

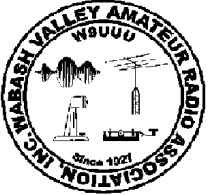
REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Glas-Col Apparatus
Jan 6 7th & Hulman (1st Friday of each month.)
The Board meeting immediately follows the
General meeting. Vistors are welcome.

Every The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 PM,
Thursday Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

*The staff of The Bandspread wishes
you the happiest and most prosperous of
new years!*



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Christmas Party, Santa A. T. M. Cap Off Year!

The annual Christmas Party, sponsored by the WVARA, was held again at the World Gospel Church.

Again this year it was a pitch-in which was so successful last year. We had an addition to the festivities this year in the form of a five dollar limit grab bag gift "exchange."

Following this, more entertainment was again provided by Charla, N9TRS, who was joined by her two children this year. They sang some carols and then invited the rest of us to a sing-along.

As always, a good time was had by all.



Honchoed by John, N9YRX, they pulled off yet another successful "Santa at the Mall." Although down in help from a year ago, he was still able to field a successful group of volunteers both as Santas and as elves.

Among the volunteers this year were Delbert, KC9DRR, Debbie, KC9AOR, Bette, KC9GWT, Ron, AB9GI, Mary, KB9NLJ and Chad, KC9BZG. Great job!

For more photos, see
pages 4 and 5

January Program

It's **Check Your Rig Night!**

Bring that rig that you've been wondering about and we'll check it for frequency, power out, modulation, etc.

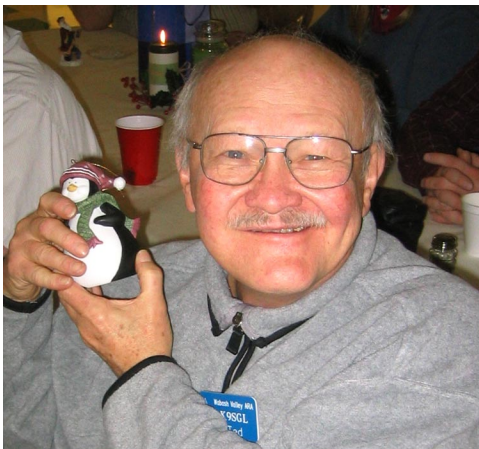
CALLING FOR BRENTLINGER NOMINATIONS

2006 Brentlinger Award nominations are now being accepted. Don't let the holiday rush obscure those good intentions. Send in that nomination now. Although the Brentlinger Award dinner isn't until March, the decision making process takes some time.

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 in writing. 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 and give it to the president or any other Board member or you can mail it to WVARA Brentlinger Award, P.O. Box 81, Terre Haute, IN 47808-0081.

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

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



LOCAL NETS

Tuesday Evening	9:00 pm THT
Parke Co Em Svs Net	146.745/R
Wednesday Evening	9:00 pm THT
Clark Co. ARES Net	146.520/S
Thursday Evening	9:00 pm THT
CAARLA Net	146.685/R
Sunday Morning	8:20 am THT
Vigo Co. ARES Net	146.685/R
Sunday Evening	9:00 pm THT
WVARA Net	146.685/R*

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

Minutes



General Meeting Minutes 12/02/05

The December 2, 2005, WVARA Club Meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Don Pine, K9DRP. Those present introduced themselves with name and call sign; there were no new or upgraded licenses reported.

