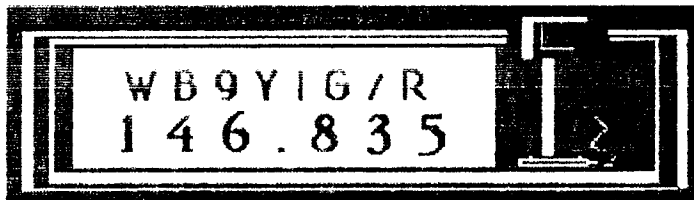


Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

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The Spark Gap

November 1991

RESULTS OCTOBER TESTING

James Anderson N9KTX	Columbus	Advanced
Sheri Atkins	Marion	NC Tech
Robert Dickey KB9FEO	Hope	Tech
Dollie Osman	Bloomington	
Todd Osman KF9FX	Bloomington	
Abraham Skernick	Bloomington	General
James Weddle KB9DRM	Franklin	Tech
David Wendt KA9OOH	Indianapolis	Extra
Lynn Wilhelm KB9GYW	Greenwood	Tech

TEST SITES FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

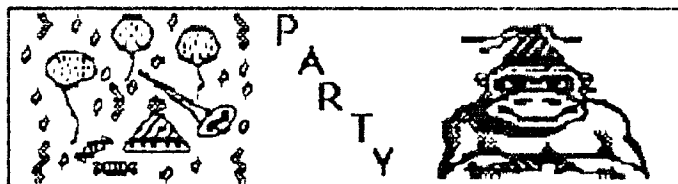
Nov 17	Rushville	N6RS	763-6090
Nov 30	Lebanon	NX9Q	482-1866
Dec 7	Muncie	W9JUU	288-0481
Dec 28	Indy	NQ9R	291-3569



THE SWAP SWAMP

BUY-SELL OR SWAP

For sale: Tempo I radio with p/s
KA9ZTU 738-9424
Wanted: inexpensive 2/3 chan crystal 2 mtr
N9AZD 535-8047
For sale: Coco 3, monitor, D drive, Printer
NV9K 736-6320
For Sale: Intel 287x1 math co-processor
Also 286 processor \$100 includes testing
and installation. N9MKR 862-2717



The Executive Committee is considering a social family event for the club in early February. The date and nature of the event is not yet set and the committee would like to hear from club members on ideas. Such things as which day of the week, type of event that would appeal to most members, etc. Let them know what you think! February is usually a very slow uneventful month and an activity like this might help us get through windy March!

WELCOME HOME PAUL !

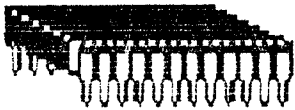
Paul Easley, KA9KAI has been back in Franklin from Honduras during the past few days. Several club members have talked with him on our repeater and plans were made to have him tell us about his experiences at the club meeting this saturday. However, it seems he will be leaving on friday and will not be able to attend the meeting.

Paul's first missionary trip to Honduras began in 1979. After two years he first returned to Franklin and later moved to Texas, returning to our area in December of 1984. He began his present mission in Honduras in September of 1989. His children attend a bi-lingual school and have learned Spanish very well. One of them tested KA9ZPA's spanish on the repeater last week!

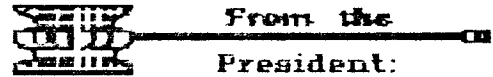
During his latest mission he gave radio assistance with Dean Cary, AA5ET to the rescue of three people in a downed aircraft in the water about 75 miles from his home. This event was featured in a recent issue of QST. Paul is presently director of two religious broadcast stations in the San Pedro area. He also maintains an AM and shortwave station in the mountains which has received favorable comments from listeners from around the world.

Paul tries to keep a regular schedule of ham contacts with local friends on the net on 21.390 from 1800 to 1900 daily. He also is planning to participate in a DXpedition from his area during the Columbus 500 year celebration in October of 1992. He also plans to make a video of his activities in Honduras and will make it available for our club use.

So, Paul have a good return trip and keep in touch with us. We will try to make some radio contacts with you after you return '91



NEW TECH



TELEPHONES PROVIDING VIDEO?

A new proposal by the FCC to allow local telephone companies to carry broadcast video and digital data information could reshape the telephone and cable industries. This would put telephone programming in competition with cable and satellite companies, which are of course, opposed to the idea. Under the proposal the telephone companies could also produce their own video material as well!

The cable companies threaten to take the case to court claiming the telephone companies would take unfair advantage of their access to income from regular telephone service and their favored position as an essential public service.

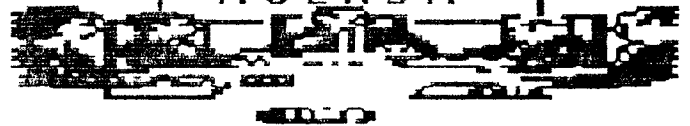
The trend in telecommunications regulation has been away from monopolies toward more competition making it probable the FCC will give the phone companies a piece of the action. This is a high-stakes game in which even the smallest rule change will affect profitability. So, the fight will be long and hard by both sides of the issue.

We had a good turn-out at the last meeting and I would like to see us do well this Saturday. We lucked out again and will have another radio/snooze alarm for a Kerchunker prize! So be here and sign up! I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and don't eat too much!

NEWEST CLUB MEMBER

Our newest club member is Keath Rhymer N9LXZ who joined just this week. Keath and his wife Joyce live in Indianapolis. Welcome to the club Keath!

MEETING AGENDA



AGENDA

- Minutes of previous meeting.
- Treasurers report.
- Repeater Trustee report
- Old business.
- New business.
- Program: Paul, KA9KAI or Ham Radio video
- Adjournment.



Happy Thanksgiving !

