

# W9JOZ

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## The President's Corner

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Starke County Amateur Radio Club Members who attended and participated in the club activities this spring and summer; I hope you all enjoyed it. Weather has certainly been a major topic of discussion around here this past month with all the rain and with winter right around the corner. However, before I give you a few tips about that, I first want to wish each of you a very happy and healthy Holiday Season. Traveling by automobile can become quite difficult as roads become impassable, covered with snow and ice. Ice could bring down power lines cutting off power to your home for extended periods. Extreme cold can make it dangerous just to be outside as frostbite and hypothermia could occur. Just remember to be safe and be prepared, In your car have a snowbrush, shovel and a little bag of kitty litter case you are stuck. Extra gloves and a blanket will help if you are stuck too. At home if you have a generator, make sure you have some gas around the house so you will not have to venture out in a storm. Most important BE SAFE and be aware of your surrounding. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting and remember to be radioactive.

CU at the meeting

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## October Meeting

The meeting will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Starke County Public Library in Knox.

Party payment due at meeting. Club Election discussion.

He's making a list. Are you on the nice or naughty one?



Christmas Party

WOODEN NICKLE

December 14th at 5PM

It's going to be \$10.00 per person tip and tax included. You will have to pay for your own DRINKS. Tony has to let them know December 5th on how many are coming. We need your money at the next meeting or by the 5th of December. That will be the count he will give them.

Editor's Note:

Remember when we went to the Country Garden that one year, extra people showed up and we ran out of food. So, if you are going to go please pay up front so you are in the count.

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## **SIDEBAR ARTICLES**

**OUR OWN FOR SALE PAGE IS AT  
[WWW.W9JOZ.ORG](http://WWW.W9JOZ.ORG)**

**NO WEATHER CLASSES ARE  
SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME.  
WATCH WEB SITE FOR FUTURE  
NOTICES.**

### **FEMA Courses**

If you haven't looked at the independent study programs of FEMA's Emergency Management Institute lately, do yourself a favor and click on:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/>

Many new courses have been added, and a few of the classic original courses have been revised.

Some of the newer courses that struck me as significant for ARES members include:

IS-102 Deployment Basics for FEMA Response Partners (New 9/9/2008)  
IS-802 Emergency Support Functions (ESF) #2 - Communications (New 8/6/2008)  
IS-775 EOC Management and Operations (New 8/6/2008)  
IS-100.a Introduction to Incident Command System (Revised 7/28/2008)  
IS-200.a ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (Revised 7/28/2008)  
IS-809 Emergency Support Function (ESF) #9 - Search and Rescue (5/21/2008)  
IS-808 Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8 - Public Health and Medical Services (4/11/2008)  
IS-800.B National Response Framework, An Introduction (2/4/2008)

FEMA's Independent Study Program offers courses that support the nine mission areas identified by the National Preparedness Goal: Incident Management, Operational Planning, Disaster Logistics, Emergency Communications, Service to Disaster Victims, Continuity Programs, Public Disaster Communications, Integrated Preparedness, and Hazard Mitigation.

Education in all of these should be ARES training goals. Here is what Dennis Dura, K2DCD, ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager, recently told the nation's Section Managers in re the ESF#2 Communications course: "Many of you may already be aware of this course (IS-802), or have taken it. It is a relatively new FEMA on-line independent study course that presents the concepts of Emergency Support Function #2-Communications. For those that have heard my presentations around the country, I strongly encourage integrating ARES in the local, county, regional or state government emergency operations plans, of which ESF #2 is a part. This presents us a variety of mission options, not beholden to any one specific group, and we become more aligned with the emergency management structure. The course will take approximately 30 minutes to complete."

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## VHF SSB Nets

DAILY - 7:30AM CT 144.155 BREAKFAST BOWL NET N9NDP EN62 MONDAYS - 8:00 PM CT 144.250 N0PB EM39 N.MO. SWOT

MONDAY 7:00 CT W8IDT EN83 144.250

TUESDAY - 7:30 PM CT 144.210 SIDE SWIDERS OF LANSING MICH WEDNESDAYS - 9:00 PM CT 144.250 MHz BADGER CONTESTERS NET VARIOUS NCS THURS - 7:00 PM CT 144.220 N9JBW EN61 FRIDAYS - 7:00PM CT 144.215 K9DTC EN61 IL/OH NET COOK COUNTY RAG CHEWERS

SUNDAY- 11:30 am CT 144.215 K9DTC EN61

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COOK COUNTY RAG CHEWERS

SUNDAY - 8PM ET 144.155 HOLLAND MICHIGAN NCS?? SUNDAY - 9:00 PM CT 144.250 MHz N0VSJ EN35 NORTHERN LIGHTS ARS

Known weekly meetings M W F 8 am Cadillac MI to Indy 144.165 Weds 8 am Berwyn to middle Mo. 144.230 Weds 8:15 am Berwyn to Iowa 144.240 Friday 9 am Berwyn to St Louis 144.215 The Berwyn meetings will sometimes include Grand Rapids.

