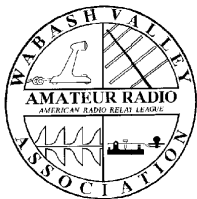


REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Glas-Col
Nov. 5 Apparatus, S.E. Corner of 7th & Hulman
Monday, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Glas-Col., 7th &
Nov. 8 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

WVARA Election of Officers for 2005..... Dec. 3
Annual WVARA Christmas Party Dec. 4
New 2005 Officers are installed Dec. 6
Santa at the Mall Dec. 11



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The WVARA Slate of Officers for 2005

According to the WVARA Constitution, the purpose of the Nominations Committee is to provide a slate of officers for the coming year. For some years now, it has been the policy of each WVARA Board to actively seek the best possible candidate for each office, based in part, upon the following criteria:

1. Past demonstration of willingness to participate in various Club activities.
2. Success in past positions of responsibility.
3. Competence to handle the specific office for which he or she is running.
4. Willingness to responsibly serve in that particular position.

The nominations committee met on September 24 to consider a slate of candidates based on the above criteria. The members represented many different aspects of the Club.

They were:

- Kevin Berlen, K9HX (As president, ex-officio member of all committees)
- Marv Carmony, W9KT
- Keith Reedy, WA9DRO
- Diane Brentlinger, W9SMW
- Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL
- Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, chair

Also present but not voting were: Gary Adams, W9EEU and David Pifer, N9YNF.

The following slate of candidates was endorsed unanimously by the committee:

President	Gary Adams, W9EEU
Vice President	Don Pine, K9DRP
Secretary	Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR
Treasurer	Chuck Procarione, KC9CKK
Trustee	David Pifer, N9YNF

Other candidates are welcome to run in the December election. If the name of a candidate for any of the WVARA elective offices is sent to the Nominations Committee chair* at least five days prior to the election, that candidate's name will also be placed on the ballot. Other candidates may also be placed in nomination, and then written in on the ballot, on the night of the election, which will be at the regular General meeting on Friday, December 3. No person's name will be placed in nomination without his or her expressed consent.

*k9ere@earthlink.net (Please request confirmation of receipt by reply.)
-or call (812) 877-4371.

November Program

The program for the WVARA General Meeting this month is
Packet Radio (maybe)

LOCAL NETS

Wednesday Evening	9:00 pm CST
Clark Co. ARES Net	146.520/S
Thursday Evening	9:00 pm EST
CAARLA Net	146.685/R
Sunday Morning	8:20 am EST
Vigo Co. ARES Net	146.685/R
Sunday Evening	9:00 pm EST
WVARA Net	146.685/R*
Me Too Net -	9:00 pm EST
NOT Wed or Sun	144.045 CW

All other nights... maybe, maybe not.
Ur rig needs to be CW capable!
* First Sunday of the month is Simplex night.
The WVARA Net meets on 146.595



General Meeting Minutes 10/01/04

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Club President, Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Vice President, Gary Adams, W9EEU, led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 22 members present and 6 guests; all present introduced him/herself. **Announcements:** (1) The Board meeting will be October 4 at 6:30 P.M. at Glas-Col Apparatus at 7th and Hulman. Talk-in will be available on 146.595 MHz. (2) The QCWA/CAARLA meeting will be October 9 at 12:00 P.M. at Ambrosini's Restaurant. (3) The Deuces Wild Duathlon will also be held Saturday, October 9 at 7:30 A.M. at Lincoln Trails State Park in Marshall, IL. Anyone able to help with this event should see John, N9YRX. (4) The Eastside Outdoor Ham Club Foxhunt/Picnic will be Sunday, October 10 at Lincoln Trail State Park. There will be three fox hunts, beginning with a mobile hunt at 10:00 A.M.; there will also be a foot hunt and a "son of a gun" challenge. (5) The regular ARRL-VEC testing session will be October 3 at 1:00 P.M. at the Red Cross in Terre Haute. (6) The Club Christmas Party will be December 4, 2004, at the World Gospel Church. It will be a carry-in with the Club providing the meat. (7) 2005 dues are now being accepted by Club Treasurer, Don, K9DRP. (8) The new Club Station Manager is Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC. (9) Don announced that the Illinois QSO Party will be October 17 at Lincoln Trail State Park. Our club will combine forces with The Eastside Outdoor Ham Club for this event which begins at 1:00 P.M. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report was presented as published in The Bandspread by Club Secretary Debbie, KC9AOR. John, K9GBO, seconded the motion; the motion carried. **Treasurer's Report:** Club Treasurer Don, K9DRP, presented the Treasurer's Report which showed a balance in all accounts of \$3,591.89. He moved that it be approved as presented; John, N9YRX, seconded the motion; the motion carried. **Old Business:** The new meeting location was discussed. The reaction to the change was favorable and it was decided to try it over the next few months. Following the break and half pot drawing, which was won by Kay, KB9HYH, the Homebrew Contest was presented. The winners were: Experienced: Third place: Jim, K9VDQ, for Morse Code Paddles; Second Place went to Kevin, K9HX, for his repeater; First Place went to Jerry, K9AF, for his Broadband Transmitter; Novice: First place went to Nick, KC9ERS, for Fox Hunt equipment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes MO/DY/YR

