

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th,
Dec. 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

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SATURDAY, DEC. 5!

Again this year, it's at the World Gospel Church, IN-46 and Gardendale Rd. It's a pitch-in with the Club providing the meat and drinks. We'll gather around 6:30 P.M. Indiana time and get down to the eats around 7.

Also again this year, we'll have the 'Dirty Gift Exchange'. Everyone who wishes to participate should bring a wrapped gift of around \$5 in value.

All Wabash Valley amateurs and their families are welcome!

HOME BREW NIGHT YIELDS CLEVER INVENTIONS



In the absence of our president, Gary, W9EEU, who was in Florida on vacation, the meeting was presided over by the vice president, Dave, N9YNF.

This year we had five entries, W9COD, K9DUR, K9SGL, NT9T and N9YRX. None of them were in the same category so everyone got an award. Actually, it's not so much a contest as it is a show-and-tell with each contestant explaining what it's for and how he or she built his or her particular 'gizmo'.

Most of them came about as a solution to a particular need someone had. We will see some of them at Field Day next year, no doubt.

Also, we were very happy to see that Kay, KW0LF, was able to attend after her knee surgery. She still has more to go and our thoughts and prayers are with her until it's all finally over.



For more Homebrew, see p. 3.

Official Slate of Officers for the 2010 WVARA Board of Directors

In accordance with WVARA Bylaws, Article V, the Nominating Committee has selected a slate of candidates for office to the WVARA Board of Directors. The slate is as follows:

President: Kevin Berlen, K9HX

Vice Pres: Chuck Procarione, W9COD

Secretary: Bette Young, KC9GWT

Treasurer: Nick Vinardi, N9WG

Trustee: David Pifer, N9YNF

Of course, those listed above are not necessarily the actual officers for next year. They must all be elected at the December election. Other eligible* members are invited to run as well, either by making their wishes known to any board member at least one week before the election (we need time to print the ballots) or you may still run right up to election night by being nominated from the floor at the December meeting.

* See Bylaws, Article V, at <http://www.w9uuu.org/bylaws.html>

This Month's Program

In addition to the yearly election for the 2010 WVARA Board of Directors, this will also be the annual Club Junque Auction. So bring your 'treasures' and change the look of your basement or garage with somebody else's stuff!

All names on the official slate qualify according to the general prerequisites* listed below. It would also be helpful if any other aspiring candidate has these same qualifications. Some are required, actually.

Again, please contact any board member or the editor of *The Bandspread* at k9ere@earthlink.net or dial (812) 230-9079 and leave a message, if you are interested in being placed on the ballot.

*Prerequisites:

- Willing: Not just willing to *run*, but willing to take the time and put forth the effort necessary to successfully execute the office after the election.

- Capable: Having the *ability and the time* to carry out the particular office for which one is running.

- Qualified: Meets all the qualifications including, but not limited to, Article III of the WVARA Constitution and Articles II and V of the WVARA Bylaws.

If this sounds complicated, it really isn't. Most serious candidates for a Board position probably qualify already. —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 11/06/09

Vice President Dave Pifer, N9YNF, called the meeting to order at 7:00 EST. Dave led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by introductions of those present. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (1) Board meeting will be held immediately following the Club meeting. (2) VE testing will be held Saturday, November 14 in Paris, IL and Sunday, December 6 in Terre Haute. There will be an additional testing session in Terre Haute Tuesday, December 8. (3) Chuck, W9COD, announced that the Rockville repeater is currently off the air. (4) The CAARLA group will meet Saturday, November 14, at 12:15 P.M. (Indiana time) at Charla's shop *Heaven Bound* in Marshall, IL. After a time of shopping, we will go to the Marshall Family Restaurant for lunch at 1:00 P.M. (Indiana time). All YLs are welcome. (5) John, N9YRX, expressed his appreciation for all of the help given by club members with the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air and the Deuce's Wild Duathlon. **BUSINESS MEETING: The Secretary's Report** was published in *The Bandspread* and was approved as published. **The Treasurer's Report** was presented by Nick, N9WG. He reported a balance of: \$5,585.10 in checking; \$4,390.85 money market; \$30 petty cash for a total of \$10,275.95. Chuck, W9COD, moved to accept the report as presented; Kevin, K9HX, seconded the motion and the motion carried. **NEW BUSINESS:** Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, presented the Nominating Committee's report. The slate presented by the committee is: for president, Kevin Berlin, K9HX; for vice president, Chuck Procarione, W9COD; for secretary, Bette Young, KC9GWT; for treasurer, Nick Vinardi, N9WG; for trustee, David Pifer, N9YNF. Anyone who would like to run for an office was encouraged to contact Gary as soon as possible in order to have their name placed on the ballot. **PROGRAM:** It was the annual Homebrew Night. Those presenting projects were as follows: (1) Chuck, W9COD, presented a "Slinky" vertical antenna, which tunes to 40, 80, and 160 meters. (2) Steve, NT9T, demonstrated an audio adapter which he built. (3) John, N9YRX, presented two projects. The first one was designed by John and sewn by his wife, Ann. It was an armband HT carrier. He also presented a "Hi Cane" antenna. (4) Ray, K9DUR, designed a CAT/CW Interface; (5) Ted, K9SGL, told the history of his construction of the "jumper cable." All presenters were given a "Plastic Plate Award" in appreciation of their efforts. Following the program, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, for the Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes -11/06/09

