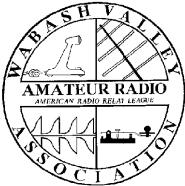


REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross Bldg.,
Dec. 5 700 S. 3rd. (1st Friday of each month.)
Monday, Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Glas-Col., 7th &
Dec. 8 Hulman (Monday following the Gen. Mtg.)
Every Thursday The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 PM,
Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WVARA Board Elections Dec. 5
Joint WVARA/QCWA/CAARLA Christmas dinner .. Dec. 6
Santa on the Air from the Honey Creek Mall Dec 13
Brentlinger Award Nominations are due Jan 10



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K9DUR, K9CAT ARE INDIANA AMATEURS OF THE YEAR

The Indiana Radio Club Council, or IRCC, has once again honored local hams for their service to Amateur Radio, this time selecting Ray and Natalie Andrews together to receive IRCC's award as "Indiana Amateur of the Year" for 2003. The award was presented to Ray at the recent Ft. Wayne hamfest.

Ray's Amateur Radio career began on the east coast in 1960, and has included countless hours of community service during the past 40 plus years. His recent contributions to our hobby include service within the Club in several positions including his current role as Trustee. Ray included Natalie's efforts in most activities, and the pair soon became known as a team. That team's community service was recognized recently when they received WVARA's 2003 Brentlinger Award.

Natalie's career, while more recent in origin, is no less accomplished, serving not only as half of the "Andrews' Team," but in a number of roles in her own right. These activities earned her the Red Cross' John K. Lamb Award for community service, and saw her serve the Club as secretary. In addition, she was recently instrumental in organizing the local CAARLA group. Although



Ray Andrews, K9DUR

Natalie is no longer with us, the team's efforts will be remembered for a long time to come, through the receipt of these well-deserved honors.

Santa Talks to Kids on Amateur Radio

On Saturday, December 13, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Ind. time, with the help of the WVARA and MIX-FM, Santa will be talking to the kids via Amateur Radio at the Honey Creek Mall, just across from the food court. We need "Santa Operator Helpers" and control operators to help the kids operate third party.

Everyone who would like to volunteer please contact John VanSandt, N9YRX, (n9yrx@hotmail.com) or via 2 meters. Also, all volunteers please plan to attend "Engineering Day" on Dec. 6 at the site, time TBA. We will be ironing out any problems involving getting the signal outside the building.

N9YNF has graciously offered a "Big Rig" for the event that we hope will impress the news media and their viewers and listeners.

The 2004 Slate

In accordance with the WVARA Constitution The 2004 Nominations Committee submits the following slate of candidates for the election in December. The proposed slate notwithstanding, anyone other than those candidates listed below may have their names placed on the printed ballot by contacting the Bandspread Editor by December 1, 2003. Of course, members will be allowed to place another member in nomination, from the floor, the night of the election.

For President: Kevin Berlen, K9HX

For Vice Pres: Gary Adams, W9EEU

Secretary: Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR

For Treasurer: Don Pine, K9DRP

For Trustee: Ray Andrews, K9DUR

December Program

The December program will be Cross-Band Repeaters, how they work and don't work, sometimes. Anyone who has one or is thinking about getting one should make a special effort to attend this presentation.

LOCAL NETS

Sunday Morning	8:20 am EST
ARES Net 6.685/R	
Sunday Evening	9:00 pm EST
Club Net 6.685/R*	
Wednesday Evening	9:00 pm CST
ARES Net 6.535 S	
Thursday Evening	9:00 pm EST
CAARLA Net 6.685/R	

