



THE BANDSPREAD



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A New Year and New Changes



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Nomination Results

This year's board members have finally been chosen. The folks in the photo above are now your new board members. Please wish them the best and give them your support as they do their best to make the W.V.A.R.A. the best radio club ever.



Kevin, K9HX is handing over the gavel to incoming president Steve, NT9T

Steve, NT9T has been an active member for years and I'm sure almost every one of you have met Steve at some point. It is very doubtful that a better president could have been chosen. We consider ourselves fortunate to have such a capable president.

Newsletter Editor Change



After 15 years, Gary is turning in his editors cap to a new editor, me, Dave Gammon. Everyone will miss Gary's unique style and his effort in coming up with so many issues over the years. Having an extensive background in typesetting and advertising, I am uniquely qualified for at least part of the job. However, as a working-class guy, I am unable to attend many of the events. I plan to attend as many events as possible, but ask all of you to submit photos and reports as much as possible. The Bandspread is your publication.

Local Nets

Monday EveningClay Co. Ares Net
9:00 pm ET..... 146.580/R
Tuesday Evening Parke Co Em Svs Net
8:00 pm ET..... 146.745/R
Tuesday EveningVigo Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm ET..... 146.685/R
9:30 pm ET..... 444.350/R
Wednesday Evening.....Clark Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm CT 146.595/S
Thursday Evening CAARLA Net
9:00 pm ET..... 146.685/R
Sunday EveningWVARA Net
9:00 pm ET.....146.685/R*

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

Dues are Due

If you haven't yet, please do so soon! We can accept them at Check-Ur-Rig Night, Jan 6, or you can mail them to the Club P.O. Box 10081 Terre Haute 47801

This Month's Programs

There will also be a retirement party for Gary, K9ERE..... T.B.A. however.

Brentlinger Nominations

Just a reminder. Brentlinger Award nominations are due by midnight, January 15!

Send it, in a sealed envelope, to the new Club address, which is...

P.O. Box 10081, Terre Haute, IN 47801

Make a notation on the front, lower left of the envelope: Brentlinger Nomination, or something like that. The envelopes will be sent, *unopened* to the secret committee who will read them, discuss them and then decide. Be sure to list your reasons. A well-defended list of reasons carries much more weight than just an, "I think he oughta get it!" type letter.

If you have made nominations in the past and your candidate was unsuccessful, send *another*. Persistence often pays off! Also, the *number* of letters sent is given more consideration than a '*petition*'. "The decision of our panel will be final."
- ed.

Auction



Let's get this business over and get on to the auction.

Each month's meeting includes something other than just facts and figures. The club tries it's best to inform as well as entertain the attendees. This month's meeting was enjoyed by the attendees more so than usual. Many did not leave the meeting empty-handed as it was a Club Auction. As you can see by all the smiling faces, it was anything but boring. The Annual Junque Auction has been a recent tradition that has grown in popularity and sure to be an anticipated event each year. It also provides an outlet for all the extra

equipment that we all know is a part of this great hobby of ours. Most hams regularly attend Hamfests and almost always return with a little more than they actually need. Every Junque Auction also seems to have a few things of questionable use, a fact that challenges even the most knowledgeable of the members. The Junque Auction this year was no exception.



What do I hear for a bid?



John, N9YRX taking bid notes during the auction.



Did Santa bring all this stuff for us?



Hey Ron?
Where is Bette?



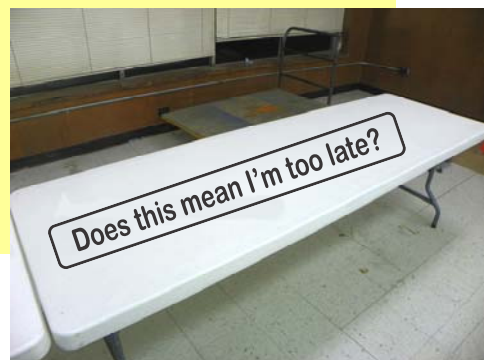
This is a fine piece of equipment.



Just how does this thing work?



Just look at all these goodies!



Does this mean I'm too late?

General Meeting December 2, 2011

The General meeting of the WVARA was called to order on Friday, December 2, 2011, at 7:07 P.M. by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Vice President. Nick Vinardi N9WG, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. Visitors: None. New licenses. KC9UVW-Catherine call sign change to W9IFE

Announcements: (1). The Board Meeting will follow this meeting. (2). Brentlinger Award nominations are being accepted and due by Jan 15 2011 (3). WVARA Christmas dinner is Sat. Dec. 10th at St. Ann's Fellowship Hall. Gather at 6:00 PM; eat at 6:30 PM. Meat will be furnished. Bring a covered dish. Bring a \$5.00 "Dirty Santa" gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. Drinks will be furnished. (4). No QCWA meeting until Jan 2012 (5) K9DUR made the club aware of the 60 meter band changes by the FCC.

