

# Amateur Radio Repeater Net Report

(Compiled by WD9DAN)

Net Name

**Hortonville Who Knows What Net**

Net Date

**6/4/2026**

Scheduled Start

**20:00 (08:00 PM)**

Rptr Call

**K9EOC**

Rptr Outputs

**443.950**

PL Tone

**77 Hz**

Net Control

**W9KD**

End Time

**08:57 PM**

Net Topics

*How do you think AI might affect Ham radio in the future?*

*Questions/Comments*

**Description:** To promote discussion on various topics in amateur radio, spread awareness of events in the amateur radio community and to provide a line of communication for all buy/sell/trade deals.

## Net Items Discussed (or Included here from previous Nets)

### Net Report Details

#### *About This Net - -*

**This net meets every Thursday at 8:00 PM** using the Hortonville UHF Repeater. You do not need to be a member of any specific club or group to participate in this net. Amateur radio operators from any location are welcome to Check-In and participate in any and all net discussions.

This net is geared *slightly* towards newer HAMs, and one of it's primary purposes is to help newcomers by presenting information in the form of discussion topics, and to attempt to answer questions. This is **one reason why** it's called the **"Who Knows What"** net. Please Join in, and find out "Who Knows What!"

### Announcements

#### *Hamilton County EMA*

##### **Volunteers Wanted:**

Hamilton County EMA is looking for additional volunteers to join the program. As part of the training, EMA is offering a free amateur radio technician class 10 week course starting in the fall. The course will end with the technician class exam. With this course, the pace is slower to enable a student to be able to actually learn the information required to pass the test rather than just not just doing memorization. At the start of the course, there will be an introduction to EMA so potential students will know what being an EMA volunteer is all about. This course will be open to anyone 18 years old and over.

If you know of anyone that might be interested please have them contact any of the below:

Joe, KJ9M, [joe.march@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:joe.march@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

Alex, AC9XK, [alex.auvinen@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:alex.auvinen@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

#### *HOA Antenna News*

##### **Please Take Minute:**

There is a bill in Washington D.C. to protect ham antennas from HOA's.

Hams are encouraged to show support for this bill by filling out a form letter that will go to Senate and House of Representative.

The web address for the form is:

<https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>,

Enter your amateur radio callsign, and click the "Send My Letters" button. The form will fill in your address information from the FCC license database and use your ZIP Code to determine the correct Senate and House members. That's all there is to it.

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#### *HOA Antenna News (Details)*

Here Additional Details:

## S.459 and H.R.1094 — Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act

**S.459 (Senate)** and **H.R.1094 (House)** are bipartisan bills introduced in the 119th Congress (2025–2027) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and **prohibit certain private land use restrictions from being applied to amateur radio (ham) station antennas** [GovTrack.us+1](#).

### Purpose and Background

The legislation aims to **remove or limit the ability of homeowners' associations (HOAs), condominiums, and other private community associations to block or severely restrict the installation of amateur radio antennas** — even if those antennas are hidden in trees, mounted on vehicles, or disguised as flagpoles [ARRL+1](#).

ARRL (American Radio Relay League) and other ham radio advocates argue that such restrictions hinder both recreational ham radio use and the service's **critical role in emergency communications during disasters** [ARRL](#). The bill would grant ham operators **equal rights to install antennas** as TV antennas, wireless internet equipment, and flagpoles [ARRL](#).

### Key Provisions

According to ARRL summaries, the bill would require that certain types of amateur radio antennas **not require prior approval from HOAs or similar bodies**, including [AmateurRadio.com](#):

- Antennas **1 meter or less in diameter**
- **Flagpole antennas** (≤43 ft height)
- **Wire antennas** (minimally obtrusive)
- **Vertical antennas** (≤43 ft height)

It does **not** grant rights to build large, multi-antenna towers exceeding these limits — such installations would still require approval [AmateurRadio.com](#).

