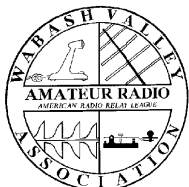


REGULAR EVENTS

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Begin Upgrade-to-General Class February 24
Weather Spotters' Class, Terre Haute March 1
Weather Spotters' Class, Paris March 1
New Tailgate Party March 13
Brentlinger Dinner March 20



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ARRL Proposes Eliminating Technician License

(They want to make them Generals)

On Monday, January 19, 2004, the ARRL released details of a proposal for restructuring the Amateur Radio Service that will be presented to the FCC in the form of a petition for rulemaking within the next couple of weeks. The proposal was adopted by the ARRL Board of Directors at their annual meeting last week in Newington, CT with only one Director voting against it.

The main points of the proposal include reducing the number of license classes from 6 to 3, creating a new entry-level class with limited HF phone privileges, and making some adjustments to the current phone/CW allocations on the HF bands. The complete text of the press release may be found at <http://www.arrl.org>.

Under the proposal, the only license classes would be Novice, General, and Extra. Current Advanced Class licensees would be grandfathered to Extra, and current Technician Class licensees would be grandfathered to General. There would be a 25-question written exam for the new Novice Class license and no Morse Code requirement for either the Novice or the General. The 5 wpm requirement for the Extra Class license would be retained. Novice class licensees would be given phone privileges on 80m, 40m, and 15m in addition to the existing phone privileges on 10m. The Novice Class would also have phone privileges on 6m, 2m, 220 MHz, and 440 MHz.

It should be emphasized that this is only a proposal and not yet even a petition. If this proposal is adopted, in any form, it probably would not be

until sometime next year before the new rules would go into effect. After the petition is filed, a period of time for comments on the petition will be announced by the FCC.

For further details on the proposal and on the reasoning behind the ARRL's position, plan to attend the February club meeting.

Ray Andrews, K9DUR
Assistant Central Division Director

Bids Open on Club Surplus Equipment

Sealed bid items:

Ten-Tec Triton II HF transceiver. Operating condition is unknown. With matching power supply, but less mic. Minimum bid \$100.

Kenwood TR-7625 two-meter FM transceiver. Removed from service in our APRS digipeater. Has low transmitter power output.

MFJ-1270B packet TNC. Also removed from service in our old APRS digipeater.

MFJ-1270B packet TNC. Non-working condition

Bids will be accepted until the beginning of the March Executive Board meeting. The bids will be opened and reviewed at this meeting. Items not meeting the minimum bid or still un-sold may be auctioned at the tailgate party in March.

DAYTON BUS

Please help support the continuation of a valuable Club service!

Club Members \$30

Others \$35



(Sleep over, sleep back; friends; Shapiro's)

NOTE: The article on renewing your FCC license which was scheduled for this month will appear instead in the March Issue. TNX, ed.

February Program

The Club meeting program is on the **New FCC License Proposal**. The originally-scheduled program on the Logbook of the World is now postponed until the March meeting.

LOCAL NETS

Wednesday Evening	9:00 pm CST
Clark Co. ARES Net	146.535/S
Thursday Evening	9:00 pm EST
CAARLA Net	146.685/R
Sunday Morning	8:20 am EST
Vigo Co. ARES	146.685/R
Sunday Evening	9:00 pm EST
WVARA Net	146.685/R*

