

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday Jan. 8 General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th, (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 Thursday: The Club Station is open, 7 - 9 P.M., First Thursday, Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd. Other Thursdays, New Club Station, N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho. Entrance and parking east of Bldg.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NOTE GENERAL MEETING DATE CHANGE -> Jan. 8

BRENTLINGER NOMINATIONS DEADLINE Jan. 15

WVARA HAMFEST Mar. 13



THE BANDSPREAD

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JANUARY 2010

WE HAVE A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Another Fun Junque Auction

In addition to the election, we had our yearly Junque Auction where people trade the stuff in their basements and garages for the stuff at someone else's place. Kevin and Chuck acted as auctioneers again this year. Most of the stuff was 'vintage' but as the old saying goes, "one man's junk is another man's treasure" and 'treasures' abounded.

So, many 'treasures' traded residences and so many extremely high bids filled the air, that some items even went for more than a dollar!



Don't anyone scratch your nose or you'll own something!



David, N9YNF, kept records for the evening.

Club Christmas Party



The Club held its annual Christmas Party the day following the December Club meeting.

This year we had food aplenty and some great music by Jeff, KC9HQP, at the keyboard and Bob, W9PRR, on the guitar. They did an exceptional job of entertaining us that evening.

However, the entertainment was not limited to just them. We again had the 'Dirty Gift Exchange' where you can either take a gift from under the tree or... you can steal someone else's. Once an item is stolen 3 times, it is 'frozen' and becomes the permanent property of whomever currently possesses it.

This year's exchange became so funny that your photographer had difficulty holding the camera still. Others lost it as well, as the photos on page 7 will attest.

This Month's Program

It's the annual "Check Ur Rig" night! They'll check your rig thoroughly for you. No charge! While they probably can't fix it in the time allotted, they may be able to tell you what's wrong with it.

The 2010 WVARA Board of Directors has been elected. Following are the results.

President: Kevin Berlen, K9HX

Vice Pres: Chuck Procarione, W9COD

Secretary: Bette Young, KC9GWT

Treasurer: Nick Vinardi, N9WG

Trustee: David Pifer, N9YNF

The rest of the board is rounded out by Gary Adams, W9EEU, as Past President and Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, as Board Member at Large. Ted's appointment is temporary until the January general meeting at which time it will become permanent by membership ratification unless someone else indicates an interest to run for the position at the meeting.

There were no additional individuals interested in any of the officer positions prior to the board election nor were there any nominations from the floor that night.

We welcome the new members of the board.

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 12/04/09

On Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, Gary Adams, WVARA President called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Pifer, N9YNF, Vice President. New licensee Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, was acknowledged. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (1) Board Meeting will follow this meeting. (2) Club Christmas party is tomorrow night. Meet at 6:30 and eat at 7:00 P.M. (3) VE testing will be held in Terre Haute this Sunday. (4) The class testing session for Technicians was a success with 100% of participants passing their test. An Extra Class will begin in January. (5) QCWA will meet at the Christmas party on Saturday. (6) CAARLA will meet before the Christmas party on Saturday and hold an election of officers. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The Secretary's Report presented by Bette Young, KC9GWT, will stand as published in *The Bandspread*. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$11,710.72 in all accounts and asked his report be accepted as a motion. John VanSandt, N9YRX, seconded the motion. Motion carried. There being no old business the meeting moved on to **NEW BUSINESS.** (1) Election of officers. The following slate of officers was presented: Kevin Berlin, K9HX, President; Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice President; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer; Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary; and Dave Pifer, N9YNF, Trustee. Ray Andrews, K9DUR, moved nominations be closed. Heather DeVore, KB9YNM, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dave Pifer, N9YNF, moved the by-laws be suspended as there were no nominations from the floor. Diane Brentlinger, W9SMW, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC, moved the ballot of officers be accepted by proclamation. John T. Bell, K9PIE, seconded the motion. Motion carried. (2) Chuck Procarione, W9COD, presented information concerning the former Farrington Grove Fire House. This is a facility the Club is considering acquiring and there was discussion regarding the repairs that would need to be made and the cost of such repairs. After several minutes of discussion John VanSandt, N9YRX, moved to proceed with procuring the building at 4th and Farrington. Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Before the meeting ended, Gary Adams called Debbie Shorter to the front of the room and asked the group to sing Happy Birthday to her. The meeting then adjourned. -Respectfully submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes 12/04/09

