

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, Nov 3 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.

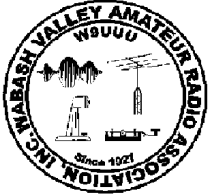
Every Thursday The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

NEW TESTING LOCATION FOR NOVEMBER!

BURKYBILE LAW OFFICE
15175 US HIGHWAY 150
PARIS, IL

SEE LAST PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS.



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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DEUCES WILD

Deuces Wild was a big success again this year. What made it successful? There were no accidents, communications was perfect, there were no equipment failures and the race director was very pleased. But what made it most successful was the 22 people who participated from our Amateur Radio community. Without your participation it would not have been the success it was. The event was also a test of emergency communications. All power was by non-commercial means and on a simplex frequency. Everyone checked in with net control before the event started for signal reports. Even a handheld at the far end of the course was heard due to net control, Terry, KB9ZVA, putting up a fine vertical antenna before the race.

Of course everyone was holding his or her breath again this year at the Route 1 and park entrance. The participants assume the traffic will be held while they cross. Cars traveling up and down route 1 have no clue what is going on. This year we had the county sheriff and city police directing traffic with lots of flashing lights but it's always a toss up who will get there first. What makes it more interesting is that the cyclist has a blind hill at which they magically appear at the intersection; another problem solved by Amateur Radio!

Food was great at the end of the race and fellowship even better. This year we opted out of the T-shirts so more of the benefits could go to the scholarship for which the race is held. We're looking forward to next year.

73,
John, N9YRX



Terry, KB9ZVA, Karen, KC9AGL and Bette, KC9GWT, during a lull in the action.



Randy, KG9GS, Mary, KB9NLJ and John, N9YRX, event communications coordinator.

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

November Program

The Club meeting program is the annual Homebrew "contest."



General Meeting Minutes 10/06/06

The October 6, 2006, meeting of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:06 P.M., by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Those present introduced themselves with name and call sign. **Announcements:** (1) WVARA Board meeting will take place immediately following this meeting. (2) CAARLA/QCWA meetings will take place Saturday, October 14, at the Park Avenue Diner. (3) VE testing will be held November 11, at 8:30 A.M., at the Burkybile Law Office, 15175 US Hwy. 150, Paris, IL. Testing at the Red Cross in Terre Haute will take place December 3, at 1:00 P.M. (4) EOHC Picnic and Fox Hunt will be held October 15 at the Sassafras Shelter in Lincoln Trail State Park. Talk in will be on the 146.685 repeater. Registration for the fox hunt begins at 9:30 at the shelter. The family picnic will be from noon to approximately 1:00 P.M. Flyers with detailed schedule and directions were distributed. (5) The program for next month's Club meeting will be Homebrew. Everyone was encouraged to bring their completed projects to "show and tell". (6) Gary announced that Club dues for 2007 are now being accepted. (7) John, N9YRX, announced that the Duathlon will be held tomorrow in Marshall at the Lincoln Trail State Park. Those who signed up to help with this event should be there by 7:00 A.M. (8) Dave, N9YNF, announced that ARES has been asked by the Vigo County EMA to assist with communications at St. Mary of the Woods the weekend of October 21 and 22 for the celebration of the canonization of Mother Theodore Guerin. HTs will be used for communication the two First Aid stations to the Incident Command center. If you want to participate in this event, you must be pre-credentialed to get in. Volunteers will need to complete a form and turn them into Dave as soon as possible. Mark all of your equipment bags and cases with your name and call sign. All unmarked/suspicious bags will be disposed of. (9) Dave, N9YNF, also announced that Dave Hudgens stepped down as Vigo County Emergency Coordinator; Dave, himself, resigned as the Section Coordinator and will be the next Vigo County Emergency Coordinator. (10) The Club Christmas party will be Saturday, December 9, at 6:30 at the World Gospel Church. It will be a pitch-in dinner with the Club providing the meat. (11) Anyone interested in running for office for 2007 should let the nominating committee know. Gary, K9ERE, is the chairman of the committee. (12) Kevin, K9HX, announced that the contract has been signed for the use of the Vigo County Fairgrounds for the Hamfest on March 10. He reported that forum and testing areas will be available. There will be no charge for parking. Debbie, KC9AOR, moved that the **Secretary's Report** be approved as published in The Bandspread; Kay, KB9HYH, seconded the motion and the motion was approved. In the absence of the Treasurer, Gary, W9EEU, presented the **Treasurer's Report**. He reported a balance in all accounts of \$3,632.69. There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned. Following the break and half-pot drawing, a hands-on program on kit building was presented by Jim Osburn, WD9EYB.

- Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 10/06/06

Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU, called the October 6, 2006, meeting of the WVARA Board to order at 9:15 P.M. Also present were Vice President Don Pine, K9DRP, Secretary Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Board Member at Large Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, Trustee Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Past President, Steve Shorter, NT9T and guests, Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, Dave Pifer, N9YNF and Mike Thompson, KA9JWZ. It was noted that there was an error in the Secretary's Report. The correct balance in the **Treasurer's Report** should have read \$3,199.27. Debbie moved that the Secretary's Report be approved as corrected; Kevin seconded the motion and the motion carried. In the absence of the treasurer, Gary, W9EEU, presented the **Treasurer's Report**. He reported a balance in all accounts of \$3,632.69. Kevin moved that the report be approved; Don seconded the motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Laptop Computers: Kevin was able to download the logging program onto the laptop Mike left with him last month. He has five laptops for sale for \$40 each with power supplies included. They will run Windows 98. These would be used to replace some of the older computers used for Field Day. Jim said they would need network interface cards. Kevin moved that we purchase the five laptops for \$40 each, pending Club approval; Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried. Gary, W9EEU, will present the purchase to the Club at the November meeting. (2) WiFi Link: Dave volunteered to coordinate the project. Steve moved and Kevin seconded the motion to proceed with the project as previously planned. The motion passed. Don volunteered to climb the tower to do the necessary work on the tower. (3) Hamfest 2007: Kevin reported that he signed the contract with the Fairgrounds for \$300, which will include the use of two buildings: the Women's Building and the Floriculture Building. That will give us areas for forums and testing. It was decided that there will be no parking fee. There is also ample room for tailgating. Gary, W9EEU, will print flyers to take to upcoming hamfests. (4) The Club Christmas Party will be held in the Gathering Room of World Gospel Church Saturday, December 9, at 6:30 PM. Entertainment was discussed. It was decided to again have a "dirty" grab bag gift exchange with a \$5 maximum. We will continue to work on finding live entertainment. (5) An MOU with ARES was discussed. Gary, W9EEU, presented a revised MOU for consideration. The Board was more comfortable with the MOU with the revisions (see attached). Gary will pass a copy on to Dave for consideration. (6) Programs for upcoming meetings were discussed. December's meeting will be the Board election and an auction. The January program will be "Check your rig night". There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

- Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

Dues are due!

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



The President's Corner

I must admit that I was filled with pride at a recent meeting of the IRCC in Indianapolis. Jack Parker (W8ISH) was chairing the meeting and mentioned that the IRCC needed to facilitate the interaction of radio clubs in Indiana. With six members of the WVARA in attendance, Jack noted that the WVARA obviously has good things going on, and that we could provide good information to other clubs. Well, we in fact do have a lot of good things going on in the Wabash Valley, and it is entirely because we have a great group of people involved. I hope you don't mind me being a little proud that we have such a fantastic club.

The IRCC's Outstanding Amateur of the Year award will be presented at the Fort Wayne hamfest on November 18. We have a local nominee for this award, so make plans to attend the award forum and see if Kevin (K9HX) brings home the 2006 Outstanding Amateur of the Year honor. Four of the last five recipients of this award have been from the Wabash Valley, which demonstrates why we have been noticed by other clubs around the state.

Don't forget the homebrew contest!!! Bring your projects and share them with the group.

73,
Gary W9EEU



Another fun October project conceived by Diane, W9SMW and Ted, K9SGL, at the St. Anne's Johah Fish Fry, involved manipulating knives and forks using careful eye-hand coordination. All present more than completed the project successfully.



Finally, CAARLA sponsored a "How to become even more confused while learning to program your HT" night where we all learned... something?



One fun project in October involved kit construction. In the foreground, Amanda, KB9JSZ, Dave, N9YNF and Melody, WD9EEU are making antennas. We think that's Nick, KC9JSY in the back. The project was conceived by Jim, WD9EYB.