Announcements: (1) Board meeting will be held immediately following the Club meeting. (2) CAARLA/QCWA meetings will be held prior to the WVARA Christmas party on December 10. (3) VE testing will be held Sunday at the Red Cross. (4) The WVARA Christmas party will be held December 10 at World Gospel Church at 6:30 p.m.; the meal will be at 7:00 followed by grab bag gift exchange (\$5 limit). (5) Santa at the Mall will be December 17; see John, N9YRX, if you can help with that. (6) Eastside Outdoor Ham Club will sponsor a hidden transmitter hunt, December 18, at 2:00 p.m. at Hawthorn Park. (7) Dave, N9FMD, announced that space is available if anyone is interested in participating in the Abbottville NIMS training this Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact Dave, N9YNF, if interested. (8) Ryves Hall's annual Christmas party will be December 22; Jim still needs assistance with communication for that event. There were no questions or corrections to the **Secretary's Report** so they will stand as published in *The Bandspread*. Chuck, W9COD, presented the **Treasurer's Report** with a balance of \$4,302.74 in all accounts. Chuck moved that it be approved as presented; Ray, K9DUR, seconded the motion. The motion passed. There was no old business discussed. **New Business:** (1) Election of Officers: Dave, N9YNF, was in charge of ballots. He advised that only full members are eligible to vote. The slate of officers presented by the Nominations committee was as follows: Gary Adams, W9EEU - President; Don Pine, K9DRP - Vice President; Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR - Secretary; Chuck Procarione, W9COD - Treasurer; Kevin Berlen, K9HX and Jim Osburn, WD9EYB - Trustee. There were no nominations from the floor. Ray moved and Steve, WB9WVG, seconded the motion to close nominations. There were 46 ballots cast. Dave, N9YNF, reported that Gary, W9EEU, was elected President; Don, K9DRP, Vice President; Debbie, KC9AOR, Secretary; Chuck, W9COD, Treasurer; Kevin, K9HX, Trustee. (2) A repeater upgrade proposal was presented by Kevin, K9HX. The proposal is to add a second receiver at the WTHI TV tower, which won't necessitate an additional antenna. A voter will have the ability to monitor up to four channels, which means we can add two additional receiver sites later. The benefits would be (a) move our coverage area east; (b) mitigate problems we are having with the current receiver. Each receiver will be PL toned. The best signal will be transmitted. The cost is estimated to be \$1,500 - \$1,700; the cost for each additional site would be between \$700 - \$1,000. Dave, N9FMD, moved to approve the upgrade at a cost of no more than \$1700; Jim, WD9EYB, seconded the motion. The motion carried. (3) A check of \$100 was presented

to Jim, KA9DIF, for Ryves Hall. The money came from donations from Club members to assist with the KC9EKW ham station at Ryves Hall. Jim thanked the members and reported on the progress being made on the station. Following a break, the half pot drawing was held and won by Debbie, KC9AOR. The program for the evening was the Club Auction with Kevin, K9HX, as the Auctioneer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes 12/02/05

The December 2, 2005, WVARA Board meeting was called to order at 10:03 p.m. by Club President, Gary Adams, W9EEU. Also present were Vice President, Don Pine, K9DRP; Past President, Steve Shorter, NT9T; Past President, Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Trustee, David Pifer, N9YNF; Secretary, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; and Treasurer, Chuck Procarione, W9COD. Guests present were: Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, Jim Osburn WD9EYB, Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, and Jim Canarecci, WA9TGO. There being no questions or corrections, the **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. Chuck, presented The **Treasurer's Report** with a balance of \$4,302.27 in all accounts and moved that it be approved as presented; Dave, N9YNF, seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Packet Digipeater: Dave, N9YNF, reported that it is working well at this time. (2) Christmas party planning: Debbie will coordinate the grab bag gift exchange. Charla, N9TRS, will sing. Set up was discussed. Chuck will bring the plates and plasticware. Don will bring tea and lemonade. (3) Santa at the Mall was discussed. (4) Repeater upgrade (see Club minutes for details): Kevin will start ordering parts and will confirm with WTHI that we can utilize their tower. He plans to set up a two-week test prior to the expenditures to be sure everything will work as planned. Discussion followed. (5) Bison Stampede: the site was discussed. Kevin, K9HX, moved and Steve, NT9T, seconded the motion to go to Joe and Melanie Cloutier's. The motion passed. Gary will contact Ray, K9DUR, regarding additional information for the Stampede. (6) the Hamfest was discussed. It will be held again at Ryves Youth Center - Etling Hall. We need tables. Dave, N9YNF, will check with ISU to see if we could get tables from them. Closing 14th street was discussed. We are offering free tables to vendors. Jim, KA9DIF, would like to have Ryves Hall provide the food concession; the Boy Scouts will serve breakfast and lunch. We need to list the Hamfest with ARRL and put information out on our listserv. **New Business:** (1) The ability remotely program the repeater to make voice announcements was discussed. John, K9GBO, is helping Kevin with the process. Using a Wi-Fi system was discussed. Adding a hi-speed link to the site would facilitate updates significantly. Jim WD9EYB and Dave N9YNF will research the possibility of Wi-Fi. Also discussed was the need to have additional people learn the system to help Kevin out when needed. (2) Gary, W9EEU, recommended that Jim, WD9EYB, be ratified for the Board Member at Large position. Kevin moved and Chuck seconded the motion to refer the vote on



