

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, June 1 General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Mo. 7th & Idaho, just south of the Main Glas-Col
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

- **FIELD DAY - SHRINE HILL..... JUN 22,23,24**
PLEASE NOTE: There will be *no* V.E. Testing at Field Day!
It has been moved to the regular July 14 testing in Paris, IL.
- **PRE-MEETING COOKOUT before Club Mtg.... JUN 1**
• PLEASE NOTE: There will be no July Club meeting or Bandspread!
- **WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO PICNIC... AUG 11**



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2007 HAMVENTION AND TRIATHLON ARE HISTORY

Dayton Hamvention is always an event full of anticipation. Is the weather going to be good? Is there enough money in the pocket? Will my legs hold up? Will there be anyone left behind at breakfast?

This year it was perfect! The weather could not have been better, no one was left behind, the ol' legs held up (although they did complain), and the money held up to include Shapiro's on the way home. The Turner coach was a brand new one with less than 6,000 miles on it. Butch was our driver. He is the best because he knows exactly how to get there with no guesswork. The ride home seemed shorter this year, even though we had to detour around parts of Indianapolis.

There were some good finds. W9COD (Chuck) found a green pig that was talked down to a great price. Anyone know what a 2KW green pig is? Ask Chuck. He also picked up a MONSTR Jr. Everyone was loaded with the free stuff. ICOM was ready for wet weather but there were only two takers for their fee ponchos, so they had two young ladies going through the flea market with a wagon full of them passing them out. I stopped two of them for a picture. They needed a break! They just looked like they were working too hard. Now all we need to do is rest up for next year.

John W. Van Sandt, N9YRX

WHILE THEY WERE...



Ginger, WB9ZHC and



Chuck, WD9COD and



Jack, K9CUN

WE WERE...



Dave, N9FMD, Steve, WB9WVG and Bill, KC9KJQ -Top 3 photos courtesy, N9YRX

It was a crisp, cold but sunny morning. The Hamvention revelers had long since departed and were probably breakfasted and back asleep as the valiant but cold Triathlon volunteers assembled at Hawthorn Park for the yearly endurance race. In the absence of our usual honcho, Dave, N9YNF, this year's volunteers were led by another Dave, N9FMD.

They actually *did* the swim this year. As steam visibly rose from the water's surface, the hardy... or maybe foolhardy... gathered at the water's edge and dived into the water. Despite temperatures in the low 50s, with the water being only slightly warmer, they all made the circuit and were back on land in a very short time. We can just imagine how they felt as they emerged from the water and hit the cold air temperature, soaking wet. We were glad that all we had to do was imagine it!

Following that, they stripped off their wetsuits and took to their bicycles, following the route from the park, south on Hunt Road and east on S.R. 42 and back. The worst mishap, aptly handled by Kenna, KB9RUP, involved a bicyclist who, after heart surgery, completed the swim and was on his way back from the bike turnaround when he abruptly stopped, suffering, he said, from heart arrhythmia. Kenna radioed back that he did not want assistance and, after resting a bit, continued back toward the park. Our sag wagon, KC9KJQ at the wheel, followed him back without further incident.

We'd like to thank KG9GS, KB9RUP, KB9PIE, WB9WVG, KC9KJQ, KB9PVR, K9ERE, K9SGL and, of course, N9FMD, for their ham radio contribution once more to the greater Wabash Valley community. -ed.

This Month's Program

It's a two-parter: Around 6 P.M., we will have an outdoor (WX permitting) picnic; bring a dish to pass, your own table setting and maybe chairs, or use those from inside. After that, we will have a Field Day planning session to tie up final details.



General Meeting Minutes 05/04/07

Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU, called the May 4, 2007 meeting of the WVARA to order at 7:00 P.M. The program for tonight was a tour of the robotics lab at I.S.U. Following the tour, Vice President Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC, led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present introduced themselves. **Secretary's Report:** Jim, WD9EYB, noted that there was an omission in the minutes regarding the possibility of having an interactive Amateur Radio display at the new children's museum. There was discussion regarding how such a display could be done. Kay, KWOLF, moved that the Secretary's Report be approved as amended; Wayne, KA9YNB, seconded the motion. The motion carried. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck, W9COD, reported we have a balance in all accounts of \$7,303.70. Chuck moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented; Wayne, KA9YNB, seconded the motion and the motion carried. Announcements: (1) Board meeting will follow immediately after this meeting. (2) The cost of the Dayton bus tickets goes up \$5 tomorrow May 5. Those interested in riding the bus were encouraged to see Chuck, W9COD, this evening following the business meeting. (3) Kevin, K9HX, reported that he will be taking orders for Field Day t-shirts through the June Club meeting. More information will be given at that time. (4) Bob, KB9PTM, announced that the Dugger 6 meter repeater is up and running. The frequency for receiving is 53.310 and 52.310 for transmitting. (5) Tomorrow is the Bison Stampede from 12:00 noon through 12:00 midnight. It will be held at Joe and Melanie Cloutier's home at 4375 Hulman. Set up will begin at 8:00 A.M. Everyone participating in set-up is requested to provide his/her own lunch. Everyone is requested to bring a covered dish for the evening meal as well as lawn chairs. Our goal for the Bison Stampede is to get every county in Indiana on the air. Since no one will be operating in Clay County, John, N9YRX, volunteered to operate on 40 meters from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. from Clay County. There will be four special event stations operating. They are N9I, N9N, N9Q, and N9P. Everyone who is able to work all four stations will receive a certificate. There will also be a certificate for the Club with the most aggregate points. (6) Kevin, K9HX, reported that the antenna at the repeater site has been changed. **Old Business:** None. **New Business:** (1) The Club was asked to approve the expenditure of \$600 for coax. Ron, AB9GI, moved that the purchase be approved; Bob, KB9PTM, seconded the motion. The motion carried. (2) As a fund-raiser, the WVARA has been requested to park cars for the Cory Apple Festival on Friday and Saturday the last full week-end in September. We will not be utilizing Amateur Radio for this event. Kevin moved that we as a Club participate in the event; John, N9YRX, seconded the motion. The motion carried. (3) Dave, N9FMD, will be sending an email regarding the QCWA meeting being held at Pizza City. The program will be on communication careers at the White House. (4) Wayne, KA9YNB, suggested that the Club have business cards printed with basic contact

information for the Club as well as our web site. The suggestion was discussed but there was no action at this time. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 05/04/07

