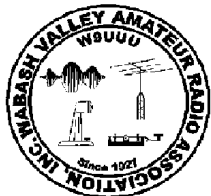


REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, May 5 General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Corporate Square, on Ohio St., just east of the Meadows Shopping Center (1st Friday of each month.)
The Board meeting immediately follows the General meeting. Vistors are welcome.
Every Thursday The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bison Stampede Saturday, May 6
WVARA Bus To Dayton Saturday, May 20
Terre Haute Triathlon Saturday, May 20
Tube sorting /silent auction/pitch-in extravaganza
Bullskin, IL, at the home of K9DRP ... Saturday, June 3



THE

BANDSPREAD

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

May 2006



It is with the greatest of pleasure that we announce that the WVARA is now an officially designated non-profit organization according to the state of Indiana and the U.S. Department of Treasury, but we'll let our president, who is most responsible for its becoming a reality, tell us more.

The President's Corner

I was elected to serve the WVARA as your treasurer some years ago. Like many things I don't really want to think about how long ago!! I can recall that shortly after assuming office, the WVARA Executive Board discussed the possibility of applying to the IRS for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The application process is a little cumbersome and the application fees caused us to table the idea at the time. In recent months the idea seemed to resurface. I researched the possibility, and downloaded the application along with the instructions from the IRS website. It took a fair amount of time, a lot of reading, and a trip to Indianapolis by my wife, but the application was completed and sent to the IRS. After a couple of weeks corresponding with the IRS (boy is that fun) we have received a letter of approval from them.

Being a 501(c)(3) corporation, means that contributions to the WVARA can be tax deductible to the donor. It also makes it possible for the WVARA to apply for various grants and private foundation gifts that are given only to tax-exempt organizations. We are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under certain sections of the tax code. Hopefully this will help provide funding for projects the WVARA wants to pursue in the future, and should be a positive thing for us.

501C3!

So if you know of any individuals or organizations that are looking to make a tax-deductible contribution, let them know that the WVARA is a tax-exempt organization, and that their donations to the WVARA can be tax-deductible. Many thanks to those who helped make this possible.

In just a few days we will be on the air as the Bison Stampede bonus station. We will be at the home QTH of Joe (KA9JAC) and Melanie (KC9JMC) this year, and we will have a great time. There will be plenty of food, fun, fellowship and ham radio. All are welcome to join us on Saturday, May 6, and this includes your kids or favorite canine companion. Joe says he has lots of room and is safely away from the roads.

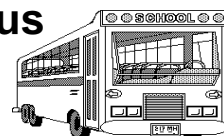
LOCAL NETS

Tuesday Evening	8:00 p.m. EDT
Parke Co Em Svs Net	146.745/R
Wednesday Evening	9:00 p.m. CDT
Clark Co. ARES Net	146.520/S
Thursday Evening	9:00 p.m. EDT
CAARLA Net	146.685/R
Sunday Morning	8:20 a.m. EDT
Vigo Co. ARES Net	146.685/R
Sunday Evening	9:00 p.m. EDT
WVARA Net	146.685/R*

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

A special TNX to Ted, K9SGL and Diane, W9SMW, who brought us a monitor to replace one that bit the dust during the production phase of this month's *Bandspread*.

Dayton Bus Deadline Nears!



If you're thinking of attending the Dayton Hamvention, the Club-sponsored bus is a really the best way to go. No motels, no long drive either to or from, breakfast stop, no parking and walking - the bus drops you off right at the door and waits for you.

And, of course, the dinner stop at Shapiro's restaurant. Avoid high gas prices and let us provide all the transportation. Then there's the motel if you stay overnight or all that windshield time if you make it in one day. Just fill out the form on page 7 and send it in NOW! It's a great trip!

Note: The bus fee does not include your entrance fee at Hara Arena or your food.

Terre Haute Triathlon Saturday May 20



If you're not planning to attend the Dayton Hamvention, Dave, N9YNF, would appreciate your help Saturday morning. Volunteers need to be in assigned positions by 7:30 a.m. It will all be over before noon. You don't need any previous experience - just you and your handheld or radio-equipped car. For your help, you get a free Triathlon T-shirt and a free noon meal and lots of fun.

