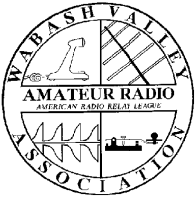


REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Glas-Col Apparatus
Mar 4 7th & Hulman (1st Friday of each month.)
Monday, Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, World Gospel Ch.,
Mar 7 prior to the Weather Spotters' Meeting.
Every The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 PM,
Thursday Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

First Dual Class, World Gospel Church, 6:30 March 1
Terre Haute and Paris WX Spotters Classes March 7
Indiana Statewide Skywarn Tests, 10 AM & 7 PM.. March 9
Tailgate Party / V.E. Testing, Ryves Hall March 12
Brentlinger Award Dinner, World Gospel Ch..... March 19



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TWO WEATHER SPOTTERS' MEETINGS - SAME NIGHT!

This year there will be two weather spotters' meetings in the Wabash Valley on the same night, Monday, March 7, so plan to attend one of the two if you possibly can. There will be a talk-in on 146.685 for both meetings.

The Terre Haute National Weather Service Weather Spotters' meeting, will be held at the World Gospel Church, S.R. 46 and Gardendale Drive, at 7 P.M. Indiana time. It's about three blocks south of U.S. 40, on the west side of the road. There's a big sign for the church near the road. Park on the west side and follow the signs to the room.

David Tusek, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the Indianapolis NWS office will again present the program. If you haven't been before, we can promise a very interesting presentation. If you have been there before, you know that you learn something new every year.

We'll have coffee and some other goodies, so be there early for a good seat.

The Paris National Weather Service Weather Spotters' meeting will be held at the Paris Illinois VFW, three blocks west of the court house, at 6:30 P.M., Illinois time. It will last about one and one half hours.

If you want a certificate and name badge, you need to call (217) 466-3180, or e-mail esdaparis@tigerpaw.com the week before, between 8 A.M. and 12 noon so they can make them up and have them ready. Please don't wait until the day of the meeting.

Note:

The March WVARA Board meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M., at the World Gospel Church, just before the Weather Spotters' meeting at 7 P.M.

TAILGATE HAS NEW LOCATION!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the location of the 2005 WVARA Tailgate has been changed. The new location will be the Ryves Hall Youth Center.

This should prove to actually be a nicer facility for the event. We should have plenty of space for tables, and separate rooms for the forums and testing as well. The Ryves Hall Youth Center is located at 14th and Locust in Terre Haute. Please help us get the word out. Tell your friends about this change of location. Ask them to pass it on. We look forward to seeing a huge turnout!

Tnx & 73,
Gary, W9EEU

2005 BRENTLINGER AWARD DINNER

This year's Brentlinger Awards dinner will be held March 19 at the Golden Corral, on south U.S. 41 just south of the mall, behind the new Walgreens. Arrival time should be around 6:30 to 6:45 P.M.

The Golden Corral is a buffet restaurant. The food is very good and the choices are endless. Everyone will pay for his own food as he or she enters. Nevertheless, we need confirmation that you are coming so the restaurant can prepare the room for us. If you are planning to attend, please contact...

- Gary, W9EEU at (812) 864-2631 or w9eeu@arrl.net or
- Gary, K9ERE at (812) 877-4371 or k9ere@earthlink.net or
- Contact any other Board member you know.

This year's program will be sort of an encore performance. Some years ago, also at a Brentlinger Dinner, Bill Eccles, KE4VT, gave a slide presentation on the Amateur Radio career of Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA. This time it's a PowerPoint presentation and we are told that he has lots of new material this time around. Don't miss it!

March

The Club meeting program is by Kevin, K9HX and is about the 146.685 Repeater Upgrade.

