

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Glas-Col Apparatus
 Jun 3 7th & Hulman (1st Friday of each month.)
 Monday, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Glas-Col., 7th &
 Jun 6 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

WIAREC (Skywarn) Yard Sale June 11
 Field Day June 24,25,26
 Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic Aug 13



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SECOND ANNUAL BISON STAMPEDE HOST STN

The WVARA was the host of the Bison Stampede Station for the Indiana QSO Party on May 7th, 2005. Operating from the Cory Community Center in Cory, Indiana, the Club utilized seven transmitters to make 449 exchanges with stations throughout the country, and even a few DX contacts. W9UUU

was worth 50 bonus points to stations competing in the contest. And the fact that we were working from Clay County (each county worked by contesters was a multiplier for those submitting a log in the contest) helped to make for little delay in waiting for a response to our CQ's.

QSO's by band & mode:

80 CW = 29	80 SSB = 31
40 CW = 97	40 SSB = 165
20 CW = 14	20 SSB = 75
15 CW = 7	15 SSB = 8
10 CW = 0	10 SSB = 23

We armed our operation with a myriad of antennae, including a long wire, 2 G5RV's, a double bazooka, a B&W folded dipole, and several verticals. The use of K9VDQ's portable tower made it easy to put up and use our Force 12 beam. KC9JAC set up an SGC tuner fed vertical that got a work-out (and performed very well) on several bands. So well, in fact, that Joe had little opportunity to use it himself.

WD9EYB and WA9TGO set up and maintained the computer logging system that we have used for the past

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*Note-The new WVARA logo was designed by Dave, N9YNF, a few years ago and, due to popular request, it will now appear in each subsequent issue of *The Bandspread*. The original logo, whose author is unknown, will be retired.



DAYTON BUS 2005

The Club did finally get the requisite number of riders and off they went Saturday morning. Dale, KA9HLD, (he has a call!!!) was heard calling the bus, but he wasn't left behind.

Almost left behind were two who discovered half-way to the bus that they had forgotten their tickets. The bus waited.

Following are some anecdotes submitted by Ted, K9SGL:

There was the largest rotating multi-band beam antenna on a tower on a trailer that Ted had ever seen. Guess who bought one!

Guess who said, "Friends don't let friends buy Kenwoods."

Debbie saw equipment maker AOR and asked the man behind the table what they would give her since she was always wearing their logo. He gave her a flashlight and a pen and she got a picture with the President of AOR. Unfortunately, *they* took the picture, not one of us.

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Don't Forget the WIAREC YARD SALE, JUNE 11

SUPPORTING VIGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES INCLUDING SKYWARN & ARES

See p. 5 for details!

T.H. TRIATHLON 2005

The Terre Haute Triathlon was held Saturday, May 21 at Hawthorne Park, just north of Rose-Hulman College.

This was a particularly important year since this year's event was the regional qualifier for the USAT National Championship.

As usual, the WVARA provided communications for the event. Coordinator was David Pifer, N9YNF. Amateurs are strategically positioned along the three courses which feature first swimming then biking and finally running. Each amateur radio operator reports the order of the race as it passes his or her location and also reports any breakdowns or injuries along the course which need assistance. The last contestant on the

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June Program

The Club meeting program will be on the up-coming Field Day preparation, including the computer duping sys.

