

## REGULAR EVENTS

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

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Technician license class begins, 7 P.M., Glas-Col,  
1715 S. 8th (Old post office Bldg.) ..... Feb. 15

WVARA Hamfest, National Guard Armory ..... Mar. 12

Brentlinger Dinner, St. Anne's ..... Mar. 19



# THE BANDSPREAD

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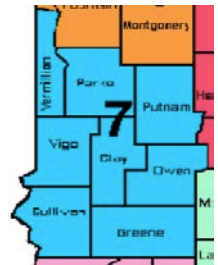
## CHECK UR RIG NIGHT STARTS NEW YEAR

This year we had two checkers, Kevin, K9HX and Doug, N9JLR. As usual, it was a good turnout with the requisite number of broken and dead radios, all diagnosed, some resuscitated some not. At the very least, however, we know what's wrong and we can then decide whether to proceed with repairs. We also found that putting a transmitting antenna too close to a power supply can do bad things to it. Fortunately, there was no permanent damage as a result.

Thanks Kevin and Doug for your time and effort! -ed.



## W9EEU APPOINTED D.E.C.



We have a new ARRL District Emergency Coordinator! As of the middle of December, Gary Adams, W9EEU, was appointed the new Indiana Section DEC for District 7, which includes Vigo and its surrounding seven counties in Indiana. These eight counties comprise District 7 for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security as well as ARES and RACES.

For the immediate future, Gary tells us that he will continue as EC for Clay County.

## CAARLA and Friends Meet



On Sat. Jan 8, 2011, the CAARLA and Friends group met at the Saratoga for its annual After Christmas Brunch. We shared holiday stories, a gift exchange and, as always, great Saratoga food.

Members present clockwise were Kathryn, N9YJU; Diane, W9SMW; Pat, KA9ALI; Pat, KB9TJW; Debbie, KC9AOR; Bette, KC9GWT and two friends of Kathryn's who act as 'chauffeurs' for her, Irene and Ernie.

### Local Nets

Sunday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
WVARA Net	146.685/R	*
Monday Evening	8:30 P.M.	ET
Vigo Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.685/R	
Monday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
Clay Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.580/S	
Tuesday Evening	8:00 P.M.	ET
Parke Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.715/R	
Wednesday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
Clark Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.595/S	
Thursday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
CAARLA Net	146.685/R	
Illiana Skywarn Severe WX Net	When needed 145.230/R	

\* First Sunday of the month is Simplex night. The WVARA Net meets, that night only, on 146.595/S

### This Month's Program

Chuck, W9COD, will present a program on the construction of dipole antennas. Plan to take notes!

### Dues are Due!

If you haven't yet, please do so soon! Jeff, AB9WR, our new treasurer will be glad to accept them at any Club meeting or mail them to P.O. Box 10081, Terre Haute, IN 47801. TNX.



TNX Kevin & Doug for making CURN another success this year!



Board meetings are usually *after* the general meeting... except this time. Anyway, come join us. It's always lotsa laughs! Well, usually. -ed.

## General Meeting Minutes 01/07/2011

The General Meeting of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association was called to order by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX, at 7:00 P.M. EST. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nick Vinardi, N9WG. Those having upgraded their license were Steve Ridge, KC9RBU, to General Class and Tim J. Ridgway, KC9TDO, to Extra Class. **Announcements:** (1) Dues are due now for 2011. (2) Brentlinger Award Nominations are due by Jan 15, 2011. (3) QCWA Meeting will be Jan 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. (4) CARLA Meeting will be Jan 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. (5) WVARA Hamfest will be March 12<sup>th</sup> at the National Guard Armory. (6) There will be a new Technician class starting in Feb. See Ron Young, AB9GI, for details. **Secretary's Report:** It will stand as printed in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Jeff, AB9WR, presented it as printed in *The Bandspread*; motion to accept was by Bob, KB9PTM with second by Doug, N9JLR. Motion carried. **Old Business:** None. **New Business:** The temporarily-appointed Board members at large were presented by Kevin, K9HX, for permanency by Club ratification. Ted, K9SGL and Chuck, W9COD were nominated without opposition. Initial motion to accept was made by Ken, W9VKD and seconded by Gary, K9ERE. Motion carried. A further motion that they be elected by acclamation was made by Dominick, KA9RDK and seconded by Doug, N9JLR. The motion also carried. During the break, Dominick, KA9RDK, won the half pot. Kevin, K9HX, and Doug, N9JLR, conducted the activity for the evening, "Check Ur Rig."