LOCAL NETS

Wednesday Evening	9:00 P.M. CT
Clark Co. ARES Net	146.520/S
Thursday Evening	9:00 P.M. ET
CAARLA Net	146.685/R
Every 2nd Saturday	10:00 A.M. ET
QCWA Net	145.230/R
Sunday Morning Vigo	8:20 A.M. ET
Co. ARES Net	146.685/R
Sunday Evening	9:00 P.M. ET
WVARA Net	146.685/R*

* First Sunday of the month is Simplex night. The WVARA Net meets on 146.595



General Meeting Minutes 02/04/05

The February 4, 2005, WVARA Club meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Vice President Don Pine K9DRP, those present introduced themselves with name and call sign. Following a program on SSTV led by Stu Sherfick, W9HRZ, and the break/half pot drawing, the business meeting was held. **Announcements:** (1) The monthly Board meeting will be February 7, 2005, at 6:00 P.M. at Glas-Col Apparatus. (2) The CAARLA/QCWA meetings will be Saturday, February 12, at 12:00 noon at Ambrosini's Restaurant. (3) The Brentlinger Award Dinner will be held March 19, at the Golden Corral at 6:30 P.M. People were requested to let one of the Board members know how many are planning to attend so that the restaurant has an idea of the number of attendees. The cost for the evening will be the cost of the buffet; this can be paid for at the restaurant. (4) Dues for 2005 are now being accepted. (5) VE testing will be held at the Red Cross this Sunday at 1:00 P.M. (6) The Tailgate Party is scheduled for March 12, 2005, at the Marine Corp League from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. There will be a Youth Forum presented by Jim Edwards, KA9DIF, and a forum on Pixies, etc., by Jim Osburn, WD9EYB. There will also be DXCC card checking available. (7) The yearly National Weather Service Spotter's Class will be March 7 at the World Gospel Church. (8) CAARLA will once again participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, April 23 and 24. Assistance will be needed both in fundraising and participation in the event. (9) Jim, WD9EYB, announced that the Eastside Outdoor Ham Club will participate in the FYBO contest tomorrow at Collette Park. Also, a week from tomorrow, there will be a fox hunt at 2:00 P.M. (10) The Dayton Bus will run May 21 and again will be \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers purchasing tickets by the deadline. Tickets are available through the Club Treasurer, Chuck, KC9CKK. (11) Also on May 21 will be the Terre Haute Triathlon. This is a Regional Qualifier this year with more participation anticipated than in previous years, so more assistance from volunteers will be needed. Anyone interested in more information should contact Dave, N9YNF. (12) Saturday, May 7, will be the Bison Stampede from 11:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. at the Cory firehouse. This is in conjunction with the Indiana QSO Party. We will need as much participation as possible - this will be "good practice" for Field Day. **Secretary's Report:** Debbie, KC9AOR, moved that the Secretary's Report be approved as published in *The Bandspread*; Kay, KB9HYH, seconded the motion and the motion carried. Treasurer's Report: Chuck, KC9CKK, presented the **Treasurer's Report** with a reported balance of \$4,585.08 in all accounts and moved that it be approved as presented; Steve, NT9T, seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Donations from Club members for the qth.net server will be accepted by the Club until the March meeting. Following that meeting, all donations, along with the Club's donation will be mailed to the provider. **New Business:** (1) Keith, WA9DRO, gave a presentation on WIAREC, Inc. The organization is in the process of applying for its 501C3 status. The main project planned for this year is

for improvements to be made to the ARES trailer. The plans include making the equipment handicapped-useable. Fundraisers planned include a fish fry and a yard sale and a bake sale at the weather spotters' class. Grants are also available. (2) The 2005 budget was published in *The Bandspread* with budgeted income and expenses. Copies were available at the meeting for review. There being no discussion, Doyle, KC9ENH, moved that the 2005 Budget be approved as published in *The Bandspread*. Kevin, K9HX, seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the membership. There being no further business, Ron, AB9GI, moved to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M. -Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 02/07/05

