

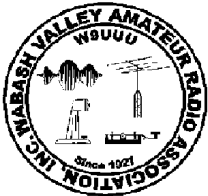
REGULAR EVENTS

Friday Feb. 2 General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., Building just south of the Main Glas Col building. (1st Friday of each month.) Talk-in - 146.685 rpt; PL 151.4
The Board meeting immediately follows the General meeting. Vistors are welcome.

Every Thursday The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M., Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- VERM. CO. WX SPOTTERS' MTG, EOC, Clinton .. Feb 27
- VIGO CO. WX SPOTTERS' MEETING, Glas-Col Mar 1
- WVARA HAMFEST, Vigo Co. Fairgrounds Mar 10
- PARIS WX SPOTTERS' MEETING, Paris VFW Mar 12
- BRENTLINGER AWARD DINNER, Fire Mountain .. Mar 24
- WVARA BUS TO THE DAYTON HAMVENTION May 19



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MARV CARMONY, W9KT - SK

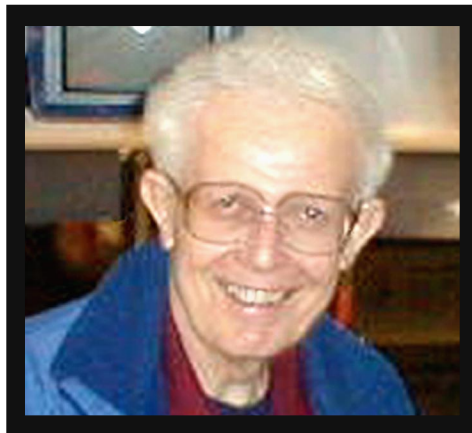
Marv Carmony, W9KT (ex W9MGC), became a Silent Key December 27, 2006. Marv's interest in Ham Radio goes back to his high school years when he obtained his original call.

He had a real interest in CW and was a first class CW operator. This skill allowed him to serve as a Radio Officer in the Merchant Marine during WWII, and later as a radio operator with American Airlines. It is difficult to visualize these days air to ground communications during the late 1940s being conducted using Morse Code, but that is what Marv did when he was with American. Using these experiences, he became an excellent high speed CW operator. For many years his station did not include a microphone, just an old J-38 key and a bug. I believe that his first microphone came with a Drake 2 meter FM transceivers in the 1970s.

During the over 30 years that I knew Marv, he was an active member of QIN (the Indiana CW traffic net). About the time of retirement from ISU, Marv became active in the Indiana 75 meter Phone Net, and continued with both of these activities until a few months ago when health problems curtailed his operating activities. The Indiana Traffic Net and 2 meter FM were the only places where you would hear the call W9KT by voice. Most of his operating activities were spent in the CW portions of the 40 and 80 meter bands.

During his time as a Ham, Marv mentored and Elmer'd many aspiring and new hams. He was one of the original VE license examiners when the program was started by the FCC, and continued to be active in the program until his sight began to fail.

If Marv was not the first, he was one of the earliest Trustees of W9UUU, the Gaskins



Memorial Club Station of the WVARA, Inc., and for years took an active interest in the operation of W9UUU.

When the FCC initiated the program of allowing Extra Class licensees to request unused 1x2 call signs, Marv was in the first group to obtain a new call. It was at that time that he was assigned W9KT. During this period, K9LE, W9IN, and W9TH were also issued to WVARA members.

Marv was a long time member of the ARRL, the WVARA, and a charter member and first president of the Banks of the Wabash Chapter 204 of the QCWA (that means having been licensed at least 25 years ago). I believe that Marv was a 50 year plus member of the QCWA.

With the passing of Marv Carmony, W9KT, the Wabash Valley and the Amateur Radio Community have lost a First Class Operator and a fine gentleman. May your QSOs be free of QRM and the QRN at a minimum. Farewell, good friend.

73,

Bob Harker, KC9UU

It Won't be Long!

The date is Saturday, March 10, 2007, for the ARRL-sanctioned WVARA Hamfest. What with our busy schedules, it's almost upon us.

The new location is the Vigo Co. Fairgrounds, south on U.S. 41.

Admission to the building or tailgate area is \$5 with free parking. Vendor setup is at 7 A.M. with opening to all at 8 A.M.