Please contact Dave Pifer, N9YNF, for your position assignment. You can call (812) 466-1005. Or e-mail n9ynf@arrrl.net

Hawthorn Park is on old Maple Avenue, just north of Rose-Hulman Institute. Turn north off U.S.40 at Lost Creek School and then west at old Maple Avenue. It's less than a mile, on your left.

Minutes



General Meeting Minutes 04/07/06

The April 7, 2006, WVARA meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Vice President, Don Pine, K9DRP, introductions were made. There were no new or upgraded licenses reported. **Announcements:** (1) The WVARA Board meeting will be held immediately following this meeting. (2) CAARLA/QCWA meetings will be held April 8, noon, at the Clabber Girl Museum located on 9th and Wabash. (3) VE testing will be held in Marshall on May 13. (4) The recipients of the Brentlinger Award for 2006 were Kevin Berlen, K9HX and Jim Osburn, WD9EYB. (5) The Dayton Bus is scheduled to run to the Dayton Hamfest Saturday May 20. Member price is \$35 prior to May 2 and \$40 after May 2. Nonmembers' price is \$40 prior to May 2 and \$45 thereafter. (6) Indiana QSO Party/Bison Stampede will be May 6 at Joe, KC9JAC and Melanie, KC9JMC's QTH. Set up will be Saturday morning; the event runs from noon to midnight Terre Haute time. (7) Jim, WD9EYB, announced that the Eastside Outdoor Hamclub will be participating in the Spring QSO Party at KG9GN's yard at 1:00 p.m. They will be holding election of officers at that time. (8) Steve, NT9T, read a letter of appreciation to the Club from Jim, K9DIF, on behalf of Ryves' Hall. (9) Chuck, W9COD, announced that a Weather Spotters' class will be held at the E.O.C. in Clinton April 19. It was also announced that there will be a Weather Spotters' Class in Sullivan at the Sullivan High School on April 13. The **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. Chuck, W9COD, presented the **Treasurer's Report**. He reported a balance in all accounts of \$5353.57. Chuck moved that the report be approved as presented; Joe, KC9JAC, seconded the motion. There was a question regarding income from the Hamfest. Chuck reported that the total of \$573.15 included a \$13 donation; the net income after expenses was \$555.20. The motion passed. **Old Business:** (1) Kevin, K9HX, reported on the hamfest. He thanked those who helped in any way. He reported that attendance was up twenty people over last year and that there were more vendors that at last year's Hamfest. There were vendors from Lexington, Indianapolis and Ohio. Having the event all on one level seemed to be an improvement over last year. Jim, WD9EYB, reported that the forums were well attended and went very well. Steve, NT9T, reported having six people attend the test session. It was noted that we need to encourage more vendors for next year's event. Following the break, the half pot drawing was held. Delbert, KC9DRR, won the half-pot. An open forum was held following the half-pot drawing. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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.

Board Meeting Minutes 04/07/06

The April 7, 2006, WVARA Board meeting was called to order at 9:10 p.m. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Also present were Vice President, Don Pine, K9DRP; Trustee; Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Past President; Steve Shorter, NT9T; Board Member at Large, Jim Osburn, WD9EYB; Secretary, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; Treasurer, Chuck Procarione, W9COD and guests Gary Wheeler, K9ERE and David Pifer, N9YNF. The **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck, W9COD, reported a balance in all accounts of \$5,353.57 and moved that the report be approved as presented; Kevin seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Generator repairs were discussed. Chuck will follow up on trying to get that accomplished. (2) Repeater upgrade: A cost estimate has been obtained, the Reelsville site has been confirmed and Kevin will follow up on the Graysville site. Harmonic interference from our repeater to the Clinton repeater was discussed. The interference is intermittent. We will let the Clinton group know that we are working on tracking down the interference and fixing the problem. Kevin will follow up. (3) Wi Fi link to repeater controller: Jim will send information regarding antennas to Kevin and David. A site survey was done by David and the software was checked out. David will build the needed PC with required programming. Kevin wants Pro Com or a similar program. Glass Col has a Pentium 3 PC which can be donated to the Club for this project. A 750 amp power supply was donated by Kevin. (4) Bison Stampede: We will start setup at 8:00 a.m. The Club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs with other food items being brought in by participants. (5) Program schedule was discussed. (6) It was decided to have a tube sorting party along with a silent auction, June 3, at Don's QTH at Bullsken, IL. We will have hot dogs and other carry-in items for lunch. (7) IRS letter: We are now a tax exempt 501C3 club! The filing fee was \$180 which was paid by Gary, W9EEU. He requested that that amount be credited toward a Life Membership in the Club; he will pay the balance of the Life Membership fee. The Board agreed and expressed its appreciation to Gary and Chuck for their work in obtaining the 501C3 status. (6) Making a donation to World Gospel Church for repeated use of their facility was discussed. Steve moved and Chuck seconded the motion to make a \$100 donation to World Gospel Church. The motion passed. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

