

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

**** HAMILTON COUNTY RADIO EVENTS ****

Sam Costa Run – CANCELLED

Sam Costa Run [1/4 & 1/2 Marathons] coordinated by the hams of Hamilton County

Carmel Marathon – ~~April 04, 2020~~ Postponed until June 14, 2020

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Mini Marathon Ham Radio Training Sessions – CANCELLED

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 2020, the sessions are scheduled for _____. The next session is _____. Both sessions are held at the Salvation Army EDS, 4020 Georgetown Rd, Indianapolis. Talk-In frequency is on the 146.700 repeater.

INDIANAPOLIS (March 18, 2020) – The 500 Festival is suspending all planned, in-person events scheduled through May 9, 2020. The suspension of these events is in accordance with the CDC's updated guidance to cancel, postpone or provide virtual options for all large events for the next 8 weeks in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The 500 Festival is doing everything possible to minimize the economic impact and ramifications that will be experienced as a result of canceling these in-person events.

Mini Marathon – May 2, 2020 – CANCELLED

2020 marks the 44th 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 needs nearly 80 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 10th St., west to Main St. (Speedway), north to 16th St. and into the IMS Track. After going around the track, its proceeds south on Olin Ave. to 10th 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. Point of Contact for volunteering as a Ham Radio Operator is N9BA Brent Walls, brent.a.walls@gmail.com

Hello MICHAEL,

We are reaching out to share a month of May update from the 500 Festival. In addition to the event changes that we announced last week, the 500 Festival Breakfast at the Brickyard, presented by Midwestern Engineers, Inc., the 500 Festival Memorial Service, presented by Rolls-Royce, the IPL 500 Festival Parade, and the 500 Festival Off the Grid, presented by KeyBank, will not take place on their previously scheduled dates this May. With new timing for the Indianapolis 500 announced by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway yesterday, the 500 Festival is committed to providing a calendar of community events that precede the 2020 race.

We are working through a number of different scenarios and we will do everything possible to reschedule these events for later in the year. We will also continue to be mindful of the resources that help us produce these community events, including volunteers, medical personnel, IMPD, the Indiana National Guard, Homeland Security, Indianapolis Motor Speedway staff, corporate partners and many others. The 500 Festival will announce the new dates, event details and ticketing information for rescheduled events as soon as they are finalized.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we endeavor to keep the spirit of May relevant and meaningful in this challenging time for everyone.

Be well,

The 500 Festival

500 Festival Parade – May 23, 2020 – CANCELLED

2020 marks the 63rd year for the 500 Festival Parade. 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 11th St. If a Bicycle Ham is available, he/she will report to NCS when the Last Float passes through each intersection. 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. Point of Contact for volunteering as a Ham Radio Operator is N9BA Brent Walls, brent.a.walls@gmail.com

American Diabetes Tour-de-Cure – June 06, 2020

It begins at 7:30am and is over about 12 noon ... Net Control is operational by 6:30am. The location and routes for the 2020 event are all new. There will be 23 & 62 mile bike routes AND a 5K & 10K Run/Walk going simultaneously. The event begins at the Celebration Plaza along the White River, adjacent to the Indianapolis Zoo. Hams are stationed along the Road Route and at the Aid Stations. 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. Point of Contact for volunteering as a Ham Radio Operator is Matt Bechdol, W9SOX at w9sox@bezoo.com or whiskeyninesierraexray@gmail.com.

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr_id=13035&type=fr_informational&sid=24656
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Celebration+Plaza+Amphitheater/@39.7680533,-86.173604,17z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xd311c2c8d612c2f5!8m2!3d39.7677499!4d-86.1729316>

Indianapolis Half Marathon in Lawrence – Oct 03, 2020

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 56th & Post Rd., runs through the State Park, Boy Scout Rd., along 56th St. to Post Rd., along 59th St., north on Lee Rd. to 63rd St., into the Park, back to 63rd 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. Contact Brent Walls, N9BA at brent.a.walls@gmail.com for volunteer information.

Multiple Sclerosis Bike MS – Oct 10, 2020

It begins at 7am 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 bike ride has 15 amateur radio positions: Net Control Station (NCS), 8 APRS SAG's, 5 Rest (water) Stop hams, and several more. The ride begins and ends at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds. 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. Contact Bob Burns, W9BU at w9bu@rlburns.net for volunteer information.

Indianapolis Monumental Marathon – Nov 07, 2020

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 10th St., west on 10th to Central to 16th 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 38th St., then west to Washington Blvd. whereas the 13-mile shortcut proceeds across Fall Creek Pkwy and north on Washington Blvd. to 38th St. The 26-mile runners go north on Washington Blvd. to 58th St., then east to College Ave., this north to 70th St., through a neighborhood to Meridian St., then south to 49th St., around Butler University Campus to Michigan Rd., through the Indpls. Museum of Art to 38th 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. Point of Contact for volunteering as a Ham Radio Operator is N9BA Brent Walls, brent.a.walls@gmail.com