Forums will start at 9 and 10 A.M. VE testing begins at 11 A.M.

Remember, just as local hams elsewhere work hard at their hamfests so that we can go there to play, we need to support and assist at our own hamfest so that they will want to return here next year! Last year was great but this year can be even greater. -ed.

Monthly Program

The Club meeting program is entitled "Casual Contesting" as presented by Ginger, WB9ZHC.

LOCAL NETS

Tuesday Evening	3:00 P.M. ET
Parke Co. Em Svs Net	146.745/R
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
Sunday Morning	8:20 A.M. ET
Vigo 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

Minutes



General Meeting Minutes 01/05/07

Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU, called the January 5, 2007, meeting of the WVARA to order at 7:05 P.M. Vice President Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC, led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present introduced themselves. **Announcements:** (1) Marv Carmony, W9KT, and Bob McQueery, KC9BBI, became Silent Keys in December. (2) The monthly Board meeting will immediately follow this meeting. (3) The CAARLA/QCWA meetings will be held Saturday, January 13, 2007, at the Saratoga Restaurant. CAARLA will meet at 11:00 A.M. for their annual "After Christmas Party". QCWA will meet at 1:00 P.M. (4) VE testing will be Sunday, January 13, at 9:00 A.M. in Paris at the Burkeybile Law Office. (5) The WVARA will be hosting the Spring IRCC meeting April 14, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. at Glas-Col.

Secretary's Report: There being no questions, the Secretary's Report was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck, W9COD, reported we have a balance in all accounts of \$5,463.85. Chuck moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented; Kay, KW0LF, seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Old Business:** None. **New Business:** (1) The Club now owns the N3FJP logging software, thanks to an anonymous donation. Following the Program of "Check Your Rig", the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 01/05/07

The January 5, 2007, meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 9:05 p.m. by President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Also present were Vice President Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC, Treasurer, Chuck Procarione, W9COD; Secretary, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; Board Member at Large, Jim Osburn, WD9EYB; Trustee, Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Past President, Steve Shorter, NT9T and guests Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD; Ray Andrews, K9DUR and Nick Vinardi, KC9JSY. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. Chuck presented the **Treasurer's Report**. He reported that we have a total of \$5,463.85 in all accounts. He reported receiving a \$1,000 donation for use in refurbishing the trailer we received and \$650 from the DaVinci Project which the Club participated in during the summer. Chuck moved that the report be approved as presented; Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Hamfest 2007: Kevin suggested that we send a mailing to those who have attended the Hamfest in recent years. Ginger has a database ready for that purpose. It was suggested that we go to the IRCC web site for a list of Clubs that we could mail information to as well. Ginger will put together a press release advertising the Hamfest/Computer Expo. She will also try to appear on WTHI and WTWO for the morning show interview segments. John Swez, KC9JPZ and Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, will present forums at the Hamfest. Steve Zahaus will be there as a vendor. It was decided that we will send a hamfest announcement by e-mail to our database list of those who attended in previous years. We will send it again two weeks before the Hamfest. Ginger also checked on the cost of mailing a postcard to those on our list. The post office will send 650 double-sided post cards for \$196.76. It was decided to try to use that card to advertise the Dayton Bus as well as the Hamfest. Ginger will give them the database and they will do the mailing. Kevin moved that we spend up to \$220 to mail the cards; Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ginger will work with N9YNF to do the e-mails. Chuck will print flyers and Ginger will send him the label file. VE

