



The BANDSPREAD

January 2018



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The Presidents Corner

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, whether it was a celebration of Christ's birth among your immediate family with activities at home or church or an exuberant celebration of Santa Claus with parents, brothers, sisters, children, grand-children and maybe great-grand-children with lots of toys and wrapping paper strewn around the living room.

I am honored to be your President for 2018 and I will do everything I can to lead our club effectively and efficiently. We have great officers in Steve Farrington, Vice-President; Ray Andrews, Treasurer & Web Master; and LeRoy Sedgwick, Secretary; with our Trustee, Jay Sotak, backed up by our Past-Presidents Kevin Berlen and Jerry Cockrell.

Our club is extremely fortunate to have two extremely multitalented men as Chairmen of Education, Ray Andrews, and Equipment Maintenance and RFI, Kevin Berlen. Both of these men have broad and deep understanding of electronics, ham radio and our Club's operation and both have held committee and officer positions for many years. Additionally, this year Chuck Procarione has graciously agreed to be our Public Information Officer, a position no organization should be without. Thank you Chuck, get the good word out.

We are searching for Chairpersons for Winter Field Day, Field Day and Hamfest. I hope everyone will consider **volunteering for a Chair position or as a "sub-Chair"**. Each of our Club events have three or more elements such as location, food, power, set-up and tear-down. When an event, like any job, is broken down to its smaller parts the job is easier for everyone and everyone has more fun.

Be on the outlook for the ham, whether a member of WVARA or not, who you think epitomizes a great ham and a great person. Then write down the qualities you think makes this **person great, seal it in an envelope marked "Brentlinger Award"** and mail it to the Club at PO Box 10081, Terre Haute, Indiana, 47801-0081, or give it to one of our Board members. Your nominations must be in by January 15, 2018.

Our next event is Winter Field Day the weekend of January 23-24, 2018. I was there last year and had a blast - except that I gave up my radio position to Chuck Procarione so I could get some sleep and his first contact was McMurdo Station, Antarctica! I liked this event a lot because it was a smaller group of people working together, sharing their setup problems and solutions, joking around and just having fun making contacts. We need a Chairman soon. I would like one of the participants from last January to be Chairman for next January.

That's followed by Ham Camp on February 3rd where new and older hams who haven't been on the air get the opportunity to ask questions of and learn from the "old dogs". In addition they learn how to set up a station and get on the air.

And then our **Big One**. We're having our 90th Anniversary all year, but February 10-11 and 17-18 we'll be celebrating at the Children's Museum of Terre Haute, 725 Wabash Ave., with special event call W9U and demonstrations of ham radio to the children and their parents and grandparents. We'll have displays, VHF and HF on-air operations and, hopefully, some simple Maker projects. We also have unlimited access to their theater for related videos. We have an excellent location on the first floor with easy routing of coax to our antenna farm and high visibility in a high traffic area. We are asking the Rose Hulman students to demonstrate their balloon project and Terre Haute North Ham Radio Club to also demonstrate.

I have a scheduling conflict January 4th, the day of our next Club meeting, and will have to miss my first meeting as **President**. I'm sorry but it can't be helped. That day I will be joining a surprise party with my sister and her family and friends to celebrate her Eighty-Fifth Birthday. She thinks the party is for her third son who was born the same day 29 years later.

Happy New Year everyone and
73

Joe KC9JAC

An Amateur Radio Demo at Rose Poly Institute, 1935

Ann Mitchell (W9RBF) discovered this very interesting photo



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January Meeting
January 5, 2018
7:00 PM
Glas-Col Annex

Topic: FT-8
K9TA Steve Farrington

TurkeyFest 2017

November 25, 2017 marked the WVARA's second Fall HamFest known as TurkeyFest. We had a successful event with over 90 attendees. The club is planning for the Spring HamFest in March and the 2018 TurkeyFest. Some shots from the event are shown below.



