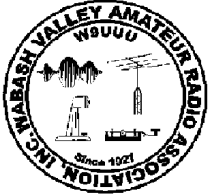


REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, March 3 General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Corporate Square, on Ohio St., just east of the Meadows Shopping Center (1st Friday of each month.)
The Board meeting immediately follows the General meeting. Vistors are welcome.
Every Thursday The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Illianana Skywarn Weather Spotters' class ... Feb. 28
WVARA Hamfest March 11
Paris Weather Spotters' class March 13
Brentlinger Award Dinner March 18
Dugger Hamfest March 25
WVARA Bus to Dayton Hamfest May 20



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TERRE HAUTE HAMFEST NEEDS YOU!

The 2006 WVARA Terre Haute Hamfest is less than a month away! Again this year, we will be holding the event at Etling Hall, Ryves Youth Center. Check out the Hamfest flyer on the club web site at: <http://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest2006.pdf> for more information.

In order for this event to be a success we need your help.

We have three "shifts" that we will need staffing for. The first shift will be preliminary setup at Ryves Youth Center on Friday, March 10th. We can get in to start setting up at 6:30PM. We should be done by 8:30-9:00 that evening. We could use about six people to help with this activity.

The next shift will be for the actual Hamfest, on Saturday March 11th. Vendor setup will begin at 7:00AM, so we will need to be there to finish setup and get things ready to go by 6:30AM. We will need people to help man the Club table, sell tickets, and other jobs during the event. We need about 10 to 12 people who can work some portion of the day. The Hamfest is over at 1:00PM.

The last shift will be the teardown/cleanup shift. Following the CAARLA and QCWA meetings, we will need to tear down the tables, return borrowed tables, and clean up the facility following the event. We need at least eight people to help with this activity, but will put everyone to work who would like to show up and help out. We know you'll all be tired by this time, but so will we.

In addition to the above needs, we need someone to coordinate the ticket sales on site and someone to coordinate the talk-in station. We will need to monitor both the 146.685 and 444.350 repeaters for talk-in.

As you can see, there are a number of places for you to help out. Again, we need your help to make this Hamfest a success and to continue to see it grow. Please contact me if you would like to help out with any of the tasks, and let me know what your availability is.

Thanks and 73,
Kevin, K9HX
2006 Hamfest Chairman

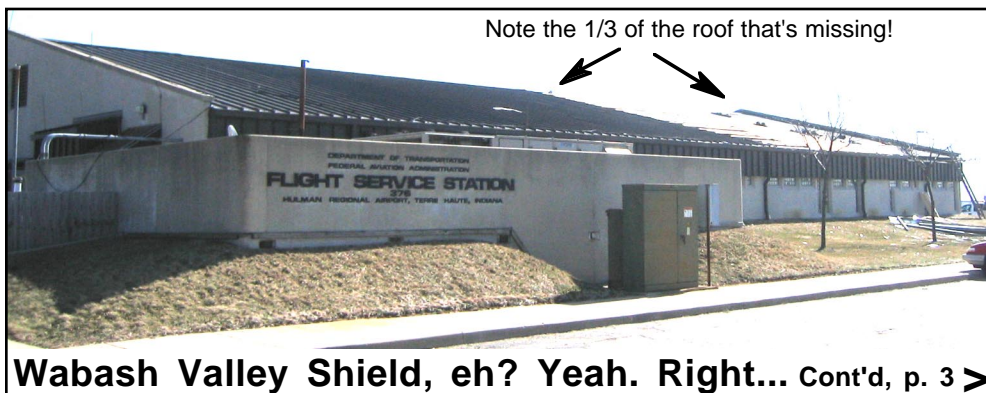
Brentlinger Dinner is Three Weeks Away

It's now in the hands of the secret committee, but what isn't a secret is the date for the dinner!

Mark your calendar! The 2006 Brentlinger Award Dinner will be held at Fire Mountain on March 18. We have a private room reserved for two hours, so please try to be there by 6:30 P.M.

It's a buffet and we're taking reservations this year to avoid a slowup in getting in and fed. Your check for \$13 per person, which covers everything, is your reservation. Please get it to any Board member by Friday, the 17th.