Spurs

We have become aware that the 146.685 repeater is emitting unwanted spurs on a number of frequencies. We want everyone to know that we are actively working on a solution to correct the situation.

If you hear the repeater on any other than the regular input or output frequency, please log the frequency, the time and any other pertinent information to: k9hx@arrl.net

Thank you. -ed.

TRI-YEARLY FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE

BALANCE 12/31/05		4,218.48	KB9YNO	BrentlingerInc	13.00
			N9YNF	BrentlingerInc	13.00
1/5/06 Deposit			KB9NLJ	BrentlingerInc	13.00
WB9WVG	06 Membership	20.00	KC9GWT	BrentlingerInc	13.00
N9TVJ	06 Membership	20.00	AB9GI	BrentlingerInc	13.00
KB9OAA	06 Membership	5.00	K9CUN	BrentlingerInc	13.00
K9VDQ	06 Membership	20.00	WIFE	BrentlingerInc	13.00
WD9EYB	06 Membership	20.00	KC9JAC	BrentlingerInc	13.00
CK1266	ARRL KC9HRU	-39.00	KC9JMC	BrentlingerInc	13.00
2/2/06	Deposit		KB9TJW.	BrentlingerInc	13.00
W0PHI	06 Membership	20.00	K9SGL	BrentlingerInc	13.00
KB9MQG	06 Membership	20.00	W9SMW	BrentlingerInc	13.00
KC9EGN	06 Membership	20.00	K9ERE	BrentlingerInc	13.00
KC9FVA	06 Membership	5.00	KA9ALI	BrentlingerInc	13.00
N9YNF	06 Membership	20.00	KC9FDG	BrentlingerInc	13.00
KB9NLJ	06 Membership	5.00	W9EEU	BrentlingerInc	13.00
KC9DRS	06 Membership	5.00	WIFE	BrentlingerInc	13.00
WD9EKA	06 Membership	20.00	WA9EEU	BrentlingerInc	13.00
N9TRS	06 Membership	5.00	3/15/06	Deposit	
N9BOG	06 Membership	20.00	GATE HAMFEST 2006		573.15
K9HX	06 Membership	20.00	DONATION HAMFEST 2006		13.00
KA9MFW	06 Membership	5.00	4 MUGS	Mugs	20.00
KB9YNM	06 Membership	5.00	KA9DIF	BrentlingerInc	13.00
KC9BBK	06 Membership	5.00	WIFE	BrentlingerInc	13.00
WB9Q	06 Membership	20.00	NT9T	BrentlingerInc	13.00
POWER SUPPLIES	Auction	8.20	KC9AOR	BrentlingerInc	13.00
2/19/06	Deposit		NT9T	Dayton Bus Inc. 2006	30.00
K9DEH	06 Membership	20.00	MARY DOTY	BrentlingerInc	13.00
WA9TGO	06 Membership	20.00	WB9FKS	06 Membership	20.00
WB9ZHC	06 Membership	20.00	KC9BZG	06 Membership	20.00
WD9JKC	06 Membership	20.00	WD9EYB	BrentlingerInc	13.00
FEB	1/2pot	19.50	CK 1270	D.Pifer HMFST TKT	-30.94
KB9YWC	06 Membership	20.00	CK 1271	FIRE MOUNTON	-100.00
WA9NSS	06 Membership	20.00	CK 1272	FIRE MOUNTON	-200.94
N9GWF	06 Membership	20.00	4/7/06	Deposit	
W9MJJ	06 Membership	20.00	WB9ZHC	BrentlingerInc	13.00
KB9INQ	06 Membership	20.00	W9COD	BrentlingerInc	13.00
N9RCU	06 Membership	20.00	WIFE	BrentlingerInc	13.00
CK 1267	Postage	26.58	WD9EYB	Dayton Bus Inc. 2006	35.00
CK1268	Charla Evinger Class	-129.79	CK1273	GLAS-COL Postage	-25.35
CK1269	Brentlinger Award	-122.96	Money Market	Interest	16.77
3/3/06	Deposit		TOTAL 1/1/06 - 4/20/06		1,135.09
N3HZK	06 Membership	20.00	TOTAL INFLOWS		1,810.62
N3IKG	06 Membership	5.00	TOTAL OUTFLOWS		-675.53
K9KSA	06 Membership	20.00	NET TOTAL		1,135.09
BOOK SALES		90.00	BALANCE 4/20/06		5,353.57
3/15/06	Deposit				
Feb 2006	Halfpot	16.00			
K9DRP	06 Membership	20.00			
KB9YNO	06 Membership	20.00			
KC9BBJ	06 Membership	20.00			
K9DRP	BrentlingerInc	13.00			

