

ACARTS May 16 Meeting

GOES-16, See Where It's Built and Learn How It Works

On May 16 at 7PM, the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (ACARTS) is hosting a guest speaker, Mark Tritch KC9GUY, to discuss the GOES-16 weather satellite. The Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) primary instrument, known as the Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI), is built by the Harris Corporation in Fort Wayne. Mark has worked on the ABI program from proposal through delivery phases. Mark's presentation was formerly scheduled to occur at the Red Cross office. The program location has been changed to occur at the Harris Corporation Technical and Administration Center at the corner of Cook and Lima Rd. Participants will be treated to a tour of the ABI and other remote sensing meteorological instrument's test area.

Harris Corporation is a government contractor and subject to security regulations. The meeting will be hosted in two areas of the building. Mark's GOES-16 presentation will be conducted in a common area with less stringent security measures. The tour will go inside lab areas where Harris proprietary testing is performed. A higher level of security measures apply in the test area. All guests must abide by Harris Security policy while on the premises.

Security Requirements to Attend the Presentation;

- 1) All guests must be current members of the ACARTS, Fort Wayne Radio Club, or Fort Wayne DX Association. This intentionally limits the number of potential guests since we have a limited number of current Harris employees to escort guests throughout the building.
- 2) All guests must submit their names and club affiliation to Joseph Lawrence by Monday May 1. Harris Security will cross check names against national databases for open arrest warrants. Harris Corporation reserves the right to deny access to any individual it deems to be a security risk. Requests to attend should be sent to

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- 3) No recording or transmitting devices are permitted in the building. Cell phones, cameras, and transceivers should be left in guest vehicles.

Additional Security Requirements to Participate on the Tour;

- 4) Guests must provide proof of US citizenship at time of arrival. A birth certificate or US passport (current or expired) is valid proof of citizenship. When submitting your request to attend the meeting, please indicate you plan to do the tour. Otherwise, it is assumed you only want to hear the presentation.
- 5) Tour guests will be expected to abide by all Harris Corporation Environmental, Health, and Safety policies as described by escort employees at the time of the tour.

Further logistical information will be provided to approved guests prior to the meeting. Questions may be sent to Joseph Lawrence or contact him by phone (260) 451-6987 during daytime business hours.