

Well, June is Field Day (last weekend of June). So this month's meeting (Ivy Tech Rm 1114, 7:30pm) will cover Field Day planning for TARA's operations. But we would also like to have those who are doing other Field Day sites to come as well. Often each group has insights as to how to do Field Day.

Field Day is many things. It is a contest. It is an emergency preparedness test. It is just a good time, hanging out with fellow hams. For those of us at TARA, we try to combine the various aspects. Yes, we are testing our ability to work as if we are in an emergency setting. One way to give "stress" is that of contesting. Contesting, trying to make contacts under less than best situations, is much like what it would be like during an emergency. Lots of other stations on the bands, lots of noise. Add to that being outdoors with the weather. BTW, having multiple groups in Tippecanoe County conducting Field Day operations also simulates that we might have multiple sites during an emergency.

But then there is the fellowship (and food!).

So please come this Tuesday (June 8th) to the meeting. TARA is planning to have two HF stations (2A multiple operators). Because we have two stations, we can have the VHF station and the satellite station. Last year we had more CW operators than SSB folks. If that is the same this year then we might just have two CW/digital stations. Last year I was able to make 12 PSK31 contacts! And we had over 50 visitors!

Oh, btw, this year's FD site will be at Murdock Park as it was last year.

July meeting will be at Tippecanoe Public Library and will be a quarterly business meeting (pre-hamfest).

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MEETINGS

June 03 ARES training meeting, 7:00 pm SIA
June 08 TARA program meeting, 7:30 pm Ivy Tech Rm 1114, topic Field Day
June 16 Red Cross DAT meeting, 6:00 pm Red Cross Chapter House
July 01 ARES training meeting, 7pm SIA
July 13 TARA quarterly business meeting, Tippecanoe Public Library, 7:30pm
July 21 Red Cross DAT meeting, 6pm Red Cross Chapter House

HAMFESTS

July 10 Indianapolis Hamfest

VE Testing Sessions

Jun 05 IRC, Indpls Training Ctr (2820 Meridian), 9am
Jun 06 Bloomington ARC, 1st United Church, 11:30am
Jun 06 Wabash Valley ARC, Glas0Col Annex, Terre Haute, 1pm
Jun 10 Illiana ARC, Ryves youth ctr, Terre Haute, 7 pm
Jun 19 Hancock Co ARC, 1st Church of God, Greenfield, 9 am
Jun 19 Mid State ARC, Johnson Co EMA, 9:30 am
July 08 Goshen ARC, Goshen Ind., 7pm
July 08 Illiana ARC, Ryves Youth Ctr Terre Haute, 7pm
July 12 W9IMS ARC, W9IMS Comm Ctr Indy, 6:30pm
July 17 Mid States ARC, Johnson Cty EMA, 9:30am

CONTESTS

Jun 12-13 ARRL June VHF QSO party
Jun 19 Kids day
[Jun 26-27 Field Day](#)
July 09 FIST summer sprint
July 10-11 IARU HF World Championship
July 17-18 NA RTTY QSO party
July 17-18 CQ WW VHF contest