

The April meeting will be held at the Tippecanoe Co. Public Library (7th & South St) in the Friendship Room. Time will be 7:30 on Tuesday April 13th. This will be the quarterly business meeting.

Also there is a new hamfest this year. On April 17th there will be the Spring Ham Radio tailgate and swapmeet (IRC sponsored), 6am - noon, Southport Ind. (NW corner Southport Rd & Madison Ave). Free parking, free donuts & coffee, free hotdogs & soft drinks.

The Indy Radio Club is hosting it's bus to Dayton again. May 15, \$30 round trip, not including show admission. Pick up points south and east. Contact the club's treasurer, Jay Willever, K9LJW, at [ljwillever@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljwillever@sbcglobal.net) or if you can, attend the next meeting on April 9, at 7:00 at the Indianapolis Training Center (2820 Meridan St, Indpls).

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Vice President, TARA

#### MEETINGS

Apr 01 ARES training meeting, 7:00pm SIA  
Apr 05 W9YB 7:30 pm PMU rm 370 (West Tower)  
Apr 13 TARA business meeting, 7:30pm  
Apr 21 Red Cross DAT meeting, 6:00pm Red Cross chapter house  
May 03 W9YB 7:30 pm PMU rm 370 (West Tower)  
May 06 ARES training meeting, 7:00 pm SIA  
May 11 TARA program meeting, 7:30 pm Ivy Tech, topic Software Defined Radios  
May 19 Red Cross DAT meeting, 6:00 pm Red Cross Chapter House

#### HAMFESTS

Apr 9-10 16th Annual AES Superfest, Milwaukee WI <http://www.aesham.com/superfest.shtml>  
Apr 17 Spring Ham Radio tailgate and swapmeet (IRC sponsored), 6am - noon, Southport Ind. (NW corner Southport Rd & Madison Ave) this is a new event, free parking, free donuts & coffee, free hotdogs & soft drinks  
Apr 18 North Central Ind Hamfest, Mexico Ind Miami Co Fairgrounds <http://www.nci-hamfest.net>  
May 14-16 Dayton Hamfest  
May 23 Michiana ARC 211, Elks Club South Bend <http://community.michiana.org/marcsite>  
Jun 10 Indianapolis Hamfest

#### VE Testing Sessions

Apr 03 Bloomington ARC 11:30am 1st United Church Bloomington Ind  
Apr 03 Indpls Radio Club 9:00am 2820 N Meridian, Indpls  
Apr 08 Goshen ARC 7:00pm Greencroft Senior Ctr, Goshen Ind  
Apr 08 Illiana Radio Club 11:00am Terra Haute  
Apr 17 HCARES 8:30am Hamilton Co EMA Ctr, Noblesville Ind  
Apr 17 Mid State ARC, 9:30am Franklin Ind.  
Apr 18 North Central Ind Hamfest 8:00am Miami Co Fairgrounds (Peru)  
Apr 24 Clinton Co ARC 9:00am Frankfort Public Library  
May 01 Bloomington ARC, 2420 E 3rd St, Bloomington 11:30am  
May 08 Porter Co ARC, 103 Jefferson St Valparaiso, 9am  
May 13 Illiana Radio Club, 1356 Locust St, Terre Haute, 7pm  
May 15 Mid State ARC, 1101 Hospital Rd Franklin, 9:30am  
May 14-15 Dayton Hamvention  
May 25 Grant Co ARC, 135 N Branson Marion, 5pm

#### CONTESTS

Apr 2 NCCC Sprint  
Apr 3-4 Missouri QSO party  
Apr 10-11 Montana QSO party  
Apr 10-11 Radio Maritime Day

Apr 10-11 Georgia QSO Party  
Apr 11 SKCC weekend sprint  
Apr 14 CW ops Mini-CWT test  
Apr 16 NCCC sprint ladder  
Apr 17 Holyland DX contest  
Apr 18 Michigan QSO party  
Apr 17 Ontario QSO party  
Apr 18 ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB  
Apr 23 NCCC sprint ladder  
Apr 24 Florida QSO party  
Apr 30 NCCC sprint ladder  
May 01 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, digital  
May 01 7th Call Area QSO party  
[May 01 Indiana QSO party](#)  
May 08 FISTS Spring Sprint  
May 09 SKCC weekend sprint  
May 09 CW ops Mini-CWT test  
[Jun 26-27 Field Day](#)

## CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR PET HAM

Pet hams are so intelligent they often seem human, but they can be difficult to raise. Only someone with great patience should attempt it. In case you do, here is a guide to the basics.

Living Area -- A pet ham needs a private nest area, an entire room where it will not be disturbed. Your pet ham will spend many happy hours alone there with its treasures.

-- boxes, wires, bits of metal, glass, paper, etc. that it will bring home whenever it ventures out. You will want to encourage your pet ham to confine its activity to this room to prevent the entire house from being subjected to noise, clutter and the boring of holes in the walls.

Out door activities -- A pet ham will exhibit an unexplainable desire to sting up wires & mount pieces of aluminum on towers, in trees, & on roof tops.

Do NOT be alarmed by this strange behavior, it is quite normal for this species.

Expenses -- Keeping a pet ham is expensive, but, unlike most common pets, a pet ham can be trained to work outside the home for a few hours each day. It may even bring in enough money to offset its expenses.

Feeding -- A well-behaved pet ham will eat with the family occasionally, but it will feel more comfortable and secure taking its meals in the nest room. You must be sure your pet ham is well supplied with food and drink during the long periods it spends alone in there, even if it does not beg or whine.

Obedience Training -- A pet ham can be trained to perform simple tricks, the easiest and most common being "sit" and "speak" Do not be alarmed if it practices them for hours at a time in the nest room.

Health Problems -- The pet ham typically suffers lower back pain and minor throat irritations from too much sitting and speaking, but health maintenance costs tend to be minimal.

Travel -- Your ham pet will gladly travel with your family by car or even by air, if allowed to bring along certain familiar items from the nest room. Most pet hams enjoy trips to places where they can meet pet hams from other families.

Rituals -- Your pet ham will want to participate in an annual ritual in which it will join pet hams from other families where they string up wires in trees & take turns sitting & speaking. This activity continues for up to 24 hours in a green space such as a park. This is normal & even healthy for your pet ham.

Breeding -- If you plan to breed your pet ham, you should do so as soon as possible after you get it. As a pet ham matures, it becomes increasingly reluctant to engage in activities not associated with its nest room collection.

From the Yahoo Arizona Ham Web Site & ka9jwx.