Club President, Gary Adams, W9EEU, called the WVARA Meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. February 7th 2005. Also present were Vice President, Don Pine, K9DRP; Treasurer, Chuck Procarione, KC9CKK; Past President, Steve Shorter, NT9T; Past President, Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Trustee, Dave Pifer, N9YNF and guest Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, Bandspread Editor. Steve, NT9T, moved that the Secretary's Report be approved as published in *The Bandspread*; Don, K9DRP, seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Chuck, KC9CKK, presented The Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$5,069.36 in all accounts. Chuck moved and Kevin, K9HX, seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; the motion carried. Old business: (1) Tailgate Party 2005: Don reported that there would be two forums. It was decided to schedule the presentation by Jim, KA9DIF, at 9:30 A.M. and QRP transceivers by Jim, WD9EYB, at 10:30. There was discussion of the location of the forums, VE Testing and the setup of the flea market area to minimize noise-interference to the forums and testing. It was decided to move the flea market to the West side of the building to help with this. It was decided to print tickets with a stub in order to facilitate the door prize drawings and also to help create a database for use in advertising of future events. Dave, N9YNF, will create these. (2) Don reported that, to date, we have received \$45.00 in donations to add to the Club's donation to QTH.Net. (3) The Brentlinger Award Dinner will be held on Sat., March 19, 2005, at the Golden Corral in Terre Haute. Bill Eccles will present a program on Senator Barry Goldwater. New Business: (1) The March Board meeting will be at World Gospel Church at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, March 7, prior to the WX Spotter's class. (2) Gary, W9EEU, has volunteered to print *The Bandspread* for the mail edition at no cost to the Club. This was gratefully accepted by the Board. (3) Gary, W9EEU, also said that, in the future, Glascol will have the capability to do web page hosting and would do so for the Club at no cost. Dave, N9YNF, will talk to George, N9LKG, who is the current host to see if he has any objections and find out what is necessary to secure our ownership of the domain name. (4) After discussion of the interest by Club members in having and using a digipeater, and the advisability of the Club purchasing one, Kevin made a motion to request approval of the Club to establish a digipeater, the cost not to exceed \$550.00. Dave



seconded the motion. If approved it will be at ISU at the same site where Mark, NS9M, has an IRLP link. (5) A temporary audit committee was established by the Board to inspect the financial records for 2004. The members will include Gary, W9EEU, Don, K9DRP and two non-board members to be announced after their acceptance of our invitation. (6) Discussion was held about Field Day T-shirts and Kevin, K9HX, volunteered to check prices, colors and the possibility of having our names put on them. He will report back next month. It was decided that, 'your check will be your order'. (7) Gary, K9ERE, asked for suggestions of what to do with the US flag and stand. It is being stored at his home. Ideas were discussed but nothing was decided. (8) Gary, K9ERE, suggested that we establish a food committee both for Club events like Field Day and also to be in place for emergency events where we might be called out but cannot use other such services. He volunteered to help in establishing such a committee. It was decided to accept this suggestion. (9) Dave, N9YNF, mentioned that the Club inventory is moving toward completion but still has some work to be done. He will try to be at the Club Station on Thursday evening during the next several weeks in an effort to complete it in time for publication in the April Bandspread and would appreciate any and all assistance. (10) There was a follow-up discussion from the suggestion at the Club meeting that we send The Bandspread to the local High Schools. It was decided to look into sending it to the local school radio clubs. (11) Kevin, K9HX, said he talked with the person who volunteered to make the recordings for the wave files for the repeater. We are hopeful of getting this to happen soon so we can use the repeater to announce the coming Tailgate Party, etc. (12) The Bison Stampede is May 7, 2005. We are the bonus station for this event and will be setting up at the Cory firehouse. It was decided we will be setting up starting at 8:00 AM with operation to start at 11:00 AM and running until 11PM. The suggestion was made to move the club meeting to be held in conjunction with the event and it was decided to hold the meeting at 4:00 PM to be followed by a pitch-in dinner. (13) Gary, K9ERE, requested we change the due date for submission of articles for *The Bandspread* to a date x number of days before it is to go to press. He will establish this and give it to Dave, N9YNF, for posting on the club calendar. It will be a hard and fast date after which anything submitted will not be published until the following issue. (14) Dayton Bus: after discussion it was decided that the cutoff date for the bus will be April 30, 2005. We must have 30 reservations, either in Board members hands or postmarked by that date to make it possible to go. Also, the cost of a seat will go to \$35.00 for all reservations made after this date. Kevin, K9HX, made the motion to adjourn and Don, K9DRP, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

