



# The BANDSPREAD

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## The President's Corner

Did everyone decode my secret message in my January's President's Corner? No? Well neither did I. It just goes to show there is still *Magic* in the machines. I seem to be experiencing a lot of magic recently. The 2 meter/HF radio in my car decided that I needed to hear whatever was on the HF, at full volume, whenever I keyed the 2-meter radio. I have sent it back to the magician who built it for correction. My trusty 13-year-old Mac has decided it's done enough for me. I'm in the long process of moving its magic to a new machine.

The spell of cold weather brings its own magic in the form of ice. I experienced a few concrete pops in my walkway and a frozen water pipe. My driver's side car window refused to budge until it warmed up. I wonder what else water got into and then froze and expanded, such as my outdoor UHF connections. I'll be out checking when the temperature warms up. I hope you all escaped any trouble due to the severe weather.

The weather is warming and if you've had cabin fever then the weekend of January 27/28 with temperatures in the high 40's and mid-50's will be your chance to get out and OPERATE - at Mill Creek Park during the Winter Field Day. The location is perfect with a cozy cabin with all amenities and a large grassy area to erect antennas. Don Pine, K9DRP, is heading up the fun for the second year. Last year there were from 5 to 8 hams during the day. We weren't able to keep the radios busy all during the night because some people had to leave and the rest of us were too tired. This year it would be great to have three or four people who could come just before dark and work the night shift. As a reward you'll be treated to an excellent hot breakfast of pancakes, eggs and bacon with orange juice and coffee. Setup begins at 0800 Saturday, operating begins at 1400 and runs until 1400 Sunday.

This year is our 90th Anniversary and the weekends of February 10th and 17th we'll be operating a Special Event station from the Terre Haute Children's Museum at 8th and Wabash. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce ham radio and the WVARA to children and their parents. The Museum does a wonderful job stimulating the natural curiosity of our children and we can be a part of that. We will be operating from the Museum, but our most important job will be to meet the children and their parents and talk with them about what amateur radio is about. To the children we describe the magic, to their parents and grandparents we describe the function and capabilities of amateur radio and the benefits and fun they can enjoy by becoming hams. We need to get our youngest hams to come and meet with the children and we need ALL our adults to come and greet the parents. Kevin Berlen, K9HX, is the Chairman of our Special Event at the Museum. Please contact Kevin to volunteer.

73, Joe, KC9JAC

**February Meeting  
February 2, 2018  
7:00 PM  
Glas-Col Annex**

**W9U Special Event Station**

The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association is celebrating their 90th Anniversary this year and as part of their celebration they will be at the Children's Museum showing the basic principles behind all the gadgets we use every day - radio, TV, cell phones, and Wi-Fi. Association members will show how families can learn together to harness radio for hours of fun and potentially as a career for your youngster. Talk around the world, through satellites or with astronauts aboard the International Space Station, and discover new ways to use electronics and computers at a complete station set-up to demonstrate the exciting world of HAM Radio.

**To Our Membership:**

The WVARA has not had an increase in annual membership dues in over 20 years. The last increase to our current dues of \$20 (\$5 for family members) was adopted on November 7, 1997.

After due consideration, the Executive Board voted to present to the membership an amendment to Article III of the Bylaws to increase the annual dues to \$30 and \$7 for each family member. The amendment would also require the Executive Board to review (review, not necessarily increase) the dues at least every 2 years.

This e-mail, in combination with posting the proposed amendment on the website, constitutes the official notification to the membership required by Article VI of the Constitution.

If approved by the membership at the general meeting to be held on Friday, February 2, 2018, the complete text of Article II would be (changes & additions in **red**):

**ARTICLE III - ASSOCIATION DUES**

Annual dues in the Association shall be **thirty dollars (\$30)** per year. For any household with more than one member, dues for those additional members shall be **seven dollars (\$7)** each. Dues are payable by February 1. Full members shall have the option to purchase a one-time life membership which shall be available at a cost equal to twenty years of the current year's individual full membership dues rate.

**The Executive Board shall review the dues a minimum of once every two years.**

**Amateur Extra Class Begins on February 13, 2018  
starting at 6:30 PM  
Glas-Col Annex  
Register online at [w9uuu-org](http://w9uuu-org)**

# Winter Field Day January 27, 28, 2018

## 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 (immediately after the overpass)
- 6) Turn West (left) on Hammer Rd and go 2.2 miles to the cabin (on your left).