Board Members present were: Club President, Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Board Member at Large, Chuck Procarione, KC9CKK; Past President Steve Shorter, NT9T; Vice President Gary Adams, W9EEU; Treasurer, Don Pine, K9DRP; Secretary, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; Guests present: Kay Brentlinger, KB9HYH and Gary Wheeler, K9ERE. The meeting was called to order at 6:14 by Kevin. **Announcement:** Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC, has been appointed the new Club Station Manager. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report was presented by Debbie, as published in The Bandspread; Gary seconded the motion; the motion carried. Don presented the Treasurer's Report with balance in all accounts of \$3,589.69. Don reported that dues for 2005 are starting to come in. Don moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented; Steve seconded the motion; the motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Vigo County CD Generator: Don reported that the generator is now in the hands of Ernie Meeks of the West Terre Haute Police Department. Don will get a copy of the receipt to the Emergency Services Director. (2) Bison Stampede 2005: Gary, W9EEU, reported that the Cory Firehouse has again been reserved for the event. (3) Tailgate Party 2005: Don will attempt to get the date firmed up this week and get the information to Ray for the flyers to be printed. (4) Santa at the Mall: will be held December 11. Time and further information will be determined at the next meeting. (5) The Club station remodel project is on hold at this time, pending Ginger's input. (6) New meeting location: people seemed happy with the new location at Glas-Col; we will plan to continue meeting here for now. (7) Christmas Party: entertainment was discussed. **New Business:** (1) Regarding Club meeting ideas: Gary, W9EEU, reported that his contact for Slow Scan TV referred him to someone else for the November meeting. Don spoke with Jerry, who would be interested in presenting a demo for packet radio. (2) Chuck suggested that we hold a contest to "name the voice" on the repeater; perhaps put it on the ListServ. Kevin will make a ListServ announcement. He would like to get Diane from Hi 99 to record some repeater announcements for us. Chuck moved that we move to executive session at 7:35 P.M. Don seconded the motion. After the executive session, Steve moved to adjourn; Chuck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary

Club Treasures

Do you have old minutes, newsletters, pictures or documents stored away? The WVARA wants to recapture some of its history before it is all forgotten. Contact any Board member if you have anything which might help build our archive. BTW, we'd be happy to copy what you have and give it right back.

The President's Corner

Fall is here and before long winter will be upon us. How many shopping days are left until Christmas? With this thought in mind, remember that our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 4, at the World Gospel Church, located at 901 Gardendale Road on the east side of Terre Haute. We will gather at the church at 6:30PM and the dinner will begin at 7:00PM. The dinner this year will not be catered, but will be a less formal carry-in type of get-together. The Club will provide the meat and drinks. The good news is that there will be no cost involved this year, but we will need a few volunteers to help clean up afterward. We don't need formal reservations this year, but we would still like to hear from you if you and your family plan to attend. Also, we are looking for entertainment for the evening, so if you would be interested in playing the piano or guitar, please get in touch with me or one of the other Board members.