The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association Board met on Friday, December 4, 2009, at 9:45 P.M. Those present were Gary Adams, W9EEU, President; Dave Pifer, N9YNF, Vice President; Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary; Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Trustee; Steve Shorter, NT9T and Chuck Procarione W9COD, Member at Large. Also attending were Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC, Melanie Cloutier, KC9JMC, Ron Young, AB9GI, Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Diane Brentlinger, W9SMW, and Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR. The Secretary's report was approved as printed in *The Bandspread*. The Treasurer's report was read by Gary Adams in the absence of Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer. A total of \$11,710.72 was reported

in all accounts. Gary, W9EEU, moved the report be accepted and Chuck, W9COD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. **OLD BUSINESS:** (1) Kevin Berlen reported the repeater upgrade wasn't progressing as fast as he would like. (2) There are antennas to put up at Club Station #2. (3) WVARA@W9UUU.org is the new web address and Dave Pifer will work on the moderator list. (4) The Club can use the vacant antennas at the Parke County digi. They will operate as a packet mode. (5) 4th and Farrington acquisition: An affirmative vote from the membership was received to proceed with the project. The next step is meeting with the city of Terre Haute. (6) The SGC Tuner in the trailer isn't tuning properly. Club trailer: The license plates expire in January and the AC needs to be put in and the contents need to be inventoried. Chuck is working on the solar panels. (7) A plaque needs to be placed on the red antenna trailer donated by Phyllis McFall in memory of her husband Jim McFall. Gary Adams will take care of this. (8) Proposed club policies for receiving and processing bequests will be revisited in January. **NEW BUSINESS:** (1) Gary Adams moved and Chuck Procarione seconded the motion that Ted Brentlinger be appointed Member at Large on an interim basis. Motion carried. (2) Gary Wheeler spoke to the group regarding *The Bandspread*. He stated that more input from club members was needed in order to continue to make *The Bandspread* interesting. He stated Dave Littlejohn N9FMD, presented helpful ideas but more support is needed. (3) It was noted that the first Friday in January is the 1st. Therefore, the January meeting will be moved to Friday, January 8, 2010. The program will be Check Your Rig Night. -Respectfully submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary



Incoming president Kevin Berlen, K9HX, is congratulated by outgoing president Gary Adams, W9EEU. By the way, Gary sure looks happy! -ed.

Dec 15, 2009, at 7:30 A.M., during the morning rush. A 20 ton tanker truck is turning off of east bound Indiana 46 onto the East bound ramp of I-70. Suddenly a pickup truck that was west bound on 46 slams under the tanker truck, trapping the driver of the pickup. The passenger escapes and the semi driver gets out unhurt. However, a strange mist is forming around the pickup truck and there is liquid pouring from the tanker. A passer by calls 911 and reports that there is an accident with a semi tanker truck and a pickup truck, but no other meaningful details.

That is the basic beginning of this years table top exercise put on by the Vigo County Local Emergency Planning Committee. The LEPC plans and prepares for hazardous material incidents of any type. The LEPC never responds but makes sure that everyone else is ready if and when a situation like this actually happens. Terre Haute and Vigo County are crisscrossed by highways and railways that carry some pretty scary stuff. The good news is that the carriers are great at their jobs so we have only to practice it.

During the table top exercise each agency and organization can discuss the remediation steps and support steps they would perform during the exercise. Law enforcement, military, emergency management, EMS, fire departments and Amateur Radio are among the many players at the table. Table top exercises are great because players can work out all the details of how they can most efficiently work together. It is also the best time for the players who would be involved in such an event to get personally acquainted with each other.

From this exercise we determined that Amateur Radio could have and should have been tapped earlier in the exercise than we were. We can help them with communications and some select Amateur Radio operators will have the opportunity to get some dispatch training so we can man a remote dispatch center for all the agencies. Amateur radio was represented by ARES members, Doug Mullens, KB9JLR, Vigo Co. ARES EC; Chuck Procarione, W9COD; Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD; Gary Wheeler, K9ERE and David Pifer, N9YNF.