So plan now to come out and congratulate the 2006 recipient. Fire Mountain is right at the main entrance to the Wal-Mart complex, where Ryan's used to be. CU there!



Note the 1/3 of the roof that's missing!

Wabash Valley Shield, eh? Yeah. Right... Cont'd, p. 3 >

LOCAL NETS

Tuesday Evening	8:00 pm EST
Parke Co Em Svs Net	146.745/R
Wednesday Evening	9:00 pm CST
Clark Co. ARES Net	146.520/S
Thursday Evening	9:00 pm EST
CAARLA Net	146.685/R
Sunday Morning	8:20 am EST
Vigo Co. ARES Net	146.685/R
Sunday Evening	9:00 pm EST
WVARA Net	146.685/R*

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



General Meeting Minutes 02/03/06

The February 3, 2006, meeting of the WVARA was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Don K9DRP, those present introduced themselves. **Announcements:** (1) CAARLA/QCWA meetings will be Saturday, February 11, at Pizza City; CAARLA begins at 12:00 while the QCWA meets at 12:30. (2) VE testing will be Sunday, February 5, at the Red Cross. (3) Hamfest will be Saturday, March 11 from 8:00 - 1:00 at Etling Hall, Ryves Youth Center. (4) The Brentlinger dinner will be Saturday, March 18 @ 6:00 p.m. at Fire Mountain. (5) The Dayton Bus is scheduled to run May 20 - details to follow soon. (6) Indiana QSO Party - Bison Stampede is May 6 at Jack and Melanie Cloutier's QTH. (7) EOHC will be participating in the FYBO Contest at Collett Park tomorrow afternoon. (8) The Weather Spotters' class is scheduled February 28 at 7:00 p.m. at World Gospel Church. There are also several other classes scheduled in March in the area. (9) Dave, N9FMD, announced that Ryves Hall will be having a Technician Class beginning on Wednesday evening. Help is needed with the class; anyone interested in helping with the class should contact Jim KA9DIF at the Center or Dave. (10) The Dugger Hamfest will be Saturday, March 25, at the Sullivan 4H Grounds. (11) Jim announced that we can listen on 145.99 for SUITSAT. See Ginger, WB9ZHC, for additional information. The **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Chuck, W9COD, who reported that the Club has a total of \$4,467.68 in all accounts. Chuck moved that the report be approved as presented; Kevin, K9HX, seconded the motion and the motion carried. **New Business:** (1) 2006 Budget was presented as published in *The Bandspread*. Dave, N9FMD, questioned the fundraising deficit. The budget shows us losing money to fundraising. Chuck, said some of it should have been under "Marketing" instead of "Fundraising." There was actually no deficit in fundraising. Kay, KB9HYH, moved to accept the budget with the above noted clarification; Ron, AB9GI, seconded the motion and it passed. Following the break and half-pot drawing, won by John, N9YRX, the program on Packet radio was presented by Dave, KC9EGN. - Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 02/03/06

The February 3, 2006, WVARA Board meeting was called to order at 9:12 p.m. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Also present were Vice President, Don Pine, K9DRP; Past President, Steve Shorter, NT9T; Trustee, Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Board Member at Large, Jim Osburn, WD9EYB; Secretary, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Treasurer, Chuck Procarione, W9COD, and Gary Wheeler K9ERE, Bandspread editor. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes were approved as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck reported

a balance in all accounts of \$4,467.68 and moved that the report be approved as presented; Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Repeater Upgrade: Kevin reported nothing new yet. There was discussion regarding remote site possibilities. (2) WiFi link to repeater controller: Jim reported that the cost will be approximately \$600. Don moved to take the proposal to the membership; Chuck seconded the motion and the motion carried. (3) Hamfest: Kevin proposed using the downstairs gym at Ryves Hall for a number of reasons. We can begin the setup starting at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening. Also, it is on the same level as the forum rooms and the cafeteria. Planned forums are: Emergency Communications by Dave N9YNF, Software Defined Radio by John Yoder, and Fox Hunting by Jim, WD9EYB. A tailgating option was discussed and decided against. Kevin noted that we will need three crews: Friday evening set up, Saturday crew, and teardown crew. Chad will make an announcement to put on the repeater. (4) Bison Stampede will be held May 6. No further discussion at this time. **New Business:** (1) Dayton Bus: The date is May 20. Due to our increased cost, the cost for tickets will be \$35 for advanced tickets for members (prior to May 6) and \$40 thereafter. The cost for nonmembers will be \$40 for advanced tickets and \$45 thereafter. We need thirty riders to break even. Don, K9DRP, will be the chairperson for the Dayton Bus this year. (2) Education Committee Chairperson: Gary reported that Charla, N9TRS, has resigned. There was considerable discussion regarding the committee and its goals. (3) Dave, N9YNF, made up a WVARA information pamphlet for consideration. It was discussed and will be reviewed to see if additional information is needed or if we should keep it as is. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m. - Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