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



General Meeting Minutes 01/02/04

Club President Kevin Berlen called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Kevin welcomed all those present and asked everyone to introduce themselves with name and call sign. **Secretary's Report:** Debbie, KC9AOR, moved that the minutes of the December Club meeting be approved as published in *The Bandspread*; Kay, KB9HYH, seconded the motion. The motion carried. **Treasurer's Report:** Don, K9DRP, presented the Treasurer's Report with a balance in all Club accounts of \$3,236. He moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented; Steve, NT9T, seconded the motion. The motion passed. **Announcements:** 1) The next meeting of the WVARA Board will be at Glas Col Apparatus at 7th and Hulman Monday, January 5, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. 2) There will be VE Testing at Marshall next Saturday. 3) The Club station will be open for Kid's Day this Sunday, January 4. Anyone is welcome to help make this Kid's Day a great experience for kids in the Wabash Valley as well as for those from other areas trying to make contacts with amateur operators in Indiana. 4) The next meeting of CAARLA and QCWA will be Saturday, January 10, at 12:30 p.m., at Ambrosini's in Terre Haute. **New Business:** 1) Kevin, K9HX, presented for discussion information about the options available for license renewal via the FCC web site. He said that there will be an article in the February Bandspread with further information. Ray noted that another option for any ARRL member is to renew his license at any VE test session. 2) Tailgate Party 2004 will be held March 13, 2004, which is the same weekend as the old Martinsville Hamfest. The location will remain at the Marine Corp League, as it was the last two years. The entrance fee will remain at \$3; there will be no additional charge to sell and vendors are welcome to set up either inside or outside. The Tailgate Party is registered with the ARRL as a hamfes. We will hold two forums: (a) Software Defined Radios and (b) Fox-hunting. There will also be VE testing as well as the regular meetings of QCWA and CAARLA. The Marine Corp League will provide refreshments for sale. We will need volunteers to assist with tickets, set-up and tear-down. Anyone willing to assist should contact Don, K9DRP, as soon as possible. 3) Dave, N9FMD, suggested that we consider sponsoring code practice sessions on the repeater, perhaps sending 15 minutes of code around 8:30 on Sunday evenings prior to the Sunday evening net. Following a discussion, Dave was requested to do additional research and present his findings at a Club meeting, perhaps in February. During the discussion, it was suggested that we use 5 WPM Farnsworth with a character speed of 15. If this were done a couple of times a week, it might encourage the use of code by making people more comfortable with it. Kay, KB9HYH, reported that there is also a site where you can communicate using code via the internet. Kay will send the site to the Listserv. (4) Dave, N9YNF, encouraged those present to check the Club's web site, which has been recently updated. Following the intermission and half-pot drawing, the program for the evening was "Check Your Rig Nite." The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 01/05/04

The meeting was called to order by Club President Kevin Berlen, K9HX at 6:06 pm. Present were Treasurer, Don Pine, K9DRP; Trustee, Ray Andrews, K9DUR; Past President, Steve Shorter, NT9T and Secretary, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR. Guests present were Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, Dave Pifer, N9YNF, and Chuck Procarione, KC9CKK. Debbie moved that the **Secretary's Report** be approved as published in *The Bandspread*; the motion was seconded by Ray and it passed. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Don, who reported that the balance on hand is \$3,755.26 in all accounts. He also reported that, as of today, the Club has fifty-nine members. Don moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Steve seconded the motion. There was discussion about Life Memberships and it was decided to place the fees from the Life Memberships into a money market fund; Don will transfer \$900 into the money market fund. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report passed. **Old Business:** (1) An ongoing discussion regarding General meeting locations was resumed. Debbie will send a letter to the Red Cross with dates the meeting room is requested for WVARA Club meetings and VE testing sessions. (2) Plaque with life members listed was discussed. Kevin will request that Vice President Gary have the plaque made at the same time as the Brentlinger Award plaque is done. The plaque will have the Life Members' name, call sign, and the year he/she became a life member. (3) Club Station - Ray reported that some repairs have been accomplished: the rotator is now operating correctly; Ray downloaded the manual and it is in the Club station; the power supply has been replaced with a 650 amp sealed battery which was donated by Chuck Shotts Jr, KC9BBJ. Ray said that all equipment should be turned off individually rather than by the main power supply. (4) Repeater issues - there was discussion regarding music and tones being sent over the repeater. Kevin reported that the new controller is ready to be installed as soon as time permits, hopefully in February. He plans to rewire the repeater and add the control receiver at the same time. Prior to installation Kevin would like for us to develop a list of what we want the controller to say; Chad will have someone record messages, i.e. "This is the K9IKQ Repeater", advertise the Tailgate Party, "this Sunday's net will be on simplex", etc. There is a scheduler available which can be programmed to make specified announcements automatically. Kevin requested that we bring ideas for messages to the next Board meeting. (5) Meeting schedule was discussed: February's Club meeting will be the approval of the budget and a Log book of the World presentation; March's program will be about connector installation. There was discussion regarding inviting the Mayor to the April Club meeting to view the Club station and get on the air as part of our special event station celebration of our ARRL association. (6) The Brentlinger Award Dinner March 20 was discussed. Dave, N9YNF, will see if the World Gospel Church is available for that date and Ray will make inquiries regarding restaurant meeting rooms/prices. There will be a quick meeting of the Board following the QCWA/CAARLA meetings to compare findings and determine the best location available. (7) Kevin will request that Gary, W9EEU, have a plaque made for the controller in memory of Natalie Andrews, K9CAT.