Oh yeah, the wreck. The first engines that arrive on the scene smell a strong bleach smell (1017 Chlorine) from a long distance away. It is windy with a 15 MPH Northwest wind and an approaching severe thunderstorm... But we had to break for lunch and the debrief.....

-- David L. Pifer - N9YNF, Indiana District 7 Emergency Coordinator



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Sunday Night Net Manager: Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF

YEARLY FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2006 FD Tee shirts	12.00
Call sign badges	18.00
Transfer from petty cash	66.00
Half Pot	69.00
VE Testing	150.00
2010 Membership	265.00
2009 FD Tee shirts	362.00
Estate Sale (W5OGO)	406.00
Education	430.00
Antenna Sale	500.00
Dayton Bus Tickets	555.00
2009 Membership	735.00
Hamfest Tickets	1,015.00
Estate Sale (Sholl)	1,272.78
Donations	3,000.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$8,855.78</u>

<u>Expenses</u>	
Indiana Business Entity fee	\$7.14
IRCC Membership Dues	\$10.00
Hamfest Expense (Tickets)	\$13.98
Safe Deposit Box (Old Natl Bank)	\$18.00
Equipment Repair	\$22.78
Club Picnic (Food)	\$34.45
Trailer Plates	\$34.75
WVARA PO Box Rental	\$40.00
Brentlinger Diner (Award)	\$55.00
2008 Christmas Party Food	\$65.89
Brentlinger Diner (Food)	\$70.09
WVARA Internet Web Domain	\$71.40
Call sign badges	\$83.46
2010 Dayton Bus deposit	\$100.00
2009 Field Day (Coax)	\$112.85
Bandspread Postage	\$124.50
VE Testing	\$150.00
2009 Christmas Party (Room Rental)	\$150.00
Insurance	\$158.00
Equipment (Parke Co. Digi-peater)	\$162.00
Red Cross Donation	\$200.00
Club Meeting (Food Jun / Sep)	\$231.42
Equipment (Club Station)	\$320.99
Club Station (Setup exp.)	\$326.62
Hamfest (Aromry Rental)	\$410.00
2009 FD Tee Shirts	\$413.00
2009 Field Day (Food Fri, Sat, Sun)	\$421.81
Education Books / Materials	\$485.27
Estate Sale (Sholl)	\$729.52
Dayton Bus (Turner Coach)	\$1,520.00

Total Expenses **\$6,542.92**

2009 Beginning Balance	\$4,615.01
2009 Total Income	\$8,855.78
2009 Total Expenses	\$6,542.92
<u>Checking Amount Total</u>	<u>\$6,927.87</u>

(Money Market Account)

2009 Beginning Balance	\$4,370.54
Interest Earned	\$20.31
<u>Money Market Total</u>	<u>\$4,390.85</u>

Petty Cash **\$30.00**

COMBINE TOTAL AMOUNT YTD **\$11,348.72**

Reported by Nick (N9WG)

Annual Junque Auction

Most of the stuff this year came from Jim McFall's estate. However there were other contributions as well.



An old railroad telegraph relay, Kevin indicated that it was quite valuable.

Rick's

The two hours preceding the Club meeting finds many of us at Rick's Smokehouse on East Wabash. The food is good and also reasonable in price. You can order as much or as little as you wish. Everyone is encouraged to join us before each Club meeting.



The 'gang' at Rick's, including Rick (far right) before the December Club meeting.