testing will be held at 11:00 A.M. (2) Wi-Fi link: Kevin had nothing to report. (3) MOU: There was nothing new since the last meeting. (4) Trailer: Steve moved and Kevin seconded the motion to spend the \$1000 donation we received for the trailer. The motion passed. According to the IRS a property donation that has a value greater than \$5000 must be held for a minimum of three years to remain tax deductible to the donor. The current owners want it moved ASAP. Chuck has the requested letter ready. (5) N3FJP Software has been received. Gary has obtained the required codes. Jim and Kevin also have the code. Jim reported that the software does work on the laptops we have. (6) The reservation for the Brentlinger Dinner has been made for March 24 at Fire Mountain. It is hoped that the program will be a report on the Peter I Island DXpedition. Ray, K9DUR, will follow up on that. **New Business:** (1) Bison Stampede: Joe, KC9JAC, said his home will be available for the event. The studio will also be available. Jim WD9EYB reported that the N3FJP software will work on the Bison set-up. (2) A spring General Class was discussed. The test should be done before the new test comes out on July 1. Kevin moved and Chuck seconded the motion that Gary contact Dave, N9YNF, regarding a General Class. (3) Kevin expressed the desire to have Morse Code classes continue to be provided when other classes are offered. Kevin moved and Steve seconded the motion that for at least the next five years, the Club will offer Morse Code with each class session. Ray and Steve will still offer testing with each VE testing session. He will present those who pass the test with a certificate. (4) Field Day: Chuck proposed using Marv Carmony's call (W9KT) for Field Day and Bison stampede. It was agreed. Ray will provide notification to the IRCC regarding the use of that call. (5) Appointment: Gary submitted the appointment of Nick, KC9JSY, to the Board Member at Large position. Jim, noted that he would like to continue to serve in that capacity. Steve moved and Chuck seconded the motion to have Nick appointed as Board Member at Large. The motion passed and will be presented to the general membership for approval at the next Club meeting. (6) Dave, N9FMD, suggested that he would like for the Club to have a good quality library of pictures of each Club member on file. Ray suggested having information on silent keys on the Club web site. It was suggested that we need a Club Historian. The idea will be presented at the next Club meeting. Dave, will lead the discussion. (7) Ginger reported that the program for the next Club meeting will be on Casual Contesting. We will also present the annual budget for approval. Chuck will email the proposed budget to the Board members for review and will have a meeting to vote on it prior to the next Club Meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

TERRE HAUTE RADIO CLUB

On 12-28-06, the Terre Haute Radio Club held it's annual meeting at Hardee's at Lafayette and Ft. Harrison at 7:00 P.M. An election of officers took place with WB9MCD, Tim Doty, as president, WB9FKS, Les Tuttle, as Treasurer, K9VDQ, Jim McFall, as Secretary and K9HX, Kevin Berlen, being our new trustee.

Activities include a Sunday morning breakfast ant the Four Sons Restaurant around 8:30 A.M. Everyone is welcome.

K9VDQ, Jim McFall

Field Day 2004

2004 was the last Field Day CW operation for Marv Carmony, W9KT. His eyes were failing, but his ears were fine tuned to pick up the CW through the QRM. During mid-afternoon, Marv, Bob, KC9UU, and Roy, KG9GN, with phones hung on their ears, huddled in front of Don's, K9DRP, Kenwood TS-570 working 40 meter CW as W9UUU at Cory, Indiana.

The rig had a built-in keyer and a CW paddle. This was of no help to Marv as he was an old 'bug' man from the beginning of his Ham career. In the most recent past, he had become very proficient in using a CW keyboard, but it was at home. In spite of the odds, the professor, a broken down engineer, and a retired railroader fashioned an operating team on the spot to work some 40 meter CW at Field Day. The trio would listen to the incoming calls, Bob and Roy would argue as to what the call was, and then the professor would render his decision. His word always ruled as he was always correct. Bob handled the paddle, Marv was the principle listener, and Roy did the logging because of a bum thumb. Three



L-R Terry, KB9ZVA, Kevin, K9HX, Chuck, W9COD, Don, K9DRP, Marv, W9KT, Bob, KC9UU and Roy, KG9GN

old goats had a ball for about an hour and a half piling up some points for W9UUU.

This experience ranks at the top of my Field Day participation.

- Roy Thomas, KG9GN



Marvin Carmony, W9KT

It's not hard to write a few lines about Marvin. We all know of his academic and ham related activities and accomplishments. They are many and they are impressive. I am assuming that the readers have already read the SK notice in the newspaper.

Of course as a ham I first think of his CW prowess. Few will ever master A1A as he did. I spoke with him often about Morse code and he seemed to be surprised that a ham station wouldn't want to use code. But he didn't look down on those who preferred other modes. In fact many of the ITN net control stations still say that Marv's SSB signal was the best one they ever heard from Terre Haute net members.