* First Sunday of the month is Simplex night.
The WVARA Net meets on 146.595

Minutes



General Meeting Minutes 11/07/03

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Club President Kevin Berlen, K9HX. **Announcements:** (1). In addition to an attendance sign in sheet, there was also a sheet passed for members to verify their e-mail address for the purpose of receiving the Bandspread electronically. It was clarified that anyone on that list will receive their Bandspread electronically. (2) Kevin announced that Norm Coopridre, N9JYW, became a Silent Key Wednesday evening. Visitation will be on Sunday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday at DeBaun Springhill Funeral Home. (3) The November WVARA Board meeting will be Monday, November 10, at 2330 Zulu at Glas-Col Apparatus at 7th and Hulman. Talk-in will be on 146.595. (4) There will be VE testing in Marshall on Saturday, November 8. Anyone interested in upgrading should talk with Ray, K9DUR, or Steve, NT9T, for further information. (5) WVARA dues for 2004 are now being accepted by Club Treasurer, Don Pine, K9DRP. (6) The annual Club Christmas dinner will be on Saturday December 6 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at World Gospel Church on U.S. Hwy 46. Chad Zerkle, KC9BZG, will provide the music for the evening; Ray Andrews, K9DUR, will present a travelogue from his recent trip to China. The Cost of the dinner is \$14 and reservations must be received by the Club Meeting on Friday, December 5. (7) The next meeting of the QCWA and CAARLA will be held tomorrow, November 8 at 12:30 p.m. at Ambrosini's Restaurant. (8) Kevin announced that The Club, working with Chad/MIX-FM, will assist children at Honey Creek mall on December 13 in talking to Santa Claus via amateur radio. John, N9YRX, is coordinating the project and is looking for people to assist at the mall working with Chad, and also as "Santa". John informed the Club that we will be operating for 9 hours and will need several people to take a shift. The special event call sign will be W9S (Whiskers-9-Santa). Dave, N9YNF will provide a 746 ICOM for the event. Anyone interested in assisting with this event should see John, N9YRX; he will provide all pertinent information via e-mail. (9) Ray, K9DUR, announced that the Fort Wayne Ham Fest will be next weekend with the IRCC program at 12:30 Saturday, November 15. The award for the Amateur of the Year will be presented at that time. Also, the YLRL forum will be held at 1:00 p.m. Jay, AB9CG, will have a table set up at the hamfest and anyone wanting to sell is welcome to bring items and set them up on his table. (10) November 29 is the Evansville ham fest. The **Secretary's Report** was presented by Debbie, KC9AOR and moved that it be approved as presented; Kay, KB9HYH seconded the motion. The motion carried. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Don, K9DRP. He reported a balance of \$2,647.25 in all accounts and that this balance is after paying two insurance premiums this past month. He moved that the Report be approved as presented; Ray, K9DUR seconded the motion. The motion passed. **Old Business:** (1) The proposed revision to Article II, Section IV of the Bylaws. The proposed change is "Issue all checks with the signature of the Treasurer and one other officer, unless the disbursement has previously been approved by the Executive Board or by the general membership; in which case only the signature of the Treasurer is required. When a second signature is required, the second officer shall not be a member of the immediate family of the Treasurer nor a member of the same household". Don stated that the general intent of this change is to allow the bills to be paid as they come in without waiting for a second signature; this only applies to what has already been approved - either through the budget or Board approval. He provides a detailed report to the Board each month and has that information available to the membership at any Club meeting. Discretionary expenditures will still require two

signatures. John, N9YRX, moved to accept the proposed amendment; Jay, AB9CG, seconded the motion. The motion passed with 1 vote opposed. (2) Dave, N9FMD, reported that the Nominating Committee has compiled its nominations for 2004. He noted that there have been several announcements during the past several weeks that the Nominating Committee is accepting nominations and/or volunteers to run for election to the 2004 Board; no one came forward with a nomination. The Committee has spoken with the current officers and found them willing to run for office in 2004. Any one interested in being considered for an office, please contact Dave as soon as possible. There was no **new business**. Following a break and the half-pot drawing (won by Steve, NT9T), Jay, AB9CG, presented the **program** on slow-scan TV. The meeting was adjourned following the program. Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR.

Board Meeting Minutes 11/10/03

Club President Kevin Berlen , K9HX, called the meeting to order at 6:41. Other Board members present were Treasurer, Don Pine, K9DRP; Past President, Steve Shorter, NT9T; Trustee, Ray Andrews, K9DUR; Secretary, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR. Guests present were Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, and Kay Brentlinger, KB9HYH.