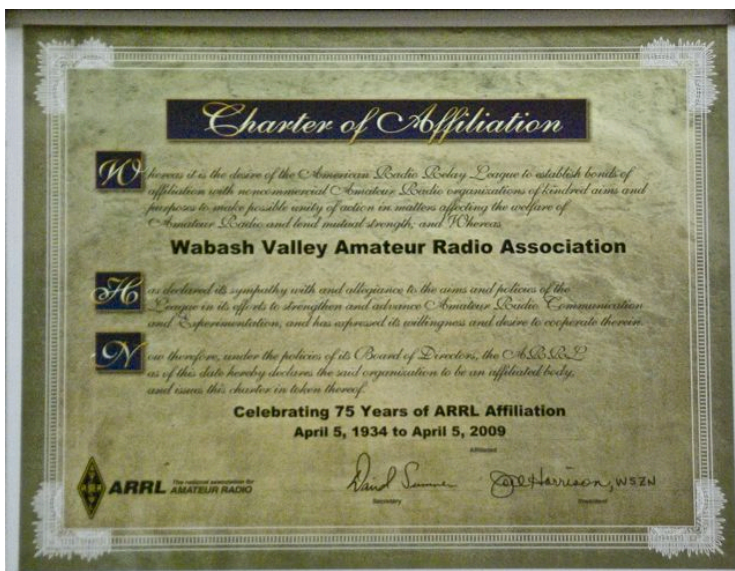


Bob, WD9EKA and Dean, KC9ODB, joined us this evening.



It was Debbie, KC9AOR's birthday (we won't tell how many) so we had a cake! Happy Birthday, Debbie!

Annual Christmas Party



In addition to the food and entertainment, Kevin and Gary presented the Club with the above ARRL 75-year Certificate of Affiliation.

First, people got their presents from under the tree.



Ted and his "electronic yoyo"
(It was a mic and coiled cord.)



Gary was laughing so hard he was almost crying. Ask him why.

Then, the thievery began!



We apologize that some of the photos were blurred beyond use because we also were laughing so hard that sometimes we couldn't hold the camera still! -ed.

After the party, Jeff gave us a few encores before we helped him pack up.

Ryves Christmas Party 2009

Nearly a dozen area hams joined the staff and other volunteers of Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall, to help make Christmas a little brighter for an estimated 225 local youngsters, by helping with communications for the group's annual Christmas party on December 23rd.

Those participating included Doug, KB9JLR, Ted, K9SGL, John, N9YRX, Gene, N9NJ, Bill, K9KJQ, Darrell, KC9QLF, Alan, KC9LTR, John T., K9PIE and Bob, KB9PTM. Dave, N9FMD, served as project coordinator and Center director Jim, KA9DIF, also joined the informal net.

The primary assignment for the group involved controlling the movement of children throughout the building, as they assembled upstairs and were moved downstairs to choose Christmas gifts a few at a time.

The Youth Center has called for our help during a number of these events, and the amateur radio community has always responded to the need. Director Jim Edwards expressed great appreciation for the helping hand and hoped for our availability next year.

- Dave, N9FMD



How to submit articles for ***THE BANDSPREAD***

The WVARA has a diverse and widespread membership. We exist all over the country, according to the membership list. There is a great fount of knowledge and experience out there that is just waiting to benefit the readership.

Every month important things happen with Amateur Radio among our membership. Sometimes there are even photos. We would like to know about them and so would others.

Do you have an article that you would like to see in *The Bandspread*. If so, please send it by e-mail in plain text or MS Word, to: bandspread@w9uuu.org. Please indicate "For the Bandspread" or something similar in the title of your message or on the envelope.

...or typed by snail mail to:

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The editor reserves the right to edit for space, spelling, typos and good taste. However, if any significant editing is necessary we'll call you to seek your advice. Therefore, please include your snail-mail or e-mail address and phone number in the message.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Also, don't be discouraged if it doesn't run right away. Sometimes we're just overloaded with articles and our limit, because of postage (and the mental health of the editor) is 10 pages. - Ed.



Thanks!

Here it is another year and we're still turning 'em out. One hundred fifty three editions for this editor, as of this issue.

But it couldn't be done without the help of many of you out there. We'd especially like to thank Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, for article ideas and also, for proofreading. Following completion of the final product, it wouldn't go very far without the help of Glas-Col and Gary Adams, W9EEU, for funding and printing of the print edition. David Pifer, N9YNF, stitches each electronic page back together and does whatever other magic he does to make the online edition appear on the web site.

Beyond that, there are the periodic articles and photos submitted by you, the membership, which make *The Bandsread* what it is, or isn't, each month.

My thanks goes to all of you, both frequent or just now-and-then contributors, who have helped to make the newsletter what it is today.

But wait! There's more! We need your continued, and hopefully increased, participation!