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*

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



General Meeting Minutes 05/07/05

The May 7, 2005 WVARA general meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Don Pine, K9DRP. There were 27 members and 3 guests present. **Announcements:** (1) We received a thank you letter from Ryves Hall for the donation made by the Club for the use of their facilities for Tail Gate. (2) Dayton bus tickets are on sale; \$35 for members or nonmembers. The bus is definitely going to Dayton, so if you were undecided, get your money in to the Treasurer as soon as possible. (3) Dale Blackwell received his license and is now KC9HLD; the members offered their congratulations to Dale. (4) The crystals for the pagers have been ordered and should be in within five to six weeks. There will be a building session announced at a later date. \$10 to Kevin, K9HX, is your reservation for a pager. (5) Field day T-shirts with name and call sign will be \$9 (S-XL) \$10 (XXL). The deadline for ordering is June 10. Money should be given to Chuck, W9COD; your payment is your order. (6) CAARLA/ QCWA meetings will be May 14 at the Saratoga Restaurant. (7) VE testing will be at Marshall May 14 at 8:30 a.m. (8) Gary announced that John Van Sandt's, mother passed away yesterday. Debbie, KC9AOR, moved that the **Secretary's Report** be approved as published in *The Bandspread*; Don, K9DRP, seconded the motion. Chuck, W9COD, presented the **Treasurer's Report**; he reported a balance, after paying the Dayton bus, of \$4,852.93. He moved that it be approved as presented; Ray, K9DUR, seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Update on the digipeater: no progress to report. (2) The Triathlon will be held May 21 in Terre Haute and Dave noted that we still have 8 positions to fill; anyone available should contact Dave, N9YNF or Dave, N9FMD. **New Business:** (1) Amendments to Bylaws and Constitution Change: the proposed changes were distributed and also published in *The Bandspread*. In the handouts, the proposed changes were printed in red. The proposed changes were in Section V - the Trustee and Section III - Bid decision. The proposed Constitution changes were found in Article IX - The Brentlinger Award. Ray moved to accept changes as presented; Ron, N9ZXO, seconded the motion. The motion carried with one dissenting vote. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 05/09/05

The May 9, 2005 WVARA Board meeting was called to order by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU, at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Past President Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Vice President, Don Pine, K9DRP; Treasurer, Chuck Procarione, W9COD; Past President, Steve Shorter, NT9T; Secretary, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; Trustee, David Pifer, N9YNF, and guests Jim Osburn, WD9EYB and Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD. Debbie

presented The **Secretary's Report** and moved that it be approved as published in *The Bandspread*; Kevin seconded the motion and it was approved. Chuck presented The **Treasurer's Report**, which shows a balance of \$5,022.37 in all accounts and moved that it be approved as presented; Steve seconded the motion and it was approved. **Old Business:** (1) Packet Digipeater - Kevin will order the Duplexer as soon as he can. (2) Dayton Bus - There was discussion about the increase in price for members but not for nonmembers if tickets were purchased after the deadline. Kevin moved that we leave the price for members at \$30; Chuck seconded the motion and the motion carried. (3) Field Day T-shirts - Kevin reported that he has orders for thirteen shirts at this time. (4) Field Day Planning - There was discussion regarding operating 6A again this year and how those positions should be utilized. It was suggested that we have four "production stations" which would not change (operators would still change!) and two "rotating stations" which would be open for people to bring their equipment to test. A planning meeting was tentatively set for May 16 at Maurizio's; an e-mail will be sent when that date is confirmed with the restaurant. (5) Membership Drive: Following much discussion, an agreement could not be reached on how to proceed. Dave nominated Don to be the Club Promotion Coordinator; Chuck seconded the motion and the motion was approved. (6) Tailgate Party Follow-up - Kevin volunteered to be the 2006 Chairperson. **New Business:** (1) Club name badges were discussed. Kevin moved that the Club purchase name badges for active members (those who have attended at least three out of the last six Club meetings). It was decided to have the pins blue with white letters. Line 1 will say Wabash Valley ARA; line 2 will have the call sign in large letters; line 3 will be the name in small letters. It was decided that any replacements or changes to call signs will be at the member's expense. Steve, NT9T, seconded the motion and the motion carried. A sample will be available for inspection at the next Club meeting. (2) Class costs were discussed. Raising the cost of classes or requiring the purchase of memberships were discussed. This item was tabled until the next meeting. (3) Honorary Life Memberships - NT9T proposed that we develop guidelines for Honorary Life Members. Following discussion, this item was tabled. (4) Project Intern - Dave, N9FMD, proposed that we develop a Project Intern position to work closely with the chairperson of special events, such as Field Day and Tailgate. That person would provide assistance to the coordinator and well as gaining experience that would enable him to eventually be a coordinator for a later event. Following discussion, it was decided not to pursue this at this time. (5) The Club database was discussed. If people are not getting *The Bandspread*, they need to advise Debbie or Dave, N9YNF, so that we can find the problem. (6) Bison Stampede 2006 - The question was raised "Do we want to do this again?" Steve moved that, if we are asked, we will serve as the bonus station in 2006; Kevin seconded the motion and the motion carried. (7) Participation in the Illinois QSO Party was discussed. (8) Password protecting *The Bandspread* was



