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Local Nets

MondayClay Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST145.420/R

MondayClay Co. ARES Digital Net
9:10 pm EST145.420/R

MondaySullivan ARES Net
8:30 pm EST146.775/R

TuesdayVerm./Parke ARES Net
8:00 pm EST146.715/R

TuesdayPutnam Auxcomm Net
9:00 pm EST442.225/R

WednesdayRose Tech Radio Club
9:00 pm EST146.400

ThursdayPutnam Auxcomm Net
8:00 pm EST147.330/R

ThursdayCAARLA Net
9:00 pm EST146.685/R

Fourth Thursday.....District 7 ARES Net
8:30 pm EST145.420/R

SundayWVARA Net
9:00 pm EST146.685/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,
5:30-8:00 p.m. The Club Station is located
on the N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho.
Entrance and parking back of building.

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

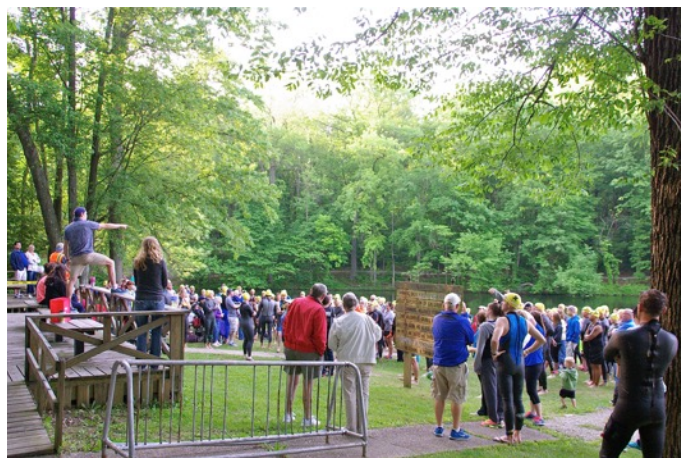
Club Meeting

The topic for this months meeting will be
Field Day Planning. Your input into
making a better Field Day experience is
welcome.

WVARA Supports Annual Thunder In The Valley

On Saturday May 23 volunteers from the WVARA turned out to help support the annual Thunder in the Valley/Terre Haute Triathlon. The WVARA has supported this event by providing communication support on the course as participants swim, bike and run. The event features an 800 meter swim, followed by a 40k bike ride into Clay County, and finishes with a 8k run.

Once again folks stepped up and filled the positions from central Vigo County into Clay County. Gary Wheeler K9ERE headed up the efforts and he would be the first to say thank you to those who took time to help out. We would like to say thank you Gary for the hours you put into making our part of the event a success!!







ARES Appoints New District 7 ADEC

I am pleased to announce that Kevin Berlen K9HX has been appointed as an Assistant District Emergency Coordinator for Indiana District 7 ARES. Kevin has a wealth of knowledge and will be a huge asset to the ARES team in District 7. Kevin will be focusing on training and technical support for the groups across the eight county district. I look forward to working with Kevin in the coming months in this capacity. Congratulations Kevin!!

Gary Adams W9EEU
DEC Indiana District 7



ARRL Field Day Coming Soon To A Location Near You

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

The WVARA will set up operations at the Cory Volunteer Fire Department Community Center located at 500 South Center Street in Cory. Set up operations will begin on Friday in preparation for the FD operating event beginning at 1800 UTC on Saturday. Come on out and enjoy your Field Day.

FCC To Eliminate Vanity Call Sign Fee

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The FCC is eliminating the regulatory fee to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign. The change will not go into effect, however, until required congressional notice has been given. This will take at least 90 days. As the Commission explained in a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, and Order (MD Docket 14-92 and others)*, released May 21, it's a matter of simple economics.

"The Commission spends more resources on processing the regulatory fees and issuing refunds than the amount of the regulatory fee payment," the FCC said. "As our costs now exceed the regulatory fee, we are eliminating this regulatory fee category." The current vanity call sign regulatory fee is \$21.40, the highest in several years. The FCC reported there were 11,500 "payment units" in FY 2014 and estimated that it would collect nearly \$246,100.

The Commission said that after it provides the required congressional notification, Amateur Radio vanity program applicants "will no longer be financially burdened with such payments, and the Commission will no longer incur these administrative costs that exceed the fee payments. The revenue that the Commission would otherwise collect from these regulatory fee categories will be proportionally assessed on other wireless fee categories."

The FCC said it would not issue refunds to licensees who paid the regulatory fee prior to its official elimination.

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2015

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!

NOTICE: All members must submit to a criminal background check as a condition of membership.

The President's Corner

Another Field Day will soon be upon us. We will be setting up our systems on June 25. Operating will begin at 2:00 PM Saturday and end at 2:00PM Sunday. Our station will be located inside the Cory facility. And yes, it is air conditioned. Come out and operate for an hour or more. I am sure that you will have much enjoyment from this experience.

After the June WVARA meeting, we will take a break from our normal schedule. The next meeting will occur in August with our annual picnic. Watch the website for details.

I hope to see you at Field Day!

73 Jerry W9GWC

WVARA Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

Terre Haute, Indiana

2nd Saturday of every month (except July);

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

RYVES VE Testing

(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 Edwards at
812-235-1265 or

jedwards@catholiccharitiesterrehaute.org

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LIFE= Life Membership

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