



THE BANDSPREAD

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Local Nets

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

Monday **Clay Co. ARES Digital Net**
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

WVARA Christmas Party
December 17, 2016

WINTER FIELD DAY
January 28-29, 2017

**Ham Radio
New Operator Camp**
February 4, 2017

WVARA DECEMBER CLUB MEETING

Friday, December 2nd, at 7:00pm EDT

Election of Officers

Program: 3YØX

Location:

Glas-Col Annex

(Old Idaho Post Office Building)

1715 South 8th Street

Terre Haute, IN

WVARA CHRISTMAS PARTY



Saturday, December 17th, 6:00 pm EST

Bring side dish and/or dessert -- meat & drinks provided by club.

Bring a \$5 gift for "Dirty Santa" exchange

Location:

St Margaret-Mary Catholic Church
S 7th St & Vorhees St
Terre Haute, IN

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

2016-11-04



President Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on November 4, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Kevin Berlen, K9HX.

Roll Call / Introductions were made with recognition of new Tech Teri Evans, KD9HEQ.

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, Terre Haute. Entrance and parking on east side of building.

North Vigo High School Radio Club – The Club recently participated in the School Club Round Up; working 4 nights of 4 hours and made around 90 contacts. SDR radio is being introduced to the club with a donation of a receiver by Dick Wood, N9TH. Jay Sotak, AB9CG, is lending a hand with the club. The club's QRZ site (K9THN) has been updated.

VE Report – Both students in the Tech class passed their exams. The General upgrade class starts next Tuesday (11/08).

Correction to October Minutes - The previous month's minutes should have listed the dates for the Ft. Wayne Hamfest as November 12th & 13th. October minutes were approved with this correction.

Treasurer's Report for October 2016 was presented and approved.

Vigo County ARES Net – 1st Sunday monthly, 8:30 PM on 146.685 Repeater. ARES reported a successful response to the October Simulated Emergency Test.

Nominating Committee - The committee is ready to present a slate of candidates for the election of officers at the December meeting:

President: Kevin Berlen, K9HX

Vice President: Jay Sotak, AB9CG

Secretary: LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF

Treasurer: Ray Andrews, K9DUR

Trustee: Gary Adams, W9EEU

Christmas Party – WVARA Christmas Party to be held December 17th, 6:00 PM at St. Margaret-Mary Catholic Church. The evening will include a “Dirty Santa “ gift exchange after a covered-dish carry-in meal.

Turkey Fest - A problem with the building reservation was discovered with our advertised site. The Board will try to determine an alternative location.

Comm Trailer - The membership voted to approve a non budgeted expenditure for batteries for use in the Communications Trailer in the amount of \$171.18.

SDR Radio Proposal - Dick Wood, N9TH, presented a proposal to fund a purchase of an SDR radio for the Rose Hulman Radio Club. HRO is currently offering a receiver for \$124 with free shipping. After some discussion the membership decided to wait until after the first of the year in order to consider the expense as an item in next year's budget.

DMR Repeater - Kevin, K9HX, reported on the status of the DMR repeater.

Winter Field Day - Several members expressed interest in participating in the 2017 Winter Field Day on January 28th and 29th. Don, K9DRP is securing reservations of a shelter at Mill Creek Park in Marshall, IL. Further discussion will continue on the club list server.

WVARA membership and inventory lists have been updated and are available on the club web site.

Following the break the membership enjoyed a presentation on antennae was provided by Steve Farrington, K9TA.

The meeting was adjourned with 27 in attendance at 8:20 PM.

Acting in lieu of the Secretary, Don Pine, K9DRP.



NOVEMBER MINUTES

WVARA NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

Date: 11/04/2016 **Location:** Glas-Col Annex

Called to Order: 8:25 PM

In attendance:

President – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC
Vice-President – Kevin Berlen, K9HX
Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR
Past President- Chuck Procarione, W9COD
Trustee – Gary Adams, W9EEU
David Littlejohn, N9FMD
Gary Wheeler, K9ERE
Jay Sotak, AB9CG
Don Pine, K9DRP

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October 2016 Board Meeting were approved with corrections to the Ft. Wayne Hamfest date.

Treasurer's Report: October 2016 Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. Dues paid can be checked with the membership list on the club web site.

Turkey Fest: Discussion of a change of venue to the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds found the cost to be prohibitive, although that Saturday is available. After lengthy discussion a decision was made to cancel the Turkey Fest for this year. The membership will be notified via the club list server.

Christmas Party: Discussion of final arrangements for the Christmas Party to be held December 17th, 6:00 PM at St. Margaret-Mary Catholic Church. The evening will include a "Dirty Santa " gift exchange (with a \$5 limit) after a covered-dish carry-in meal.

Ham Radio New Operator Camp: scheduled for February 4th, 2017.

Loan of Equipment: Discussion to move forward with the loan of HF equipment to a young ham in need found it necessary to locate a power supply for the radio. Kevin, K9HX agreed to provide a power supply for the radio if we don't locate one for it. Jerry, W9GWC will draw up a loan agreement for the equipment.

Web Site Host: Ray, K9DUR reported that the move of the Club Web site to the new host was progressing nicely.

Adjournment: 8:45 PM

Acting in lieu of the Secretary, Don Pine, K9DRP.

**WVARA
HF RAG CHEW NET**
Saturday Nights
8:00 PM EST
3.725 MHz (+/-3)

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Sunday Night Net Manager: John VanSandt – N9YRX

Election of Officers

The WVARA will elect new officers for 2017 at the December General Meeting. The nominating committee (as per WVARA bylaws) presents the following individuals whom have agreed to serve if elected:

President: Kevin Berlen, K9HX
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Nominations may also be made from the floor from those attending and voting in the election. To be eligible for nomination as an officer, the nominee must have attended, as a full member, a minimum of four of the six club meetings immediately prior to the election.

-Jay, AB9CG

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2017

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

December is a special month of the year for our club. We will begin with our regular meeting on December 2nd with a presentation on 3Y0X. Come as see what this is all about.

We will have our annual Christmas party on December 17, 2016. Details can be found in this newsletter and on the website. This is an opportunity for our members and others to gather and celebrate the season. The much anticipated "Dirty Santa" will be a highlight of the evening. Bring a wrapped gift of \$5.00 or less. Prepare for lots of fun.

December marks the final month that I will serve as your president. I have enjoyed this opportunity for the past two years to serve the membership of this amazing organization. I will continue to be active in the future. A special thanks to those who served as club officers with me including: AC9NF, K9DUR, K9HX, W9COD, NT9T, N1WVU, W9EEU, AC9AZ, and K9ZCE.

Merry Christmas!

73 Jerry W9GWC

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WVARA VE Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

Terre Haute, Indiana
2nd Saturday of every month (except March)
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

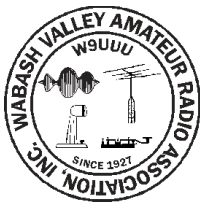
(Walk-ins Welcome)

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@yahoo.com

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COMP= Complimentary Membership,
LIFE= Life Membership

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