Board Welcomes KC9CKK

The WVARA Board of Directors welcomes Chuck Procarione, KC9CKK, as the new 2004 Board Member at Large. Chuck lives in Clinton and manages the local Ace Hardware on Wabash, in Terre Haute. Chuck brings 'new blood' to the organization leadership and a wealth of hardware experience which he graciously shares with others. Welcome, Chuck! -ed.



New Business: (1) Kevin appointed Chuck Procarione, KC9CKK, as Board-Member-at-Large for 2004. Ray moved to accept Chuck as Board Member-at-Large; Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed. (2) Regarding Bandspread deadline - Kevin noted that the deadline of the 15th of each month needs to be more firm for all articles to be turned in to the editor. Dave, N9YNF, will look into reminder notices going out several days in advance of the deadline. In addition, regarding the assignment board, Dave, N9FMD, said they need more input and more people submitting articles. He also said that accompanying pictures are also welcome. (3) 2004 proposed budget was discussed. Steve proposed that we present this budget to the membership at the February meeting; Ray seconded the motion. Dave, N9YNF, will e-mail the proposed budget to the Bandspread editor. (4) Dayton bus report: Steve reported that the bus has been reserved with Turner for May 15. We must make a deposit of \$100 by February 9, with the balance due by April 30. The total cost this year will be \$1,089.50 and they will have a contract mailed to us this month. The Board discussed ideas to make the bus pay for itself; Kevin noted that the Club cannot continue to lose money on the bus each year. It was decided that we will sell tickets for the bus (will also maintain a list); we will offer tickets for sale at the Tailgate Party, at Club meetings, and purchase information will be on our web site. The cost per ticket if purchased by a Club member will remain at \$30; tickets purchased by non-club members will cost \$35. The tickets can be transferable to another person, but not refundable if the person decides not to use the ticket. Ray volunteered to print fifty numbered tickets; they will be logged with name of purchaser and what ticket numbers they have. If tickets are purchased by mail, the order must be received by April 20; a self addressed, stamped envelope will be appreciated. Dave, N9YNF, and Ray offered to coordinate the ticket sale. The cost of tickets purchased the day of the trip will be \$35. Following the discussion, Don moved that the cost of the tickets remain at \$30 when purchased by members pre-bus day/\$35 for nonmembers; any requests postmarked after April 20 will be charged at \$35 including walk-ons. Ray seconded; the motion passed. It was suggested that we do a mailing with changes noted to be sent to those who have ridden the bus recently but are not active in our club; Dave, N9YNF, offered to modify the flyer and get them to John, N9YRX. Ray will ask John if he will be available to be the Marketing Coordinator this year and will advise him of the changes we have made this year. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm. Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, Secretary

Ask Dr. Elmer

Dear Dr. Elmer...