Nomination committee report and recommendation for 2012 was motioned by N9YRX and seconded by Bob (KB9PTM) to accept the slate, motion carried:

President:..... Steve, NT9T
Vice President: Chuck, W9COD
Secretary:..... Ann, KC9RBF
Treasurer: Jeff, AB9WR
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Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report will stand as published in The Bandspread. **Treasurers Report:** Jeff (AB9WR) moved his report of \$10,536.61 in all Club accounts be accepted as a motion. Ray (K9DUR), seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: (1) Club dues are now due

New Business: Parke County Ind, 100 ft tower now belongs to the club per Chuck (W9COD).

Program was the club auction.

- Respectfully submitted, N9YRX, Secretary John Van Sandt

Board Meeting Minutes 12/02/2011

The WVARA Board met on Friday, December 2, 2011, at 9:12 p.m.

Members present were: Kevin Berlen, K9HX, President; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Vice President; Jeff Mitchell, ABiWR, Treasurer; John Van Sandt, N9YRX, Secretary; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Past President and Trustee; Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Member at Large and Vice President Elect; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large; Steve Shorter, NT9T, President Elect; Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary Elect; Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, Bandspread Editor; Dave Gammon, KC9JNZ, Bandspread Editor Elect

The Secretary's Report was approved as printed in The Bandspread. The Treasurer's Report was presented in the form of a motion by Jeff with a total of \$10,536.61 in all accounts. Chuck Procarione, W9COD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Repeater Upgrade: No upgrades needing approval at this time. (2) Several possible locations for the 2012 Hamfest were discussed. It

was decided to hold this year's hamfest at Indiana State University HMSU. (3) Several Promotions Operating events were discussed and will be researched including Boy Scouts, Children's Museum, and Family Learning Day. (4) Club equipment inventory—some club equipment still needs to be inventoried and tagged. (5) Communications trailer is operational but some work is still needed. (6) WVARA Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Fellowship Hall. Meat and drinks will be provided by the club and members will bring a covered dish to share. There will be a "dirty Santa" gift exchange for those wishing to participate.

New Business: (1) The President's gavel was turned over to Steve Shorter NT9T. (2) President Steve Shorter, NT9T, has nominated Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, to remain as Board Member at Large, and will be put in the election in January. (3) The newly elected board thanked the outgoing board members for their service to the WVARA. (4) New Life Members—Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL and Diane Brentlinger, W9SMW. (5) Chuck, W9COD, will check with Jack Diehl about speaking at the Brentlinger Dinner to be held in March. (6) Meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

-Respectfully Submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary

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Christmas Dinner – Saturday, Dec 10

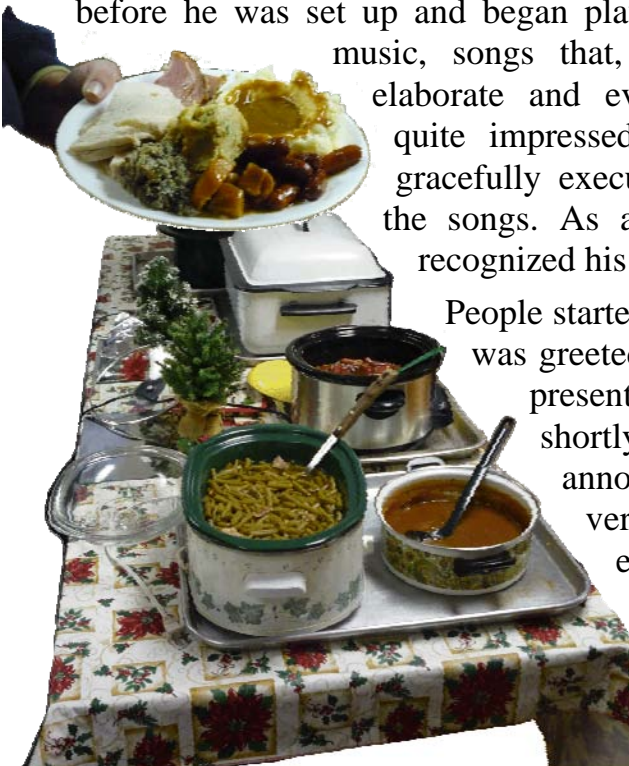


This year's December W.V.A.R.A. Christmas party was held at St. Ann's church, 1440 Locust St. this year. Upon entering the basement, I was immediately hit with the smell of food and the sight of people busily readying tables and chairs for the event. Warm and well lit, there was more than enough space for everyone and then some.

Jeff, AB9WR soon entered with music equipment and began setting up his keyboard and PA system. It was not long before he was set up and began playing some Christmas music, songs that, to me, were quite elaborate and even complex. I was quite impressed how Jeff's fingers gracefully executed the measures of the songs. As a musician myself, I recognized his quality and skill.



People started to enter and decide where they were going to sit as each was greeted by the ones already present. More folks than not added presents to a growing pile on a nearby table. More on that shortly. It was not long before Kevin, K9HX made the announcement to begin the filling of the plates which needed very little encouragement. Attendance was a bit less than expected and so there was more food than what was needed, the end result being more than a full belly..... so some of us went home with more than good memories or chocolate.