discussed. Kevin moved to remove the password protection on *The Bandspread*; Don seconded the motion and the motion carried. It was decided that we will keep the distribution list with a reminder sent when the next edition is available. (9) Code practice on the repeater was discussed. (10) The new paggers were discussed. (10) The Club website was also discussed. No action was take on either. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

Dear Dr. Elmer,

A lot of talk has come up lately about "Field Day." What is that all about?

As you have already discovered, our hobby is a collection of many smaller parts. For example, one part of the hobby deals with emergency services, and another is called "contesting." These are just two of the parts that are brought together each year for Field Day.

In simple terms, ham radio operators from across the country move their stations away from their homes and spend the fourth weekend of June in a public park or a shopping center, or some other non-standard location. Then they spend a 24-hour period attempting to talk to one another.

The ARRL sponsors and coordinates the weekend, and has developed a complex set of rules to be followed. Points are awarded for each of the contacts made, and additional points are awarded if the group accomplishes specific goals. For example 100 points are added if the group sets up in a public place. Another 100 points are added if the site is visited by local government officials or by representatives of agencies we work with. More points are added for demonstrations of non-traditional modes of communications, or for having young people visit the site and make some contacts.

The WVARA is sponsoring our local Field Day effort which will be held at the Cory Indiana fire station. The current plan is to set up about 7 stations and operate the full 24 hours. With that many stations planned, there will be plenty for everyone to do.

Dr. Elmer is pleased to answer your questions. Please address your questions to k9ere@earthlink.net or send them to P.O. Box 81, Terre Haute, IN 47803-0081.

Special Reminder!

Summer is a heavy vacation time. After setting aside time for Field Day in June and the Amateur Radio Picnic in August, it is felt that many just don't want to further interrupt their summer plans. Accordingly, there will be no general meetings during the months of July and August. The Board will continue to meet, however, and you are always invited to attend.

The President's Corner

Last year the WVARA committed to operating the bonus station for the Indiana QSO party. We decided to operate from the club station and had just a couple of operators show up for the event. What a difference a year can make. This year we decided to operate the event from our field day site and use it as a warm-up for that event. We had over 30 people show up this year, and we kept the bands active with the W9UUU call on both SSB and CW. A great time was had by all, and it was by all standards a huge success. We have already decided to be the bonus station for the event again next year and will be looking forward to an even better time in 2006.

We are now just a few weeks away from Field Day 2005 and look forward to an absolutely fantastic event. Bring your rig, your appetite, your lawn chair, your camper, your stories or whatever else you want to bring, just be sure to show up. Let's try to put W9UUU at the top of the scoring in our class (after we eat a few brats)!!!!

73,
Gary, W9EEU

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several years for Field Day operations. And, again with this event, it made the task of logging and compiling our contacts much easier for all of us.

Our attention to the proper nourishment of our operators wasn't lost with this event either. AB9GI and KC9GWT grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for a lunch that was able to tide us over until the evening carry-in dinner. Generating RF always seems to generate good food and good appetites.

The combined efforts of many individuals with planning and supporting the WVARA in hosting the Bison Stampede station, along with the operators and support crew that came out to participate, made for a very successful and very enjoyable event. Many thanks go to you all. Perhaps we can do it again next year.