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QCWA Chapter #204 Minutes

October 14, 2006

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The October 2006 QCWA meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Chair, Ron, AB9GI at Park Avenue Diner in North Terre Haute. There were 4 full members and 1 associate present.

The secretary's report was accepted as read; Gary, K9ERE, moved and Jim, K9VDQ, seconded. The treasurer's report was also approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ray's DVD presentation of the Peter I DExpedition will be delayed.

Gary reported a change in a "new report and order" that allows an amateur to designate his own call for a club station. A written permission from a family member is no longer required.

Dave, N9FMD, was not present to report on the membership problem.

There was substantial discussion about a meeting place. We discussed checking out some new locations. Jim suggested Jonesy's on 40 near Seelyville. Wheelers will check it out.

Dues are now due for 2007. Pay \$20 for full membership or \$10 for associate membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron reported there is a new Club call sign. He will let us know the call at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Wheeler, KA9ALI
Secretary/Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT:

September 2006	Balance	\$ 514.65
October 2006	Dues paid	\$ 90.00
	Balance	\$ 604.65

OTHER CHAPTER NEWS:

If you are not already a QCWA member, please come out to one of our meetings & visit with us. All area amateurs are welcome at our meetings whether eligible for QCWA membership or not. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 11, at 12:00 noon EST at the World Gospel Church, 900 Gardendale Rd, in Terre Haute. This is on the west side of SR 46 between Poplar & Wabash.

1.) The chapter now has a club station license & our own call sign to use at chapter activities. Come to the next meeting to learn more.

2.) A video about the recent DXpedition to Peter I Island will be shown as a club program as soon as the DVD's are completed & distributed. Hopefully the DVD will arrive in time for the November meeting. "More people have walked in outer space than have set foot on Peter I Island."

Ray, K9DUR

How to submit articles for *THE BANDSPREAD*

The WVARA has a diverse and widespread membership. We exist all over the country, according to the membership list. There is a great fount of knowledge and experience out there that is just waiting to benefit the readership. Do you have an article that you would like to see in *The Bandsread*. If so, please send it, typed preferably, by snail mail to

Bandsread Editor
PO Box 81
Terre Haute, IN 47808-0081

...or by e-mail in plain text preferably or MS Word, to

k9ere@earthlink.net. Please indicate "For the Bandsread" or something similar in the title of your message or on the envelope.

The editor reserves the right to edit for space, spelling, typos and good taste. If any significant editing is necessary we'll call you to seek your permission. Therefore, please include your snail-mail or e-mail address and phone number in the message.

We look forward to receiving your contributions. - Ed.

Also...

If you have an idea for an article that you would like to see in an up-coming issue, please let the editor know. We'll appoint the most qualified person we can find to get on the project.

TNX, AGN,

-Ed

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 _____

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.

NEW LAW FORMALLY MAKES AMATEUR RADIO PART OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNITY

[Excerpted from an article posted by N9YRX on Oct. 11, probably from the ARRL.]

A section of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2007 Appropriations Act formally includes Amateur Radio operators as a part of the emergency communications community.

Congress approved the measure before adjourning for its pre-election break. The president signed the bill into law October 4.

Amateur Radio is included within the legislation's Subtitle D, Section 671, known as the "21st Century Emergency Communications Act." Radio amateurs are among the entities with which a Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECC Working Group) must coordinate its activities.

An earlier version of the 21st Century Emergency Communications Act, HR 5852, included Amateur Radio operators as members of the RECC Working Groups. The RECC Working Groups will assess the survivability, sustainability and interoperability of local emergency communication systems to meet the goals of the National Emergency Communications Report. That report would recommend how the US could "accelerate the deployment of interoperable emergency communications nationwide."

In light of the new legislation, the ARRL plans to follow up to determine how it can interact with the DHS and its Office of Emergency Communications.

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

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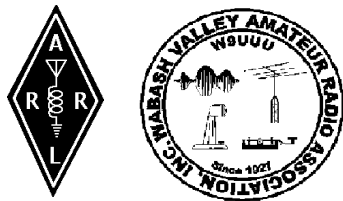
- Walk-Ins Welcome -

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November 11 Paris

December 1 Terre Haute

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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.