-Respectfully submitted for the Secretary, Steve Shorter, NT9T

Special Board Meeting Minutes 02/07/05

Gary, W9EEU, called a meeting of the WVARA Board to order at 12:15 P.M. February 19, 2005. Other Board members present were Treasurer, Chuck Procarione, KC9CKK; Past President, Steve Shorter, NT9T; Secretary,

Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; Trustee, Dave Pifer, N9YNF; Kevin Berlen, K9HX and Vice President, Don Pine, K9DRP. Also present was guest, Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the Board that we were notified yesterday that the Marine Corps League Bingo Hall will not be available to us for Tailgate, March 12. Other options were discussed. Jim Edwards, KA9DIF, offered the use of Ryves Hall. Advantages to that location include adequate space for the tailgate tables, rooms for forums, a room for VE testing and use of kitchen facilities for the sale of breakfast and lunch items by CAARLA. Steve moved and Kevin seconded the motion to gratefully accept the offer; the Board approved. Dave, N9YNF, will post the change in location to the WVARA Web Site. Don will send notification to ARRL via e-mail. The change in location will be announced on all nets and will also be recorded on the controller to be played periodically on the Club Repeater. It was decided that someone should be at the Marine Corps League site that morning from 7:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. with directions to the new location. Signs were discussed; Don and Chuck will work on those. Dave, N9YNF, will obtain a certificate of insurance for the site. There will have to be someone posted at both front and back entrances to collect fees. Those coming for testing only will not be charged an admission fee; they will be escorted directly to the testing site. Dave, N9FMD, was appointed as Site Coordinator for the event. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

Congratulations to Nick, KC9DRS...

for doing very well in the recent MATHCOUNTS competition at Rose. Here's a blurb from the newspaper article.

"Otter Creek Middle School qualified for the state finals for the second straight year after finishing a strong second. Team members were Austin Stewart, the eighth-place individual; Sammy Rider-Leck, 10th; Nick Pifer, 12th; and Eric Watson, 19th. The team's coaches are Bernadette Lange and Chris Stanisz."

Jim, WD9EYB

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The President's Corner

We had a great club meeting in February. I would like to thank all who came out for the presentation on SSTV which was presented by Stu Sherfick (K9HRZ) from Spencer. We also passed our WVARA budget for 2005 and while it shows a small deficit, I am optimistic that we can do better and show a positive income for the year.

I would like to encourage those still receiving the *Bandspread* by printed copy to consider receiving it electronically, which will save the club on printing and mailing costs.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual bus the Club sponsors to the Dayton Hamvention. We are able to offer tickets for the same cost as last year. The cost is still \$30 for a WVARA member and \$35 for a non-WVARA member if purchased by the deadline of April 30. We need the bus to be near break-even by the deadline date in order for the bus to go. Tickets purchased after the April 30 deadline will be \$35 and \$40 respectively for WVARA members and non-WVARA members.

We have several events in the next few weeks, and I look forward to seeing each of you at these events. March 7 is the NWS Storm Spotter's class, March 12 is the WVARA Tailgate, and March 19 is the Brentlinger Award dinner. Our Tailgate Party was a huge success last year, and with your support it will be even better this year. (Please note the last-minute move to Ryves Hall for this year's Tailgate. See p. 1)

These activities are in addition to our regular monthly Club meeting, and the dual beginner / upgrade class beginning this month. Come on out and join the fun!

73,
Gary W9EEU

DEADLINE CHANGE

In order to assure the best possible *Bandspread* each month we must set a practical *deadline for submission* of articles to the editor.

In the past, deadlines have come and gone with little activity until the weekend before press time. This has two results, one good and one bad. The upside is that we have the latest and most up-to-date information. The downside is that articles are rushed through, sometimes in less-than-presentable form.

To alleviate this problem, a hard-and-fast deadline must be established and adhered to. Accordingly, a *flexible* deadline will be established which will be the latest possible date at which any article will be accepted. Articles submitted after the deadline will be run in the next issue, if they are still appropriate.

The deadline for each issue will be posted *early* each month on the listserv and on the Sunday night WVARA net. Postings may be made elsewhere as well.

We greatly appreciate the contributions that individual members have made to *The Bandspread*. It is those contributions that make the newsletter what it is today. We hope this new policy will encourage previous and future contributors to begin to consider, *early* in the month, what contributions they may wish to submit so that we can get them by the deadline. -ed.