Announcements: Ray announced that CAARLA now has a list serve hosted by qth.net. In order to access the list serve, go to qth.net; there is an index of lists on the left side of the page. Click on "CAARLA".

Secretary's Report: Debbie moved that the Secretary's Report be approved as published in *The Bandspread*. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported a total balance in all accounts of \$2,919.25. He also reported that the Club has not had to access its money market fund this year in order to meet its obligations. Don moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented; Steve seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business: (1) Repeater issues: Kevin had nothing new to report. The new controller and audio board are ready and will be installed as time permits. (2) The Club meeting schedule was discussed. It was decided to plan for May's program to be on connector installation; otherwise no changes or additions will be made at this time. (3) Vigo Co., Civil Defense generator paperwork was received and passed to Board members to review. It was decided that the cost of getting the generator running and the cost of operation was too prohibitive to be able to sign the contract. The Club Secretary was instructed to draft a letter to the Civil Defense declining their offer. (4) Tailgate party - Don reported that the date was confirmed with the Marine Corp League. Ray volunteered to do the flyers and copy them in time to take them to the Ft.Wayne hamfest this weekend. Ray also noted that the date of the tailgate party is the same as the scheduled date for QCWA and CAARLA meetings. It was decided that it would be possible to have those meetings at that location at the usual time of 12:30, and still be out by 200 p.m. (5) Ray reported that the Club has received approval to use the call sign "W9U" for the special event to celebrate the WVARA's 70-year affiliation with the ARRL in April. More details will follow as the time nears. (6) Kevin reported that the plans are moving forward for "Santa On The Air From The Mall with MIX-FM" Saturday, December 13. The special event call sign "W9S" (Whiskers-9-Santa) has been approved for our use for the day. John VanSandt, N9YRX, has volunteered to be the coordinator for this event. Kevin reported that the mall and MIX-FM have approved the event. The Club may have to sign a waiver of responsibility for possible damage to equipment, but this shouldn't



be an issue as we already have in place a policy that states that use of personal equipment for Club activities is at the equipment owners risk. This will be a tremendous opportunity for Amateur Radio to receive media coverage in a "for fun only" event. John still needs volunteers to help with shifts at the mall and also as "Santa". (7) Kevin reported that plans for The WVARA Club Christmas Party are progressing well. Ray has offered to present a program from his recent trip to China; Chad will set up a D.J. station to play Christmas music throughout the evening. We still want to try to get live music for a group sing-along. The Board approved a \$25 budget for decorations; Debbie will assist with the decorating. Kevin said he will ask Donetta if she would be available to help with the decorating project. We plan to set up around 3:00 or 4:00 in the afternoon, depending upon availability of the church. (8) Kevin reported that the IRCC meeting was held October 11 in Terre Haute. Kevin asked for a report from Ray; he stated that IRCC dues and the budget were discussed. It was decided that a raise in dues for IRCC was necessary for 2004. Another possibility to raise money is to seek underwriting by corporate sponsors; in order to accomplish that, they must complete the process for incorporation. The nominating committee met to select the winner of the Amateur of the Year Award. The next meeting of the IRCC will be in Noblesville in April. (9) Gary, K9ERE, reported plans for articles for the upcoming Bandspread. Plans were discussed and suggestions offered. (10) Cost of Life Membership in the WVARA was discussed. The cost is twenty times the current membership cost for individual members or for member and spouse (Currently, \$400 for individual life member; \$500 for member and spouse). New Business: (1) Club Station surplus equipment: it was decided that a Club Auction prior to the Tailgate Party would be good. One item to be auctioned will be the Ten-Tec Triton IV; other items will be sold as determined by the Club Station managers. We need to set minimum bids; any items not sold at the auction can be offered for sale at the Tailgate Party. Don requested that the Club purchase a charger for the gel batteries in the Club Station. Steve offered to loan the Club a marine charger; if his charger meets the Station's need, the Club will purchase one. It was noted that we need to have an updated list of equipment for insurance purposes. Ray plans to submit an updated inventory to be published in the April Bandspread. (2) Publication of the complete Treasurer's Report in the Bandspread was discussed; it was decided that it will be included in the January, May, and September issues of the Bandspread. (3) Meeting location was discussed. Kevin noted that the key drawback to meeting at our present site for general meetings is that the building is not handicapped accessible which is an issue for several of our members. The requirements for a new site would include (a) handicap accessibility (b) must be able to make a commitment for at least two - three years (c) meeting space must be available the first Friday of every month, except July and August; (d) we cannot afford to pay more than perhaps a small annual donation. The Board members were requested to research potential sites and report the results at the next Board meeting (4) Board Member at Large: Kevin reported that a suggestion has been made that, because this is an appointed position, we consider limiting it to a specific term, such as a three-year appointment. Someone else suggested that we make it an elected position; that would require an amendment to our Constitution. Another idea discussed was to make it an appointed position with rotation on an annual basis. This position is appointed by the Club President and approved by the WVARA membership. Proposals for changes to this position will be placed on hold at this time and be discussed at a future meeting. (5) General

