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# BANDSPREAD



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## Local Nets

Monday Evening.....	Clay Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST .....	146.580
Tuesday Evening .....	Verm./Parke ARES Net
8:00 pm EST .....	146.715/R
Tuesday Evening .....	Sullivan ARES Net
8:30 pm EST .....	146.775/R
Tuesday Evening .....	Vigo Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST .....	146.805/R
9:30 pm EST .....	444.350/R
Wednesday Evening .....	Clark Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST .....	146.595
Thursday Evening .....	CAARLA Net
9:00 pm EST .....	146.685/R
Sunday Evening.....	WVARA Net
9:00 pm EST .....	146.685/R*

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

## 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:** 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-Col Annex, 7PM EST (former Idaho Post Office Bldg), 1715 S. 8<sup>th</sup> in Terre Haute

## WVARA February Meeting

The program for the February 2013 will be a presentation by Trey Fox, KC9QOV and Jay Schenkle, KC9QOW. They run an organization known as "Project Electric Eye". Project Electric Eye launches weather balloons that carry a video camera, recording equipment, and an APRS tracker for tracking and recovery of the payload. They have done several of these launches for school projects and other science and educational purposes. This promises to be a very interesting program, and hope each of you can attend.

-Kevin, K9HX

## Club Station Hours Changing

Beginning the first Thursday in February (Feb 7) the club station hours are changing to 5:30-8:00PM. Please drop by the station and operate, or just to visit.

73, Ray - Club Station Manager

## Ham Radio and History Meet

It is possible for ham radio to meet history. CQ Magazine recently published an article about the Mighty Mo and the Battleship Missouri Amateur Radio Club. A very interesting article authored by Woody Hester WD9F recounting an opportunity to visit the ship, and operate from the KH6BB station on board the ship.

The U.S.S. Missouri in Pearl Harbor.



The Battleship USS Missouri, BB-63, became known as the Mighty Mo. An Iowa Class battleship, the USS Missouri built in the New York Naval Shipyard and was launched January 29, 1944. The ship was commissioned June 11, 1944 and became operational on December 14, 1944. The ship is an impressive structure at a length of almost 900 feet, and a

beam width of over 108 feet. When she went into service the USS Missouri had an armament of nine 16-inch, twenty 5-inch, eighty 40 millimeter and forty-nine 20 millimeter guns.

The USS Missouri was active in World War II, the Korean War and the Persian Gulf. She received 11 battle stars for service while active. On September 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay, the Instrument of Surrender was signed on the deck of the USS Missouri ending the war. On December 7, 1941, the Missouri



returned to the historic waters of Pearl Harbor for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the attack. Though formally decommissioned on March 31, 1992, the final "mission" of the Battleship Missouri, BB-63, is to symbolically "protect" the Battleship Arizona, BB-39, and provide a connection from the "day which will live in infamy" to the formal ending of World War II in Tokyo Bay.

## (cont.) Ham Radio and History Meet

The USS Missouri radio room is now operated by the Battleship Missouri Amateur Radio Club. The station is usually on the air between 1900-2200 UTC, operating under the club



call of KH6BB. Typically the station runs a Kenwood TS-450 and a AEA amplifier. They use the ships existing antenna systems for the station. The antenna system uses 1 5/8" hardline, and Woody noted that in typical ham fashion they adapted the modern gear to the hardline using

alligator clips. Woody wrote, "I laughed out loud. In a way, it was

refreshing. I could understand it, and it became very clear that this was still "amateur" radio." Woody also mentioned that he operates CW at a normal speed of



about 22 WPM.

He found sending the call

KH6BB at his usual speed a little bit challenging.

Seems that KH6BB has a lot of dits, especially at that speed! The BMARC promises 100% QSL if you send a SASE. Should you be fortunate enough to visit Pearl Harbor in

person, the club

does make arrangements for visitors to operate the station. You should contact them well ahead of your visit to make arrangements.



Thanks to CQ Magazine for their permission to reference the article in the December 2012 edition. Thanks also to Gary K9ERE for photos & contributions for this article. You can learn more about the USS Missouri on the web site [www.ussmissouri.com](http://www.ussmissouri.com), including a virtual tour of the ship. For more information about the BMARC, visit their site at [www.kh6bb.org](http://www.kh6bb.org).

*Pictures submitted by K9ERE and W9EEU*



## CAARLA After Christmas Christmas Party



On Saturday, January 12, the CAARLA group met at the Saratoga in Terre Haute at 11 AM for our annual "After Christmas Christmas Party" at which we enjoyed good food (we're hams of course) visited and exchanged gifts. What made this gathering extra special was Debbie Shorter walking in the door



with Steve, NT9T who also joined us for the luncheon. (She got sprung from re-hab for the occasion.) She is doing much better but still has more to do so please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Elections were held and the officers for 2013 are: President Kay Brentlinger KW0LF, Vice-president Pam Andrews K9JMA, Secretary/Treasurer Catherine Procarione W9IFE and Ray Andrews K9DUR was re-appointed as Trustee of the club call sign K9CAT.



The outside temperature was 63 degrees -- can we pick a good day or not? Everyone enjoyed the food and the conversation and we hope to do it again next January.

*Submitted by Kay, KW0LF*



# WVARA 2013 Budget

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<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Club Auction	50.00
Half Pot	150.00
Field Day Tee Shirts	500.00 <sup>1</sup>
Education	250.00 <sup>1</sup>
2013/2012 Membership Dues	1,000.00
Hamfest Tickets	1,500.00
Donations / Grants	2,000.00
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,450.00</u></b>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Bandsread Postage	\$90.00 <sup>2</sup>
Brentlinger Diner (Award)	\$80.00
Brentlinger Diner (Food)	\$80.00
Brentlinger Diner (Room Rental)	\$150.00
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
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 (Room Rental)	\$1500.00
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>\$5,450.00</u></b>
 <b><u>Net Gain (loss)</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ ( 0.00)</u></b>

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

2 - Represent cost of mail to approx 20 members

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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](mailto:bandspread@w9uuu.org). Please indicate "For the Bandspread" or something similar in the title of your message or on the envelope.

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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.

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*Please complete this form and include your dues with it. You may return this application in person or mail to:*  
**P.O. Box 10081 Terre Haute, IN 47801**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member ☐

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (mo/day/yr): \_\_\_\_\_ Year first licensed: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of last WVARA membership: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member ☐

ARES Member ☐ QCWA Member ☐ RACES Member ☐

This newsletter will come to you by email 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 money, and 2) in the .pdf version, everything is in color 3) it arrives to you faster

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If you are applying for a family membership, please list the licensed family members (living at home) below 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

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## Yaesu FT-950 Repair Expense

We recently had a failure of a power supply in the club station, which resulted in damage to our Yaesu FT-950. It was decided to return the radio to Yaesu for the necessary repairs. The cost to repair the radio was \$313.19. We will need approval from the membership at the February meeting to disburse the funds for this repair.



## 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

February 9 – Terre Haute

March 9 – Paris

## RYVES VE Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

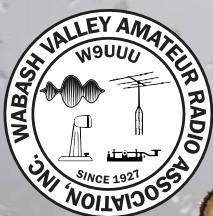
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, 7:00 P.M., Indiana time, Ryves Youth Cntr at Etling Hall.

For further info contact Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, at 812-238-0584 or [wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com](mailto:wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com)

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