WVARA December Meeting

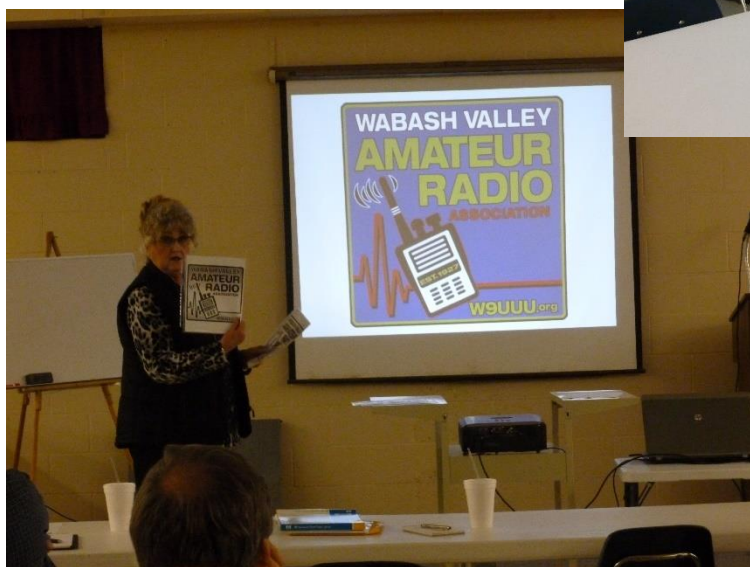
December 1, 2017

Your 2018 club officers

PRESIDENT: Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC
VICE PRESIDENT: Steve Farrington, K9TA
SECRETARY: Owen Leroy Sedgwick Jr., AC9NF
TREASURER: Ray Andrews, K9DUR
TRUSTEE: Jay Sotak, AB9CG
IMMEDIATE PAST PRES: Kevin Berlen, K9HX
PAST PRESIDENT: Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC



1Kevin K9HX passing the gavel to Joe KC9JAC



2Melanie JC9JMC Designed the new club logo.

**WVARA Christmas Party
December 9, 2017
Valley Grill in Terre Haute**





Thanks to Jesse Wilson (KC9ZXO), Little Buddy, and Grandpa for the delightful entertainment.

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc 2017 TurkeyFest Financial Report			
Income & Expenses		Income & Expenses	
Hamfest		Food Sales	
INCOME		INCOME	
Ticket Sales	\$651.00	Food Sales	\$133.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$651.00	TOTAL INCOME	\$133.50
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
Fairgrounds Rental	\$250.00	Food & Supplies (Sam's Club)	\$64.66
Fairgrounds Booking Fee	\$10.00	Food & Supplies (GFS)	\$33.68
Door Prizes	\$64.04	Food (Save-a-Lot)	\$9.85
Supplies – Wristbands	\$19.23	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$108.19
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$343.27	OVERALL PROFIT/LOSS	\$25.31
OVERALL PROFIT/LOSS	\$307.73		

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January 5, 2018
7:00 PM
Glas-Col Annex**

**Topic: FT-8
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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.

Bulletin Board

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

Ham Camp

for new amateurs

February 3, 2018 at Glas-Col

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Program

9:00 AM to 9:50 AM Basic electrical measurements for the Ham. Lab experience session

10:00 AM to 10:50 AM Setting up a VHF/UHF station in your shack or in your car

11:00 AM to 11:15 AM Break

11:15 AM to 12:00 PM VHF/UHF operating. Each student will make at least one contact

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM to 1:50 PM Building, erecting, and testing an HF antenna K9HX

2:00 PM to 2:50 PM Constructing your HF station

3:00 PM to 3:15 PM Break

3:15 PM to 4:00 PM Working DX and participating in contests

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Working the bands experiences

Registration

Cost for the session is \$10.00 per person This fee includes all materials, breaks, and lunch.

Please register by January 31, 2018

Class size is limited to 15, so please register early to save your seat.

Register on-line at:

<http://w9uuu.org>

**Wabash Valley Amateur Radio
Association
2017-12-01 Club Meeting Minutes**

President Kevin Berlen (K9HX) called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm Indiana time.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kevin Berlen (K9HX).

Roll Call/Introductions – There were 20 sign-ins.

