

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's) ABOUT THE MARION COUNTY HAM RADIO SUPPORTED EVENTS

## Mini Marathon Ham Radio Training Sessions – April 28-29, 2017

All Mini Marathon Ham Radio Volunteers have to attend ONE of TWO training sessions. At these sessions, safety information, position assignments, changes to event from previous year, and other vital information are passed out and discussed. For 2017, the sessions are scheduled for Friday, April 28 from 5PM to 7PM. The next session is Saturday, April 29 from 10AM to Noon. Both sessions are held at the Salvation Army EDS, 4020 Georgetown Rd, Indianapolis. Talk-In frequency is on the 146.700 repeater.

## Mini Marathon – May 6, 2017

2017 marks the 41<sup>st</sup> year for the Mini Marathon. It begins at 7:30am and is over about 12 noon ... Net Control is operational by 6am. This event uses 6 VHF and/or UHF frequencies / repeaters. This run has nearly 100 amateur radio positions (2 hams are used at each position): Net Control Station (NCS), Tail End Bus Rider, 36 Mile-marker hams, and 34 Pit Stop (water) hams, and many more. The run begins at the Eiteljorg Museum at West & Washington Streets downtown Indy, proceeds west on Wash. St., north on White River West Dr. to Michigan St., west to Holt Rd. north to 10<sup>th</sup> St., west to Main St. (Speedway), north to 16<sup>th</sup> St. and into the IMS Track. After going around the track, it proceeds south on Olin Ave. to 10<sup>th</sup> St., east to White River Pkwy, south to New York St., west to Military Park just prior to West St. Hams will report to NCS any requests for Medical Support, when the Lead Runner passes, and when the SAG passes. NCS has communications with the Medical Command and Law Enforcement. There will be medical people along the course, at each Pit Stop, and many ambulances. 2017 marks 14 years since I began coordinating this one.

## 500 Festival Parade – May 27, 2017

2017 marks the 61<sup>st</sup> year for the Mini Marathon. It begins at 12 noon and is over about 1:30pm ... Net Control is operational by 6am. This event uses 4 VHF and/or UHF frequencies / repeaters. This parade has 30 amateur radio positions: Net Control Station (NCS), 5 Medical Tent hams, APRS Tracking on 5 Medical Golf Carts, and many more. The parade begins at Pennsylvania & North Streets downtown Indy, proceeds south on Penn. to Washington St., west on Wash. to Meridian St., north to 11<sup>th</sup> St. Hams will report to NCS any requests for Medical Support, when the Lead Float passes, and when the Last Float passes. NCS has communications with the Medical Command and Law Enforcement. There will be medical people along the course, at each Medical Tent, and many ambulances. 2017 marks 14 years since I began coordinating this one.

## Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride – September 9, 2017

It begins at 8:00am and is over about 4pm ... Net Control is operational by 6:30am. This event uses 2 VHF and/or UHF frequencies / repeaters and APRS. This ride has 20 amateur radio positions: Net Control Station (NCS), 8 APRS SAG's, 4-5 Rest (water) Stop hams, and several more. This year, it is a 1-day Saturday ride utilizing 25mile, 50mile, 75mile, and 100mile routes. The routes run through portions of Hamilton and Boone Counties. Hams will report to NCS any requests for Medical Support, when the Lead Bicyclist passes, and when the Last Bicyclist passes. NCS has communications with the Medical Command and Law Enforcement. 2017 marks 8 years since I began coordinating this one.

## American Diabetes Tour-de-Cure – October 7, 2017

It begins at 7:30am and is over about 12 noon ... Net Control is operational by 6:30am. This event uses 3 VHF and/or UHF frequencies / repeaters and APRS. This event has 56 amateur radio positions: Net Control Station (NCS), 3 APRS SAG's, 20 road watch hams, 3 Rest (water) Stop hams, and more. The event begins at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and ends there. Hams are stationed along the Road Route, exiting the track on Georgetown Rd., through local streets to 16<sup>th</sup> St., north on Cunningham Rd. to 21<sup>st</sup> St. The route heads west on 21<sup>st</sup> St. to Tansel Rd. to Raceway Rd., north to 56<sup>th</sup> St. From here, the route uses county roads to winds up just north of SR-334. The route then heads south on Lafayette Rd. to 71<sup>st</sup> St. where it heads through Eagle Creek Park, along 34<sup>th</sup> St. and back to the IMS Track. Hams will report to NCS any requests for Medical Support, when the Lead Bicyclist passes, and when the Last Bicyclist passes. NCS has communications with the Medical Command and Law Enforcement. There will be ambulances along the course. 2017 marks 14 years since I began coordinating this one.

## Indianapolis Half Marathon in Lawrence – Oct 7, 2017

It begins at 8:30am and is over about 3pm ... Net Control is operational by 6am. This event uses 3 VHF and/or UHF frequencies / repeaters and APRS. This run has 15 amateur radio positions: Net Control Station (NCS), 3 APRS SAG's, 6 Rest (water) Stop hams, and several more. The run begins at about 56<sup>th</sup> & Post Rd., runs through the State Park, Boy Scout Rd., along 56<sup>th</sup> St. to Post Rd., along 59<sup>th</sup> St., north on Lee Rd. to 63<sup>rd</sup> St., into the Park, back to 63<sup>rd</sup> St., and back to Post Rd. Hams will report to NCS any requests for Medical Support, when the Lead Runner passes, and when the SAG passes. NCS has communications with the Medical Command and Law Enforcement. There will be medical people along the course, at each Pit Stop, and many ambulances. 2017 marks 15 years since I began coordinating this one.

## Indianapolis Monumental Marathon – Nov 4, 2017

It begins at 7:30am and is over about 3pm ... Net Control is operational by 6am. This event uses 6 VHF and/or UHF frequencies / repeaters. This run has 35 amateur radio positions: Net Control Station (NCS), 2 APRS SAG's, 20 Rest (water) Stop hams, and several more. The run begins at the Government Center on Washington Street downtown Indy, proceeds west on Wash. St., south on Meridian St. to South St., around the Lucas Oil Stadium, north on Delaware to South St., east to Virginia Ave., north around Monument Circle to New York St. turning east. Following Massachusetts Ave. to College, north to 10<sup>th</sup> St., west on 10<sup>th</sup> to Central to 16<sup>th</sup> St., west on Central to Pennsylvania St. and north to Delaware & Fall Creek Parkway. The 26-mile run continues north

on Fall Creek Pkwy to 38<sup>th</sup> St., then west to Washington Blvd. whereas the 13-mile shortcut proceeds across Fall Creek Pkwy and north on Washington Blvd. to 38<sup>th</sup> St. The 26-mile runners go north on Washington Blvd. to 58<sup>th</sup> St., then east to College Ave., this north to 70<sup>th</sup> St., through a neighborhood to Meridian St., then south to 49<sup>th</sup> St., around Butler University Campus to Michigan Rd., through the Indpls. Museum of Art to 38<sup>th</sup> St., east to Meridian St., south to Market St. and around to the Government Center off of West St. Hams will report to NCS any requests for Medical Support, when the Lead Runner passes, and when the SAG passes. NCS has communications with the Medical Command and Law Enforcement. There will be medical people along the course, at each Pit Stop, and many ambulances. 2016 marks 9 years since I began coordinating this one (from its first marathon).