Few know that Marv was a longtime member of the HWREABE club. (Hams Who Regularly Eat At Bob Evans). Whenever I would see him there, I would call "Carvin Marmony", and he would immediately grin and know who I

was. And Marv had this great quality that when he met you somewhere, he made it seem as though seeing you was the highlight of his day! I always felt good after one of these chance meetings.

Two years ago Marv went with us to the Indiana Hamfest because he wanted to eyeball some of his net buddies. After chauffeur, Jim, WD9EYB, parked, I led Marv around for a while through the flea market, but as he grew tired I parked him at a picnic table and soon a crowd of his net buddies gathered and you could tell Marv was enjoying it. I think it was his last hamfest.

W9KT was an asset to ham radio in general and to the WVARA in particular. I am happy that "W9KT" will continue to be a local call as the local chapter of QCWA will soon be using it.

Jack Derry, K9CUN



Note: A big TNX to Jim Osburn and others who supplemented our staff photos for this issue. -ed.

WVARA 2007 BUDGET

INCOME	BUDGET	
ARRL Memberships	15.00	
Donations	1100.00	
Auction	0.00	
Bank Interest	5.00	
Brentlinger Dinner	400.00	1
Christmas Dinner	150.00	1
Dayton Bus	1290.50	1
Dues	1500.00	
Life Memberships	0.00	
Education	400.00	
Half Pot	135.00	
Hamfest		
Gate fees	550.00	
Other	30.00	
Field Day T-Shirts	350.00	1
Fundraiser	30.00	
Total Income	\$5955.50	
EXPENSES		
Bandspread		
Postage	150.00	2
Printing	0.00	2
Brentlinger Dinner		
Dinner	450.00	1
Award	100.00	
Speaker's Dinner	30.00	
Christmas Dinner		
Dinner	150.00	1
Speaker's Dinner	30.00	
Club Station	100.00	
Dayton Bus		
Dep 2008	100.00	
Trip	1390.50	1
Education	400.00	
Field Day		
Facilities	75.00	
Food Etc	150.00	
T-Shirts	350.00	1
Insurance		
Liability	325.00	
Equipment	200.00	
Assoc. Memberships	25.00	
List Server QTH.NET	25.00	
Misc. Operations	250.00	
Non-Profit Fee	100.00	
PoBox Fee	40.00	
WiFi	600.00	
Red Cross Donation	200.00	
Repeater maintenance	100.00	
Repeater upgrade	300.00	
Safety Deposit Box	15.00	
Hamfest	500.00	
Fundraisers	0.00	
Trailer	1000.00	
Total Expenses	\$7155.50	
Net Gain (loss)	(\$1200.00)	

1 - Represent budgeted items of a "in and out" nature

2 - Represent cost of mailing to approx 50 members

My first knowledge of Marv was long before I met him or knew he was a ham radio operator. My mother started college after all us kids were out on our own. She did not graduate from high school, but got her GED and started college at ISU. Of course all students had to take the general education courses that included the English and literature classes. Although my mother liked college and was trying to keep up with the younger students she never mentioned much about any particular class or course...Except, Marv Carmony. She thought he was the best professor she had. She confirmed that statement years later.

I did not meet him until after I had my license about 13 years ago. Marv was indeed a very impressive gentleman. He had a thoughtful look, but was quick with a smile. Marv was a gentleman's gentleman. Always well groomed and although the ravages of age were upon him, he was my hero. I made that decision myself, not just a repeat of my mother's opinion; he was an individual that earned everyone's respect without prejudice.

73 my Friend, John Van Sandt, N9YRX

My earliest memories of Marv are very fond ones. In 1975, following the monthly WVARA meetings that were held on the campus of Rose-Hulman, it was customary to stop at a long-gone east side restaurant known as the Eat-a-Terria.

One month, shortly after having received my Novice license, I was lucky enough to be seated across the long table from Marv. He took an immediate interest in this young Amateur Radio operator, and told a story about assembling and operating a Heathkit AT-1 transmitter. As you know, Marv had a gift for the Queen's English, and the story he related about the old Heathkit really captivated this 15 year old. I have never owned an AT-1, but always think of Marv and the experiences that he related that evening whenever I do see one, or see something published regarding the first ham radio transmitter Heathkit ever offered.