Jim's position as Board Member at Large to the membership at the January Club meeting. The motion was approved. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CABINS

On Saturday, November 19, some of the CAARLA members drove to see Christmas at the Cabins held at Pioneer Village south of Hutsonville, Illinois.

We were met by Katherine Bloomer, N9YJU, who gave a very interesting tour and narrative of the village. She told interesting stories and facts about the times and people who lived in the cabins.

There were beautiful period decorations in all the cabins. In one were artifacts of the times. Musicians were playing stringed instruments in another cabin and at the General Store hand made goodies & gifts were for sale.

A live nativity scene was on view in the barn and native american flutes were played at the church. Refreshments were waiting in the last cabin and after learning Katherine's birthday had been on Friday, our group sang happy birthday to her.

The group had a great time and we talked about returning to the village for the activities to be held there in August.

Those going were: Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; Patty Cox, KB9TJW; Diane Brentlinger, W9SMW; Charla Evinger, N9TRS; Melanie Cloutier, KC9JMC; Mary Clapper (Melanie's mother); Bette Young, KC9GWT.



Kevin, K9HX, on one of his many trips to the repeater to check it out. Accompanying him on this trip is Joe, KC9JAC. TNX to Joe for the photo.

The President's Corner

The Brentlinger award was established in 1947 in honor of Bill and Jack Brentlinger. This award is presented to WVARA members who have distinguished themselves by outstanding and unselfish service to their fellow hams and the community. Nominations for the 2006 Brentlinger award are to be submitted in writing to the President no later than January 15, 2006. The award will be presented to the winner or winners at the Brentlinger award dinner in March. I look forward to sharing the evening with another surprised and deserving recipient of this prestigious award. Take time to reflect and write a letter of nomination for someone you feel meets the criteria established. More information can be found on the club website (W9UUU.org).

As we move from 2005 into 2006, we can look two different directions. We can look back at 2005 and what we have accomplished, and we have accomplished much in this past year. We can also look forward into 2006 and the things that we hope to accomplish in the coming year. Those accomplishments of the past year are a part of history and cannot be changed, however those things that lie ahead are yet to be determined. Let's make sure that the accomplishments of 2006 are the best yet by working together to make it the best year ever in the WVARA.

I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas and that you will have a happy and prosperous new year.

73,
Gary W9EEU

Dues are due!

It's that time, folks! We rely on you to support the repeater and other projects that serve the Wabash Valley Amateur Community. TNX.

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Christmas Party



'Twas Getting Close to Christmas

by: Charla Evinger - N9TRS

As presented at the WVARA Christmas Party December 10, 2005., with apologies to Clement C. Moore.

*'Twas getting close to Christmas and no radios were on,
The shack was deadly quiet, the hams were all gone.*

*I had just stopped by because I was near,
So I thought I'd pass along some Christmas cheer.*

*But when I knocked the door opened wide,
But as I looked around no one was inside.*

*I thought I saw vehicles parked by the gates,
They had those well known call signs on their license plates.*

*I noticed the regulars and a different few,
I may have even noticed W9EEU.*

*I was suddenly filled with a wonderful scent,
of wonderful cooking, of YL time well spent.*

*I then head a noise, no, it was more of a clatter,
Then I heard laughing and geek type chatter.*

*I heard clomping and stepping and walking and clopping,
Then I thought I heard something very large dropping.*

*I finally couldn't stand it, I had to go out,
So to the yard I went, ready to shout.*

*When what on my wondering eyes did shower,
But a beautiful, silver, shiny new tower.*

*The geeks with their climbing ropes and their tools,
I asked, "What are you doing up there in the cold, you silly old fools?"*

*They laughed and they laughed as they coiled up the wire,
They laughed so much I thought they'd never tire.*

*They finally told me what they were doing,
A tower party was actually ensuing.*

*They are really nice people, those hams, what a sight,
Giving a fellow ham a very Merry Christmas Night!*



Santa at the Mall 2005



And what do you want for Christmas, little girl?

