



THE BANDSPREAD

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Several folks braved the forecast of icy roads on December 17th to attend the **2016 WVARA CHRISTMAS PARTY** at St Margaret-Mary Catholic Church. Rumor has it that a good time was had by all.

WVARA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2017

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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

February Club Meeting

The program for the February 3rd Club Meeting will be on
THE BUDGET.

WINTER FIELD DAY

January 28-29, 2017

**HAM RADIO
NEW OPERATOR CAMP**
February 4, 2017

**WVARA
SPRING HAMFEST**
March 11, 2017

JUNE FIELD DAY 2017 PREP IN NOVEMBER???

It probably seems like a long time until Field Day 2017 arrives but with our busy schedules these days, it will likely be out-of-mind until it's suddenly upon us once again.

Those of you out there who volunteer, year after year, to deal with the tasks of setup may remember that most of the coax that feeds the 'antenna farm' is stored on two spools that are kept in the storage trailer. When it comes time to use it again, filled with enthusiasm, we simply roll it off, in whatever condition it happens to be, and hope for the best.

Then late Sunday morning when it comes time to take it all down, with much less excitement but an abundance of haste, we pack it all up and throw it back into the storage trailer to wait, in whatever condition, until the forth full weekend of next June.

With this fact in mind, one might recall that we had some significant problems with the coax last summer. So Kevin, Dave and I decided we would keep the coax out and analyze every foot of it in order to catch the problems before it becomes time to reconstruct the next antenna farm.

So we kept the spools. In November we finally got together and rolled out all the separate runs of coax (it's amazing just how much coax there really is)! Kevin found numerous problems with the grounding braids where they attached (or didn't) to the coax connectors. He spent an afternoon replacing many of the affected connectors with new ones or working on those that could be repaired.



By late winter we hope to have them all inspected, checked and re-wound on the spools.

So, if you know of any chronic problems with any of the Field Day equipment, either belonging to you or to the Club, maybe this winter, in a basement, heated garage, or whatever, would be a good time to address these problems so that the next setup will go forward smoothly and we'll make those hard-to-get contacts thanks to equipment that works!

For Kevin, K9HX and Dave, N9FMD, this is Gary, K9ERE

TREASURER'S REPORT



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

Account Balances as of 12/31/2016

Checking	\$1,111.40
Savings	\$4,078.80
TOTAL	\$5,190.20
Property Loan	\$2,955.93

Income & Expenses

INCOME

Donations	\$100.00
Half-Pot	\$16.50
Interest Earned	\$0.68
Membership Dues	\$185.00
Website & E-Mail List (Refund)	\$84.44
TOTAL INCOME	\$386.62

EXPENSES

Background Checks	\$90.00
Property Loan Payment	\$74.18
PO Box Fee	\$60.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$224.18

OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE **\$162.44**

2017 HAMCAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The WVARA Ham Radio New Operator Camp (HamCamp) is a one-day workshop (Saturday, February 4th) that provides the newly-licensed operator practical instruction in basic electronic measurements, setting up an amateur radio station, building & erecting antennas, making contacts, and other aspects of amateur radio. Each student will make at least one VHF contact and at least one HF contact during the workshop.

HamCamp is limited to a total of 15 participants and pre-registration is required. The workshop fee is \$10 and includes lunch. Email Jerry, W9GWC at Gcockrell12@msn.com for more information or registration.



GENERAL MEETING

**Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association
December Club Meeting
2016-12-02**

President Jerry Cockrell (W9GWC) called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm EST.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Berlin (K9HX).

Roll Call/Introductions – There were 31 sign-ins. One new member (Gary Faulkner, KD9HEP) was in attendance.

The Club Station is open, 5:30-8:00 pm EST every Thursday. The Club Station is located on the N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho. Entrance and parking is in back of building. A new contact location off the East coast of Spain was made this past Thursday.

North Vigo High School Radio Club – The development of an after school club meeting time is being considered.

VE Report – A testing session is scheduled for 9:30 am EST, Saturday, December 10 @ Glas-Col Annex.

Education Report – Three in the current General class.

CAARLA – An after Christmas party is schedule for 11:00 am EST , Saturday, January 14 @ the Saratoga Restaurant. Please bring a White Elephant gift for exchange.

Vigo County ARES Net – 1st Sunday monthly, 8:30 pm EST on 146.685 Repeater.

Secretary's Report for November 2016 WVARA Meeting – Minutes are posted on the WVARA website. Thanks to Don Pine (K9DRP) for taking minutes for our November club meeting and Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report for November 2016 – Presented/Approved – Dues are continuing to be accepted.

Election of 2017 Officers – The slate of officers (President – Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Vice-President – Jay Sotak, AB9CG; Secretary – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF; Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR; Trustee – Gary Adams, W9EEU) was presented. Two motions were made. One to suspend the bylaw requiring a secret ballot and the other for the unanimous acceptance of the slate of officers. Both motions were approved. President Jerry Cockrell presented certificates to those who had served in elected positions.

Christmas Party – Saturday, December 17, 6:00 pm EST. Bring a side dish and/or dessert. Bring a \$5 gift for “Dirty Santa” exchange. Location: St. Margaret-Mary Catholic Church, Terre Haute.