Dear Dr. Elmer...

What can you tell me about "nets"?

A radio net is a communications activity which usually occurs on a specific frequency at a particular time and day, which is devoted to some specific purpose. Nets may also be created on a moment's notice to deal with some sort of emergency. There are many nets available for participation, depending upon your class of license (i.e: HF and VHF) and your interests.

In the local area at least four nets meet weekly on a regular basis and others are convened as needed. Net schedules are listed, usually on the front page, in *The Bandspread*.

Nets may include many operators but always have someone in charge. That station is called the "Net Control Station" and that station literally controls operations during the net. Usually a roll call will be read, which is made up of stations who frequently check in to that net. Opportunities will also be made for stations not on the roll call, and stations who stop participating are removed from that list.

Some HF nets are conducted for the benefit of stations trying to work specific areas, such as "county hunters." They seek awards for working all the counties in the U.S. In such a net, stations will announce their county and state and persons desiring contact with that location are given the chance to communicate.

Many other nets exist for specific purposes as well. The MARCO net is a meeting place for amateurs who are also M.D's. Mid-Cars is a net on 7.258 MHz which acts as a meeting place for mobile amateurs who are travelling and wish to connect with other mobiles and people they know. Lots of base stations use this net as well.

An emergency services net may be called at any time of the day or night and serves the needs presented by the problem. Weather nets, for example, are held locally when watches or warnings are issued affecting the area. These nets provide a means for the National Weather Service to obtain real-time information about what trained spotters are seeing at that moment. Post-disaster nets meet to aid relatives, some of whom may be far away, to ascertain the health and welfare of a loved one who was in the disaster zone.

An important consideration in joining a net is to play by the rules. Those rules may be very simple, but in any case are usually announced at the start of the net. In all cases, work through the net control and stay in the net until it's over unless you tell net control that you must leave.

Net participation is a wonderful learning tool, and you should find nets that meet your interests and then become a member.

A QCWA REMINDER:

Every second Saturday morning, prior to the monthly QCWA meeting, there will be a QCWA net, at 10 A.M., on the 145.230 repeater. We'll discuss such things as where the QCWA and the CAARLA luncheon meetings will be held that day and what the programs for each will be.

This would also be a good time to make ham radio-related announcements including amateur-related equipment that you might want to buy, sell or trade.

Editorial

DUES ARE DUE! - But what do our dues DO?

This article started out as a yearly dues-are-due announcement but then we decided that it might be interesting if we attempted to list all the things that your dues (and your participation) accomplish to support Amateur Radio and to benefit the public in the Wabash Valley. What we discovered amazed us.

Here is a compilation of what we accomplish each year. It's divided into three categories, Sponsor, Support and Point of Contact. Sometimes a given activity falls under more than one of the categories, so it's more difficult to decide where they belong, but you can rearrange them if you like.

Sponsor: *We initiate, organize, financially underwrite and carry out the project under the direct auspices of the WVARA and its Board of Directors. This is what we are most proud of and it is where we concentrate our efforts.*

We sponsor, organize and teach from one to three beginner or upgrade classes per year.

We hold the Brentlinger Award dinner each March in which we honor an outstanding amateur in the Wabash Valley, not necessarily a member.

We sponsor a yearly Field Day exercise in which we invite all amateurs and local clubs to participate. On average we have approximately 30 operators with another 30 people acting as support personnel.

We officially sponsor and support Monthly VE testing, alternating between Terre Haute, IN, and Marshall, IL.

We publish a six to eight page monthly newsletter. You are reading it now.

We sponsor and participate locally in the Indiana Bison Stampede. (a mini Field Day, if you will.)

We host a yearly Amateur Radio picnic at which we invite all local hams. It is a pitch-in but we supply the meat - (ham)burgers and hotdogs are the usual fare.

We hold a mini-hamfest which we call the Tailgate Party.

We maintain an Amateur Radio station which can be used for emergency communications and is open to the public once a week.

