

SPARKS

Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society

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INQP / CLUB PICNIC Edition



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E-mail subscriptions are provided to all regular TARS members. News contributions and letters/emails to the editor are always welcome.

TARS regular membership is open to all licensed Amateur Radio operators for \$25.00 a year. An Associate membership is also available to those who are interested in Amateur Radio but do not currently hold a license. Associate membership is \$25.00 a year. Student memberships are also available for \$12.50 a year. Membership information is available at www.w9og.net

The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society meets the second Thursday of each month at the Red Cross, 29 Stockwell Rd, Evansville IN, at 7:00 p.m. Family and visitors are always welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact one of the TARS officers listed in this newsletter or email info@w9og.net.

Reminder the INQP and TARS Picnic are next Saturday, May 7th

Hello TARS members! Don't forget – Saturday May 7 is the Indiana QSO Party and the TARS picnic! We'll be set up at **Scott Township Park in northern Vanderburgh County**. We'll be indoors for the most part so bugs, heat and raindrops won't be an issue! Here are a few particulars:

- Setup will begin around **7:00 AM** as the **INQP starts at 10:00 CDT**. We'll need quite a few hands to help set up rigs, antennas and food so please plan to come out early and join us if you can assist.

- We'll have **lunch around 12:00**. The club will provide fried chicken, drinks and snacks. **Please bring a side dish of your choice to share with the group.**

- **We plan to operate the full 12 hours** of the contest as long as we have people to keep the rigs on the air. A number of folks have mentioned that they plan to operate in the early afternoon. We would like to continue working the contest through the late afternoon and into the evening as well – so if you prefer the 'late shift', please let us know so we can plan to keep W9OG going for the entire length of the INQP!

- We will also need a number of folks to be available to help tear down the stations and clean up after the contest/picnic ends. If you can be a part of that effort, please reply so that we'll know that have plenty of folks to help make those tasks go quickly!

Also keep in mind that this year is the 75th anniversary of the founding of TARS. We plan to do a couple of things at the picnic to help celebrate that milestone. So be sure to come out to Scott Township Park on May 7 and be a part of the fun. And tell your friends (TARS members or not) to come join us for some amateur radio fun and camaraderie as well!

Google Map Link: [Scott Twp Park](#) A Map is also on the last page of this mailer.

If you have questions contact Brian [WB9QVR](#), or post something on the TARS Groups.IO list.

TARS @ Groups.IO

Have you heard about the new TARS Groups.io email list?

You can subscribe at <https://groups.io/g/TARS>

or by sending an email to TARS+subscribe@groups.io directly.

The mail list is an area where you can ask questions or get the latest updates and information on club happenings.

For HELP on the Groups.IO site, send an email to: TARS+help@groups.io

INQP - TARS First place Multi-Multi 2019



INQP 2021



INQP 2017



2005 INQP



2006 INQP





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