Winter Field Day – January 28-29, 2017

WVARA HF Rag Chew Net – Saturday Nights, 8:00 pm EST, 3.725 (+/-3)

New Ham Operator Camp – February 4, 2017; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm EST. Brochures at next month's meeting.

SkyWarn Net – From 00:00 UTC tonight until 23:59 UTC tomorrow.

WVARA Website has been moved to a new hosting service.

50/50 Drawing – Winner: Steve Farrington, K9TA

Program – A video of a Dxpedition in 2006 to Peter I Island off Antarctica was presented by Ray Andrews (K9DUR).

WVARA Board Meeting to follow this meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Adjourned – 8:40 pm EST.

Next Meeting – January 6th

LeRoy, AC9NF

WVARA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2016-12-0

Location: Glas-Col Annex

Called to Order: 8:55 pm EST

In Attendance:

President – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC
Secretary – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF
Trustee – Gary Adams, W9EEU
David Littlejohn, N9FMD
Jay Sotak, AB9CG

Vice-President – Kevin Berlen, K9HX
Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR
Past President – Chuck Procarione, W9COD
Don Pine, K9DRP
Gary Wheeler, K9ERE

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the 2016-10-07 Board Meeting are available on the WVARA website.

Treasurers Report: November 2016 Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Rose-Hulman Club – They have a High Altitude Balloon Project scheduled. A possibility of extending some support to them if they become involved with us.

New Ham Camp – Discussion about our need to get the info for promotion on Facebook, etc.

Winter Field Day – January 28-29, 2017.

Website Hosting – Repeat of the information given in the general meeting plus discussion about the lack of ability to send attachments with emails.

Passing of the Gavel – President Jerry Cockrell (W9GWC) passed the gavel to President Kevin Berlen (K9HX).



-photo courtesy of K9ERE

WVARA Promotion – Dave Littlejohn (N9FMD) began discussion about many hams we don't see at our meetings. What can we do? Discussion of various promotion methods: mailings, places to setup the communications trailer, Mayor's Proclamation, etc.

Background Check – A motion to suspend doing a background check for Joseph Tarrant (KD9FLQ). Discussion. Motion approved.

2017 Budget – Ray Andrews (K9DUR) plans to have a preliminary budget for the next Board meeting. Board members are to email him any items they wish included in the budget.

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WVARA BOARD MEETING

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Club Property – Discussion about fill dirt that has been placed at the property. Additional discussion about focusing on the actual utilization of the property. Various ideas presented. Questions and discussion on zoning and permit requirements.

Christmas Party – General discussion including cooking needs.

Club Leadership – Discussion about the need for broadening the leadership base.

Audit Committee – The Audit Committee was formed. Don Pine (K9DRP) and Dave Littlejohn (N9FMD) will serve on the committee. Their responsibilities will begin following the closing of the December financial books.

Brentlinger Award – We need an announcement on the WVARA website about the Brentlinger Award and the associated deadlines.

Adjournment: 9:31 pm EST

-LeRoy, AC9NF

WINTER FIELD DAY



This is the cabin at our Winter Field Day site. We're in the lower level.

DIRECTIONS

From the intersection of US Rte 40 and IL Rte 1 at Marshall, Illinois:

- 1) Go West 3.5 miles to **Spiketown Road**
- 2) Turn North (right) on Spiketown Road and go 0.6 mile to "T" with **1400 St**
- 3) Turn North (right) on 1400 St and go 0.2 mile (cross RR tracks) to **1600 Rd**
(1400 St curves West (left) into 1600 Rd just after you cross RR)
- 4) Go West on 1600 Rd 1.1 miles to **1300 St**
- 5) Turn North (right) on 1300 St and go 1.2 miles (across I-70) to **Hammer Rd**
- 6) Turn West (left) on Hammer Rd and go 2.2 miles to the cabin (on your left).

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Gary, KD9HEP, gets his picture taken for his new membership credential.

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

Welcome to the January 2017 Bandspread. The Christmas season has just finished up, and I hope that Santa brought you all of the new radio gear you asked for.

2017 looks to be another great year for our organization. Jay, AB9CG has some great ideas for interesting programs for our club meetings, and we look to do some additional operating events, including Winter Field Day in the last weekend of January. Please get in touch with Jay if you have a suggestion for a program that you would like to see.

2017 Brentlinger Award nominations are being accepted through January 15th. Nominees need not be WVARA members. Please place your nomination in a sealed envelope and present it to one of our Board members, mail it to the Club PO box, or to my home address:

Kevin Berlen K9HX
308 W 4th St
Clay City, IN 47841

Jay has scheduled our Annual Junque Auction for the January meeting. Please bring your equipment and stuff you no longer want or need and see it go home with someone else. The Club will take a 10% commission.

Please remember that this is your club. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please let us know so they can be addressed.

I hope that each of you can attend the January meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

73,

Kevin, K9HX

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

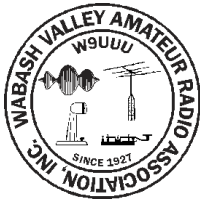
(Walk-ins Welcome)

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@yahoo.com

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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.