Q. When several of us are physically near one-another, using different radios and working through a repeater, I can almost always hear a distant station but often cannot hear the stations I am standing next to.

This seems to be more common when we are using mobile radios close together, say in a parking lot, than when we use our handhelds, and it seems to go away when we get farther apart. What is going on?

A. The problem you describe is called "desense" because the station you are close to is desensitizing your receiver. In simple terms, the nearby transmitter overloads your receiver, and can occur even when the nearby transmitter is operating on a different frequency than the one you are listening to. The solution to the problem is to avoid that overload, either by increasing the distance between you and another transmitter, or by asking the other station to use the least transmitter power that still allows the communication.

Dr. Elmer is pleased to answer your questions in his column. Send your questions to *The Bandspread* editor at k9ere@earthlink.net or the Club via P.O. Box 81, Terre Haute, IN 47808-0081. Please indicate "Dr. Elmer" on the envelope. - TNX.

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The President's Corner

Greetings once again. It is hard to believe that winter is almost behind us and the spring and summer months are just ahead. We can look forward to another busy and productive year for Amateur Radio in the Wabash Valley.

At the meeting we will be presenting the annual budget for 2004. Again this year we are presenting a budget with a substantial deficit. While our bank balance has gone up the last two years, this is only because we have been fortunate enough to have had several people purchase life memberships, and one estate and several other donations to our club. Without this income the bank balance would be considerably smaller. The Board has looked over our budget, and we feel we cannot cut any deeper than the budgeted spending levels.

One thing that those of you with Internet access could do would be to sign up for the electronic version of the Bandspread. The cost of printing and mailing our monthly newsletter is the largest single expense that we have. For those that have Internet access, the e-Bandspread has two advantages. First, the electronic version arrives several days earlier than the mailed version. Second, the pictures in the e-Bandspread can be viewed in color. And, of course, if you prefer to archive your paper Bandspreads, you can simply print a copy from the .pdf files you receive.

Also, remember the annual bus that the club sponsors to the Dayton Hamvention. The cost to the club for the bus has slowly risen over the last several years, but we have not passed this cost on. This year the cost rose again, so we regrettably have to raise our ticket prices. This year, if a WVARA member purchases a ticket before the reservation deadline of April 20, the cost is still \$30 per person. Cost to a non-WVARA member purchasing a ticket will be \$35. If by the April 20 deadline we are not close to breaking even on the cost of the bus, the trip for this year will be cancelled and the reservations refunded. If by the April 20 deadline we are close to breaking even, then subsequent tickets purchased by WVARA members go up to \$35 as well.

John, N9YRX has additional information, and you can find the form on the Club web site.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting. Until then 73,

Kevin, K9HX

WX SPOTTERS' CLASS

Don't forget to schedule March 1 for Illiana Skywarn's annual weather spotters' class. This year it will be at the Berean Baptist Church, 6077 N. Clinton St., just south of the Sky King airport. Dave Tucek, of the National Weather Service will again be there with the presentation starting at 7 PM.

"Catch-Up" With CAARLA

Crossroads of America Amateur Ladies Association celebrated its one-year anniversary Saturday, January 10, 2004.

CAARLA held its first meeting Saturday, January 11, 2003 with five members: Natalie Andrews K9CAT, Kay Brentlinger KB9HYH, Diane Brentlinger, KB9PAV, Pat Cox, KB9TJW, and Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR.

None of us (except K9CAT of course!) could have ever dreamed of the growth and changes we would see in just one year.

During the first year, our membership grew to 15 full members and 3 associate members.

We established a two-meter net which meets every Thursday evening at 9:00 on the 146.685 repeater. (Many thanks to Susie Reedy, KB9BLH, for being our hostess for the first four months!)

We have a web site, thanks to the efforts of our Trustee and associate member, Ray Andrews K9DUR; we have our own list serve, also thanks to Ray!

The most exciting things I have noticed is more YL's on the air - and not just with their spouse/boyfriend!