Vice President David Pifer, N9YNF, called the meeting of the WVARA Board to order at 8:33 P.M. Other Board members present were: Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer; Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Trustee; Steve Shorter, NT9T, Past President and Chuck Procarione - W9COD, Board Member At Large. Also present were: Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC, Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, acting Secretary; John Van Sandt, N9YRX, and Ray Andrews, K9DUR. The Secretary's Report was published in *The Bandspread*. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Nick presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported \$5,551.00 in the checking account, \$4,390.85 in the money market account and \$30 in petty cash for a total of \$10,275.95 in all accounts. Nick moved that the report be approved as presented; Chuck seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Repeater Upgrade: Kevin - K9HX reported that John Voigt, KB9GBO, will assist with this project. The new receiver site will be at the Vigo County jail. All necessary materials are ready. (2) Club Sta-

tion #2: Steve reported that the antennas are ready to put up but a power supply is still needed. Kevin will help with putting up the antennas. Steve also reported that the rotator at the Red Cross needs to be fixed. (3) Domain Name: David reported that we now own our domain name. (4) Parke County Digi: Kevin will meet with the people at the Parke County jail to begin the process. (5) Trailer: David reported that the tuner is to be shipped. He also reported the following items are needed for the trailer: meters, MFJ antenna analyzer, manual tuner, and ground tuner. Chuck noted that a vinyl floor for the trailer would be a great addition. Nick reported that we need to update our equipment list for insurance purposes. ARRL's insurance costs \$1.70 per \$100 of equipment. Gary, W9EEU, has volunteered to let us put the trailer inside at Glas-Col while the needed work is being done. (6) Hamfest 2010: Nick will reserve the National Guard Armory. **New Business:** (1) Christmas Party: David will attempt to reserve the Great Room at World Gospel for December 12. He will email the Board with date(s) available. (2) Proposed Policies: David proposed that we develop a policy regarding handling "Bequests to the Club" and also one for "Priorities of Use of Trailer." These proposed policies were discussed and David will take the ideas and present a rough draft of the policies at a future Board meeting. (3) Kevin stated that he knows of a teacher at North High School who is interested in conducting a Technician Class for credit. The Board discussed ideas of how we might be able to be involved. (4) Red Cross donation: Chuck questioned whether it is ok for one not-for-profit agency to donate to another not-for-profit agency. Discussion followed. (5) December's meeting will be the election of officers and the annual Club Auction. (6) Kevin moved that the Club take steps to acquire the building on the corner of 4th and Farrington. Chuck seconded the motion; the motion passed. Kevin moved that, if we can get the proposal to acquire the property mailed to Club members by November 10, we will hold a special Club meeting Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 P.M. Otherwise, the information will be deferred to the Club meeting in December. Nick seconded the motion and the motion passed. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, for the Secretary.

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Sunday Night Net Manager, Kay Brentlinger, KW0LF



As usual during the colder months, a group of us gets Rick's Barbeque on Wabash to do what we do best. Everyone is welcome to join us. We'll just add another table to the group.



Ray, K9DUR, has made an adaptor to connect from the RS232 output on his computer to the remote control input to a transmitter for controlling his radio from his computer.



Ted, K9SGL, explained the real invention and evolution of jumper cables before jumper cables were officially invented. But for the minor detail of a patent, he could have become a legend in his own time. Oh, wait. He is anyway!



Chuck, W9COD, has designed and built a multi-band portable antenna using parts obtained in various places including a Slinky. The tripod comes apart easily and the vertical portion does as well.



John, N9YRX, had two entries this year. First was what he calls his High 'Cane' antenna which could be given altitude by hooking the cane part of the antenna to anything high up and then be taken down easily when done.

Secondly, he demonstrated his arm-band HT holster, sewn by his wife, Ann. We think he really has something here.



Everyone could use a form of this. Steve, NT9T, built an Earphone splitter/controller for Field Day or other headphone applications.

OTHER HOMEBREW NIGHT PHOTOS

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Most of these shots pretty much speak for themselves.



After Homebrew demonstrations, Joe, KC9JAC, showed some of us some video of a trip he made through the Mona Passage, a one hundred mile wide stretch of water between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico that is used as a shipping lane connecting the Atlantic Ocean, through the Caribbean Sea to the Panama Canal.