Dirty Santa – Saturday, Dec 10



Area Events

Ryve's Hall Christmas

The Vigo County ARES group again organized communication and logistics support for Ryve's Hall as the kids were given the opportunity to have gifts for Christmas. You have to participate in this event to understand the work that is really being done.



Several amateur operators assisted in the event this year. Doug (N9JLR) and Nick (N9WG) helped organize the effort with the assistance of Doc (KC9UCD), Chuck (W9COD) aka Santa, Catherine (W9IFE), Tim (K9TDO), John T (K9PIE), Gary (W9EEU), Debby Adams and many other volunteers.



The evening involves a huge logistical challenge to make sure the kids all get the opportunity to select their gifts in an orderly fashion, and within the time allotted for the evening. Well over 200 kids were assisted during the few hours, and the volunteers were kept very busy.

- Respectively submitted by Gary, W9EEU



Tower Party

The club was given a 100ft tower from Parke County (well it cost \$10 bucks), and it needed to be removed quickly. Chuck Procarione (W9COD), Steve Shorter (NT9T), Chris Johnson (W9WXW), and Jeff Johnson dropped and cut up the tower at the EMS garage on Saturday, December 17th. Dave Gahimer, did come out to help but quickly had to leave because of a "home project" that came up.



- Respectively submitted by Chris Johnson, W9WXW

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: **davegammon@aol.com**. Please indicate "For the Bandspread" or something similar in the title of your message or on the envelope. ...or typed by snail mail to:

Bandspread Editor
PO Box 10081
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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.

CAARLA Election

The Crossroads of America Amateur Radio Ladies Association held its yearly election on December 10th at the WVARA Christmas party. The officers for 2012 are:

President: KWOLF, Kay Brentlinger
Vice-President: K9JMA, Pam Andrews
Secretary: W9IFE, Catherine Procarione
Treasurer: KC9AOR, Debbie Shorter
Trustee: K9DUR, Ray Andrews (Appointed by President and approved by the membership)



Notes from the Editor:

The month of December was, for most of us, the busiest month of the year. Most had numerous family obligations as well. Now add the financial aspect and we ended up with quite a lot of problems and obstacles to deal with. Hopefully everyone found some time to enjoy the simple pleasures in life amongst the stress and turmoil of the holidays. Time spent with visiting (or visited) relatives hopefully became pleasant memories. It is the time of year when most people think of the past as many stories and events are topics of conversation or linger in our thoughts when we have time alone. All of these things are normal and expected each year.

Taking over the Bandspread also came with a number of expected problems. Any change in management or personnel requires time for adjustment not only from the 'new guy' but also from those all around him/her. I want to apologize, in advance, to all our readers for the numerous changes and mistakes I am sure to make as I adjust to producing your Bandspread. As you have noticed, we also have a change in staff. All of us will require some time to get used to each other and fine-tune the many interactions required to produce the information and reports read in the Bandspread. It takes more than one person to gather the words and info found in each issue of the Bandspread. Enough excuses now. Let us get on to other things.

I look forward to the challenges ahead each month as the Bandspread evolves and want to encourage each and every reader to submit feedback and suggestions to make the Bandspread what all of you would like it to become.
Thanks – ed.

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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!

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The Presidents Corner



As I write my first President's Corner I am thinking it has been a great month of December with many interesting times, ranging from helping to find the location of, and, observing the planning for the coming Hamfest, to being part of a great, fun filled Christmas Party.

Kevin, K9HX, has been exploring possible locations for the Hamfest for several months but has met with many challenges in finding a place that is available for the second Saturday of March. He has found what I believe is the best option available to meet all our needs. We will be discussing and voting on it in the January Meeting. I hope you will be there to share your views and support. Thanks, Kevin, for all time and effort spent on this project.

As has been said often, following many of our activities, "a good time was had by all" at the Christmas Party. There were several new participants, and those who attended shared many laughs, you might want to ask John, N9YRX, about his candy. I want to thank Ted, K9SGL, and Diane, W9SMW, for arranging the use of the facilities and Chuck, W9COD, for preparing the meat and drink portion of the meal, and doing the lion's share of the set-up and clean-up.

73 for this month,

Steve, NT9T

WVARA Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

Terre Haute, Indiana

2nd Saturday of even numbered months; 9:30 A.M., Indiana time

1715 S. 8th St., west side of 8th St. behind Glas-Col. Park on side of bldg; use the front entrance on 8th St.

For further info contact:

Ray Andrews, K9DUR: 812-535-3222

Paris, Illinois

2nd Saturday of odd-numbered months; 8:30 A.M. Illinois time.

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15175 Hwy 150

For further info contact:

Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, 217-465-4884

Feb 11 – Terre Haute

Jan 14 – Paris

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(Walk-ins Welcome)

2nd Thursday of every month, 7:00 P.M., Indiana time, Ryves Youth Cntr at Etling Hall.

For further info contact Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, at 238-0584 or wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com

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