

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th,
Sep 4: (old Post Office bldg. Turn south at Hulman and 8th. Talk-in:
146.685 RPT; (PL 151.4 MHz). Park in front or north of building.

The Board meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.
Our meetings are open. Visitors are welcome!

Every The Club Station is open, 7 - 9 P.M., First Thursday, Downstairs,
Thursday: Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd. Other Thursdays, New Club Station,
N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho. Entrance and parking east of Bldg.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic August 8

Project Night at WVARA Club Station August 20
(See President's Corner for details)

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SUMMER 2009

CAMA Bike Rally, Field Day 2009



Again this year, the WVARA met at the Shrine Country Place for the 2009 ARRL sponsored Field Day.

Since, among other goals, this event is a practice for emergency preparedness, we try to improve ourselves over the previous year. There were several notable improvements this year.

First, we improved our antenna placement to eliminate interference from adjacent antennas. We also discontinued the 160 meter balloon since statistics showed that we actually made few contacts with it. It was fun but not cost or effort-effective.

Second, we had some new operators this year who contributed significantly to the point count.

Third, Chuck, W9COD, whom we learned subsequently was an excellent cook, decided that we needed a formal food operation which would provide balanced and

healthy fare for each meal, not just the Saturday night social gathering. He even provided midnight hot fudge sundaes for the overnighter and also introduced a flat grill for Sunday morning pancakes.

Fourth, the WVARA emergency trailer was used as an actual station this year while

PICNIC AUG 8

August is the month for finishing up the summer's family activities just prior to the start of school. The WVARA does that by inviting all area radio amateurs and their families to a picnic at the home of Gary, K9ERE and Pat, KA9ALI, in Seeyville. Bring a dish to pass, your own folding chairs and an appetite. The Club will provide the meat and drinks. Talk-in: 146.685. 4:00 for swimming; 6:00 for the eatin'.

the GOTA 'station' became any station that temporarily fit the GOTA criteria. This made for better use of the trailer station.

It was remarked, by a number of participants, that they couldn't remember when, in the recent past, that our operation ran as smoothly and as cooperatively as it did this year. This is definitely something we need to try to continue for next year.

The Saturday night meal was well attended; the food was the best ever and we had our fill. The food committee, headed by Chuck, is to be commended. It should be kept in mind that while eating is always fun (yours truly no exception) during an actual emergency, the ability to have a plan in place and equipment ready ahead of time is a necessity if we are called upon to work for any extended period of time. And, of course, the food committee is made up of those who can, for the most part, double as operators as well.

Finally, we would like to send out a big TNX to those who showed up to set up, participate or even just support the effort. But we especially want to thank those who remained for take down! It's a prodigious effort every year but we always prove that we are up for it and can get the job done.

Well done, folks. It's a privilege to work with all of you. —ed.

Local Nets

Tuesday Evening	8:00 P.M. ET
Parke Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.745/R
Wednesday Evening	9:00 P.M. ET
Clark Co. ARES Net	146.595/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 that night on 146.595/S



General Meeting Minutes 06/05/09

The June meeting of the WVARA included a cookout/potluck and was enjoyed by all who attended. Chuck Procarione, W9COD, was the head meat chef with many others contributing delicious dishes. The meeting part of the evening was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. The **Treasurer's Report**: given by Nick Vinardi, N9WG, was put in the form of a motion and seconded by Ken Hauptli, W9VKD. Total balance in all accounts is \$12,044.29. The motion carried. There were two new hams present: Cody Devore, KC9PVP and Scott Gallmeier, KC9PUG. **Amendment**: Gary, W9EEU, presented the amendment regarding officer eligibility to the group and after allowing an appropriate amount of time for discussion John Van Sandt, N9YRX, moved that the amendment be approved. Chuck Procarione, W9COD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dave Pifer, N9YNF, Field Day Chairman gave the presentation about the preparations for Field Day.

- Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes 06/05/09

The June meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 9:28 P.M. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Other officers attending were Dave Pifer, N9YNF, Vice President; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer; and Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary; Kevin Berlin, K9HX, Trustee; and Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Member at Large. Gary Wheeler, K9ERE was also in attendance. **Secretary's Report**: The Secretary's report, as presented by Bette Young, Secretary, will stand as printed in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report**: Nick Vinardi, Treasurer, reported a total of \$12,044.29 in all accounts and put that in the form of a motion. Chuck Procarione seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business**: (1) There is nothing new to report on the repeater upgrade. (2) Dave Pifer is working on the Domain Name. (3) June 20 was decided on as the date to remove items from K9VDQ's estate. (4) Kevin Berlin is working on the Parke County Digi. (5) Field Day is a go! **New Business**: (1) Acquiring the Turner Bus for the 2010 Dayton Hamfest was discussed. Kevin moved to reserve the bus for next year and Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

-Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary.



A group of QCWA members at Field Day unveil the new Chapter 204 flag.