“Skip”

I was raised on a farm about 15 miles northeast of Terre Haute, where my brother still lives. In the 1970's, before cable or satellite had come to the country, I was working at WTWO as an engineer. One summer evening, I was out to my brother's farm and he said, “Come in here. I want to show you something.” We went into the house and he flipped on the TV, turning it to Channel Two. The video had light and dark lines rolling slowly through the picture and the audio had a high pitched squeal. My brother asked, “What's wrong with that?” I replied, “Oh, that's skip,” to which he replied, “Well, I'd fire the guy!”

-From Carl, KC9AEM

Nostalgia Corner

Periodically, we will post photos or articles that may elicit a memory or two of the “good ol' days” in our Amateur Radio lives. Some will be actually nostalgic while others may be amusing or just downright silly. Hams are encouraged to submit photos for this effort, preferably by e-mail in .jpg or other popular graphic format. Credit will be given for each photo used. -ed.



Recognize any of these people? How many? And where was it? (Hint: The year was 1972)

In our continuing interest to highlight the fact that local hams lead multi-faceted lives and contribute to our community in many ways, we will continue to try to cover events that we hear about involving them.

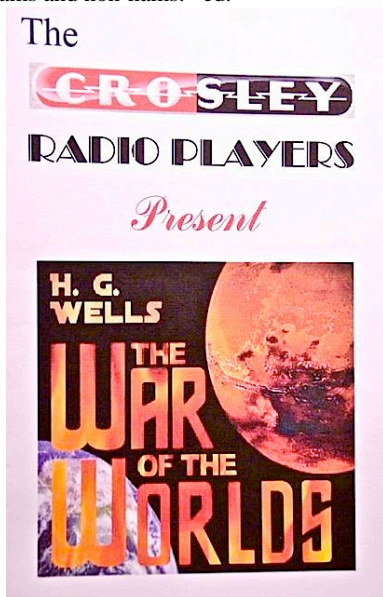
A recent presentation was held at the Indiana Theater on October 30 by the Crosley Radio Players which contains numerous local hams. This is a group of local people interested in reenacting radio programs from the '30s and '40s.

This night they were reenacting the famous Mercury Theater on the Air program which was an October 30, 1938, dramatization of the book by H.G. Wells entitled, *The War of the Worlds*. Many listeners, who didn't catch the beginning of the program, thought that we were actually being invaded by Martians. Music was provided by the West Vigo High School Jazz Band, Chris Gelb, Director.

You'll no-doubt recognize many faces below of both hams and non-hams. —ed.



Charla, N9TRS hands a program to Pat, KA9ALI.



Jerry, K9AF is Orson Wells.



Kevin, K9HX, band director Chris Gelb and Jerry, K9AF



Mike Frost, sound effects.



Bruce Wesley and Jon Swaner.



Tim Shelton and Tom McClanahan



Donna McGee, Heather, KB9YNM, and Charla, N9TRS.

Kendall Myers, W9KLM, handled the sound from somewhere; we never did find him.



The loyal peanut gallery. They also serve who sit and watch (or something like that).

For more info. on the Crosley Radio Players, go to www.CrosleyRadioPlayers.com

Continuing the theme from the previous page, Christian Schrock, KB9SOL, was a soloist in a recent concert given by the ISU University Orchestra, William Alan Davis conducting. A student in the ISU Department of Music, he played "Chi il bel sogno" from La Rondine by Giacomo Puccini and "Glitter and Be Gay" from Candide by Leonard Bernstein.

In addition to the contributions made by local hams to the quality of life of the Wabash Valley through their use of Amateur Radio, many are active in other pursuits such as the performing arts. We welcome the opportunity to showcase these people when we know about it.

Christian was good enough to alert us by e-mail so we were able to attend a wonderful concert. —ed.



WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2010

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 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 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 Farewell

This is my final installment of The President's Corner. I have had the privilege of serving the group as your President for 5 years, and it has been an amazing journey.

While in some ways it seems I have served you in this capacity for a long time, it seems like the time has passed by very quickly. We have accomplished many things over these few years, but we still have a lot that we can accomplish in the months and years ahead. As the mantle is passed on to the newly elected president, please support him or her as you have supported me during my time.

It would be impossible to thank all of you that have been so supportive while I have been your president. So for each and every one of you that has in any way contributed to any measure of our success, THANK YOU!!

I will still be around and doing what I can to support the WVARA. I am blessed to be a part of such a fantastic group of people, and sharing in such a wonderful hobby.

73 my dear friends,
Gary, W9EEU

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COMP= Complimentary Membership;
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.

VE TESTING

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

1st Sunday of even-numbered months;

1 P.M., Indiana time

1715 S. 8th St., east of the main Glas-Col building. Use the front entrance to the building on 8th St.

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