HOW MANY HAMS DOES IT TAKE...

How many hams does it take to carry a tower section? This may be misleading since all of them aren't hams.

Anyway, the very fact that they're carrying it indicates a successful project spanning two weekends, and shrouded by clouds of uncertainty... or was that sleet? But back to the beginning.

Jack, K9CUN, has moved. It's hardly a move, since it's only two doors south of where he used to live, but that's what he did. In fact, everything had been moved except his 55 ft. tower.

So an intrepid bunch comprised of two climber and a selection of accomplished lawn-chair supervisors assembled the first weekend at what seemed to be the appropriate time to try to take the tower down. As it turns out, both climbers gimped out and the whole bunch got bored after consuming gallons of Bonnie's wonderful chili. Maybe bored isn't the right word, but to Jack's relief, they left anyway.

Now in the meantime, a number of suggestions had been made. Among them, he could take a sawsall and let gravity do the rest. It then became apparent that being a Rohn tower, it would only fall one of three ways, so he would have to decide which structure he wanted to be demolished, the house he had already sold, his neighbor's garage or one of the outbuildings on the property. As indecisive as Jack is, he just couldn't make up his mind. So then another more elegant and less destructive idea was suggested. He could just run a length of hard line across the lots in-between his old and new house and use the tower where it presently stood. But Jack didn't like that idea either. Being the engineer he is, Jack eschews a long coax run.

So, in a fit of desperation, at the eleventh hour, as closing time for the sale loomed large, he decided to enlist Harold, KB9VOU, and his splendid bucket truck.

So to the sound of a bugle playing the cavalry charge, here came Harold and Jack's tower was down in no time.

Jack sez always to remember to grease each tower section with STP or something similar before putting it up and you'll have no trouble getting it down. If "no trouble" includes a bucket truck, it sure looks like he was right!

Stay tuned for the re-erection. -ed.



Dave, N9FMD, Jack, K9CUN, Floyd Black and Daryl Jones



Harold, KB9VOU, in his bucket. Boy, he makes it look easy!

<- Harold's famous bucket truck.

THE LONG-AWAITED CLUB STATION RADIO DESK UPGRADE

The long-term procrastination over the remodeling of the Club Station radio desk is finally at an end!

K9ERE, with the help and advice of WB9ZHC, Club Station Manager, K9SGL, K9HX and some painters, who may not want to be indentified, nearly finished the project on March 30. (It took about another week to reconnect the equipment.)

The radio desk was originally designed and built by Jim, K9VDQ, to fit in its current location. Jim had the foresight to assemble it with screws to facilitate its removal if ever it were deemed necessary. In accordance with that design, the remodeling was also done entirely with screws.

Over the years, the radio desk has undergone numerous minor modifications but it was felt that a further redesign was necessary at this time. The original shelves were insufficiently supported, causing them to sag and tilt forward. The HF radios, which require constant adjustment and knob-twiddling were positioned high up where one had to reach up too high to get to them while the UHF and VHF radios which require relatively little manual adjustment were down low.