L-R: Dave, N9FMD; Gary, K9ERE; Ron, AB9GI; Steve, NT9T, Chapter Associate; Ray, K9DUR.

HAIL YES!



This has been an unusually tame summer, storm-wise, for the Wabash Valley, however it didn't start out that way.

Jerry, W9TWR, passed along some photos from David Logan, KC9NFN, in Lyons, of some large hailstones he collected in early June. They aren't really 'stones', of course, but we're sure they would feel like that if one were hit by even one of them.

Note their irregular shape, indicating that they were circulated up and down repeatedly in the cloud, partially melting and combining with other hailstones before finally becoming so heavy that the upward air drafts inside the cloud could no longer force them upward one more time and they subsequently fell out of the cloud.

Better have good hail insurance if you park your vehicle outside! -ed.

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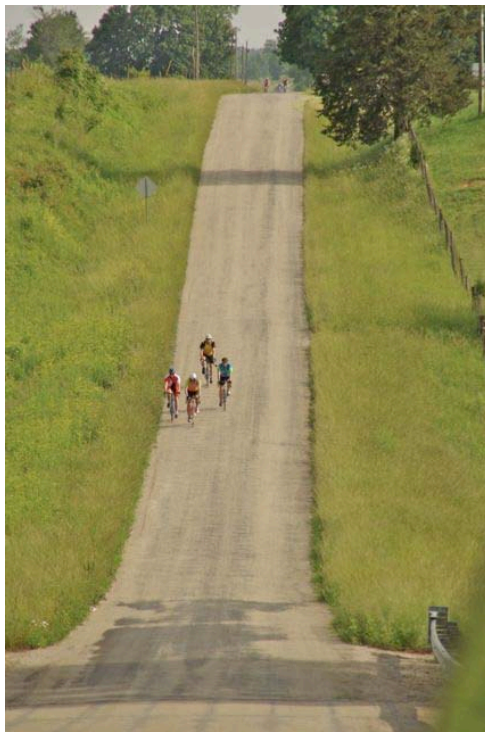


Here they come!

There they go!



Our stations commented that the bikers were very appreciative of our effort, thanking us for being there as they rode past our locations. That kinda makes it worth while right there!



The Coalition Against Methamphetamine Abuse (CAMA) sponsors a *Teen Bike Rally* in June of each year. The last couple of years, a group of Wabash Valley hams have donated their time to help rally officials keep track of riders while on the 40 mile course from Paris to Marshall.

They come in all sizes, ages and skill levels. John, N9YRX, organizes and places the hams along the route and this year, Dan, W9OOT, was net control.



Coordinating the event was no small task, especially since not all the signs were in the right places. But we rose to the occasion!



Not all of them do the full 40 miles. Some just get out to enjoy the ride with the family.



Some didn't even bring a bike!



Above are most of the Amateur Radio volunteers who donated their time to help make this year's rally a safe one. TNX, everyone!

HAZMAT FLOW PROJECT

A group of area Amateur Radio operators set aside their microphones for a few hours last month, and provided their assistance to community leaders under a different umbrella. The group assisted Vigo County's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in monitoring the flow of hazardous materials through the area.

The group, led by Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, and Jon Bacon, included Ray, K9DUR and Pam K9JMA Andrews, Steve, NT9T and Debbie, KC9AOR, Shorter, Gary Wheeler, K9ERE and a student from Rose Hulman, Jonathan Bott. After a short orientation session the group deployed to various intersections around Terre Haute and counted trucks traveling into the area bearing hazardous materials markers. Each load was recorded according to the colored marker indicating the contents of the load.

The project was requested by state Homeland Security officials, and was the first attempt to discover and record what chemicals and other substances are actually flowing through our county. LEPC Chairman Jon Bacon, of Hydrite Chemical Corp, pictured in two of the photos, told news media "...this information will help with developing response plans and will help emergency responders in the event of an accident." He also expressed appreciation with the ham radio community's ability to gather and deploy resources in a short time frame.

Other participants included members of local fire departments, emergency management workers, and others from the industry, and a future ham.

Results of the study are expected to be available within the next month or so.

-Dave, N9FMD

Due to the fact that your editor (and photographer) was a part of this project, only photos of the orientation meeting and our particular station were available for this article. -ed.



The pre-project briefing by Jon Bacon (shown with his back to the camera).



Jon stops by to check on all his spotter stations during the exercise.



Yours truly along with Johathan, at our location on U.S. 40, at the gas station in front of Rose-Hulman.



Our 'mascot' for the weekend - a bluebird perched nearby.

Field Day I

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Up goes the "portable" tower.



Cody, KC9PVP, Jason, KC9BBK, Nick, KC9DRS and David, N9YNF assemble an antenna.



John, N9YRX, Kevin K9HX & Gary, W9EEU are busy making last-minute coax runs.



David, N9YNF, is interviewed by the media.



Five minutes to starting time, David, N9YNF, this year's Field Day coordinator, reviews our game plan!