It was a great loss to us when Natalie became a silent key in July; since this Club was a dream-come-true for Natalie, CAARLA applied for and was issued the precious gift of her call sign. It was with a sense of great honor that I was able to use K9CAT at the "Santa on the Air from Honey Creek Mall" special event station in December 2003.

It has been a joy to meet and get to know so many of you YLs during the past year and I really look forward to meeting more of you in the year(s) to come. I am eager to begin CAARLA's second year, along with all the rest of you, to see what we can become together!

Please join us at Ambrosini's for our next luncheon meeting, Saturday, February 14, at 12:30 (Indiana time).

33 Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR

New 2 Meter Repeater

I am pleased to announce that the 145.230MHz K9HX/R repeater is finally on the air. I am currently running the system from my house in Clay City, and will probably do so for a couple of weeks. I am only about 30 feet up, so range is quite limited.

I will be monitoring the system and will be making some changes and improvements to it until it is moved to it's permanent location on a 450 ft. tower in West Terre Haute.

If you are within it's limited coverage area feel free to give it a try. Remember that there are still some rough edges to smooth off. Let me know what you think.

73,

Kevin, K9HX

PROPOSED WVARA BUDGET FOR 2004

Income	Budget
ARRL Memberships	0.00
Donations	75.00
Auction	0.00
Bank Interest	10.00
Brentlinger Dinner	400.00
Christmas Dinner	400.00
Dayton Bus	1,000.00
Dues	1,500.00
Life Memberships	0.00
Education	200.00
Half Pot	125.00
Tailgate Party	
Gates Fees	150.00
Half Pot/Commissions	30.00
Fundraisers	30.00
Total Income	\$3,920.00
Expenses	
Bandspread	
Printing	300.00
Postage	275.00
Software	300.00
Brentlinger Dinner	
Dinner	400.00
Award	80.00
Speaker's Dinner	30.00
Christmas Dinner	
Dinner	400.00
Speaker's Dinner	30.00
Club Station	100.00
Dayton Bus	1,100.00
Education	200.00
Field Day	175.00
Insurance	
Liability	350.00
Equipment	200.00
Assoc. Memberships	25.00
List Server QTH.NET	25.00
Misc. Operations	75.00
Non-Profit Fee	10.00
PO Box Fee	40.00
Red Cross Donation	200.00
Repeater	100.00
Safety Deposit Box	15.00
Tailgate Party	55.00
Fundraisers	0.00
Total Expenses	\$4,485.00
Net Gain (Loss)	\$(565.00)

Amateur Radio Aids Youth Center Once More

In December of 2003 Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, found out that the Harlem Globetrotters were performing at Hulman Center in January. He called Ryves Hall Youth Center Director Jim Edwards, KA9DIF, and asked if the kids might be interested in meeting a Globetrotter up close and personal. Dave said that he couldn't make any promises but there was a possibility that he could get a member of the team to stop by the youth center.

Within a week Dave had a tentative confirmation and the deal was sealed on December 23. That same night was the Ryves Hall Christmas Party with over 300 children in attendance. Dave made the announcement at the party that Otis Key, #12, from the Harlem Globetrotters, would be coming to Ryves Hall on January 2. The announcement caused many of the children attending to choose a new basketball as a present.

True to his word Dave arrived on January 2, to meet, and introduce, Mr. Key. Over 100 children sat mesmerized as they heard Dave introduce #12. Otis spoke for approximately 45 minutes about motivation and improving one's self. Of course basketball skills and "tricks" were incorporated into the speech. Jim said that in the past twenty-one years that the youth center has been in operation, he has never seen so many of "his" kids sit quietly for so long.

After the speech Otis sat down to a long line seeking his autograph. Many brought their new basketballs received at the Christmas Party to be signed by Otis.