Don, K9DRP

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The trip home was the best ever. Lots of song-singing, led by AB9GI. We don't know if Betty has let him back into the house yet.

And there were the inevitable suggestions for ham bumper stickers. Among them were... hams do it without shorts! And hams do it until their gigahertz!

As always, they stopped at Shapiro's on the way back and as always, a good time was had by all.

TNX, Ted. -ed.

The Day Before...

K9HX, KC9BZG and I went on Friday. While it was cloudy, it did not rain. I thought for a Friday, there were more attendees than normal.

KC9BZG got the 'steal' of the hamfest, in my opinion: a Motorola walkie talkie, desk charger and belt clip for only \$40! K9HX made several good buys, and I was able to get a new 40GB hard drive for my computer for only \$29.

The only downside I saw was the absence of the huge Mendelson's Surplus tent.

I was also pleased to see a LOT more 'vintage' ham radio equipment, most in excellent condition.

Even media coverage of the event was increased, as WHIO-TV was there doing live coverage, and I was interviewed by the Dayton Daily News.

One booth inside had a big screen TV playing a loop of the event on the Tonight Show, where the two hams, using CW sent a test message a lot more rapidly than two people using text messaging. Each time the ham raised his hand, signifying he had received the message prior to the other person receiving it on text messaging, a cheer went up from those watching.

A highlight for me was meeting and briefly talking to John Johnston, W3BE, who was formerly the head of the Amateur and Citizens Division of the FCC, and now is the president of the Quarter Century Wireless Association.

While there were a few people and vendors selling some computer equipment, it appeared to me that the trend of Dayton turning into a "Computerfest with a few radios", had indeed reversed. Hope all others who attended had an enjoyable time!

-Jerry, K9AF



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course is followed by an Amateur Radio mobile designated the "sag wagon." Yours truly had the "honor" of that position this year.

Following the race, as always, a local food vendor provided a free meal for all contestants and workers. This year Subway provided some very tasty sandwiches indeed!

We know you don't do this for the recognition but rather the fun and the satisfaction of serving the community (and maybe the tee shirt).

Dave wants to sincerely thank all of you who contributed your services to the event and made it a success. -ed.

Here are a few pix from the triathlon.





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:

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.

WIAREC Yard Sale 2005

Hello Everyone,

Just under one month from now, on June 11, there will be a yard sale held to benefit the ARES Mobile Communications Center. As you well know the ARES trailer, as we lovingly call it, has been a great deal of help in times of emergency in Vigo and surrounding counties. But now the Mobile Communications Center needs a little help from us. The cost of finishing the purchase and of upgrading the equipment, to meet the new federal accessibility standards, will be about \$4800.00.

The yard sale on June 11th will be held at the home of Dave and Mary Pifer, 6083 N. Clinton Street, just north of Terre Haute on old 41. Look for Emerald Ln., and you're there!

Dave, N9YNF, will be on Television and radio during the week proceeding the yard sale to help to publicize this event.

We are hoping that you will choose to be a part of this project and have a little fun at the same time.

1. Please bring stuff to sell to the Pifer's home at the address listed above, on Friday June 10.

2. Please come to the yard sale and buy something, or somethings that you may want to bring back next year.

3. And if you would like to give a gift, please send your check made payable to "WIAREC", to Dave and Mary's address.

For more information, please contact Dave, N9YNF, at n9ynf@arrl.net
Hey, this will be fun.

73,

Keith-WA9DRO
WIAREC Steering Committee Chairman

VE Testing

TERRE HAUTE: 1st Sunday of even-numbered months
1 PM Indiana 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

For further information, contact John Van Sandt, N9YRX (217) 826-8821

- **May 31, World Gospel Church, 7 PM**
 - **June 25, Cory Fire Dept., 3 PM**
 - **June 5 Terre Haute**
 - **July 9 Marshall**
- Walk-Ins Welcome -

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