

Plans for a Late Spring / Early Summer 2019 Repeater Emergency Stimulation Net

K9DEW 145.430- PL 141.3

This year I'd like to perform a stimulation net as if we had experienced a wide area power outage.

Purpose of this net is to practice our amateur skills in case of an emergency and how we can communicate with a slightly disable 5.43 repeater.

The 5.43 repeater itself would be placed on battery back-up, output power lower than normal. In addition, I would drop the receive site that's located off CR7 and run only off the main antenna that's located WFRN, which would provide an abnormal receive range.

Therefore this test would be only good if we try to cover the whole Elkhart County area. I would like to explore the possibility of utilize some of the 16 locations of the Quilt Gardens that spread throughout Elkhart County or the 16 different townships in our county.

Our assigned Main Net Control of 5.43 will ask for our preassigned amateur coordinate locations to check in when called upon via handheld (HT). Call-sign, location and current site status will be required during this net.

After all preassigned stations have check-in we'll open the net to any non preassigned location amateurs wanting to participate within the county or outside our county.

If for any reason one of our assigned locations are unable to check-in due to poor reception or the repeater itself goes down during this time, we ask for you to relay your above-required information to a Secondary Net Control that will be stationed on one of AA9JC 440 repeaters. This secondary net repeater frequency still to be determined.

There will also be one assigned amateur relay station monitoring both repeaters to pass along any missed obtained information from the Secondary Net Control. This relay station will be our communicator between the repeaters during the net to pass any information obtained to our Main Net Control if needed.

Not only volunteers but any constructive feedback/suggestions are welcome and may be used for this excise. This is all still at the beginning stages. I don't mind involving everyone but not looking for a free for all, let's make this fun and organized. There are no obligations, but I do ask if you volunteer please follow through your duties unless other arrangements are made before the day of the event.

Additional plans, information, and announcements will follow in the upcoming months. You can follow and share this upcoming event on Facebook @ Northern Indiana Repeater Group or visit <https://k9dew.com> window tab Changes / Recent News.

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