Cody, KC9PVP and Jeff (forgot his call sign) assemble one of the beams.



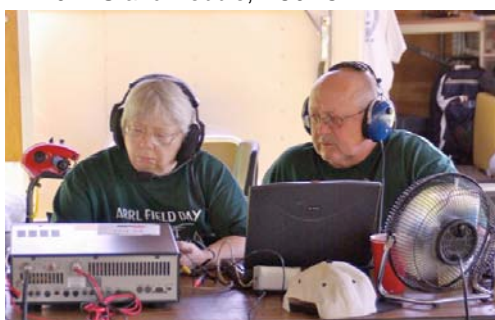
Diane, W9SMW, Melody, WD9EEU, Gary, W9EEU and Debbie, KC9AOR



Chuck, W9COD, in OPS mode, Dave, KC9JNZ, Steve, NT9T and Scott, KC9PUG... we think



Scott, KC9PUG and Sonny, KE9IX



Debbie, KC9AOR and Steve, NT9T



Cody, Scott, and Jim, WA9TGO



Pam, K9JMA and Kay, KW0LF



Heather, KB9NYM: We almost had a Field Day baby!



Christian, KB9SOL (background) and his brother Seth, KB9ZZO

[Photo (above middle) of Cody and Jeff plus Chuck (right) courtesy, Bette, KC9GWT] All others, this issue are staff photos. -ed.

Field Day II



Dick, N9TH



Dave, N9FMD and Delbert, W9QK



Ron, N9ZXO plus two we regret we forgot



Melody, WD9EEU & David, N9YNF



Scott, KC9PUG and Steve, NT9T



Ron, KC9EPZ



Ted(K9SGL), we couldn't agree more!



Chuck, W9CD and Nick, N9WG



Upon looking out at Jim's hand-built trailer, all alone at this year's Field Day, we can't help but remember his unshrinking support in the past and think that he'd approve of its use.



A number of people were elsewhere when this was taken... for instance, David, N9YNF.



Last but definitely not least is the bang-up job done by Chuck, W9COD, wearing (literally) his chef's hat. Although in the past we've had many individuals provide small meals at various times, we have needed an organized food operation for a long time. TNX to Chuck for putting it all together! Mmmmmmm! -ed.

On the 27th of May 2009 Jackie L. Perry, W9JCV, 64, of Montgomery, passed from this life and became a silent key of the Amateur Radio Community.

Jackie was a retired truck driver of many years. Trucking was his life. He had also served as a Linton Firefighter and Police Officer. Jackie was a man who enjoyed life to the fullest and appreciated the many friends he had along the way.

He was a member of the American Legion, Pike County Radio Club, Dugger Amateur Radio Club and the Lincoln Country Trail Riders. (Excerpted from information from Judy, KC9HTT)

The only time we had the occasion to actually talk to Jackie, we were, of all places, at the I-80 truck stop, a few miles west of the Quad Cities, in Iowa. We heard him talking to some other trucker friends and there was no mistaking his voice so we chimed in. The Wabash Valley amateur community should have had many more years of hearing Jackie on the airwaves. He will be missed. -ed.

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2009

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

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This newsletter will come to you by e-mail in .pdf format unless you specifically request a paper copy. 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 earlier! Of course, you can still make a paper copy of it 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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Please add \$5 per family member above to the Single rate below. To include ARRL membership, see a current QST for the amount.

Dues options: Single (\$20) Family (Single + \$5 per family member) Add 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 as well. See QST.

*Club gets a rebate from the ARRL!



The President's Corner

It is hard to believe that Field Day has come and gone. We planned for an awesome event and those that attended all seem to indicate that we succeeded. Many expressed to me that this was the best Field Day they had ever attended, and I agree. The planning was smooth, media coverage was extensive, the set-up went as planned, attendance was great, we had new operators on the air, logs show we made a lot of contacts, camper row was full, we attempted new things this year, tear-down was completed and things put away in just a few hours, and a good time was had by all. And oh yes, Chuck, the food was GREAT!! We always say that it will be hard to top this Field Day, but this group seems to find a way to make next year even better. Thank you to each and every one of you that pitched in to make this year's Field Day a very enjoyable time.

We have introduced a new hands-on learning opportunity. In conjunction with the club station, the third Thursday of each month will include some project, or hands-on demonstration designed to provide a learning experience. We held our first session in July with setting up a digital station and making contacts from the club station. We discussed and demonstrated a couple of different interfaces, and some of the software that is available. Our second session will include making a double bazooka antenna, and will include a discussion about how they work. It is our intent that you will be able to build a double bazooka and take it home with you that night (August 20).

Saturday, August 8 is the Wabash Valley ham radio picnic. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the evening with us.

73,
Gary W9EEU

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1st Sunday of even-numbered months;

1 P.M., Indiana time

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WALK-INS WELCOME!

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October 4 TERRE HAUTE