * **September is 2.3 GHz & up**

2023 Dates: Four full weekend 48-hour periods
(0000 UTC on Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday)

Weekend #2: 2.3 GHz & Up - September 9-10

Weekends 3 and 4: 50 to 1296 MHz - **October 28-29, November 25-26**
Contest rules are now maintained as a single downloadable document.

[Click here for the complete ARRL International EME Contest Rules \(PDF\)](#)



Monday: FM NET 8:00pm N9IAA/r 146.685 pl 173.8
Wednesday: FM NET 7:00pm W9SRC/r 146.640 pl 107.2

ARES Amateur Radio Emergency Service

ARES D1 2 meter FM NET Tuesday 7:00pm. N9IAA repeater 146.685 MHz PL 173.8 **ARES membership not required* **ARES Indiana HF SSB Net** Sunday 4:00 PM CDT – Look for it at 7.272 MHz +/- on LSB

ARES On-Line EmComm WINLINK VARA Digital Training
<http://www.EmComm-Training.org>

“ON ALL BANDS” free newsletter

A free on-line newsletter by ham radio supplier “DXEngineering”

Visit: www.OnAllBands.com

Local Ham Radio - Net Listings

Browse: Ham Radio Nets by KC9UNS

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