



# THE BANDSPREAD



Official Publication of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

## 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Other Thursdays:** New Club Station, N.E. corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Idaho. Entrance and parking back of building.

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



### Notes From The Editor

A publication is almost always a combination of efforts from various people and this one is no different. As I sit here at my desk on the day before final

production day, I look at what material I have for the September issue. The secretary, Ann - KB9RBF, and Gary - W9EEU were the only ones who provided me any material for this issue. I want to personally thank Ann for promptly sending me her meeting minutes. Since I have few submitted pictures or articles, I am only able to make a 4-page issue. I accepted the editor's responsibility to create the newsletter but I depend on all of you for content and/or ideas, so please help the *Bandspread* by submitting reports and/or pictures of ham radio related things in your lives. Also, if anyone would like to accept this job, please speak up. Ideas for articles are appreciated and will usually be included.

The Bandspread is your newsletter.

Thanks - ed

## A Trip to MUTC with Task Force 7

### Sept 25, 2012

Up and off to the mobilization point at 0730. Raining and rain is in the forecast for all 3 days. Unfortunately the wx man was right on this forecast! Check in of all personnel for the D7 Task Force. We ended up with 118 people representing various disciplines from across the district. The check in crew did a good job getting the process completed and then we wait for our orders from the State. Finally the orders come thru and the convoy to COB Panther begins. Other than one vehicle malfunction, the trip was uneventful. We arrived at COB Panther just after 1600. The campsite had some wet spots but not too bad. That would certainly change before our time was completed. The IMT team was off for briefing and everyone else was hands on deck for camp set up. The Support Group had everything well organized and COB Panther was ready for occupation at 1900. A fine dinner of pork loin and sides completed the evening. Off to the showers and get to bed for 0400 wake up call.

### Sept 26, 2012

Thunderstorms during the night, generators, and various other sounds meant that no one slept very well. The rains during the night made for a very soggy campsite. Off to breakfast at 0500, and on the shuttle for MUTC at 0530. I was assigned to be part of the Communications Unit under the supervision of David Costin, who was serving as COML. We unloaded the associated equipment and David had to quickly complete the ICS 205 communications plan for our operational period. David put a good plan together and it served the team well during the day. The briefing was held and the operation was off and running. A flurry of activity at the communications table getting radios on the correct frequency, and radios signed out from the cache to those that did not have one. Our COML was pulled into operations fairly quickly. Not long after, I was also pulled into operations to assist with radio traffic. Injects were coming in from EOC and the operations room was busy assigning resources and keeping track of the various situations. The exercise was a simulated F3 tornado in Wabash, IN. TF7 was working the third day of the situation and things were still in quite a chaotic state. Collapsed buildings, overturned rail cars, looting, inmates taking over the jail, and other associated situations came up as the day progressed. We ended up with three real world events during the course of the day. One of which was severe weather which put the exercise on hold for a short period of time. Our operational period finally came to a conclusion and everything had to be packed back up. After a couple of "Hot Wash" (debriefing) sessions we get back to COB Panther at 2000. Off to the showers and a welcome cot for some much needed rest.

### September 27, 2012

Up at 0600 to begin the process of tearing the camp down and getting everything packed away for the trip home. More rain during the night and at times during the morning activities made the campsite an absolute mess. Finally COB Panther is now all packed away. The convoy pulled out at 1130 headed back to the Clay County Fairgrounds. I will happy for a long hot shower and to be back in my own bed.

I will try to gather up some pictures for later, and I would be happy to sit down and share my experiences with anyone.

73,  
Gary Adams W9EEU



## Board Meeting Minutes Sept 7, 2012

The WVARA Board met on Friday, September 7, 2012. The meeting was brought to order at 9:00 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; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Trustee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large. Mike St. Clair, N1WVU, also attended. **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 with a total of \$11,441.38 in all accounts. Gary, W9EEU, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** (1) Remote Receiver Update: Cavities have been installed at the jail. Still need to install antenna. We have everything except the controller. Steve will order SCOM 7330 on Monday @ cost of \$495.00. (2) The contract with ISU for Hamfest 2013 is not yet signed but is "go". The cost will be \$1,200. Chuck, W9COD, will distribute our flyers at other hamfests he attends. (3) Gary, W9EEU, presented MOU for Clay Co. and WVARA. This document is for handling donations and money only, and shall be filed in the Policies & Procedures book. Chuck, W9COD, motioned to support the MOU as written, seconded by Ted, K9SGL. Motion carried.

**New Business:** (1) The position of Bandspread Editor is vacant and needs to be filled. We are required by club bylaws to publish club business. (2) Steve, NT9T, would like to appoint Mike, N1WVU, as Assistant Manager of the Club Station and will provide him with a key. Mike has accepted the appointment. (3) The communications trailer needs new batteries and some other minor work. Chuck, W9COD, will get the batteries. (4) Steve, NT9T, discussed the future and direction of the WVARA with the Board members. (4) The building site in Seelyville did not materialize. We will continue to pursue other opportunities. (5) The Board will check on a storage unit for the equipment which is currently being stored at Nick's, N9WG, property. (6) Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary

## General Meeting Minutes Sept 7, 2012

The General meeting of the WVARA was called to order on Friday, June 7, 2012, at 8:16 p.m. by President Steve Shorter, NT9T. Vice President, Chuck Procarione, W9COD, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made, and guest Greg Hock was welcomed. Jackie Schmidt, KC9WKS was recognized as a new licensee as well as her upgrade to General class. **Announcements:** (1) The Board Meeting will be held immediately following the General Meeting. The meeting is open and all are welcome and invited to attend. (2) A Technician class will begin on Tuesday, September 11 at the Glas-Col annex. Cost of the class is \$30.00 including the textbook, or \$5.00 if student already has the book. (3) The next promotional event is Family Learning Day, Saturday, September 22 at the Vigo County Library.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report will stand as published in The Bandspread. **Treasurers Report:** Jeff, AB9WR moved his report of \$11,441.38 in all Club accounts be accepted. Catherine, W9IFE, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** (1) Steve, NT9T, announced that a nominating committee needs to be formed to elect club officers for next year. He asked for a volunteer to head the committee. (2) A new Bandspread Editor and proofreader are needed immediately. Please contact Steve, NT9T, or any Board member if you are interested in either of these positions. (3) Volunteers are needed for the Covered Bridge Bike Ride on Saturday, October 6. A campout in Parke Co. is being planned for Friday, October 5. (4) Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

-- Respectfully submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary

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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.*

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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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# 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](http://W9UUU.ORG).

*Thanks,  
Steve Shorter, NT9T  
President, WVARA*

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**Sunday Night Net Manager:** Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF

## WVARA Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

### Terre Haute, Indiana

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of even numbered months; 9:30 A.M., Indiana time  
1715 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., west side of 8<sup>th</sup> St. behind Glas-Col.  
Park on side of bldg; use the front entrance on 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
For further info contact:  
Ray Andrews, K9DUR: 812-870-8810

### Paris, Illinois

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Nov 10 – Paris

## RYVES VE Testing

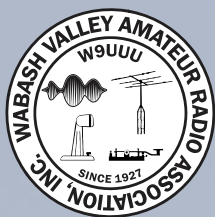
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2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, 7:00 P.M., Indiana time, Ryves Youth Cntr at Etling Hall.  
For further info contact Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, at 812-238-0584 or [wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com](mailto:wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com)

Oct 11 – Terre Haute

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