### Current Status

- **Introduced:** Feb. 6, 2025 (H.R.1094 in the House; S.459 in the Senate) [GovTrack.us](#)
- **Sponsor:** August Pfluger (TX) for H.R.1094; Senate sponsor not listed in provided sources
- **Cosponsors:** 28 total (16 Republicans, 12 Democrats) [GovTrack.us](#)
- **Committee:** H.R.1094 referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce [GovInfo](#)
- **Prognosis:** ~10% chance of enactment based on current activity [GovTrack.us](#)

### Advocacy and Opposition

- **Supporters:** ARRL and ham radio clubs are running a nationwide grassroots campaign urging members to send letters to their representatives [ARRL](#).
- **Opponents:** The Community Associations Institute (CAI) opposes the bill, arguing it would override private contracts and self-governance of HOAs, and that many associations already cooperate with ham clubs during emergencies [Community Associations Institute](#).

### Why It Matters

If passed, the bill would:

- Reduce legal barriers for ham operators in HOA-restricted areas
- Support emergency communication readiness
- Align ham radio rights with those of other common infrastructure installations

For those interested in supporting passage, ARRL provides an online tool to send pre-drafted letters to Congress [ARRL](#).

**Net Items Discussed (or Included here from previous Nets)****Club News / Updates****Upcoming Club Activities****Next CIARA Club Meeting:**

Saturday Jun. 13th: (See Below)

CIARA Club will be meeting June 13th at 8am at the Sheriff's complex on Cumberland rd in Noblesville. Doors open at 730.

Matthew KE9EJF has a presentation on Meshtastic and afterwards we will discuss who has Meshtastic devices and answer questions. If you have a device you can bring it to the meeting.

We will also discuss Field Day plans for Saturday June 27th.

We are meeting for breakfast before the meeting at Perkins in Noblesville at 6:15 AM.

**You do not have to be a CIARA member to attend breakfast or the meeting.**

**And, if you're interested in joining ARES, Amateur Radio Emergency Service,** please contact Mike at [KD9BKU@gmail.com](mailto:KD9BKU@gmail.com)

**Piglets Monthly Meeting:**

Mon. Jun. 15th. - Wolfie's Grill - Carmel (1162 Keystone Way, Carmel, IN 46032)

Meeting starts at 6:30 pm and most folks show up around 6:00.

*A little bit of Meeting and a decent helping of shooting the breeze. :)*

**You do not need to be a member to attend.**

**Hortonville "Who Knows What?" Net**

Next net is Jun. 11th. Net Control is Surprise. (TBD)

Round Table topic is: "Round Table **SPEAKER'S CHOICE!**"

**Please Join in and put in your 2 cents!**

**Buy/Sell/Swap/Want****Tri-Band HT****For Sale:**

Yaesu VX-6R Tri-Band HT

In Good working condition: **Tri band (2m, 220 and 440).**

Includes original box, manual, charger, speaker microphone, soft case, stock antenna, and two battery packs.

Radio is clean overall with normal light cosmetic wear from use.

Fully functional. This radio is submersible.

**\$200** Contact Alex (AC9XK) at [AC9XK@PigletRadio.org](mailto:AC9XK@PigletRadio.org)

**Please Consider****Become a Net Control Operator**

One of the purposes of this net is to help others learn how to be a net control.

**And, we REALLY Want and Need new Net Control Operators!**

You don't have to feel self-conscious, because if you stumble, we'll be there to help!

If you are interested in learning how to run this net, please let us know. We need additional new net control operators. No experience is necessary, we will train you on the this net.

We can also assist with callsign logging for your first few nets. Gaining radio experience by running a net will give you more confidence using the radio during an emergency, allow you to assist at the EOC during Storm Ops and will make you a better radio communicator.

Email John, [w9kd@aol.com](mailto:w9kd@aol.com), Alex, [ac9xk@pigletradio.org](mailto:ac9xk@pigletradio.org) or Mike, [KD9BKU@Gmail.com](mailto:KD9BKU@Gmail.com).

