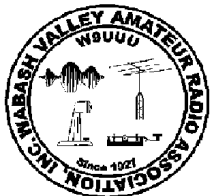


REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Corporate Square,
Oct. 6 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

•Regular October VE Session in Terre Haute..... Oct 1
•Hams' reserved table, St. Ann's Fish Fry-5:30 P.M. Oct 6
•Regular Club Meeting Oct 6
•Deuces Wild Duathlon - Marshall Oct 7
•Next Eastside Outdoor Ham Club Foxhunt.....Oct 15
•New VE Testing Location in Illinois (odd months)...Nov 11



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ARES VISITS RED CROSS AWARENESS DAY

September 16 was Red Cross Awareness Day at the Ace Hardware parking lot. Fortunately, the weather was great and the exhibits were lots of fun. Unfortunately we were competing with the Air Fair, but we had a good turnout anyway.

They had a number of emergency units from the fire department, including a ladder truck; for the kids there was a tricycle race and of course, the bouncer, which YNF did not participate in this year. We don't know why. Other exhibits for the adults included a helicopter which waited until all the tents and umbrellas were set up before landing. You can figure out the rest, probably. YNF was in the blood donor van being drained when it landed. He said he got a good look at everything being rearranged.

Of course the ARES trailer was there. Chuck was out there, of course, with just the right tool to assemble the antenna pole (see photos) and when the emergency generator wouldn't gen, he donated parts and know-how to get it up-and-running again.

A number of hams showed up to set the trailer up, man the station or just to hang around and chat.

As usual, a good time was had by all.



"SPARKY" visits the ARES trailer

Deuces Wild Duathlon

Area hams will be participating again this year at the Deuces Wild Duathlon at Lincoln Trail State Park south of Marshall. All you need is a license, an HT or better yet, a mobile radio, preferably with a vehicle attached to it and the morning of October 7. Arrival, coordination and placement will begin at 7:30 A.M. A talk-in on 146.685 will begin around 7 A.M. for those who are new to the event.

Contact John Van Sandt, N9YRX, at (217) 826-8821 or n9yrx@hotmail.com or catch him on the Sunday night net if you can help out.

VE TESTING NOTICE:

Starting with the testing session on November 11, all WVARA testing sessions in Illinois will be held at:

Burkybile Law Office
15175 US Highway 150
Paris, IL 61944

This is on the east edge of Paris, directly across the street from Wal-Mart.

Time: 8:30 AM Illinois time the year around.

For Info Contact: Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, (217) 465-4884 or Ray Andrews, K9DUR, (812) 535-3222
Ray Andrews, K9DUR

MONTHLY Program

The Club meeting program for October is by Jim, WD9EYB, which involves kit building. Come make something or just watch others.

LOCAL NETS

Tuesday Evening	8:00 P.M. ET
Parke Co Em Svs Net	146.745/R
Wednesday Evening	9:00 P.M. CT
Clark Co. ARES Net	146.520/S
Thursday Evening	9:00 P.M. ET
CAARLA Net	146.685/R
Sunday Morning	8:20 A.M. ET
Vigo Co. ARES Net	146.685/R
Sunday Evening	9:00 P.M. ET
WVARA Net	146.685/R*
* First Sunday of the month is simplex night. The WVARA Net meets on 146.595	

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.



General Meeting Minutes 09/01/06

The September 1, 2006, meeting of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Those present introduced themselves with name and call sign. Ray Andrews, K9DUR, presented the program, *Logbook of the World*. Following the break and half-pot drawing, the business meeting was held.

Announcements: (1) The WVARA Board Meeting will be held immediately following the Club Meeting. (2) The joint QCWA/CAARLA meeting will be held Saturday, September 9, at 12:00 P.M. at the World Gospel Church on Highway 46. Those attending can bring their own sack lunch if desired. (3) VE testing will be held in Marshall at 8:30 A.M. on September 9 and at the Red Cross in Terre Haute at 1:00 P.M. October 1. (4) The EOHX Foxhunt and Picnic will be held October 15. (5) The Task Force 7 exercise will be held September 6. (6) Ham radio/Red Cross Awareness Day will be September 16 at Ace Hardware Parking Lot. Set up will begin at 9:00 A.M.; the event will run from 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. (7) Family Learning Day will be held at the Vigo County Public Library September 23 from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Set up will begin at 7:00 A.M. (8) The Technician class begins September 5; Morse Code will be at 6:30 P.M. and Theory at 7:00 P.M. (9) WVARA dues for 2007 are now being accepted; see Chuck, W9COD. **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Chuck, W9COD. He reported a balance in all accounts of \$3,199.27 and moved that his report be approved as presented; Kay, KB9HYH, seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Some of the vacuum tubes from Bill Payton, W5OGO, have been sold. Kevin, K9HX, sold some of the tubes to someone he met at the Lafayette Hamfest for \$350. We still have around 1,000 tubes left to sell. (2) Repeater spurs have been resolved. **New Business:** (1) WVARA Hamfest 2007: Rental of a building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds is \$250 for a 50 x 100 foot building and access to restroom facilities. We would be able to set up on Friday evening. The date for the Hamfest is March 10, 2007. This is not in the budget and we need Club approval. Don, K9DRP, moved to approve the expenditure of \$250 for the rental of the building; Dave, N9FMD, seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the membership. (2) Gary reported that participation in the Davinci project at Rose Hulman Ventures was excellent with 12 participants from the WVARA. There being no further business, Kevin, K9HX, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. -Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 09/01/06

Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU, called the September 1, 2006, meeting of the WVARA Board to order at 8:46 PM. Also present were Vice President Don Pine, K9DRP, Treasurer Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Secretary Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Board Member at Large Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, Trustee Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Past President Steve Shorter, NT9T and guest Mike Thompson, KA9JWZ.

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 \$3,199.29 and moved that the reported be approved; Steve, NT9T, seconded the motion. The motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Grant Committee: Kevin had nothing to report. (2) Business Plan Committee: There was nothing to report. (3) Hamfest 2007: Kevin reported that he was contacted by the Dugger group to see if we would be interested in combining our hamfest with theirs. Theirs is scheduled one week prior to ours. Following some discussion, it was decided that they are welcome to participate in our Hamfest if they would like to. The Fairgrounds has 7 foot tables and 2 chairs for each table for a cost of \$5 each. It was decided that we will try to supply our own. Chuck has twenty tables, Gary has ten and he can get twenty from the firehouse. We will need 100 - 120 chairs. Tables will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Kevin will check on the availability of a location for forums and testing. He will also check to see if there will be a fee for parking. (4) Generator: Patty Cox, KB9TJW, is donating the generator to the Club. A plaque will be attached to the generator stating that it is being donated in memory of Mel Cox, K9MEL, by Patty Cox. Kevin will write an article for the Bandspread. Kevin is currently storing the generator and can continue to do so. **New Business:** (1) Mike Thompson, KA9JWZ, has several laptop computers for sale for possible use at Field Day. Kevin will attempt to load the new logging program N3FJP on one of the computers before we make a decision. (2) Kit build program for October: Jim, WD9EYB, will make five beam antenna kits for 2 meters and 5 for 440. (3) A draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ARES was discussed. (4) A possible Field Day location was discussed. The Shrine summer place may be available on Shrine Hill. Chuck will check on price and availability. (5) The Christmas Party was discussed. It was decided to have a carry in. We will try to get the room reserved at World Gospel for the second Saturday of December. (6) The cost of the Dayton Bus was discussed briefly. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

More Awareness Day Photos

Chuck always has access to the right tool! →



Kevin, K9HX & Dave, N9YNF -
Gotta Be Level!



W9COD & N9YNF



Nick, KC9JSY, Dave, KC9JNZ
and Jim, K9VDQ



RECOVERY WALK '06

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's event a success. It was hard to tell how many people showed up but I do know that we had 200 Recovery Walk shirts plus quite a few more donated by Chief Ralston. We ran out of shirts by the time we started feeding and that was before noon.

I didn't really hear of any complaints and that was surprising since we did have a short encounter with rain. It helped to have the Amateur Radio community present to help with communications during the walk. Among those heard helping with communications were Dave, N9FMD, Nick, KB9JSY, Ted, K9SGL and Ron, N9ZXO.

They also did a great job of helping with traffic control when there was a wreck on Locust street. Thanks to Dave and Nick, there was immediate assistance. They jumped in and provided traffic control until THPD responded. The response time was about 15 minutes so without their assistance there may have well have been other wrecks or severe injuries. Unfortunately I didn't get a photo of Nick. Last year we had anasthmatic boy display problems on the walk and this year we had a wreck. At both times Amateur Radio operators were first on the scene and provided much needed assistance.

A side note about the wreck is that the girl that was struck from behind was one of our AmeriCorps volunteers who was attempting to turn into the Bethany House parking lot. Luckily no one was injured. She was one of the girls that was helping with the face painting.

Thanks again for everyone's help.

Jim, KA9DIF



Sorry we don't have names for anyone except our intrepid traffic director/target, Dave, N9FMD, above. Top left were various officials and bottom left were from College of Nursing, who apparently weren't needed for the fender bender at the left.

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WHEN DO WE GET SOME?

Terry, KB9ZVA, recently attended the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's annual conference in Springfield. They offer classes and presentations to help officials keep abreast of issues in EMA.

He sent us some pictures of emergency vehicles purchased mostly with Homeland Security money.

Neat! TNX, Terry. -Ed.