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Tony, W9AL

## Winter Definitions From the National Weather Service

**Winter Storm Watch** – Issued when the potential exists for 6 inches or more of snow in 12 hours, or 8 inches or more of snow in 24 hours. Also issued for potential of a quarter inch or more of freezing rain, or significant mixed precipitation.

**Heavy Snow Warning** – Issued when 6 inches or more of snow is likely in 12 hours, or 8 inches or more of snow in 24 hours.

**Ice Storm Warning** – Issued when a quarter inch or more of ice accumulation is likely.

**Heavy Sleet Warning** – Issued when a half inch or more of sleet accumulation is likely.

**Winter Storm Warning** – Issued when a combination of snow, blowing snow, sleet, and/or freezing rain is likely to exceed warning criteria.

**Blizzard Warning** – Sustained winds or frequent gusts of 35 mph or greater causing visibility to be reduced to a one quarter mile or less in blowing snow for a period of 3 or more hours. Blizzards may or may not be accompanied by falling snow.

**Snow Advisory** – Issued when 4 to 5 inches of snow are likely in a 12 hour period, or 6 to 7 inches over a 24 hour period.

**Snow and Blowing Snow Advisory** – Issued when 4 to 5 inches of snow are likely in 12 hours, or 6 to 7 inches over a 24 hour period and significant blowing snow.

**Freezing Rain Advisory** – Issued when freezing rain is likely and expected to accumulate to less than a quarter inch.

**Sleet Advisory** – Issued when sleet is likely and expected to accumulate to less than a half inch.

**Winter Weather Advisory** – Issued when a combination of snow, sleet, and/or freezing rain is likely to have an impact, but is not expected to reach warning criteria.

**Wind Chill Warning** – Issued for the potential of wind chills of -30F or colder in the presence of a 10mph or greater wind speed.

**Wind Chill Advisory** – Issued for the potential of wind chills of -20F to -29F in the presence of a 10mph or greater wind speed.

**Freezing Rain** – Falls as **liquid rain** and **freezes upon contact** with surfaces such as sidewalks, roads, and trees.

**Sleet** – Falls as a frozen droplet of rain (ice pellets).

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## Looking for a new Radio for Christmas or before?

Some Hams that have upgraded or thinking about upgrading have been talking about new radios. Here is a list of good, yet inexpensive, radios for the individual new to HF. The prices and deals shown are from R and L, which seems to be the cheapest of the ham stores. If you order before 12:00 noon you usually have it the next day.

[IC706MKIIG](#) ICOM \*\*\* FREE RMK706 OR \$25 OFF \*\*\* HF+6m+2m+70cm

◆ 50.00 rebate thru 12/31/2008 from ICOM Subtract 50.00 from the price **\$ 939.95**

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[FT817ND](#) YAESU HF/6m/2m/70cm W/60m

◆ **\$ 539.95**

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[FT857D](#) YAESU \*\* FREE YSK857 OR \$25 OFF \*\* HF/6m/2m/70cm

\$50.00 coupon is applied valid through 10/31/2008 If in Ohio 6.5% sales tax is applied before coupon is deducted 729.95 - 50.00 coupon = 679.95◆ **\$ 679.95**

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[FT897D](#) YAESU HF/6m/2m/70cm W/60m

\$70.00 coupon is applied valid through 10/31/2008 If in Ohio 6.5% sales tax is applied before coupon is deducted 839.95 - 70.00 coupon = 769.95◆ **\$ 769.95**

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[IC7000](#) ICOM \*\* FREE RMK7000 OR \$25 OFF \*\* HF/6m/2m/70cm

\$200.00 coupon is applied valid through 12/31/2008 If in Ohio 6.5% sales tax is applied before coupon is deducted 1599.95 - 200.00 coupon = 1399.95◆ **\$ 1,399.95**

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[FT450](#) YAESU HF/6m W/IF-DSP

\$150.00 coupon is applied valid through 10/31/2008 If in Ohio 6.5% sales tax is applied before coupon is deducted 789.95 - 150.00 coupon = 639.95◆ **\$ 639.95**

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[FT450AT](#) YAESU HF/6m W/IF-DSP W/TUNER

\$150.00 coupon is applied valid through 10/31/2008 If in Ohio 6.5% sales tax is applied before coupon is deducted 889.95 - 150.00 coupon = 739.95◆ **\$ 739.95**

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[FT950](#) YAESU HF/6m W/IF DSP,AT 100W

**\$ 1,315.95**

## Field Day Results are posted on ARRL website.

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participants	Club
1	W9JOZ	1,818	3A	344	2	WB9L	IN	34	Starke Co ARC

**2008 Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo and the 2008 Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention will be held on November 15th and 16th at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center.**

If you are planning on going, better save your money. Tickets cost \$6.00 and parking is \$4.00. You will have to stand in line to buy a ticket.

I received this message from the Hamfest Chairman:

We are not allowed to sell advanced tickets per our contract with the Memorial Coliseum.

James Boyer - KB9IH

Chairman Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo

November 15-16, 2008

**Hope to see you in Fort Wayne.**

**Until next month**

**John  
W3ML**