WVARA Board Meeting – The meeting will be follow the WVARA Club Meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Christmas Dinner – December 9, 6:00 pm (Indiana time), Valley Grill (Terre Haute).

New hams were introduced.

New Ham Camp – The 3rd Annual New Ham Camp is scheduled for February 3, 2018.

WVARA Special Event – A Special Event call sign, W9U, has been issued for commemorating WVARA's 90 years of existence. The event will be February 4-17, 2018. We will be at the Terre Haute Children's Museum February 10, 11, & 17, 2018.

Vigo County ARES – Net is the 1st Sunday monthly, 8:30 pm EDT on 146.685 Repeater. Please check in.

Gift Certificate – David Littlejohn (N9FMD).

Secretary's Report – November minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report – November report presented and approved.

VE Report – Testing is scheduled here at the Glas-Col Annex for Saturday, December 9, 9:30 am (Indiana time).

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

Old Business

TurkeyFest Report – President Kevin Berlen (K9HX) – 93 through the door; radio spots; newspaper article; spectacular venue; \$50 donation from a donor; motion presented and approved to donate \$50 to Terre Haute North Radio Club (K9THN).

New Business

2018 Officers Slate presented. (President, Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC; Vice-President, Steve Farrington, K9TA; Secretary,

LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF; Treasurer, Ray Andrews, K9DUR; Trustee, Gary Adams, W9EEU; Immediate Past President, Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Past President, Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC). Moved, seconded and approved that nominations be closed. Motion presented to suspend the by-laws and elect by acclamation. Seconded and approved.

New WVARA logo possibilities designed by Melanie Cloutier (KC9JMC) were presented. Moved and seconded to adopt color and black & white logo designs. It was voted to approve following discussion.

Gary Faulkner (KD9HEP) thanks those who helped put up his antenna (Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC; Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC; Chuck Procarione, W9COD).

Brentlinger Award nominations are due. Submit in a sealed envelope with justifications for the nomination.

Adjourned – 8:00 pm Indiana time.

Next Meeting – January 5, 2018 @ Glas-Col Annex. 7:00 pm Indiana time.

WVARA Executive Board Meeting December 1, 2017 – Minutes

Date: 2017-12-01

Location: Glas-Col Annex

Called to Order: 8:10 pm Indiana Time by WVARA President, Kevin Berlen (K9HX)

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 2017 Board Meeting in Bandspread.

Treasurers Report: November 2017 Treasurer's Report in Bandspread.

Announcements: None

Old Business:

- **TurkeyFest 2017:** Successful event.
- **90th Anniversary Club Event** – Meeting will be held with Terre Haute Children's Museum representative Renee Henry.

Gavel passed to new WVARA President Joe Cloutier (KC9JAC).

New Business:

- 2018 Hamfest, March 10, 2018. Same venue.
- Multiple year dates (same time period). 5 years.
- Dues increase discussion.
- WVARA flyer
- Ray Andrews (K9DUR) mentioned needing an Audit Committee.
- President's Message to be submitted by December 25, 2017 for the Bandspread.
- Winter Field Day discussion.
- 2018 Field Day location discussion.
- Moving trailer discussion.

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc
Treasurer's Report – November 2017

Account Balances as of 11/30/2017

Checking	\$1,168.93
Savings	\$6,981.17
PayPal	\$61.35
TOTAL	\$8,150.10
 Property Loan	 \$2,269.48

Income & Expenses

INCOME

Donations	\$75.00
Education (General Class Fees)	\$150.00
Half-Pot	\$15.00
Membership Dues	\$185.00
TurkeyFest Food Sales	\$133.50
TurkeyFest Gate Receipts	\$651.00
Sale of Surplus Equipment	\$132.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,342.00

EXPENSES

Background Checks	\$30.00
Education (General Class Textbooks)	\$123.55
PayPal Received Funds Fee	\$1.40
Property Loan Payment	\$74.18
TurkeyFest Food & Supplies	\$191.46
TurkeyFest Property Rental & Booking Fee	\$260.00
Website & E-Mail List (Web Hosting Fee)	\$59.40
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$739.99
 OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE	 \$602.01