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The President's Corner

The words for the month of March are HAMFEST and BRENTLINGER. The WVARA hamfest will be at the Ryves Hall Youth Center on March 11. We are looking for a very successful hamfest this year, and our hope is to outgrow Ryves Hall and have to look for a bigger venue next year. As usual help will be needed in order to make the hamfest run smoothly. If you are able to help out Friday evening or sometime Saturday, please contact Kevin Berlen (K9HX) and let him know of your availability. In addition to the merchandise that will be available, we have forums lined up covering software defined radios, emergency communications, and hidden transmitter hunting. It should be another great hamfest!

The Brentlinger award dinner will be the following Saturday, March 18. This event is always well attended and is a great time to share food and fellowship with other hams. It is also a time to celebrate the contributions that some Amateur Radio operator has made to the ham radio community. The dinner will be held at Fire Mountain on US Hwy 41 South, and the cost will be \$13 per person which covers your meal, drink and gratuity. Get your reservations in and join us to see who the Brentlinger award recipient is for 2006. Who knows, it just might be you and you would not want to miss it!

Ask Dr. Elmer

(Continued from last month.)

What is an "Official Emergency Station?"

The Official Emergency Station is part of the structure of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and is a mechanism that allows local Emergency Coordinators and District EC's to assign tasks to certain stations before an event happens. Such tasks are agreed upon at the time of the appointment and may take advantage of special interests or particular equipment available at the appointee's station.

The ARRL web page breaks OES duties into six basic functions, including Operations, Administration, Liaison with served agencies, Logistics, Consulting and Management Assistant. The appointment is available to any ARRL member with experience in ARES work. Local appointments serve at the discretion of the appointing official, and are expected to manage their assignments with minimum supervision.

OES appointees are also encouraged to complete Level I training on ARRL's Emergency Communications course.

Dr. Elmer is happy to answer your questions. Just send them to:

Dr. Elmer
 P.O. Box 81
 Terre Haute IN, 47808-0081
 Or e-mail the editor at k9ere@earthlink.net

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At least 30 local hams answered the call Thursday afternoon and evening when severe thunderstorms and at least one tornado visited the Wabash Valley. The storms had been predicted for several days, providing a chance for us to prepare our stations for the highly unusual weather.

Pagers were used throughout the session to alert members to additional watches and warnings, while the actual Skywarn net was conducted on the 145.230 repeater. That split use allowed pagers to be alerted whenever needed, without interruption to actual net traffic.

Weather service officials came to the Wabash Valley on Friday following the storm, and confirmed that damage near the airport had been caused by a small tornado. Extensive damage was caused to the Union Christian Church on IN 46, the Ivy Tech aviation facility at Hulman Field and also the FAA Flight Service Station at Hulman. Other airport facilities received damage as well. So much for the "**Wabash Valley Shield!**"

The storms provided a good reminder of the need for amateurs to actually check in to the weather net, whether base or mobile, to provide us with the spotters needed to do the job.

-Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD and Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, for Illinana Skywarn



> Sure Whatever.

