



THE BANDSPREAD

April 2016



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**WVARA
April Club Meeting**

and

**THNARC
Ham and Bean Dinner**

Joint Event

The Terre Haute North High School Ham & Bean Dinner and the WVARA Club meeting will take place this Friday April 8th. at the Terre Haute North High School. We will start serving beans at 5:00 pm through 7:00 pm, or until they are gone. Also from 5:00 through 7:00 there will be an open house of the K9THN club radio shack.

At 7:00 pm the WVARA club meeting will begin with a presentation of ARRL Club Affiliation to the K9THN High School Radio Club by Joseph Lawrence ARRL Indiana Section Manager.

At 8:00 pm guest speaker Kevin Orpurt, Meteorologist and WTHI channel 10 weather personality, will make a presentation.

There are other events in the high school at the same time so please park and enter on the North side or back side of the high school. Enter the doors nearest the K9THN antenna tower.

We will be dining in the Electronics Lab Room 218. Donations appreciated for the dinner. Come out and celebrate The Terre Haute North Amateur Radio Club's second anniversary with us!



World Amateur Radio Day April 18th

Every April 18, radio amateurs worldwide take to the airwaves in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. It was on that day in 1925 that the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris. More info at <http://www.iau.org/world-amateur-radio-day.html>.

Local Nets

Monday **Clay Co. ARES Net**
9:00 pm EST 145.420/R

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9:10 pm EST 145.420/R

Monday **Sullivan ARES Net**
8:30 pm EST 146.775/R

Tuesday **Vermilion/Parke ARES Net**
8:00 pm EST 146.715/R

Tuesday **Putnam Auxcomm Net**
9:00 pm EST 442.225/R

Wednesday **Rose Tech Radio Club**
9:00 pm EST 146.400

Thursday **Putnam Auxcomm Net**
8:00 pm EST 147.330/R

Thursday **CAARLA Net**
9:00 pm EST 146.685/R

Fourth Thursday **District 7 ARES Net**
8:30 pm EST 145.420/R

First Sunday **Vigo County ARES Net**
8:30 pm EST 146.685/R

Sunday **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 simplex.

Regular Events

Thursday: The **Club Station** is open, 5:30-8:00 pm every Thursday. The Club Station is located on the N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho. Entrance and parking is in 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

April Club Meeting Rescheduled

The April Club Meeting will be held on April 8th in conjunction with the THNARC Ham and Bean Dinner.

Brentlinger Award Dinner
April 16, 2016
MCL Cafeteria
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

TERRE HAUTE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB K9THN

The final trimester of the 2015 - 2016 school year began in early March, and the students at THNHS have been busy upgrading their station. Internet connections were installed in the shack to allow access to amateur radio websites for satellite tracking, dx spotting, logbook of the world, etc.



The base of the Rohn tower outside the school was cleaned up and painted, and the station call sign was painted on it.

Preparations are now underway for the ham and bean dinner that will be held at the school on Friday, April 8th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The ARRL Indiana Section

Manager, Joseph Lawrence (K9RFZ), will be there to officially recognize K9THN as an ARRL affiliated society.

The WVARA club meeting for April will be held at the school that evening and Kevin Orpurt from WTHI will be the guest speaker. We hope to see you all at this special celebration.

March Weather Spotter Class



Steve Hardin, WB9WVG (right) introduces the presenter, Dave Tucek, KC9CNF, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service, Indianapolis.

-photo courtesy of K9ERE

TREASURER'S REPORT



Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc Treasurer's Report – March 2016

Account Balances as of 03/31/2016	
Checking	\$1,466.64
Savings	\$5,576.45
TOTAL	\$7,043.09
Property Loan	\$3,492.52

Income & Expenses	
INCOME	
Donations	\$25.00
Hamfest – Food Sales	\$206.50
Hamfest – Ticket Sales	\$1,001.00
Half-Pot (February Meeting)	\$26.00
Membership Dues	\$40.00
Savings Account Interest Earned	\$0.40
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,298.50
EXPENSES	
Hamfest Expenses (Food & Supplies)	\$146.02
Hamfest Expenses (Rent & Damage Deposit)	\$360.00
Property Loan Payment	\$74.18
VE Expenses – Printer Ink	\$111.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$692.15
OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE	\$606.35
TRANSFERS	
From Checking to Cash (Hamfest Start Change)	\$800.00
From Cash (Hamfest Start Change) to Checking	\$800.00
From Checking to Savings	\$3,000.00

INVENTORY LIST DELAYED

The **WVARA Bylaws** prescribe the publishing of a list of all of the Association's equipment in the April Bandspread. However, a bout of pneumonia and training on a new job prevented your editor from getting this information compiled. I promise to get this list published in the May issue.

-editor



GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of the WVARA was called March 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm by Gerry Cockrell W9GWC.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Leroy Sedgewick

Introductions were made

We had 2 new licensees Gary Winters KD9FLR General, and Joesph Tarrent KD9QLF Technician

Announcements

No QWCA meeting this month

No CAARLA meeting this month

The club station is open each Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to visit and work the radios.

The next meeting of the WVARA is April 8 th at North High School. With a Ham and bean dinner at 5:00pm and the general meeting at 7:00 with guest speaker Kevin Orpurt from WTHI as guest speaker

We had 3 people test.

The Extra class is ongoing on Tuesday evenings.