The May 4, 2007 meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 9:10 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 Nick Vinardi, KC9JSY, Trustee Kevin Berlen, K9HX and Past President Steve Shorter, NT9T. There being no business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.



As Dr. Larry Heath, our presenter put it, it is his job to help students learn how to set up automated systems of all kinds, using PLCs or Programmable Logic Controllers. Many examples were shown to teach and entertain us. TNX to John, KC9JPZ for arranging the visit.

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2007 BISON STAMPEDE (INDIANA QSO PARTY)

In the 24 hour period, we made 186 phone contacts and 74 CW contacts for a total of 260.



What a bucolic setting for the Bison Stampede!



EYB makes last-minutes adjustments to the wireless computer logging system.



NT9T, W9EEU and KC9JSY - ops



WD9EEU and WB9ZHC - ops.



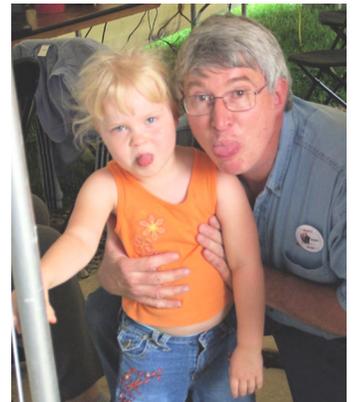
W9EEU & N9YRX - brat detail.



KC9LBN and N9FMD - ops.



KC9GWT, AB9GI and NT9T - ops. Allison and W9COD - pbpbpb!



Some of the group eat and socialize outside.



Doing what we do best!

Credit for photos are given where appropriate. The remainder are staff photos. -ed.

Other Recent Events



On a Saturday in early April, Dave, N9YNF, taught a class in WeatherTAP a commercial program for tracking and evaluating approaching storms. We were able to see it in action using a computer connected to an overhead projector. It was very helpful!
TNX, Dave. -ed.

- Photos courtesy, K9DEH



The April 14th meeting of Chapter 204, QCWA met at Pizza City. The program was presented by Ray Andrews, K9DUR, on the subject of software-based radio. Ray showed a simulation since it was not practical to connect his computer that day. Nevertheless, it was an interesting glimpse into the future of where the control of all types of radio is headed. -ed.



Eight CAARLA members and friends joined for tea on Sunday, May 6, in KA9ALI's kitchen. We shared a tea from Ceylon, sweet goodies and lively conversation. A fine time was had by all. Next year we hope more YL's and XYL's will join us.

-Pat, KA9ALI



MORE DAYTON HAMVENTION 2007 PHOTOS



If you've never been to Dayton imagine the above times 100. This is no exaggeration.



We've been to a number of hamventions, but apparently we missed this part of it. Darn! -ed. - Photos Courtesy, N9YRX, WB9ZHC

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:

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.
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Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL member?

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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

Dayton has come and gone for another year. As you listen to the reports, all who attended had a positive experience. On Friday morning I attended a forum about ARRL clubs hosted by Norm Fusaro from ARRL headquarters. Norm is a high energy individual and he shared his ideas relative to making a club successful. There was time for those in attendance to ask questions or share ideas from their experiences with their local clubs. What I discovered once again is that the WVARA is an awesome association. We are already doing the things that others share as contributing to the success of their groups. Norm did share that when it comes to ham radio clubs the old 80/20 rule is more like 90/10. Thank you once again to those who spend countless hours making the WVARA a very successful organization.

Norm did share one story from his experience that provided a chuckle. He had moved to a new area and joined the local club. He was field day chair during his first year there and as part of the activities he was reminded to order the pizza. Upon asking how many to order, Norm was told to order the usual 50 pizzas. Running 5A, Norm looked around at a dozen or so people and wondered who was going to consume 50 pizzas. Oh well, they had given him the money and when he called the pizza shop they readily responded to the "usual" order. Shortly before meal time, Norm discovered there were plenty of folks showing up to consume the 50 pizzas. I had to chuckle wondering what Norm would think of a couple of grills full of brats!! I vote for brats over pizza!! By the way, they did keep the rigs on the air through the night.

Our premier event has traditionally been field day, and it will be here in just a few days. It is our desire that everyone has a great time with whatever you enjoy about field day. Whether it is the operating, the meal, the fellowship, just looking at the rigs, logging, or whatever, we want you to enjoy the weekend. If you want to operate for a while and all the stations look busy, look me up and I'll help you find room for some air time. I can hardly wait for a hot, juicy brat!!!!

73,
Gary W9EEU

VE Testing

TERRE HAUTE: 1st Sunday of even-numbered months

1 PM Indiana time
Glas-Col Annex
Corner of 7th & Idaho
Terre Haute, Indiana
(Enter at the rear)

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

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

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

- Walk-Ins Welcome -

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Editor's Note:

Due to a communications failure on the part of the editor, the Tri-Yearly Financial Report is not included in this edition. It will, however, be posted on the WVARA website very shortly.

LOCAL NETS

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| Tuesday Evening | 8:00 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