

SHORT SKIP - FROM THE PARADE STAND

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August's Club Meeting: Friday August 11th (always the 2nd Friday of the month) at 7:30PM. The Program will be "*DGPS... is this good enough to allow self driving and self flying vehicles?* Presenter George Pazak KD9FCI

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 Each 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.*



SKYWARN

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 Indiana District 1, 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 membership not required*

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

Colorado 14er SOTA Event

- There are 58 mountains in Colorado over 14,000 ft high collectively called the 14ers. Hams climb these peaks hoping to make DX contacts an event is called SOTA or Summits On The Air.

The Ham Nation folks invited Bob Witte K0NR on to talk about the Colorado 14er Event. Bob has a great website he maintains on portable operating, back country adventure and the technical aspects.

More Information on this SOTA event, QRP off the grid operating and a 20 minute video may be found at: ham14er.org and at K0NR.com

Summits on the Air (SOTA) in North America has three events scheduled between August 4 - 7, 2023.

Colorado 14er annual event will run from August 4 - 7,

SoCal SOTAFest in Southern California will run from August 4 - 6,

Pacific Northwest Not-Quite-Fourteener event will run from August 5 - 6, and includes climbers in Washington

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Excerpts from issue #293

ARISS has an article on Building a simple Faraday Cage, and describes the effects of EMP and CME and how to build a simple inexpensive Faraday cage. It's aimed at survivalists who are expecting the worst.

[Hunting For NDBs in CLE294](#)

(That's Coordinated Listening Event # 294) and NDBs are Non-Directional Beacons found in the Medium Wave Band specifically about 362 KHz

Just go to www.AmateurRadio.com to learn more and possibly subscribe ... did I mention that it is free?

HAMFESTS

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/06/2023 - Hamfesters 88th Annual Hamfest Sunday Morning

Location: Peotone, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hamfesters Radio Club

Website: <http://www.hamfesters.org>

[Learn More](#)

Location: Will County Fairgrounds

710 S. West St.

Peotone, IL 60468

Talk-In: 146.52 MHz simplex

Gates open at 6 AM: Exhibition Hall opens at 8 AM

Tickets

\$8 advance (with 2 PRIZE drawing stubs !)

\$10 at the gate (with a single prize stub)

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/05/2023 - Elkhart East Hamfest
SATURDAY THEY ARE ON EDT

Location: Elkhart , IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northern Indiana K9DEW Repeater Network

Website: <http://elkharteasthamfest.com>

Learn More

LOCAL LIVE VE TESTING

08/12/2023 | Valparaiso IN 46383-4820

Sponsor: Porter County ARC

Location: Valparaiso Public Library

Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

LAKE COUNTY TORNADO SIREN TEST

This Saturday, August 5th at 12:00pm, all tornado sirens in Lake County Indiana are supposed activate.

This is a request, for you to check into a ARES Net and report what you do... or do not hear. Your own life may depend on these sirens working.

12:00 pm **N9IAA** repeater 146.685 MHz pl 173.5

UPCOMING ARRL CONTESTS

This August on the 5th -6th is the: 222 MHz... and Up... Distance Contest

Visit www.ARRL.org for details

For other non-ARRL August contests visit: www.contestcalendar.com

ARRL Audio News

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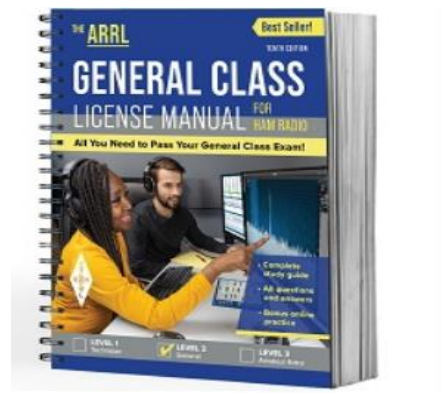


news stories in the world of amateur radio and ARRL, along with interviews and other features.

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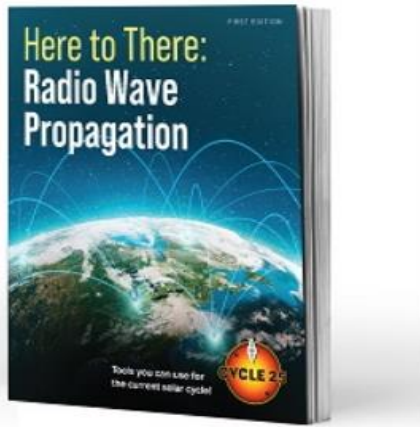
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73, Tim/N9CA