In later years, I came to appreciate Marv's CW operating ability. At Field Day in 2004, Marv joined us for a brief time to operate CW. Unfortunately, his health was already beginning to fail, but it had no effect on his operating skills. Having Marv come out and operate with us at Field Day that year was a distinct privilege, and a memory I will always treasure.

Kevin Berlen, K9HX

Since I'm a librarian, I actually first met Marv through his scholarly work. It was an added bonus to discover he was a ham, too! One of the few experts in languages and dialects I've known who could also get excited about a good band opening!

Here are our ISU library catalog records for two of his books:

Author: Carmony, Marvin with Carmony, Donald F.
Title: Indiana dialects in their historical setting; with a chapter on the historical context of Indiana speech by Donald F. Carmony.
Publisher: Terre Haute: Indiana Council of Teachers of English, c1972. Notes: Dialect maps of Indiana: 19 p. at end. Incl. bibliog. ref.
Location: ISU Special Collections - Indiana Collection Call Number: PE3101.I5 C3 1972

Author: Baker, Ronald L., 1937- with Carmony, Marvin. Title: Indiana place names / Ronald L. Baker & Marvin Carmony.
Publisher: Bloomington : Indiana University Press, c1975. Location: ISU Reference Collection Call Number: F524 .B34 1976

Steve Hardin, WB9WVG

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2007

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

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Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL member?
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Date of Birth (Mo/Dy/Yr) ____/____/____ Year first licensed _____ Year of last renewal _____

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.

The President's Corner

I was recently completing our application as a Special Services Club with the ARRL and listed our activities that the club was involved in during the past year. I was somewhat surprised, as I listed out the activities, to find that the list was quite lengthy. Obviously there are a lot of things that take place in the course of year that you can be involved in. If you can't find something currently that interests you, then help us get other activities going that do interest you in some way.

Just a few weeks away is our annual WVARA hamfest which will be held at the Vigo County Fairgrounds. First, we encourage you to plan on attending the hamfest on March 10 and second, please invite those you talk with between now and then. We have a commitment from at least one commercial vendor, there are two very interesting forums planned and a testing session will be conducted. We look forward to a very exciting day. If you can help with the activities before, during or after the hamfest, please let Kevin, K9HX, know so he can complete the planning.

On Saturday, May 5, we will be running the Bison Stampede bonus station for the Indiana QSO Party. We had a great weekend this past year and expect another great time this year. There will be plenty of activities planned for everyone to enjoy so mark your calendar and plan on a fun time. There will be plenty of opportunity to operate during the day. You may bring your own rig or operate one that will already be there.

Before you know it May will be here and the Dayton Hamvention bus will be on the road. We have committed to running the bus Saturday, May 19 and we need your help to make the bus to Dayton successful. The contract cost continues to increase for the bus and we need to fill it up to cover the costs. Plan on riding the bus yourself if at all possible and promote it everywhere you can between now and May 19th.

All of this and it's not even summer yet!!

73,
Gary, W9EEU

VE Testing

TERRE HAUTE: 1st Sunday of
Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct.

1 PM Indiana time
Red Cross Bldg.
700 S. 3rd St.
Terre Haute, Indiana

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

PARIS: 2nd Saturday of
Jan., May, Sep., Nov.

8:30 AM Illinois time
Burkybile Law Office
15175 US Highway 150
Paris, IL 61944

- Walk-Ins Welcome -

For Info Contact: Terry Hackett,
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General Upgrade Class

It's Official! Morse Code Requirement Ends Friday, February 23. Now is the time to upgrade from Technician License to General!

The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association will be holding a multi-week course where **YOU** will learn everything you need to upgrade your FCC **Amateur Radio** license to General Class. Even though it is not required, we are continuing to teach the Art of Morse Code.

What: General License Course and Morse Code Training

When: Tuesday Nights 6:30PM until 9:00PM
February 6, 2007 – April 24, 2007

Where: World Gospel Church, 900 Gardendale Road,
Terre Haute, IN

Cost: \$25 – Includes the textbook
\$10 – If you already have the textbook
Morse Code Practice CD Extra

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Especially if you need the Text book so we can get them
ordered!**