Support: *We might not run an activity, but we provide support with radio operators and often we enhance the quality and scope of the original project. Most participation here recurs on a yearly basis because the sponsoring organization either just likes to have our support or would be severely diminished without our presence.*

We provide direct communications for 2 races:

- the Terre Haute Triathlon
- the Deuces Wild Duathlon in Marshall, IL

The club promotes and members support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; last year we participated with two teams.

Individual members support the Ryves Hall children's center.

We support the 7-county Illiana Skywarn organization.

Most Vigo Co. ARES members are also WVARA members.

Among its members, the Club boasts both the ARRL Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator plus the Indiana Radio Club Council's Treasurer.

We own and maintain the 146.685 repeater.

We organize and staff Santa at the Mall where children can talk to 'Santa' on the radio.

Individual members belong to the local Red Cross chapter and support its efforts in the areas of radio communication and other support positions.

Point of Contact: *This means we act as a reference point to connect one group which has a need with another group which can fill that need.*

We provide publicity and encourage Amateur Radio participation in community events such as:

- NWS WX Spotters' class.
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) which includes representatives from police, fire, hospitals, co. health dept., ambulance and other agencies.

We send participants to the Mass Casualty Incident Committee meetings and exercises.

We boast the last four out of five IRCC Amateurs Of-The-Year.

We provide publicity for other local Radio Clubs including the...

- Rose Hulman Radio Club.
- ISU Radio Club.
- TH Radio Club.
- Eastside Outdoor Ham Club.

At the risk of sounding boastful, we think this is a pretty impressive list. The dues you pay and the activities you participate in serve both the local Amateur Radio community and the greater Wabash Valley public. So you may take great pride in your support of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association. Well done, folks! -ed.

The 2005 Membership List

As of February 21, 2005

Melody Adams - KC9GWN
P. Gary Adams - W9EEU
Raymond Andrews - K9DUR
Ron Ashmore - KC9EPZ
Cary Bailey - KA9LMZ
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Marcie Barnett - KB9OAA
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Steve Shorter - NT9T
Chuck Shotts, KC9BBJ
Howard D. Smith - N9RCU
Charles M. St. Clair - KC9BZF
Roy Thomas - KG9GN
Les Tuttle - WB9FKS
John Van Sandt, N9YRX
Wayne VanGilder - KA9YNB
Jeff Vicars - WD9BDE
John Voigt - K9GBO
Gary Wheeler - K9ERE
Patricia Wheeler - KA9ALI
Larry Wheelock - WA9HNV
Henry Winton - N9GWF
Ronnie E. Woodall - N9ZXO
Brendan Wrynn - N3HZK
Patricia Wrynn - N3IKG
Betty Young - KC9GWT
Ronny Young - AB9GI

Why Should I be a Weather Spotter?

First of all and the first thing to remember is that our nets are not weather nets, but, severe weather nets and these nets are for reporting severe weather to The National Weather Service in Indianapolis. We are linked to the National Weather service in Indy via the 444.350 W9SKI Illiana Skywarn repeater. The NWS needs our reports from the field, in this case I mean, western Indiana and eastern Illinois. NWS can see the top of a storm, but they are really not sure what is happening on the ground and that's where we are needed.

During the Memorial Day weekend Sunday, over 95 percent of the warnings sent out by The National Weather service were either started from information given by our spotters right here in the 2 state area, or confirmed by them. The information we gave was broadcast on National Weather Service radio and then sent by wire services to the media outlets in our area so that the public could be warned of the coming storms.

This storm system was a big event. Probably the biggest event we had been involved in for some years. But it's the same for a large severe system or a small one. Fifty-six amateurs checked in on the 146.685 repeater that day, 600 amateurs on other nets in our 39 county region and gave us a hand and we could have used more.

Why should I attend the weather spotter's class? Because it is so important that we all know what we are seeing when we look at a coming storm. Remember, based on the information given above, someone's life may be saved if you know what to look for and report what you see in time.

So, if you're not already a part of Illiana Skywarn but you are interested in what we do, we invite you to get involved. You can take that first step but attending either of the weather spotter's classes given on the same night, May 7, at either Terre Haute, IN or Paris IL - see the article on page 1.

