

SHORT SKIP FROM THE PARADE STAND

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Solar Eclipse Monday April 8th – locally about 3:00pm

There are concerns that the millions of visitors coming to see the eclipse will cause traffic issues and overwhelm cellular network towers.

Local ham radio and GMRS **Emergency Nets** will be standing by in case:

145.330 pl 131.8 442.925 pl 131.8 146.685 pl 173.8 463.600 GMRS

DO NOT VIEW THE SUN DIRECTLY WITHOUT PROPER SOLARWEAR !

FYI, Solar wear is available at America's Best EyeCare offices, The Indiana National Park Visitor's Center, and at Ace Hardware in Merrillville

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Contribute to Science While You Operate

The Solar Eclipse QSO Party (or SEQP) is an on-air event coming up on April 8, the same day as the next total solar eclipse. The SEQP is a great opportunity for hams to contribute data to studies of Earth's ionosphere, the part of our atmosphere that makes radio communications possible, and all you have to do is get on the air and operate as you normally would. The lead organizer of Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation (HamSCI), Dr. Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF, presents how to get involved



LCARC News

Thank you to Charlie Sufana AJ9N who presented our Club March program on Slow Scan TV and how-to receive the ISS SSTV images even on your smart phone.

For those who wish to check out this very cool form of HR, download either of the **free software**:: **YONIQ** or **MMSSTV**. There are a lot of videos on YouTube that teach you how to maximize these free programs for yourself. BTW, the most active receive/transmit frequency is 14.230 MHz.

Here's are a few: <https://youtu.be/vl5l8rlt7jo>

<https://youtu.be/ojTcM2NGO48>

<https://youtu.be/4UJSMfdajV4>

Friday April 12th 7:30 PM Club Meeting: Again, we will have two great ham radio programs!

The first will be **“Radio... Back In The Day”** presented by Andy Finick W9FXT who will be bringing along an assortment of “old school” radio items for us to see. Visit his shack virtually at : www.W9FXT.com

The next topic - first of several - on how the LCARC Club will conduct our up-coming ham radio Fox Hunt in June.



Club 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 - You do not need to be a LCARC member to attend.

Don't be left out! 2024 Club membership is just \$20... or receive 3 full years of membership for \$50 Help support your local ham radio Club.

The LCARC Information Net

Wednesday's NET - 8:00pm 147.000 or 442.075 pl 131.8

Short 30 minute net. Get to know your local hams. All hams are welcome. You do not have to be a Club member to check-into the Net.

Chicago-Land Amateur Radio Nets – Courtesy of Ben KC9UNS

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YdopCuQOizD7iSrC_PO3Tnn62rknWkQM_FJ0ASDg1V8/edit#gid=0

APRIL Hamfests

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

04/13/2024 - Columbus (Indiana) Hamfest

Location: Columbus, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Columbus Amateur Radio Club

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

04/13/2024 – Madison (Wisconsin) Hamfest

Location: Stoughton, WI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Madison Area Repeater Association

Website: <https://w9hsy.org>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

04/20/2024 - Centreville Michigan Hamfest

Location: Centreville, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: St. Joseph County MI Amateur Radio Club

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04/27/2024 - Sullivan Hamfest

Location: Sullivan, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub

Website: <http://qsl.net/mark/>

[Learn More](#)

04/27/2024 - ORC 44th Annual Spring Indoor Swapfest

Location: Cedarburg, WI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Ozaukee Radio Club, Inc.

Website: <https://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org>

LOCAL VE SESSION

EXAM SESSION

04/13/2024 | Valparaiso IN 46383-4820

Sponsor: Porter County ARC

Location: Valparaiso Public Library

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

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To find one, go to ARRL.org

For those interested in POTA

www.onallbands.com [Product Review: of the Chelegance MC-750 Portable HF Vertical Antenna](#)

World Amateur Radio Day is April 18, 2024

World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) is celebrated each year on April 18.

The theme for 2024 is, "A Century of Connections: Celebrating 100 Years of Amateur Radio Innovation, Community, and Advocacy." The global event covers all of the **International Amateur Radio Union** (IARU) regions. Thursday, April 18, 2024, 0000 UTC to Friday, April 19, 0000 UTC.



INQP 2024 Contest May 4-5-(the first Saturday in May).

The purpose of the **Indiana QSO Party** (INQP) is to encourage contact with Indiana amateur radio stations by other Indiana hams and hams worldwide. Stations outside of Indiana work Indiana stations only. Indiana stations work everybody, including other Indiana stations

The INQP is a great time to work on your **Worked All Indiana Award**. It only takes 60 confirmed counties to earn the initial certificate. (Indiana has 92 counties)

For contest details and rules visit www.hdxcc.org/inqp/

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W1AW CODE PRACTICE (on-line sessions)



Recent previously aired W1AW CODE PRACTICE sessions - from 5wpm to 40 wpm - are available as down-loadable MP3 files at www.ARRL.org and are ,playable using *Windows Media Player*, *RealPlayer* or your favorite MP3 player.

On the www.ARRL.org web-site, in the upper right search box – type in: **CODE PRACTICE**.

The files are updated every other week.

CONTESTS

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Save April 12th 7:30 PM in your calendar !

73, Tim/N9CA