Many things happen during a given month that are of interest to the membership but we often don't hear about them until maybe afterwards, if at all. If you know of some up-coming event that is ham related or even if it's not directly ham-related but it's a significant contribution to the community and it involves a local area ham, let us know. We'll cover it if we can, one way or the other.

If you're shy about your writing skills, we can help with that too. So let us know. Contact information is on page 3.

TNX, -ed.

IRC Announces Testing Schedule

Yep, the ILLIANA RADIO CLUB will be having an exam session on the second Thursday of every month. We're using the ARRL VEC so the test fees are the same. Right now that's \$15.00.

Our exams are held at Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall at 7:00 PM. Enter the main entrance of the center, cross the gym to the elevator and go to the basement. We are at the end of the hall opposite the elevator. Please bring a photo id and social security number if you don't have a license. If you do have a license we also need to see the original of it and we need a copy to mail in. We also need to see the originals of any CSCE's and need a copy of those to mail in too.

I am the contact person and VE team liaison. Walk-ins are allowed but I would appreciate knowing who's coming. You can reach me at (812) 238-0584 or veteam@illianaradioclub.org

Thanks,

Jim, WD9EYB

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:

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 10081
TERRE HAUTE, IN 47801

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ - _____ E-mail address _____

Date of Birth (Mo/Dy/Yr) ____/____/____ Year first licensed _____ Year of last WVARA membership _____ New Member? ☐

ARES member? ☐ QCWA member? ☐ RACES 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 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

As you are reading this, the Christmas holiday is almost past, and the New Year is upon us. 2009 is in the history books, along with the first decade of the 21st Century. 2009 was a great year for the WVARA, as was the entire decade. We owe a tremendous debt to Gary, W9EEU, who was at the helm during half of the previous decade. We accomplished a great deal during this period of time due in large part to Gary's leadership.

2010 promises to be another great year. Our hamfest will be here before we know it, and while in the middle of winter it seems hard to think about Field Day, it also will be upon us soon. These and our other activities and events can only succeed with your participation. Plan to come out and lend a hand, or grab a key and make some contacts. If you cannot actively participate, then try to stop by for a visit. Remember that this is YOUR club. Come out, have a great time, and get involved. That's what the WVARA is all about.

Remember that nominations for our annual Brentlinger Award are now being accepted. This award is presented annually to an Amateur Radio Operator who has made an outstanding contribution to Amateur Radio in the Wabash Valley. The award is open to any ham in the Wabash Valley area. Deadline for nominations is January 15th. You can hand deliver your nomination to me, or you can mail them to the club P.O. Box. Just be sure to put the nomination in a sealed envelope, and mark it "Brentlinger Nomination" on the outside. The award will be presented during a dinner held during the month of March.

Remember that the January club meeting program is "Check Your Rig Night" and that our meeting has been moved back from our normal night to January 8th due to the New Year's Day holiday. I hope to see all of you there, and look forward to a great and prosperous year for the WVARA.

Until then 73,

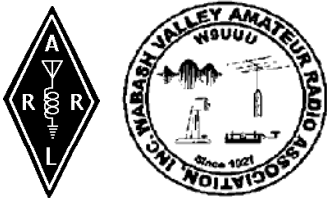
Kevin, K9HX

Welcome Home, Delbert!

At press time, we learned that Delbert, W9QK, is back home from the hospital and doing well. What a fine Christmas present! -ed.



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2010= year; NL= Newsletter only;
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.

WVARA 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.

For further info, contact:

Ray Andrews, K9DUR, (812) 535-3222

PARIS, ILLINOIS:

2nd Saturday of Jan., May, Jul., Sep., Nov; 8:30 A.M. Illinois time.

Burkybile Law Office
15175 U.S. Highway 150

For further info, contact:

Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, (217) 465-4884

WALK-INS WELCOME!

JANUARY 9 PARIS, IL

FEBRUARY 7 TERRE HAUTE

IRC VE TESTING

2nd Thursday of every month, 7 P.M., Indiana time, at Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall, 1356 Locust. Use 14th St. Entrance.

For further info, contact: Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, at 238-0584 or veteam@illianaradioclub.org

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