



THE BANDSPREAD



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Local Nets

Monday Evening.....	Clay Co. Ares Net	9:00 pm ET	146.580
Monday Evening.....	Sullivan Co. Ares Net	8:30 pm ET	146.775/R
Tuesday Evening	Parke Co Em Svs Net	8:00 pm ET	146.715/R
Tuesday Evening	Sullivan Co Em Svs Net	8:30 pm ET	146.775/R
Tuesday Evening	Vigo 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 Evening.....	WVARA 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

Regular Events

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 back of building.

1st Friday of the Month: Monthly club meeting at Glas-Co Annex, 7PM EST (former Idaho Post Office Bldg), 1715 S. 8th in Terre Haute

Annual Club Picnic

First, we'd like to thank all those of you who took the time a couple of weeks ago to show up at our place on a beautiful Saturday evening to share food and fellowship. We wish we could have gotten around to visiting with each and every one of you but making an operation of that kind successful takes a lot of attention to non-person-to-person activities. But everyone pitched in (after all it *was* a pitch-in, wasn't it) so nobody actually had to do all that much.

However, one particularly hard worker deserves special recognition. We were assisted this year in the grilling department by an old (well, middle aged) former Club bratmeister, John, K9GBO. We really appreciated his assistance since there was an inordinately large amount of brats to cook this year. John did himself proud.

And then there were all those folks who brought all the rest - the salads, the munchies, the stuff done in those slow cookers and the desserts. Ah, the desserts! We purposely let slip that any desserts this year should be prepared with the *possibility* of having ice cream added. Our president, Steve, NT9T, graciously permitted the acquisition of 3 gallons of ice cream - a first for this year's event, so we were ready. We had anticipated hot weather, for some strange reason, but it cooled off at the last minute, just as it did last year. Anyway, the ice cream was still good, as it always is.

We had a really good crowd again this year. Even when a sizable percentage of the crowd was in the living room for one of two board meetings that were held that afternoon, we still had plenty of folks still outside. (They can never accuse us of not playing with a full deck!)

The talk-in didn't get set up quite as fast as we had hoped but by now most everyone who comes already knows the way so we had only a few callers-in and we were able to help them find the place with no trouble.

Again, thanks to those of you who attended. I know you went away full of good food and conversation.

-Gary, K9ERE and Pat, KA9ALI.

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Board Meeting Minutes August 11, 2012

The WVARA Board met on Saturday, August 11, 2012. The meeting was brought to order at 6:00 p.m. by Steve Shorter, NT9T. Members present were: Steve Shorter, NT9T, President; Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice-President; Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, Treasurer; Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary; Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Past President; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Trustee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report was approved as published in The Bandspread.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented in the form of a motion by Jeff, AB9WR, with a total of \$15,035.76 in all accounts. Gary, W9EEU seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: (1) Work on the repeater upgrade is progressing at the jail. Equipment has been installed and is waiting to be connected. RA-COMM has been paid and we have been reimbursed. Only a few small items are still needed for the project. (2) Steve, NT9T, has been in contact with Andrea at ISU and will be confirming the date for the 2013 Hamfest with her next week.

New Business: (1) Steve, NT9T, with the approval of the Board and Gary, W9EEU, would like to appoint Mike, N1WVU as an Assistant Manager of the Club Station. This would allow Mike to open and operate the Club Station when Steve, NT9T and Ray, K9DUR may have other commitments. This was approved by Gary and the Board. (2) Chuck, W9COD, has talked with Rick Long, Seelyville Township Trustee, about the possibility of the WVARA acquiring a piece of land on which we could put up a structure for dry storage of our equipment. The site would allow all of our equipment to be located in a single location, and could also be used as a Field Day site. (3) Chuck, W9COD, announced that the date for Covered Bridges Bikes & Bridges in Parke County will be Saturday, October 6. A campout is planned October 5 & 6. (4) Gary, W9EEU, stated that the Special Services Application has expired and needs to be renewed. (5) Gary, W9EEU, has insurance certificate for support work in Clay County. (6) Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary

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*Club gets a rebate from the ARRL!

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THE BANDSPREAD CHALLENGE!

The staff of the Bandspread has undergone several changes since the first of this year due to many reasons. At this time it appears we are looking at making some more changes in the staff and possibly even to the format.

We are looking currently looking for someone to become the Editor. These duties will include, but not necessarily be limited to, finding content, deciding what to publish, the position of the particular items, and getting the product to the publishing personnel (both on-line and hard copy) in a timely manner.

The Editor should be aware they might often have to twist people's arms and otherwise coerce them into writing and preparing articles. It may, (probably) be necessary to write some articles themselves.

Likewise, it will probably be difficult to find photographers for the many events. Previous editors have done this themselves but have also found that by nagging they can sometimes get access to pictures and videos others have taken. Good Luck!

The staff will also need a Proofreader. This person will need to be able to work closely with the Editor, to check accuracy of spelling, punctuation, grammar and spacing.

This is a challenge, which we must have someone willing to take on. We have been spoiled for many years by a team who have worked hard and given us a superior newsletter. While we do not expect the Bandspread to be always as great as it has been, at least until the new team has some practice, we must have someone who is willing to do this. Our By-Laws require us to publish business, which requires a vote. If we don't have a Bandspread we cannot conduct business.

Anyone who is interested, please contact any Board member. Our contact information is listed on the Club website at W9UUU.ORG.

Thanks,
Steve Shorter, NT9T
President, WVARA

More Repeaters Grace the Skyline

As repeater systems continue to illuminate the skyline, and continue to dominate our day to day activities on VHF and UHF bands, it might be a good time to pause and look around at plans already in progress for the future. Bandspread readers have come to depend upon a monthly reminder on the front page detailing what's out there and now there are at least four new systems in various stages of development that may soon join the list.

The WVARA system will soon benefit from an additional receiver site located in downtown Terre Haute. This new receiver is expected to greatly enhance portable and other low power systems operating in the area by listening to our normal input frequency, and sending what it hears to the main repeater near West Terre Haute. When in operation that signal will be compared to signals from other receivers already in place, and the best signal will be repeated. Equipment to accomplish this task is called a "voter," and is already in place. Operators using the system will not need to change operating habits in order to benefit from the changes.

Another new VHF repeater is in development by K9HX, and is located at the former State Police post south of Terre Haute. That repeater, operating on 146.805 MHz, no PL, is currently on the air in a low-profile status. Local ARES officials have indicated their intention to conduct operations of that system. Exact completion dates have not yet been announced but the system is on the air and working as of this writing.

Clay County will soon benefit from a new repeater being installed in that area. Gary, W9EEU, has announced that their new VHF system will operate on 145.420 MHz, no PL. Completion dates and other details are not presently known.

East-Central Illinois operators are not being left out of the game, with a recent announcement by John, N9YRX. He said, in an e-mail message in July that a new repeater will soon be operating from a site near Grandview, IL. He said the location, southwest of Paris, will utilize a retired AT&T microwave tower. Other details, including operating frequencies, have not been announced.

The expansion of repeater coverage in the area must be considered with one eye to the sky and the other to the ground. There must always be a plan in place for the day when even the best of systems fails.

Dave, N9FMD



"Well sir, I haven't spoken with the technician yet, but from the looks of things, I'd say it could be a serious problem."

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: 812-870-8810

Paris, Illinois

2nd Saturday of odd-numbered months; 8:30 A.M. Illinois time.
Burkybile Law Office
15175 Hwy 150
For further info contact:

Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, 217-465-4884

October 13 – Terre Haute

Sept 8 – 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 812-238-0584 or wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com

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