- Respectfully submitted, John Van Sandt, N9YRX, Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes 01/07/2011

The WVARA Board met on Friday, January 7, 2011, at 6:04 P.M. Members present were Kevin Berlen, K9HX, President; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Vice President; Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, Treasurer; John Van Sandt, N9YRX, Secretary; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Past President and Trustee Elect; Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice President and Member at Large temporary appointee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large and temporary Member at Large Appointee and David Pifer, N9YNF, Trustee. Also in attendance was Doug, N9JLR, Steve, NT9T, and Gary, K9ERE. **The Secretary's Report** was approved as printed. **The Treasurer's Report** was presented in the form of a motion by Jeff. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) There was nothing new to report on the repeater upgrade. (2) Club station needs up to \$50 for a balun (president approved). (3) Feb meeting-budget and building a dipole antenna will be the program (4) Capital projects policy. Motion to approve, N9WG, seconded by AB9WR. Approved. (5) Hamfest 2011, armory is reserved for March 12<sup>th</sup>. (6) The Capital Projects Fund now has a total of \$2,000.00. (7) There is nothing new to report on the K9 Team. **New Business:** (1) 2001 budget was presented by Nick with a motion for approval; Gary seconded. Board approved. (2) Gary, K9ERE, mentioned that license plates are needed for the communications trailer and the antenna trailer. (3) He also has a 17" Viewsonic color tube-type monitor to give away if anyone would like it. (4) Dave has set up a Facebook page for the WVARA. (5) Brentlinger dinner target date has been proposed to be March 19, 2011. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

# WVARA Yearly 2010 Financial Report

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2010 Membership	\$870.00
2011 Membership	\$510.00
Capital Projects	\$2,000.00
Club Auction	\$103.00
2010 Dayton Bus Ticket Sales	\$555.00
50 / 50 Halfpot	\$145.00
Hamfest Ticket Sales	\$1,015.00
Radio Van Donations	\$158.00
Education	\$115.08
Field Day Tee Shirts	\$424.00
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,895.08</u></b>

<u>Expenses</u>	
Christmas Party (Food / Location Fee)	\$246.54
2011 Dayton Bus Deposit	\$100.00
Bandspread Postage	\$40.04
Brentlinger Diner (Award / Location Fee)	\$200.14
Club Equipment Purchases	\$1,800.55
Club Equipment Repair	\$404.03
Club Station (Misc Expenses)	\$64.14
Com / Antenna Trailer (Plates / Upgrades)	\$487.16
2010 Dayton Bus	\$1,523.68
Education (Book Fees)	\$93.55
Field Day (Food)	\$372.39
Field Day (Tee Shirts)	\$530.00
2010 Hamfest (Location Fees)	\$600.00
Insurance (Liability / Equipment)	\$478.00
Name Badges (New Members)	\$46.97
PO Box Fee	\$40.00
June / Sept Club Cookout (Food)	\$116.20
IRCC Membership	\$10.00
Internet Domain / Server Fee	\$71.40
Misc Items on one check	
-Safe Deposit Box fee	
-Memorial Plaque (K9VDQ)	
-Picture Frame ARRL 75 year Award	\$81.50
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,306.29</u></b>

2010 Beginning Balance	\$7,211.93
2010 YTD Income	\$5,895.08
2010 YTD Expenses	\$7,306.29
Transfer From Checking to Captial Projects Fund	\$2,000.00
<b><u>Checking Amount Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,800.72</u></b>

**(Money Market Account)**

2010 Beginning Balance	\$4,391.81
Interest Earned	\$0.35
<b><u>Money Market Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,392.16</u></b>