It is with regret that I mention the passing of two members of the WVARA family. The first is Nina Blackwell, wife of longtime club member Dale Blackwell. Nina was with us not too long ago for a club meeting when Dale presented a program on cockpit voice recorders. The second is Bill Sibenmorgen, W9IHO. Bill had been in declining health over the last few years, but had attended our Extra upgrade class we held two years ago. They both will be missed.

We are in the process of naming the voice now being heard identifying the club 2-meter repeater. This summer, the repeater received a rebuild, and as part of the project got a speaking voice. If you have a suggestion for a name, please get it to me along with your reasoning why your suggestion should be adopted. We hope to announce a name possibly at the Club meeting.

Remember that we have a new location for our General meetings, at Glas-Col apparatus, located at the corner of 7th and Hulman in Terre Haute. Parking is available on the north side of Hulman Street. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Until then 73,

Kevin, K9HX

Bequests to the Club

Have you ever considered a bequest to the Club in your will or trust? It is easy to do. Contact the Club treasurer for more information.

Dear Dr. Elmer,

I used the term "Break" to interrupt and join a conversation on the repeater. Later I was told that was incorrect. So what IS correct?

FCC rules don't really discuss use of particular words in ham radio, but custom and courtesy do.

On VHF/UHF frequencies the work "break" or "break break" is reserved for use only by a station having priority or emergency communications. Anyone hearing either of the terms should immediately relinquish the frequency and offer whatever assistance may be appropriate. A station who is initially unable to help should also stand by because the situation may change.

A better way to join a QSO is simply to announce your call during the gap after one station releases his mic button and before the next station begins his transmission. This tells the people already in the QSO that you are there and wish to join the conversation. This is also called "dropping your call" and demonstrates the importance of the gap in-between transmissions.

Communications procedures and vocabulary have evolved just like a language - through usage and over time. Courtesy is one of the hallmarks of our communications hobby and proper usage of ham procedures promotes courtesy plus better understanding and comprehension of what an amateur is really trying to say over the air.

Although we don't have a complete dictionary at our fingertips, this is an example of the information that might be found there.

Dr. Elmer is pleased to answer your Amateur Radio-related questions. Just send them to The Bandspread editor, c/o k9ere@earthlink.net - or mail them to:

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Remembering Bill, W9IHO

I have many fond memories of Bill, W9IHO. Bill always had a very calm, reassuring tone in his voice, and always had the respect of everyone that worked him on the air. One of the earliest recollections that I have are of Bill running the RACES net from the radio room at the old Vigo County Home. The net was called on Wednesday nights, and was held on 147.300MHz. As a recently upgraded Technician class ham, I was in possession of an old GE Pre-Progress Line base station, crystallized on this frequency. I did battle with this piece of equipment each week, and my measure of success was if I could hear the net, and then if I could hear it, how well I was hearing it. Each Wednesday night I was able to hear Bill's voice coming out of this old radio brought a wide smile to the face of this 15 year old boy.

Bill was ever present at the club Hamfest, always running the ladies Bingo activity. Bill was from the old school, and in my mind represented the epitome of what a "real" ham should be.

Kevin Berlen, K9HX

My Friend Bill, W9IHO

From the time I was a little guy of 9 or 10, radio was a most interesting mystery to me. From the Christmas vacation when I heard my first ham transmission on my new crystal set and I do mean a crystal set, on what I now know to be 160 meters, I wanted to do whatever I needed to do to talk to others on radio.

I read all of the books in the braille library at The Indiana School for the Blind about radio, or anything like radio and to my surprise, I heard that the Indianapolis Radio Club "IRC" was going to sponsor a ham class at the blind school in Indianapolis.

I had trouble taking hold of the theory, but when it finally began to click, Bob Caskey, W9DNQ, called a friend of his in Terre Haute from the Indiana phone net. Bill, W9IHO, agreed to help me over the summer and holidays.