WVARA MEMBERSHIP LIST as of February 19, 2006

WA9AIZ	Robert	Abbinett	KG9GS	Randy	Hittle
W9EEU	Gary	Adams	K9DEH	Doyle	Hudgens
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KC9HLD	Dale	Blackwell	KC9DRS	Nicholas	Pifer
K9SGL	Ted	Brentlinger	N9YNF	David	Pifer
KB9HYH	Kay	Brentlinger	W9COD	Chuck	Procarione
W9SMW	Diane	Brentlinger	KB9BLH	Suzie	Reedy
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KC9HRU	Mike	Cloutier	N9YRX	John	VanSandt
KC9JAC	Joe	Cloutier	WD9BDE	Jeff	Vicars
KC9JMC	Melanie	Cloutier	K9GBO	John	Voigt
KB9TGW	Patty	Cox	K9ERE	Gary	Wheeler
KC9DRR	Delbert	Cox	KA9ALI	Pat	Wheeler
KD4YGG	John	Dees	N9GWF	Henry	Winton
K9CUN	Jack	Derry	N9ZXO	Ron	Woodall
WB9ZHC	Ginger	Downing	N3HZK	Brendan	Wrynn
KA9DIF	Jim	Edwards	N3IKG	Patricia	Wrynn
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KC9DRP	Jamie	Edwards	KC9GWT	Bette	Young
N9TRS	Charla	Evinger			
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KB9KUH	Roger	Fecher			
W9WJJ	Tony	Frazier			
WB9WVG	Steve	Hardin			
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If you don't find your name here and you have paid your 2006 dues, please contact Chuck, W9COD. He'll help you solve the problem.

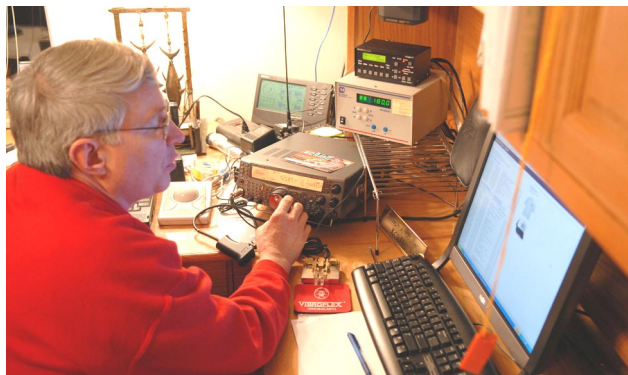
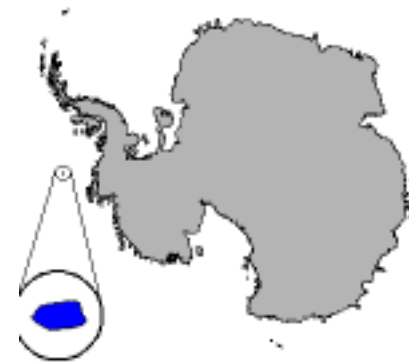
If you have not yet paid your dues, won't you please send it in now? We need your support. TNX.

DX Party held at KC9JAC'

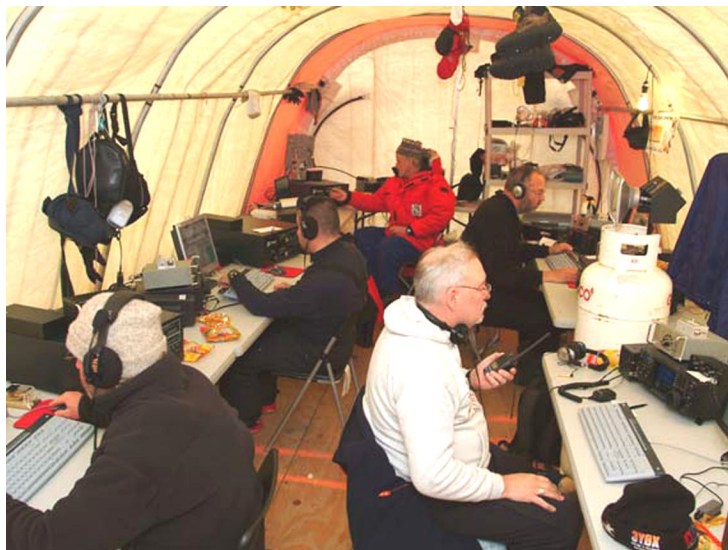
Several local hams took advantage of the invitation to work DX at KC9JAC's home station over the holiday weekend. W9COD and N9FMD joined Joe in working the Antarctic DXpedition, 3Y0X, on Peter 1 island on various bands.

According to station logs posted on the Internet, our calls were preceded by more than 67,000 other calls from throughout the world. Although our CW calls apparently were not heard, we were answered almost immediately on SSB.