**Petty Cash** **\$32.50**

**Capital Projects Fund** **\$2,000.00**

**COMBINE TOTAL AMOUNT YTD** **\$10,225.38**

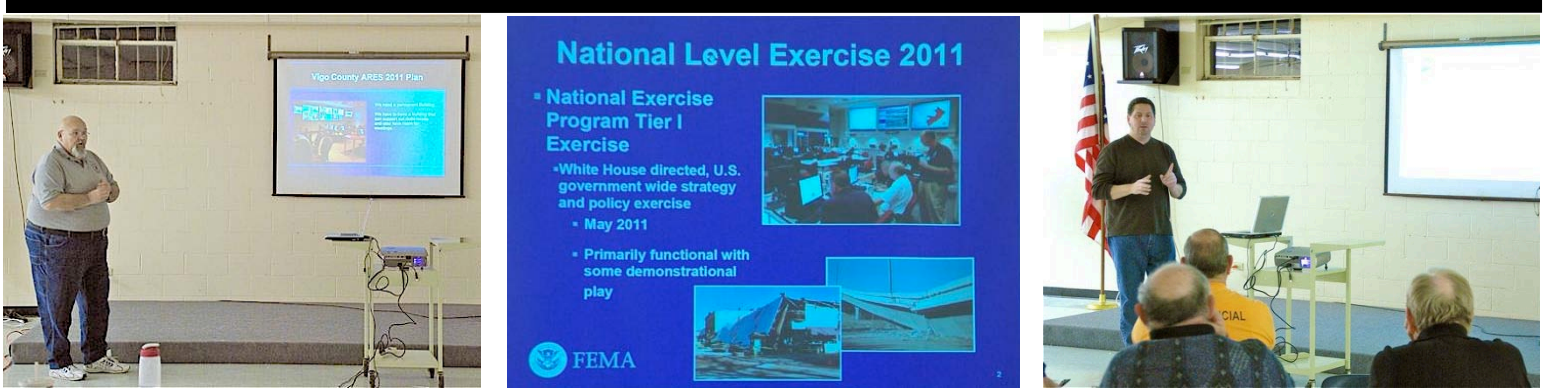
# WVARA 2011 Budget

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Club Auction	50.00
Half Pot	120.00
Field Day Tee Shirts	500.00 <sup>1</sup>
Education	250.00 <sup>1</sup>
Dayton Bus Tickets	1,400.00 <sup>3</sup>
2011/2012 Membership Dues	1,000.00
Hamfest Tickets	1,000.00
Donations / Grants	1,000.00
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,320.00</u></b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
Bandspread Postage	\$125.00 <sup>2</sup>
Brentlinger Diner (Award)	\$80.00
Brentlinger Diner (Food)	\$80.00
Brentlinger Diner (Room Rental)	\$150.00
Call sign badges	\$85.00
Christmas Party (Food)	\$70.00
Christmas Party (Room Rental)	\$150.00
Club Meeting (Food Jun / Sep)	\$175.00
Club Picnic (Food)	\$60.00
Club Station Misc Items	\$200.00
Dayton Bus 2011	\$1,432.00 <sup>1</sup>
Dayton Bus Deposit (2012)	\$100.00 <sup>3</sup>
Education Books / Materials	\$250.00 <sup>1</sup>
Equipment Insurance	\$200.00
Equipment Repair / Maint	\$350.00
Field Day Food ( 3 days)	\$450.00
Field Day Tee Shirts	\$500.00 <sup>1</sup>
Hamfest (Armory off hour fees / 2012 deposit)	\$200.00
Hamfest (Armory Rental)	\$400.00
Hamfest Expense (Tickets)	\$25.00
Indiana Business Entity fee	\$10.00
IRCC Membership Dues	\$10.00
Liability Insurance	\$320.00
Safe Deposit Box (Old Natl Bank)	\$40.00
Trailer Plates (2 trailers)	\$100.00
Coms Trailer Upgrade	\$300.00
WVARA Internet Web Domain	\$75.00
WVARA PO Box Rental	\$40.00
Repeater Maint.	\$250.00
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,227.00</u></b>
<b><u>Net Gain (loss)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (907.00)</u></b>

1 - Represent budgeted items of an "in an out" nature

2 - Represent cost of mail to approx 25 members

3 - This line item may be revoked by 4/28/2011



On January 3, 2011, the monthly meeting of the Vigo Co. ARES met at Glas-Col. The meeting was led by ARES Coordinator, Doug Mullens, N9JLR and Assistant Coordinator, Nick Vinardi, N9WG.

The topics covered were:

- Local Readiness - Vigo Co. ARES is becoming increasingly involved with Region 7 emergency preparedness. This means that we need to be able to 'step up to the plate' when called upon to provide services. Among them is broken communications. In the event that any local agency communication path is disrupted, for any number of reasons including their reliance on towers, we will be expected to step in and reestablish this path.

Doug and Nick emphasized the following issues we need to address immediately:

- A public information officer / public relations person.
- A corporate sponsor.
- A building in which to store equipment, hold meetings and act as a coordination point for communications.
- People to attend training with the ARES team and possibly with the local CERT\* teams.
- People willing to commit to putting in the time and effort needed to make all the above happen.

- The May S.E.T. – This involves many agencies including Indiana ARES and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The date is somewhere within the week of May 14-20. More information will be forthcoming in the days ahead. –ed.

\* Community Emergency Response Team

## WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2011

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

It appears that winter still has it's hold on us, but spring will be here before we know it. I hope that the severe winter has not been too harsh on your antenna systems. If you, like me, had been putting off a project to 'do over the winter', I hope that you have been able to spend some time on it, because winter is on it's way out, soon to be replaced by spring.

There will be a number of activities to participate in the coming months. One of the bigger events will be an opportunity in May to work with Vigo County ARES on a wide scale disaster drill. There will be more on this activity in the next month or so, but this exercise will require maximum effort and participation of every amateur in the Wabash Valley to be a success. It will be an excellent opportunity to demonstrate what Amateur Radio can do for our community. Please try to participate in this event if at all possible.

Just another reminder regarding the WVARA Hamfest, coming up on March 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see each of you there. If you are unable to attend or participate, try to mention it to as many of your on-air contacts and friends as you can. The National Guard armory is a terrific venue for our event, and best of all, it is all inside. Tailgating will be available, weather permitting. Admission is still just \$5, and tables are still free. We appreciate your participation and look forward to another successful event again this year.

The program for the February meeting will be presented by Chuck, W9COD, on dipole antennas, just in time for spring. I hope to see each of you there.

Until then, 73,

Kevin, K9HX

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Sunday Night Net Manager: Kay Brentlinger, KW0LF

## WVARA VE TESTING

(WALK-INS WELCOME!)

### TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

1st Sunday of even-numbered months; 1:30 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

February 6 Terre Haute

March 12 HAMFEST (also PARIS)

## RYVES VE TESTING

(WALK-INS WELCOME!)

2nd Thursday of every month, 7 P.M., Indiana time, at Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall.

For further info, contact: Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, at 238-0584 or [veteam@illianaradioclub.org](mailto:veteam@illianaradioclub.org)

February 10 Terre Haute



HAVE A HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S DAY!

CAN SPRING BE FAR AWAY?