December Club Auction & Ryves Donation



What are we bid for these worth... um priceless items"



WVARA members donate \$100 to Ryves Hall Amateur Radio Club

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2006

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?

This newsletter will come to you by e-mail in pdf format unless you specifically request a paper copy below. We encourage you to choose the electronic version because... 1. It costs the Club less to produce and deliver it and... 2. In the electronic version the pictures are in color and it arrives sooner! Of course, you can still make a paper copy on your printer, if you wish.

If you are applying for a family membership, please list below, the licensed family members living at home, that you wish to include.

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL 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.

Additional NOAA Warning Coverage for the Terre Haute Area

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service offices in Lincoln, Illinois, and Indianapolis, Indiana, have teamed up to provide additional NOAA All Hazards Radio coverage to the Terre Haute area. "We have added watch and warning information to the NOAA weather radio in Paris, Illinois," said Ernie Goetsch, Meteorologist in Charge at NOAA's Lincoln, Illinois Weather Forecast Office. "This will enhance the National Weather Service's ability to alert residents to life threatening weather affecting Vigo County and Terre Haute," added Goetsch. "Our mission is to protect life and property," said John Ogren, Meteorologist in Charge at NOAA's Indianapolis weather forecast office. "By broadcasting Indiana warning information from the Paris, Illinois, NOAA weather radio transmitter, we enhance the service of watch and warning dissemination."

"Existing NOAA weather radio broadcasts will continue without change from the NOAA radio transmitter in Putnamville, Indiana," said Dave Tucek, Warning Coordination Meteorologist of NOAA's Indianapolis Weather Forecast Office. "So NOAA All Hazards radio owners in Vigo County should listen to whichever broadcast comes in strongest while residents of other counties served by the Putnamville transmitter should continue using those broadcasts," Tucek added. NOAA radio broadcasts from the Paris transmitter will continue with current and forecast weather data and watch and warning information for east central Illinois originating from the Lincoln, Illinois, Weather Forecast Office.

Added to the broadcast are all types of watches and warnings affecting Vigo County, Indiana, originating from the Indianapolis Weather Forecast Office. Service also includes alarms for warnings for tornadoes, flash floods and severe thunderstorms. The alarms instantly activate NOAA radio receivers and programmed Emergency Alert System equipment used by the media.

"NOAA All Hazards radio are a great lifesaving device and would make a great Christmas gift," said Keith Reedy, WA9DRO, Amateur Radio operator and Illiana Skywarn Coordinator. "Adding broadcasts of Vigo County warnings from Paris, Illinois will benefit everyone here and assist us in our volunteer storm spotter operations for the National Weather Service," added Reedy. The Paris, Illinois, NOAA radio transmitter broadcasts on a frequency of 162.525 MHz. The Putnamville, Indiana NOAA radio transmitter, broadcasts on a frequency of 162.400 MHz. All NOAA radio transmitters serve locations roughly within a 40 mile distance of the radio transmitter. More information on NOAA All Hazards radios may be found at www.weather.gov/nwr. - National Weather Service Press Release Date: December 7, 2005

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**

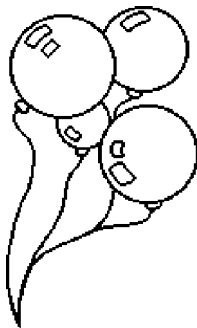
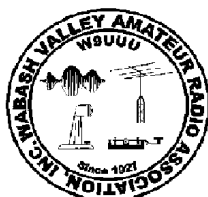
- Walk-Ins Welcome -

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