

HCARES

Hamilton County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Welcome to HCARES. The primary purpose of this group is:

- To provide Public Service Communications.
- To increase the public awareness of Amateur Radio and the useful functions it serves in the community.
- To promote the courteous and lawful use of Amateur Radio bands.
- To develop a working relationship with agencies and organizations who have purposes similar to the HCARES.
- To promote fellowship through the hobby of Amateur Radio while limiting the application of rules and regulations to the minimum necessary required to maintain HCARES as chartered in this constitution.
- To provide assistance to those desiring an Amateur Radio license.

Membership in the HCARES is open to any person interested in Amateur Radio. Meetings are held the 1st Saturday of each month. Time & location is announced on the weekly Sunday night net on the 443.550 MHz (+) repeater at 8:00 P.M. local time.

Local repeaters used for HCARES operations are the 145.17 MHz (-) HCARES club repeater and the 443.550 MHz (+) Hamilton County RACES repeater.

The HCARES web site, <http://www.qsl.net/hcares/> is an excellent resource and contains contacts, information on current and future club events, our constitution/bylaws, newsletters and links to related information. An HCARES membership form is included the online newsletter at <http://www.qsl.net/hcares/newsletter/> .

Community Service is both fun and rewarding. This is a partial list of events in which you may participate:

ARRL Field Day - June
ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (S.E.T.) - October
Atlanta Festival - September
Good Samaritan Christmas Food Delivery - December
Good Samaritan Thanksgiving Food Delivery - November
Sam Costa Marathon - March
Weather Spotting - March - November
White River Cleanup - September

Local Served Agencies:

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| American Red Cross | Good Samaritans |
| Hamilton County Emergency Management | Hamilton County Police & Fire Depts. |
| Indiana State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) | National Weather Service |
| Hamilton County Hospitals | |

The HCARES monthly meetings include a brief business meeting followed by a program that attempts to explore a facet of Amateur Radio. Recent programs have included; Overview of local FEMA/RACES Operations, Tour of Noblesville 911 Operations Center, Tour of National Weather Service, Contesting, QRP operation (low power), New Digital Voice Communications techniques, NWS Weather Spotter Training, Local Contest Super Stations, and IRLP (Amateur voice over internet).

Thank you for your interest in the Hamilton County Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

Contact HCARES at HCARES@qsl.net