•IEMA 53 ft. Command Post. Now THAT would make a nice Club station!



•Illinois State Police armored truck. Entry ladders on roof are hydraulically operated. Probably does not get 38 mpg. More like, 38 gpm, probably.



•ITECS trailer with crankup. Bet it's not by hand.



•Unified Command Post - Mclean County

Chapter 204, QCWA September Minutes

The September, 2006 meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M. by the new president, Ron, AB9GI, at the World Gospel Church. There were 5 members, 1 associate and 1 guest present.

The secretary's report was accepted as read; Ray, K9DUR, moved and Gary, K9ERE seconded. The treasurer's report was approved; Gary moved and Ray seconded. The motion passed.

Ray hopes to have a DVD presentation of the Peter 1 expedition for the October meeting.

Ray moved and Gary seconded a motion to apply to the FCC a club station call sign which would later be changed to W9KT, presently held by Marv Carmony. Marv has previously approved this action at some date in the far distant future. Ray noted that it would have to obtain formal permission from Marv's next of kin to make it possible.

Dave, N9FMD, indicated an interest in membership and attendance improvement. Gary moved and Ray seconded a motion that Dave be appointed to look into the issue and make a report at the next meeting. Motion carried.

May of 2007 will mark the 50th anniversary in Amateur Radio of Jim, K9VDQ. We need to plan to celebrate the event.

There was some general discussion about the club's needs as a whole, including such subjects as a permanent home, a monthly program and the formulation of operational goals. No decisions were made.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Wheeler, KA9ALI
Secretary/Treasurer

Important Equipment Check

Local hams launched an unscheduled "fox" hunt last week, after apparent technical problems caused the Club 2 meter repeater to re-transmit periodic APRS data transmissions for more than four hours. The problem serves as a good reminder for all hams to check the operation of their equipment, especially in the case of transmitters that are not normally listened to.

In the case of APRS transmitters, location information is received by a GPS satellite system, converted to an audio signal, then sent to a 2-meter transmitter. That transmitter is also keyed by the navigation system, so a signal is transmitted about every 60 seconds or so. Specific frequencies are set aside for such use, but these frequencies are not often monitored by the human ear. The problem causing this interference was easily solved, and the repeater returned to normal service.

The incident should remind us once again of the importance of keeping a close eye on any equipment that transmits a radio signal.

BTW, this includes that sneaky little device called a "mic" which likes to hide underneath stuff on your car seat. If you aren't aware of its location, it may be retransmitting every little syllable, word or inadvertent "expletive deleted" that you may utter as you are nearly hit by another careless driver.

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2007

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 _____

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☐ 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: \$ _____

Please note: 1. Payments made Sept. - Dec. apply to membership for the following year; 2. ARRL also has a family membership program. See QST.

The President's Corner

Red Cross Awareness Day, Family Learning Day, simulated emergency test, Deuces Wild duathlon, code class, technician license class, kit building, homebrew contest, local hams calling CQ from Belize, local nets, club station, WVARA Christmas dinner... Wow the opportunities to participate in all sorts of activities in the next few weeks are everywhere. Get out and be a part of all the events that you can and enjoy Amateur Radio in the Wabash Valley.

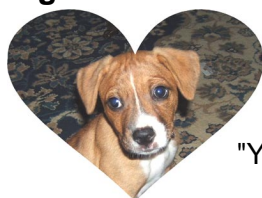
I incorrectly stated in last month's article that our annual homebrew contest would be at the October Club meeting. Homebrew night is actually scheduled for the November meeting this year, and we look forward to many projects being on display that evening. Our October meeting will be dedicated to a hands-on building session. There will be kits available to assemble a 2-meter or a 70 cm beam antenna. There will be a charge for these kits to cover the cost of the materials. You are welcome to bring a project from home to the meeting as well. It might even be a good time to put the finishing touches on your homebrew project.

The nominating committee is working on the 2007 slate of Club officers. If you are interested in serving the WVARA as an elected officer for the coming year, please let us know. The committee report is due at the November Club meeting, which means you need to let us know soon if you are interested.

73,

Gary, W9EEU

**We've heard that Yaseu's were
"dogs" but we didn't realize...**



"Yaseu", proud addition to the family of John, N9YRX.

(Apologies to W9EEU for upstaging "The President's Corner." -ed)

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 info, contact Steve
Shorter, NT9T, Terre Haute, IN., at
(812) 232-4788 or nt9t@arrl.net

**PARIS: 2nd Saturday of
odd-numbered months**

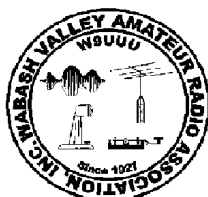
**8:30 AM Illinois time
Burkybile Law Office
15175 US Highway 150
Paris, IL 61944**

- Walk-Ins Welcome -

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