Secretary's Report in the Bandspread and on the webpage

Treasurer's report presented by Ray Andrews K9DUR and 2nd by Ken Hauptli W9VDK

Old Business

We had 15 people signup for the 1st ham class which is a full class and it was very well done.

Our Hamfest will be held on March 12 at the Clay County Fairgrounds. The Dugger Hamfest will be on March 27 in Dugger IN.

New Business

We also discussed the 2016 field Day in June. It was decided to hold this year's Field Day again in Cory IN.

The Vigo Co ARES Net will be the 1st Sunday of the month on 146.685

The program was NVIS antennas by Ray Andrews

The meeting ended at 8:00 pm

Board Meeting

The business meeting of the WVARA was called to order March 4,2016 at 8:30pm by Gerry Cockrell W9GWC. Members in attendance were Gerry Cockrell President W9GWC, Kevin Berlin K9HX Vice President, Mike StClair Secretary N1WVU, Ray Andrews Treasurer K9DUR, and Chuck Procarione Past President W9COD.

Announcements

Secretary's report in Bandspread and on the Website

Treasurer's Report Ray K9DUR 2nd by Chuck W9COD

Old Business

We have liability Insurance

New Business

The April meeting has been moved to April 8th at North High School with a Ham and Bean dinner to start at 5:00 with the meeting starting at 7:00 with Kevin Orpurt of WTHI as guest speaker.

We have not moved any further on the MOP

A discussion about the March Hamfest was discussed and will be held on March 12, 2016 at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Chuck will be the chairman and Terre Haute North students will handle the concessions

We also discussed the 2016 Field Day in June. It was decided to hold this year's Field Day again in Cory, IN. Kevin Berlin K9HX volunteered to be the Field Day Chairman

The meeting ended at 10:45 pm

-Mike StClair, N1WVU

2016 WVARA Spring Hamfest Pics

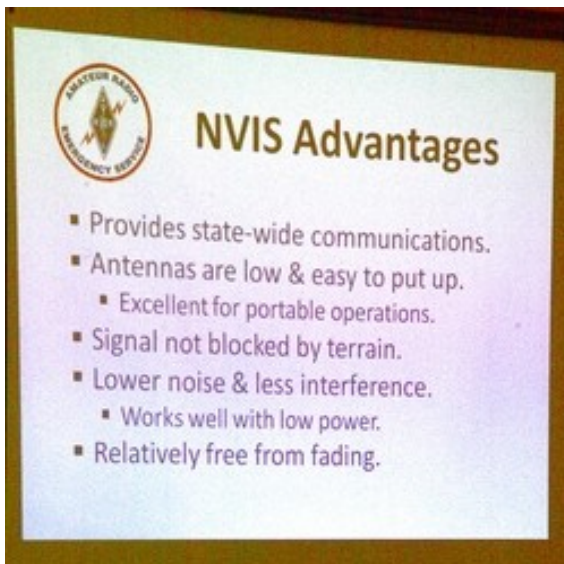


-photos courtesy of K9ERE

... more Hamfest



March 2016 Club Meeting Pics



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Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association

BRENTLINGER AWARD DINNER

April 16, 2016

**MCL Cafeteria
Meadows Center
Terre Haute, Indiana
(Go through the line on your own)**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Russia - The People and Ham Radio

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2016

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 _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone () _____ - _____ E-mail address _____

Date of Birth (Mo/Dy/Yr) ____/____/____ Year first licensed _____ Year of last WVARA membership _____

New Member? [] ARRL 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?[]

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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

We look forward to another exciting month of WVARA activities including the regular club meeting and our annual Brentlinger Award dinner. Along with the warmer weather and life budding all around us, April signals another busy time ahead with Field Day in late June. That is a weekend where we can let it all out and operate for 24 hours for the pure fun of it. Field Day is a time where we can enjoy the company of our fellow Hams locally and around the country. Plan to participate in this worthwhile and enjoyable operating activity.

Now back to April. Our regular meeting will happen on April 8, 2016 at Terre Haute North Vigo High School. The home of K9THN will be holding a ham and bean dinner at the club station. Two special guests will be there including Joseph Lawrence K9RFZ, our Section Coordinator and Kevin Orpurt, Meteorologist for WTHI TV. Come out and have some great ham and beans and support your club.

The annual Brentlinger Award dinner will be on Saturday, April 16, 2016 starting at 6:00 PM. Location will be the back room at MCL Cafeteria. MCL is located in the Meadows Shopping Center on the East side of Terre Haute. You should plan to go through the serving line for your meal. The presentation will be about the people and Ham Radio in Russia.

We will see you all soon.

Gcockrell12@msn.com

812-243-9828

73 Jerry W9GWC

WVARA VE 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: 812-236-6522

Terre Haute Radio Club VE Testing

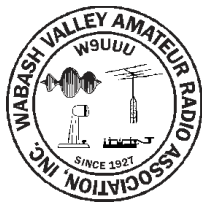
(Walk-ins Welcome)

Terre Haute, Indiana
2nd Thursday of every month
7:00 P.M., Indiana time
Storage Solutions South
5457 South State Road 63
(just south of the prison)

For further info contact Ginger Monastyrski,
WB9ZHC at 812-243-9052 or WB9ZHC@ma.rr.com

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2016 = year; NL= Newsletter only
COMP= Complimentary Membership,
LIFE= Life Membership

If there is no symbol showing on your mailing label, this is a one-time complimentary copy of The Bandspread. If so, we invite you to fill out the enclosed membership form to join the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association.