upgrade class proposed for next spring. There was discussion regarding the potential for sufficient interest to hold a general upgrade class. It was noted that at least one person has expressed an interest in such a class. Following some discussion regarding the class, Steve, NT9T, moved for adjournment. Debbie, KC9AOR, seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary

Dear Dr. Elmer...

Q. When I am talking to someone through the Club repeater, they frequently do not hear the first few words I say. This doesn't seem to happen when we use simplex instead of the repeater. What is going on?

A. The repeater uses a control circuit to connect its receiver and transmitter and to perform certain other tasks at the same time, including checking the input signal to verify that a proper PL tone is being sent by the transmitting station. Although it is very brief, a moment or two is required for this process to be completed. During this brief time when the repeater system is deciding whether or not to re-transmit the signal it is hearing, it isn't retransmitting your audio. When stations are talking to each other on simplex, this momentary delay process does not occur because no repeater is being used. The solution to this problem is for each station simply to pause a moment after keying the microphone to give the repeater control circuits a chance to do their jobs.

Dr. Elmer welcomes your questions. Please mail them to the Club P.O. box or e-mail them to k9ere@earthlink.net

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The President's Corner

Greetings everyone. Most of 2003 is now behind us. As I look back the year I recall it as one of the busiest and most productive that I can remember. I want to take a moment and thank everyone who participated in any way for your time and effort. Amateur Radio in the Wabash Valley has attained respect and acceptance to a far greater degree than at any time I can recall. Thanks again to all whose hard work and dedication has made this success story possible.

This year will also be remembered as the year our Amateur Radio community lost some dedicated people. One of those was Natalie Andrews, K9CAT. Natalie's call sign lives on as the club call for the CARRLA group. As some of you know, Ray and Natalie were honored at the Ft. Wayne hamfest with the Indiana Amateur of The Year award. The Indiana Radio Club Council presents this award annually, and they were selected from a field of several highly qualified nominees. Also, I believe this may have been the first time that the award has been presented jointly.

On December 13th, we have an almost unprecedented opportunity to do some good will and garner some positive public relations. Courtesy of Chad, KC9BZG and 100.7 Mix-FM, we have an opportunity to help children at Honey Creek Mall talk to Santa Claus at the North Pole. We will be operating out of the Mix-FM booth at the mall from 10AM to 7PM. John, N9YRX, is organizing the event and is in need of several Santas and helpers to work several shifts. Please contact John if you would like to help out with this project.

I hope most of you are planning on attending the annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6th. This year, the local QCWA chapter and the CARRLA ladies will be joining us. It will be held at World Gospel Church just north of US HWY 40 on State Road 46 on the east side of Terre Haute. The doors will open at 6:30PM (2330Z) and dinner will be served at 7:00PM (0000Z) Cost is \$14 per person, and the menu can be found elsewhere in this edition. Ray, K9DUR, will be presenting a travelogue on his recent trip to Beijing, China. Christmas music will be provided by Chad, KC9BZG.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at the Club meeting.