The exact number of autographs signed that night is unknown, but he did sign well over 100 photographs that he brought, along with many basketballs, jerseys and scraps of paper. After everyone was satisfied Dave and Jim gave Otis a tour of Ryves Hall, including a visit to the Ryves Hall Amateur Radio Club, KC9EKW.

During his speech Otis told his audience that one interest, growing up, was dreaming of visiting many places all over the world. Otis was amazed to see the Ham Shack and realize that the children could actually talk to people in the parts of the world that he only dreamt of as a child. Not only did the evening positively impact many children at Ryves Hall, it also educated a world traveling Harlem Globetrotter about the benefits of Amateur Radio.

The visit from Otis Key was made possible by Dave, an Amateur Radio operator, because he thought he could help out. Dave has shown that we as amateurs can make a difference. Not only has he been an active member of WVARA, and an award winning Amateur Radio operator, he is truly a steward of his community.

We should all realize that we as Amateur Radio operators have many contacts, knowledge, and expertise. We should also realize that there are many nonprofit agencies begging for our help. Dave will be the first person to tell you that the ability to help someone in need to truly a rewarding experience.

Jim Edwards, KA9DIF
Director, Ryves Hall Youth Center



Are You Ready for the Next Disaster?

Find out by taking the following **Preparedness Quiz**

Here are 12 questions to determine if you are fully prepared for the next event. Score each question with 8 points for a "YES" answer and 0 points for a "NO" answer. Best possible score is 96. Let's see how you do!

- 1 Do you know who your local emergency communications coordinator is?
- 2 Do you know what frequency is designated as the primary meeting point when commercial power is unavailable in your community?
- 3 Do you know where to find potable water in your community if the normal water supply has been contaminated?
- 4 Do you have a jump kit prepared and ready for immediate use?
- 5 Do you have plans for your family that include any and all pets?
- 6 When called to support your nearby town, do you have someone designated to take care of your family?
- 7 Does your primary vehicle always have at least half-a-tankful of fuel?
- 8 If it becomes necessary to suddenly leave your community, do you have at least 2 evacuation routes?
- 9 At this very moment, can you readily find a flashlight and a portable broadcast radio in your home?
- 10 Without power, gas stations cannot pump gas or kerosene. Are you prepared for that eventuality?
- 11 In the past 12 months, have you participated in any additional ARRL, FEMA or ARC training activities?
- 12 If approached by a reporter, can you answer questions you're authorized to answer without speaking GEEK?

How did you do?

96 Points = You're ready!

80-88 = You're almost ready.

Less than 80 = A little more work is needed.

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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? New member?

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

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.

K9DUR Appointed Assistant Central Division Director

We are pleased to announce that yet another member of the WVARA holds a position of responsibility in the Central Division.

Ray Andrews, K9DUR, has been appointed Assistant Central Division Director. He answers directly to Dick Isely, W9GIG, Central Division Director.

Ray was quick to point out that this is not an elected office and there are other assistant directors. Nevertheless it is another "feather in the cap" of the local association, following the appointment two years ago of Dave Pifer, N9YNF, to the position of Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator.

Ray's job is to help shoulder the workload of the Director in numerous ways. He may fill in for Dick at hamfests and other official functions of the Director when he is unable to attend. He also helps disseminate ARRL information throughout the division by "getting the word out" on subjects such as the recent ARRL license restructuring proposal (see Ray's article on page 1.)

Congratulations on your new position, Ray!

AMATEUR RADIO CLASSIFIED

Wanted: Radio Shack HTX-242 2M Mobile Radio (in working condition)
Please contact me with price information.

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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**

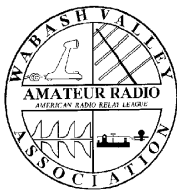
[Special Note, March Only*]

**9:00 AM Indiana time, at the
Tailgate Party, Marine Corps
League Building across from
Roselawn Cemetary on North
Clinton Street, Terre Haute, IN
- Walk-Ins Welcome -**

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

**February 1 Terre Haute
* March 13 Terre Haute**

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