It was decided that the HF equipment should be positioned low enough that the operator can rest his or her elbow on the desktop and reach the most-used controls, while the UHF/VHF equipment would be put higher up since they required only occasional attention.

It was also decided that a computer, probably in the form of a laptop someday, might be necessary at times for logging a contest or emergency situation. Center stage was probably the best place for it. So a space was left between the bottom left and bottom right HF shelves for this. It would give each HF station access to the computer and provide maximum possible separation between the two HF operating positions.

It was also desirable to provide a completely unobstructed desktop for writing. In order to provide this clear space and at the same time provide sufficient support for the HF shelves, it was decided that they might better be supported from above. So a pair of large diameter dowels were employed, which were firmly attached to the bookshelf above. This accomplished both goals.

We are grateful to all who helped in suggesting design goals and to those who actually helped produce the finished product. -ed.



Ginger has waited very patiently for the project to start.



Kevin helps with the dowel support. Just TRY to get it lined up!



Ted and Gary fabricate the shelves at home. Dusty supervises.



The finished product! No, not Jim, he's still a work in progress.



Evalea does some detail work here and the next column.

The April meetings of the QCWA and CAARLA were held at the Clabber Girl museum and snack shop at 9th and Wabash.

In addition to the meal, members took a tour through the museum which is quite extensive, featuring many historical items from around the turn of the century.

Another possible meeting/eating place was discussed, however it was not certain at meeting time whether it would be open on Saturdays, so both organizations decided to make a return-visit to Clabber Girl for their May meetings.

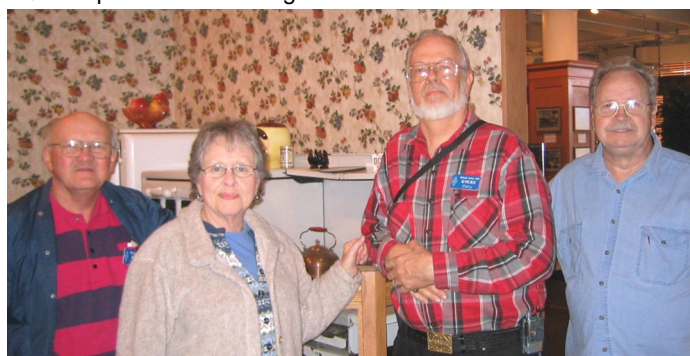
Following are pictures from the April visit.



And here's the CAARLA portion of the meetings.



QCWA part of the meetings.



A few of us stayed over after the meetings to "look around."



"The Tangley Calliophone"

This one has ten tube music rolls and is run by an organ blower rather than steam.

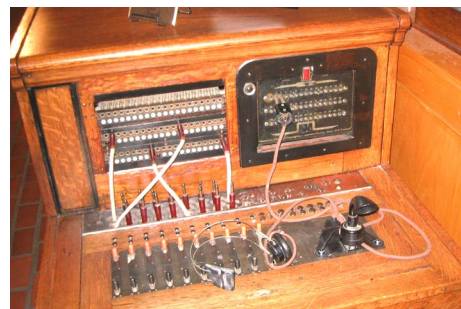
With 43 brass whistles, the originals could be heard for over a quarter of a mile away. Well, no wonder with the steam power coming from a steam engine at full throttle going up-river!

To hear it can be an experience of a lifetime!



Crocker-Wheeler (no relation) D.C. generator.

"Number Pleaseuse"
 Nowadays, it's
 "Please hold... Your
 call is very important
 to us....."
 Have we actually
 progressed any?
 It might still be faster
 just to route our calls
 through ITN!



Photos in this month's edition of *The Bandsread* courtesy, WB9ZHC, KA9DIF plus staff photos.