Until then 73,
Kevin, K9HX

DUES ARE DUE!

We have lots of plans, activities and upgrades to the repeater this coming year.
We need your participation and support.
TNX, folks. - ed.

Every Kid Wins

"Thanks for the radio check and 73. This is KC9EKW, every kid wins, Ryves Hall Amateur Radio Club, QRT."

Jim Edwards, KA9DIF, director of the Ryves Hall Youth Center and trustee of the Ryves Hall Amateur Radio Club station, KC9EKW, in Terre Haute Indiana, put down the mic of the newly acquired Kenwood 2000, made possible by a grant from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Homework Hotline, and breathed a sigh of satisfaction. Jim along with members of Vigo County ARES, The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association and members of Illiana Skywarn were putting the finishing touches on the antenna party. Phase one of the antenna installation for the club station was complete. The weather had cooperated on this lovely September Saturday morning and things had gone well. Seeing the wide grin on Jim's face one might ask: "Jim, where did it all start? How did the dream begin?"

"When I was about eleven years old I became interested in amateur radio. Unfortunately there was no one out there offering to help me earn my ticket. It wasn't until long after I graduated high school that I finally found a Ham class and was licensed. I have found much joy in the hobby and have made many friends. It's nice to know that there is a hobby where you can always learn something new while making new friends.

I started Ryves Hall Youth Center twenty-one years ago. Even though the building was nothing more than a "hole in the ground" at that time, we opened the doors and offered all of our services free of charge to any child walking through our doors. It has always been my hope that someday we could Elmer children and introduce them to a fantastic hobby.

Since 1982 we have served thousands of children. Most of those children come from families living in poverty. A lot of my children's parents have not even graduated high school. We are constantly looking for ways to motivate our children so that they will continue in school and hopefully end the cycle of poverty. In November of 2002, we completed a building expansion project that tripled the size of our facility. I thought that would be the perfect time to introduce Amateur Radio to my children. We now have a club call (KC9EKW), a decent station, and today I have received a code trainer and two paddles so that our children can learn Morse code. Since our classes started we have had seven youth and three adults licensed. Not all of those licensed were people living in poverty but they were people that were very interested in the hobby. They attended our classes, hopefully felt welcomed, and have operated our station, all free of charge." Jim is often heard to say, "All kids whether they are rich or poor deserve a chance to become a Ham. What we are doing here can be done anywhere. All it takes is a little time and we really have time if we will take it."

Amateur radio need not die!

Submitted by: Keith Reedy, WA9DRO



Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, teaches Morse code to some attentive students.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM TABLETOP EXERCISE

Friday, November 22, Rose-Hulman hosted a three-day workshop on the Incident Command System, a set of procedures that the federal government is supporting for the purpose of standardizing the way local emergency response agencies across the country deal with various emergency situations. This involves, but is not limited to, police, fire, medical and communications organizations. These exercises were funded by the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Representatives of the WVARA, ARES and Skywarn were represented each of the three days. They were Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, Kay Brentlinger, KB9HYH and David Pifer, N9YNF.

This was a "tabletop" exercise as opposed to a field exercise. The "tabletop" was a mockup of an imaginary town called Abbottville. Imagine an 8-foot by 40 foot HO-gauge model railroad table, minus the railroad, with all the things one might see in a real town from the air - houses, schools, factories, refineries, roads, automobiles, trucks, etc.

For the purpose of the exercise, FRS or family radio service radios were issued to each participant. Members of each agency represented were given vests and sometimes hats to wear which identified what part they were to play. At a table located across the room were actual dispatchers who played their real-life rolls as communication handlers.

Each person's job was to handle the given emergency scenario as laid out by John J. Bierling, from York, Pennsylvania, the seminar presenter. The goal was to work together, avoiding conflicts by recognizing who was in charge by utilizing a chain-of-command structure called the "Incident Command System," which John explained at the beginning of the day.

Each day ran from eight AM to around four PM and saw approximately five or six separate scenarios per day, lasting about a half hour to forty five minutes apiece. This was followed by a discussion of how it went and what could be improved.