## Net Participants (Check-Ins) Compiled By: WD9DAN

Call Sign	Name	Last Name	City	Check-In Time	Mobile /Base	Short Time	Roll Call	Chk-In Type
W9KD	John	Goody	Noblesville	08:00:00 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Net Control</b>	Net Prep
WD9DAN	Dan	Noland	Carmel	08:00:12 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Net Assist/Report</b>	Net Prep
KE9FLJ	Mark	Loveless	Westfield	08:03:44 PM	Portable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>First Time Either Net</b>	Requested
W9AHW	Andy	Wickham	Westfield	08:05:26 PM	Portable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Requested
AD9KT	Kim	<b>Taylor</b>	Westfield	08:10:39 PM	Portable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Suffix
KD9SZF	Pat	<b>Taylor</b>	Westfield	08:10:40 PM	Portable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Suffix
K9JAD	John	Dissauer	Westfield	08:12:36 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Suffix
KC9GUP	Nick	Kirincich	Fishers	08:11:06 PM	Portable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Suffix
KD9BKU	Mike	Hume	Noblesville	08:06:22 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Roll Call
KD9MAK	Robert	Kirkman	Carmel	08:07:13 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Roll Call
KD9NUE	Sue	Wilden	Noblesville	08:11:51 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Suffix
KD9VIS	Joe	Hume	Noblesville	08:13:06 PM	Portable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Suffix
KE9EEE	Jim	Kiefer	Fishers	08:07:44 PM	Portable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Roll Call
KE9EIG	David	Petroni	Carmel	08:08:07 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Roll Call
KG5LAO	Jeff	Hull	Fishers	08:08:43 PM	Portable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Roll Call
N9QML	Andrew	Wilson	Noblesville	08:08:53 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checked In	Roll Call
KE9CYO	Paula	Steele-Payn	Indianapolis	08:53:48 PM	Portable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Late Chk-In</b>	Requested
KE9ESM	Art	Ballard	Trafalgar	08:53:00 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Late Chk-In</b>	Requested
W0ALA	Tony	Ashpaugh	Westfield	08:55:04 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Late Chk-In</b>	Requested
WA4EZF	Ron	Sans	Indianapolis	08:44:53 PM	Base	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Late Chk-In</b>	Requested

20 Participants

## Net Topic Responses Report

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## How do you think AI might affect Ham radio in the future?

Only If Applicable to Topic Question - -

Response Text	Response Yes/No	Response Number
<b>AD9KT</b> I have no use for AI at the momment, so nothing to comment on at this time.	N/A	N/A
<b>K9JAD</b> I'm behind the times and if Im using it I'm not aware of it. (ie Maybe my Google searches might be using it).	N/A	N/A
<b>KC9GUP</b> I'm interested in AI and what it can do from an emergency management stand point, especially considering that in the field the laptops will not be connected to the interenet.	N/A	N/A
<b>KD9BKU</b> I'dl like to see how it could be used in a simulated emergency exercise to see what it can come up with.	N/A	N/A
<b>KD9MAK</b> AI might put "Elmers" out of business! You can discuss things with it and you can challenge it if you think it might be wrong. And, there's no judgement or personality involved with it. I'm pretty comfortable with it. To me (since I'm used to) it's a natural place to go for answers,	N/A	N/A
<b>KD9NUE</b> I have mixed feelings about AI. The folks that bought out my employer have reduced headcount with it. But, I have used it to restore some old famlily photos with great results.	N/A	N/A
<b>KE9EEE</b> I agree with Robert and I use it as an on-line "Elmer". I told it what I wanted my future ham shack to look like and asked it to recommend different antennas, etc. And I'm learning from those chats.	N/A	N/A
<b>KE9EIG</b> I don't use AI at all.	N/A	N/A
<b>KE9FLJ</b> I'm still learning and have very little experiance with AI so far.	N/A	N/A
<b>KG5LAO</b> I haven't used it much at all. But I've noticed that just using it as a search tool you sometimes have to double check it.	N/A	N/A
<b>N9QML</b> I have no experiance with AI yet. But, I'm keeping an open mind and would be willing to learn in the future.	N/A	N/A
<b>W0ALA</b> I use it to write software and it's been working fantastic for me! For ham radio I've used it to make presentations (infographics, etc.)	N/A	N/A
<b>WA4EZF</b> I use AI a lot for development work.	N/A	N/A
<b>WD9DAN</b> The race is on to run a lot more of AI locally (Laptop, PC, etc.) and a lot of the big tech companies are planning on building new machines with a new (and different) CPU and a new memory structure. So, this should not only get interesting in the next year, but in the long run it might change a lot about how we use AI (and computers in general).	N/A	N/A

**14 - Total Responses**