WVARA BUS TO DAYTON - 2006

THE NO HASSLE WAY TO THE DAYTON HAMVENTION, MAY 20, 2006

- NO PARKING PROBLEMS • LARGE COMFY LAYBACK SEATS • DON'T FIGHT THE TRAFFIC
- DELIVERY RIGHT TO THE ARENA DOOR • PLENTY OF ROOM FOR GOODIES GOING HOME

SEVERAL PICK UP AND DROP OFF POINTS:

* Terre Haute Time

1. TURNER BUS LOT ON MARGARET AVE. Leaves @ 4:30 a.m. THT*, SHARP!
2. S.R. 59 & I-70 Brazil 70 Truck Stop Restaurant
3. Truck Stop- U.S. 231 AND I-70 Cloverdale
4. State Road 267 AND I-70 (behind Cracker Barrel)
5. State Police Post on Post Road, south of I-70.

ADDITIONAL STOPS & STARTS:

US 40 AND I-70, RICHMOND, IN (FOR BREAKFAST - DUTCH)

- START BACK AT 4:00 p.m., THT*
- DINNER AT SHAPIRO'S IN INDY (DUTCH)

WVARA MEMBER RESERVATIONS: \$35 ON or BEFORE May 2nd; \$40 AFTER May 2nd.

NON-WVARA MEMBER RESERVATIONS: \$40 ON or BEFORE May 2nd; \$45 thereafter.

SEND YOUR CHECK ALONG WITH
THIS FORM TO:

WVARA BUS TICKETS
PO BOX 81
TERRE HAUTE, IN 47808-0081

FOR FURTHER DETAILS/QUESTIONS: E-MAIL donpine@joink.com - or ...

CHECK IN TO THE WVARA NET SUNDAY NIGHTS, 9:00 p.m., THT*, 146.685 MHz (PL 151.4 Hz)
or 146.595 MHz Simplex, (1st Sunday of the month only).

NOTE: Please fill in as many of the items below as possible in case of a possible bus cancellation refund.

NAME _____ CALL SIGN _____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____
PHONE _____ E-MAIL or SNAIL MAIL _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
DESIRED PICK-UP POINT _____

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.

2006 Bison Stampede QSO Party Picnic

The WVARA will host the Bison Stampede Special Event Station for the 2006 Indiana QSO Party on Saturday, May 6, from noon to midnight Indiana time. Stations working the INQP receive a 50 point bonus for working W9UUU, so our operators are sure to find stations eager to make an exchange. Additionally, the ARI International DX Contest, New England QSO Party, 7th Area QSO Party, and the IPA Contest (International Police Assn.) are scheduled to run during part or all of our operating schedule. Our CW operators will also get a chance to work stations in the MARAC County Hunters Contest. So with QSO parties on both coasts and two DX contests, we're sure to see lots of activity on the bands.

And what self-respecting operating event is without good food? The carry-in picnic will feature hamburgers and hotdogs throughout the day. Rumor also has it that the Club president is not about to allow a WVARA event menu to be missing brats. So bring something to share (chips, desert, salad, soda, etc.) and we'll all be eating well!

Joe, KC9JAC, and Melanie, KC9JMC, have offered their home QTH for this year's event at 4375 Hulman Drive on the east side of Terre Haute. Directions can be found on the W9UUU web page (<http://www.w9uuu.org>), and will be posted periodically via e-mail through the WVARA listserv (<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/wvara>). Talk-in will be on the K9IKQ repeater. Joe and Melanie have lots of room and invite everyone to bring the kids and critters to share in the fun.

The Bison Stampede is a great warmup for Field Day. If you haven't operated HF lately/before, now's your chance. Setup will begin at 8:00 A.M. and we're intent on radiating RF until midnight. Spend an hour or two or the whole day, but come out and help us make this year's Stampede another success.

- Don, K9DRP

VE Testing

**TERRE HAUTE: 1st Sunday of
even-numbered months
1 P.M. 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

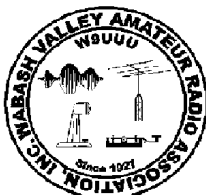
**MARSHALL: 2nd Saturday
of odd-numbered months
8:30 A.M. Illinois time
1st Christian Church
902 N. 6th Street
Marshall, IL 62441
- Walk-Ins Welcome -**

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

May 13 Marshall

June 4 Terre Haute

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Monthly Program

The Club meeting
program will be given
by Dale, KC9HLD,
entitled "The
Sounds Around Us"

MAY 2006

2006= 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.