Local hams had numerous opportunities to meet and network with members of local response agencies and participated directly when a scenario called for a jammer to interrupt communications or when an overall communications failure was declared which rendered all normal communication links, i.e. phone, police and fire repeaters, to be disabled. They successfully used 2 meters to replace the disabled frequencies. In addition, some of the hams roll-played the parts of concerned parents and business people who were directly affected.

Sunday morning's activity relied more heavily on Amateur Radio communications and following the critique, Indiana Section S.E.C. David Pifer, N9YNF, presented the video called "Amateur Radio Today," featuring Walter Cronkite explaining Amateur Radio's role in numerous disasters across America.

All hams who attended agreed that it was valuable for members of local Amateur Radio organizations to meet under a non-emergency situation with members of local response agencies in the area and make them aware of our potential.



WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2004

Please complete this form and include your dues with it. You may return this application in person or mail to:

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 81
Terre Haute, IN 47808-0081

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL member?

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () - E-mail address _____

Date of Birth (Mo/Dy/Yr) _____ / _____ / _____ Year first licensed _____ Year of last renewal _____

ARES member? QCWA? RACES member? MARS member?

Please describe any employment or other special skills that might benefit Amateur Radio.



New member?

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 member?

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Add \$5 per family member above to the Single rate below. To include ARRL membership, see QST for amount.

Dues options: Single (\$20) Family: 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. See QST.



Shorts



The Gauntlet has been Laid and Taken Up!

At the last Board meeting, after much goading, Debbie, KC9AOR, agreed that if, by the beginning of the upgrade-to-General class, Don, K9DRP, will have attained his Extra, she would then take the upgrade class and get her General license.

Then... all eyes turned to your editor. What? Who? Me??? Okay, okay. (*Think quickly here.*) Okay, okay. If I attempt to get my Extra before the upgrade-to-General class, Diane, KB9PAV, will work on her General. How's that for equivocation? Unfortunately, she can't commit to the class. WHEW! This is what we get for attending the Board meetings.

So it is written, so let it be done! - ed.

Calling For Brentlinger Nominations

It's that time again, folks! Although the Brentlinger Award dinner isn't until March, the decision-making process takes some time. First, those of you out there who have an opinion about who should be this year's Brentlinger Award recipient need to sit down and put your nomination into written form. But the name of the person is not sufficient. You also need to put the reasons that you think your nominee deserves the award. It might be for service rendered to Amateur Radio in the Wabash Valley in a particular calendar year or it may be for cumulative years of service. Once you're satisfied with your letter, please seal it and put Brentlinger Award Nomination at the bottom left corner of the envelope. You can give it to the president or any other Board member or you can mail it to WVARA, P.O. Box 81, Terre Haute, IN 47803-0081.

The letter ultimately goes to the president, who has chosen a secret committee to review all nominations. They can choose one, more than one, or none. All of these options have been exercised at one time or another.

BTW, if you have sent in a nomination in the past but your nominee was not selected, please consider submitting it again.

VE Testing

TERRE HAUTE: 1st Sunday of even-numbered months

1 PM local time

Red Cross Bldg.

700 S. 3rd St.

Terre Haute, Indiana

For further information, contact Steve Shorter, NT9T, Terre Haute, IN., at (812) 232-4788 or nt9t@arrl.net

MARSHALL: 2nd Saturday of odd-numbered months

8:30 AM Illinois time

1st Christian Church

902 N. 6th Street

Marshall, IL 62441

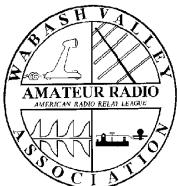
- Walk-Ins Welcome -

For further information, contact John Van Sandt, N9YRX (217) 826-8821 or Ray Andrews, K9DUR (812) 535-3222

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January 10 Marshall

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Official Notice

Their will be a special VE testing session at Rose-Hulman Ventures on Tuesday, December 2. While it is primarily for class members, anyone is welcome to attend.

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2004= 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.