## Ham Camp

for new amateurs

February 3, 2018 at Glas-Col

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Register Now Online at [w9uuu.org](http://w9uuu.org)

### 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>

## WVARA 2018 Budget (Proposed)

Expenses		Income	
Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Background Checks	\$300.00	Auction	\$100.00
Badges & ID Tags	\$50.00	Donations	\$2,100.00
Brentlinger Dinner & Award	\$200.00	Education	\$500.00
Christmas Party	\$50.00	Half-Pot	\$100.00
Club Picnic	\$100.00	Hamfest – March	\$1,000.00
Club Station	\$100.00	Hamfest – November	\$700.00
Communications Trailer	\$300.00	Membership Dues	\$1,000.00
Corporation & Legal Fees	\$25.00	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>
Education Expenses	\$425.00		
Equipment Repair	\$250.00		
Field Day	\$400.00		
Hamfest – March	\$500.00	<b>Anticipated Deficit</b>	<b>-\$30.00</b>
Hamfest – November	\$350.00		
Insurance (Equipment)	\$200.00		
Insurance (Liability)	\$600.00		
PO Box Fee	\$70.00		
Postage	\$100.00		
Property Tax	\$200.00		
Real Estate Loan	\$900.00		
VE Expenses	\$100.00		
Vehicle Titles & Registration	\$100.00		
Website & E-Mail List	\$85.00		
Winter Field Day	\$125.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,530.00</b>		

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

#### Account Balances as of 12/31/2017

Checking	\$818.82
Savings	\$8,482.17
PayPal	\$61.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,300.99</b>
Property Loan	\$2,204.57

#### Income & Expenses

##### INCOME

Donations Received	\$1,635.00
Interest Earned	\$1.00
Membership Dues	\$130.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,766.00</b>

##### EXPENSES

Communications Trailer	\$73.40
TurkeyFest Advertising	\$100.00
Property Loan Payment	\$74.18
PO Box Fee	\$64.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$311.58</b>

<b>OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE</b>	<b>\$1,454.42</b>
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## Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association 2018-01-05 Club Meeting Minutes

Vice President Steve Farrington (K9TA) called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm Indiana time.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Steve Farrington (K9TA).

Roll Call/Introductions – There were 18 sign-ins.

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

New Ham Camp – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Ham Camp is scheduled for February 3, 2018; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Indiana time. Brochures are available. There is one registrant to date.

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. The Children's Museum appears to be a good venue for the WVARA.

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

Secretary's Report – December minutes were presented and approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report – December report presented and approved. Dues are being accepted.

VE Report – Testing is scheduled here at the Glas-Col Annex for Saturday, January 13, 9:30 am (Indiana time).

The Club Station is open with a change of hours, 5:30-7:00 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.

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

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Winter Field Day discussion.

Dugger Hamfest – February 17, 2018. We will be testing there at 9:00 am.

50/50 Drawing – Ken Hauptli (W9VKD) donated his \$20.00 winning to the club.

Program – FT8 Presentation by Steve Farrington (K9TA).

Adjourned – 8:23 pm Indiana time.

Next Meeting – February 2, 2018 @ Glas-Col Annex. 7:00 pm Indiana time.

## WVARA Board Meeting 2018-01-05 Minutes

**Date:** 2018-01-05      **Location:** Glas-Col Annex

**Called to Order:** 8:37 pm Indiana time by Vice President Steve Farrington (K9TA)

### **In Attendance:**

Y	President – Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC (via phone)	Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD
Y	Vice-President – Steve Farrington, K9TA	_____
Y	Secretary – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF	_____
Y	Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR	_____
N	Trustee – Jay Sotak, AB9CG	_____
Y	Past President – Kevin Berlen, K9HX	_____
Y	Past President – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC	_____

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the December Board Meeting were presented and approved.

**Treasurers Report:** December Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

**Hamfest** – Joe (KC9JAC) is working on a 5-year agreement for the facility. Currently a 2-year agreement is in place. The 4-H is reluctant on a 5-year agreement.

**Winter Field Day** – Don Pine (K9DRP) will take the lead. The cabin is in place.

**Audit Committee** – Catherine (W9IFE) and of the Michell's (AB9WR or W9RBF) will serve on the committee. The committee is to be the President, Treasurer, and 2 non-board members. They are scheduled to meet on January 9, 2018.

**Children's Museum Special Event** – Dates are set. Need a sign-up list for hours of operations. Rose-Hulman and North clubs need to be included. Check with Jay (AB9CG) for this contact. Jerry (W9GWC) and LeRoy (AC9NF) will work on a certificate for contacts. They will also work on a video present for the theater area. Kevin (K9HX) will check with Icom on possibilities of promotional materials.

**New Operator Camp** – February 3, 2018; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Indiana Time; Glas-Col Annex. Brochures are available.

**Dues Discussion** – Discussion. Motion to increase the dues to \$30 for annual membership and \$7.00 for additional family members. This will be sent to the membership for a vote at the February WVARA meeting.

**2018 Budget Discussion** – Changes were made to the budget as presented. Ray (K9DUR) will make the changes as discussed and send to the Board for an online vote for approval.

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**Board of Directors:**

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**Sunday Night Net Manager:** John VanSandt - N9YRX

**February Meeting  
February 2, 2018  
7:00 PM  
Glas-Col Annex  
Check Your Rig Night**

**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?[ ]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL? [ ]

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:WB9ZHC@yahoo.com)