73,
Keith-WA9DRO
Illiana Skywarn Coordinator

Statewide Severe Weather Awareness Test Net

The yearly Indiana Skywarn test net will be held on Wednesday, March 9 shortly after 10 A.M. and 7 P.M., Indiana time. We will wait for the Indianapolis net to come up first. Then we will bring our net up. Please be patient.

All Skywarn personnel and those interested in participating in Skywarn activities are encouraged to check in to one or both of the net times.

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2005

Please complete this form and include your dues with it. You may return this application in person or mail to:

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 81
Terre Haute, IN 47808-0081

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL member?

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ - _____ E-mail address _____

Date of Birth (Mo/Dy/Yr) ____/____/____ Year first licensed _____ Year of last renewal _____

ARES member? QCWA? RACES member? MARS member? New member?

Please describe any employment or other special skills that might benefit Amateur Radio.

If you are applying for a family membership, please list below, the licensed family members living at home, that you wish to include.

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL member?

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Add \$5 per family member above to the Single rate below. To include ARRL membership, see QST for amount.

Dues options: Single (\$20) Family: ARRL membership Total pmt: \$ _____

Note: 1. Payments made Sept. - Dec. apply to membership for the following year; 2. ARRL also has a family membership program. See QST.

100 Issues of The Bandspread

It's hard to believe that it was March of 1996 that your current editor first put his hand to publishing *The Bandspread*. Since that time it has gone through a number of improvements. We went from four pages to the current six to eight. We added occasional pictures a few years ago and recently, with the advent of digital photography we have been able to cover nearly every event to some extent.

Also, computer technology now makes possible the printing and distribution of the entire *Bandspread* electronically which makes color pictures possible. For those who still prefer paper hardcopy, the electronic version can simply be printed off, even with color pictures, if you have a color printer.

We are currently planning to upgrade the software with which we produce the newsletter in hopes that we can better control kerning and other problems including the quality of the pictures.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have played an integral part in the production of *The Bandspread*.

Over the years Ray and Natalie Andrews, David and Mary Pifer and Steve and Debbie Shorter, among others, have handled the vital task of folding, labeling stamping and sealing the finished hardcopy.

Since its inception last year, David Pifer has taken four to eight individual electronic pages per month and joined them into one seamless monthly edition, posting it to the web and sending out a notice and password to all electronic subscribers.

Last but definitely not least, Dave Littlejohn, as the masthead indicates, is the "Bandspread Facilitator." His job description is purposely kept as vague as possible so that we can entrust to him anything that comes up that needs to be done. This includes, but is not limited to, coming up with ideas, writing articles, proofreading the not-so-finished text, fetching the hardcopy from the printer and seeing to it that it finds its way to wherever the folding, labeling, stamping and sealing party happens to be meeting.

Without these people, *The Bandspread* simply would not exist.

Thank you all. -ed.

VE Testing

TERRE HAUTE: 1st Sunday of even-numbered months
1 PM Indiana time
Red Cross Bldg.
700 S. 3rd St.
Terre Haute, Indiana

For further information, contact Steve Shorter, NT9T, Terre Haute, IN., at (812) 232-4788 or nt9t@arrl.net

MARSHALL Testing will be relocated to the Terre Haute Tailgate Party, THIS MONTH ONLY.

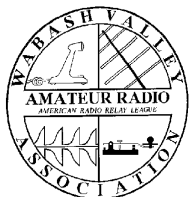
Go to Ryves Hall Youth Center, 14th and Locust; No Tailgate admission will be charged if you're there for testing only.

- Walk-Ins Welcome -

For further information, contact John Van Sandt, N9YRX (217) 826-8821

March 12 Tailgate-Ryves Hall
April 3 Terre Haute

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Note! Don't forget to read the change of location for Tailgate! See page 1.

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Don't Forget the Dual Spring Class this Year!

What: Two classes:

- Optional Code practice* - 6:30 PM.
- Beginning Tech class - 7:00 PM
- Upgrade to General - 7:00 PM

When: Every Tuesday night, beginning March 1, until we finish.

Where: World Gospel Church
Cost: \$20 (includes text, materials)

* You don't need to be enrolled in class or pay to come practice code. Anyone is welcome!