Bill took me to my first WVARA club meeting in the 1959-1960 season and began to help me to understand the language of ham operators and to enjoy the fine food at the Eatateria after the club meetings. He put resistors, capacitors, chokes, coils, vacuum tubes, and other wonderous things in to my young hands and patiently explained how they worked. He encouraged me to touch and feel and sense his teletype station, his transmitters, and receivers, spin the knobs and even talk on the mic to amateurs all over the place. All that time, Bill was helping me with code, math, regulations, and crystal oscillators...

Finally, I was licensed as WN9DRO in 1961. Bill built and strung my first 80-meter novice antenna. And when I upgraded to Tech in 1962, Bill built my first 6-meter transmitter, a dipole for 6 and introduced me to 6 meters which is still my favorite band. He gave me my first code key, which I still use today and later he taught me traffic handling - how to run a net and how to be a ham that folks would want to talk to. As I told Bill about my upgrades through the years, I could hear the smile in his voice. Bill had the challenge of helping someone who was blind to become a licensed ham - one of the few in the country at that time - but he did it.

Oh, what memories of the Field Days in the carpet trucks from Bill's place of business, Terre Haute Carpet Cleaning and Rug Company, that wonderful summer place on the lake, his ham station on what he would call the "gob pile out back" and the list goes on. W9IHO, W9"Item How Oboe" or W9"Indiana's Hammiest Operator", I will miss you. Thank you for taking the time to give me so much.

73, Keith Reedy, WA9DRO

W9IHO- SK

When I recall Bill Siebenmorgen's contributions to ham radio several things come to mind. I guess I first really noticed him when I was a WVARA member in the fifties when a student at Rose Poly. For many years the club met at Rose. Those were the days when Herman Moench passed out "butt cans" for those who smoked, and most people did.

SSB/SC (J3E) mode was new at that time and Bill was one of the first local hams to embrace it. He gave a very informative program on single sideband at one of the club meetings. Many of us were wowed when he demonstrated inverted speech. The occurs when you inject the carrier on the wrong side of the sideband and has been use as a way to scramble voice communication. Bill recorded "nah roo hah dee yah dee yarn." When the carrier was inserted into the audio and was inverted, it came out "Mary had a little lamb."

Back when the cold war was raging Bill was the local EC, (emergency coordinator). Bill and his EC teams put together and maintained a well-equipped EOC in the basement of the Vigo County Home, a.k.a. Poor Farm. I recall Bill saying that, "When the balloon goes up (a euphemism for nuclear attack) you and your family are to come to the shelter." That was a sobering and welcome invitation.

The last of the many things that I remember was Bill making his place available for Field Day year after year. It was a cabin on a lake near Clay City. As well as operating, we swam, ate, killed some 807s, and fished the lake. At another Field Day at Isaac Walton, Bill made his company's huge vans available as mobile stations.

Bill was indeed a "helping ham" and Elmered many into ham radio, including our own Keith Reedy when he was just a sprout. I relied on Bill for help, stuff to borrow, advice, and an eyeball QSO. Ham radio has lost a valuable member of its fraternity.

Bill was 87 years old.

Jack Derry, K9CUN

Clark County ARES Passes Communications Test

Saturday, Sept 25, Clark County Amateur Radio Emergency Services had a demonstration and test of capabilities in front of the Marshall Wal-Mart. Four complete stations were set up with antennas in about half an hour. These were stations set up to run on emergency power and not depend on commercial power; one station was solar powered throughout the day. The drills also had the purpose of public awareness and solicit new hams to the service/hobby. Clark County can be proud of her local hams as being ready and proving it.



Pictured are (left to right): Charla Evinger N9TRS Assistant EC, John Van Sandt N9YRX Emergency Co-coordinator, Don Pine K9DRP OES, and Ron Young AB9GI. Not pictured: Bob Evinger WD9EKA OES who was on an ambulance run at the time.

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2005

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

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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.



Pictures of the NWS, INDY

A number of our area Skywarn people attended the Oct 16 open house and we got some great pictures.

But we ran out of room!

**So we'll run 'em next month.
Stay tuned. -ed.**



VE Testing

TERRE HAUTE: 1st Sunday of
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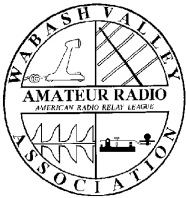
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