

***To All County EMA directors and their designated
Amateur Radio Operator:
Guidelines for the Indiana RACES Semi-Annual Test.***

Test will be conducted on July 26, 2008 (SAT) at 1400 UTC (9:00--10:00 local). These guidelines are the same as the January test. For this test we will NOT use 6 or 60 meters.

WILL YOU BE READY??? This test format will be the way initial contacts will be made to the State EOC via Amateur Radio. These test procedures will allow the county EMA Director and his/her local amateurs to use whatever means they have to their discretion using the frequencies and modes listed below. County EMA Directors are encouraged to check in to as many frequencies as possible for the test. Results will be posted on the State website. The State will have the EOC up and running monitoring the test frequencies listening for check-ins. When checking in please report the number of checkins from your local nets if any. For Test purposes only, please use the telephone as a last resort to check in. For those with packet stations there will be a check-in via packet and Operators are encouraged to use relays with other counties to insure checking in. Lets all do our part to have a great turnout for this test.

IDHS will be using the call sign W9SEM

PROCEDURES

The State EOC (IDHS Ham Team) will be monitoring on the following Frequencies during the testing times:

1. 3920 kHz LSB up or down around QRM
2. 7298 kHz LSB up or down around QRM
3. NO 6 Meters for this test
4. 146.52 FM Simplex (relay thru other counties if needed)
5. 440 MHz will be thru the W9WIN Repeater system (Check W9WIN.ORG for local area frequencies.) Echo link connection nodes are N9UMJ-R or 338340 on the W9WIN System.
6. Echo link in South Central Indiana will also use the Columbus 146.490 repeater-using node 296563, or N9K VX-L.
7. 3.580 kHz PSK31, USB, Stream at 800 Hz, copy message traffic and relay receipt of message on above frequencies or email to KB9RDS@arrl.net with PSK message.
8. As an experiment, if you have a packet station, send a packet email. In Subject line, put State Test. and all info in message section as if checking into one of the HF frequencies as a county check-in. (This is not HF Packet, but the "store and forward" packet system, if available." Packet email is W9DEW@K9CTB. This can be mailed anytime Saturday.
9. LAST RESORT, use the Telephone (317) 233-3681

Keep in mind that Amateur Radio Communications could be requested just to handle the overflow message traffic or damage assessment including digital modes, helping to prevent any communication shortfalls. Once IDHS EOC is notified of a communication request. The IDHS Ham Team would follow the same procedures used in this Indiana State Wide Test.

See the last page for W9WIN Linked Frequency and County List for this Test.

If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me.

73,

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W9WIN Linked Frequency and County List for The July 2008 Indiana Statewide RACES Test

COUNTY	FREQUENCY	OFFSET	TONE	CALL/SYSTEM	Dist. Coverage	NEAREST CITY
Lawrence	442.25	5.00+	136.5	W9WIN/Wide Area Coverage	7,8,10	Bedford
Greene	442.425	5.00+	136.5	W9WIN/Wide Area Coverage	7,8	Vicksburg
Greene	145.47	0.60-	136.5	W9WIN/Wide Area Coverage	7,10	Ridgeport
Greene	145.39	0.60-	118.8	W9WIN/Wide Area Coverage	7,8	Linton
Brown	443.275	5.00+	136.5	W9WIN	8	Nashville
Owen	146.895	0.60-	136.5	W9WIN/Wide Area Coverage	5,7,8	Gosport
Monroe	443.775	5.00+	136.5	W9WIN/Wide Area Coverage	5,8	Bloomington
Marion	442.325	5.00+	136.5	W9WIN/Wide Area Coverage	4,5,6	Indianapolis
Putnam	444.475	5.00+	136.5	W9WIN/Wide Area Coverage	4,5,7	Cloverdale
Washington	444.925	5.00+	136.5	W9WIN/Wide Area Coverage	8,9,10	Salem
Vanderburg	146.79	0.60-	88.5	W9OG/Wide Area Coverage	10	Evansville
Porter+	444.35	5.00+	131.8	KB9KRI/Wide Area Coverage	1,2,4	Valparaiso
Porter+	29.64	0.10-/ 29.540	no PI	KB9KRI/Wide Area Coverage	1,2,4	Valparaiso
Porter+	53.57	1.00-/52.570	131.8	KB9KRI/Wide Area Coverage	1,2,4	Valparaiso
Porter+	147.105	0.60+	131.8	KB9KRI/Wide Area Coverage	1,2,4	Valparaiso
Porter+	224.12	2.40-/222.520	No PL	KB9KRI/Wide Area Coverage	1,2,4	Valparaiso

Porter+	927.8	25.00-/902.800	131.8	KB9KRI/Wide Area Coverage	1,2,4	Valparaiso
Porer+	1292	20.00-/1272.000	88.5	KB9KRI/Wide Area Coverage	1,2,4,	Valparaiso
Marshall	444.925	5.00+	131.8	N9GPY/Wide Area Coverage	1,2,3,4,	Culver
Fulton	443.925	5.00+	131.8	N9GPY/Wide Area Coverage	2,3,4,	DeLong
Madison	444.675	5.00+	131.8	WA9JWL/Wide Area Coverage	4,5,6	Anderson
Dearborn	443.875	5.00+	146.2	K9GPS/Wide Are Coverage	6,9	Lawrenceburg
Marshall	147.285	0.60+	131.8	K9WZ/Wide Area Coverage	1,2,3	Plymouth
Madison	147.09	0.60+	110.9	K9VE/Wide Area Coverage	4,5,6	Anderson
Kosciusko	443.05	5.00+	131.8	KA9OHV/Wide Area Coverage	1,3	Warsaw
Allen	444.3	5.00+	131.8	W9VD/Wide Area Coverage	3	Ft.Wayne

** The Wide Area coverage repeaters can have up to 100+ miles coverage even though the repeater may not be in your county, you may sill have coverage.

** These systems are linked and a pause time of (3) three seconds is required before and after transmissoins to allow for these repeaters o link and unlink.

** No Individual or linked -L Echolink nodes are allowed to connect during to these repeaters during the test...ALL INDIVIDUAL AND LINK -L NODES MUST CONNECT TO N9KVX FOR THE TEST!