-Dave, N9FMD



Here's what the other end looked like. Brrrrrr.



For more info on the DXpedition, go to... <http://www.peterone.com>
-Photos courtesy, Joe Cloutier, KB9JAC & 3Y0X website.

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2006

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

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

This newsletter will come to you by e-mail in .pdf format unless you specifically request a paper copy below. We encourage you to choose the electronic version because... 1. It costs the Club less to produce and deliver it and... 2. In the electronic version the pictures are in color and it arrives sooner! Of course, you can still make a paper copy on your printer, if you wish.

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.

SHORTS



Terre Haute Weather Spotters' Meeting

The Illinana Skywarn/WVARA weather spotters' meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, in Terre Haute, at the World Gospel Church, IN 46 at Gardendale Drive, at 7 P.M.

WVARA Hamfest

The WVARA will be holding its hamfest on Saturday, March 11, 8 AM to 1 PM. Just enter w9uuu.org/hamfest2006.pdf for all the details including maps of how to get there. Tables and food will be available.

Paris Weather Spotters' Meeting

The Paris, IL Weather Spotters' class will be held March 13, at the Paris VFW, 601 Court St. To register ahead of time so as to receive your certificate that night, call (217) 466-3180 between 8 and noon.

Brentlinger Dinner

The Brentlinger award dinner will be held on Saturday, March 18 at Fire Mountain (formerly Ryans) down by Wal-Mart. Your reservation is a check for \$13 per person, given to any Board member. The up-coming Club meeting, might be a good opportunity to tender your check to Chuck directly!

Dugger Hamfest

The first annual Dugger Hamfest will be held at the Sullivan 4-H Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 25. It will open to the public at 8 AM.

Admission is \$5 per person which includes one table. Additional tables are \$1 each. Kids under 12 are admitted free with an accompanying adult.

V.E. testing will be offered at 11 AM, and a raffle drawing will be held at 2 PM. There will also be a foxhunt, but no details are available at this time.

Talk-in will be on the 146.775 rpt - PL 136.5

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: 2nd Saturday
of odd-numbered months

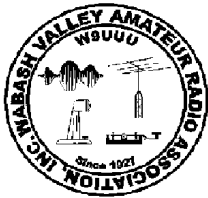
8:30 AM Illinois Time
1st Christian Church
902 N. 6th Street
Marshall, IL 62441
- Walk-Ins Welcome -

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

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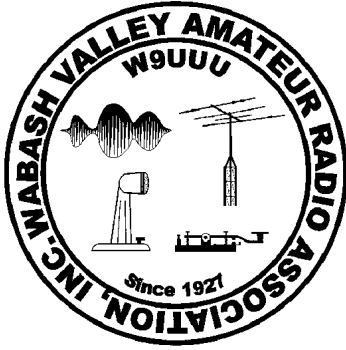


MARCH 2006

Monthly Program

The Club meeting program is entitled "Fun with Morse Code" and will be presented by WB9ZHC and WD9EYB

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LIFE=Life Membership If there is no symbol showing on your mailing label, this is a one-time complimentary copy of The Bandspread. If so, we invite you to fill out the enclosed membership form to join the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association.



*Wabash Valley Amateur
Radio Association
2006 HAMFEST*

Saturday March 11, 2006

Indoor Event – Rain or Shine!

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM EST

Vendor setup begins at 7:00 AM

Etling Hall, Ryves Youth Center

1356 Locust St.

Terre Haute, IN

Talk-In: 146.685 MHz, PL 151.4 Hz

Admission \$4.00 (12 and under free)

No charge for tables (FREE setup)

Hourly drawings for Door Prizes

Breakfast and lunch will be available

ARRL VEC coordinated testing @ 9:00 AM

FORUMS SCHEDULED INCLUDE:

**Software Defined Radios by Mark Yoder, KA9ELG
Emergency Communications by Dave Pifer, N9YNF,
Indiana SEC, and Dave Hudgens, Vigo County EC
Hidden Transmitter Hunting by Jim Osburn, WD9EYB**

QCWA Chapter 204 and CAARLA YLRL meetings immediately following the Hamfest

Look for us on the Internet at: www.w9uuu.org

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