

## REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, Jan 05 General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., Building just south of the Main Glas Col building. (1st Friday of each month.) Talk-in - 146.685 rpt; PL 151.4  
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.

## JANUARY PROGRAM

The Club meeting program this month is  
**Check Your Rig Night!**  
We aren't prepared to fix it but we can check it out and tell you how well it works... or doesn't.



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## FCC:MORSE CODE REQUIREMENT IS HISTORY!

On the same day that the expanded HF phone bands went into effect, the FCC announced the adoption of a Report and Order that eliminates knowledge of the Morse code as a requirement for any class of amateur license. At the time of this writing (Sunday, Dec 17th) the actual R&O had not been published, so the effective date of the new regulations is not known. The best guess is that they will be in effect before the end of February 2007.

The news release stated that the R&O, when published, will make 3 changes to the the amateur regulations:

1.) A demonstration of Morse code proficiency will no longer be a requirement for General Class and Amateur Extra Class operator licenses.

2.) Technician Class licensees will be granted the same operating privileges as Technician Plus Class licensees.

3.) Automatically controlled digital stations are authorized the band segment 3585-3600 kHz.

### Morse Code Requirement Eliminated

Concerning the elimination of the Morse Code requirement, the news release states, "This change eliminates an unnecessary regulatory burden that may discourage current amateur radio operators from advancing their skills and participating more fully in the benefits of amateur radio." The news release goes on to say, "With today's elimination of the Morse code exam requirements, the FCC concluded that the disparity between the operating privileges of Technician Class licensees and Technician Plus Class licensees should not be retained."

### No-Code Techs Get HF Privileges

The change to Technician Class license privileges effectively eliminates the Technician Plus Class (or Tech w/HF) license and gives no-code Techs the same HF privileges enjoyed by Novice Class licensees: CW on 80m, 40m, 15m, & 10m, and SSB on 10m.

**"A demonstration of Morse code proficiency will no longer be a requirement for General Class and Amateur Extra Class operator licenses." - FCC**

### Correction of Previous Error

The third change contained in this R&O merely corrects an error in the previous R&O that went into effect on December 15, 2006. In that R&O, the FCC expanded the 75m phone band down to 3600 kHz. This action inadvertently eliminated the allocation of 3620-3635 kHz for automatically controlled digital stations.

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The past six weeks have seen some momentous and historic changes to our hobby. There are many who bemoan the passing of CW. Although I am disappointed in the elimination of the Morse code requirement, I firmly do not believe that this signals the imminent demise of CW. One no longer has to learn how to use a clutch to obtain a license to operate an automobile, but many still learn on their own & buy vehicles with standard trans-

missions because of the unique fun and advantages of that mode of operating a vehicle. It is the same with CW. It is a cherished operating mode that provides many advantages over other modes. It is the responsibility of those of us who already know & enjoy the joys of operating CW to pass this knowledge and enjoyment on to future generations of amateurs.

73, Ray, K9DUR

## IT'S BRENTLINGER NOMINATION TIME!

2007 Brentlinger Award nominations are now being accepted. Although the Brentlinger Award dinner isn't until March, the deadline for submission is Monday, January 15.

Those who have an opinion about who should be this year's Brentlinger Award recipient need to sit down and put that 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 47803-0081.

The president has chosen a secret committee to review all nominations. So write that letter now! -ed.



## General Meeting Minutes 12/01/06

Vice President Don Pine, K9DRP, called the December 1, 2006, meeting of the WVARA to order at 7:08 P.M. Don led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present introduced themselves. Don announced that Nick, KC9JSY, passed his Morse Code test and now has a Technician Plus license. **Announcements:** (1) The Board meeting will immediately follow this meeting. (2) CAARLA/QCWA meetings will be held Saturday, December 9, just prior to the WVARA Christmas Party. There will be an election of officers for both clubs. (3) VE testing will be Sunday, December 3, at 1:00 P.M. at the Red Cross in Terre Haute. (4) The Club Christmas party will begin at 6:30 P.M. at the World Gospel Church. It will be a carry-in dinner with Donetta, KA9MFW, providing the meat. There will be a magician present to provide entertainment; there will also be a "dirty" gift bag exchange. The gifts should cost no more than \$5. Setup will be at 4:00 P.M. with dinner at 6:30. (5) Kevin, K9HX, announced a change in location for Field Day 2007. He and Chuck, W9COD, have checked out the Shrine Hill summer place for Field Day. There is a large shelter with a lot of room for antennas. Camping will also be available. The Board voted last month to try it there to give us experience setting up in a new environment. (6) Dues for 2007 are now due; Chuck, W9COD, will be glad to accept them in person or you can mail them to the Club PO Box. (7) Dave, N9YNF, announced that a member of our Club received the IRCC' Amateur of the Year" award: Kevin Berlen, K9HX, received the trophy this year. The WVARA has had one of its members win that award five out of the last six years. "Congratulations" to Kevin!

**Secretary's Report:** Debbie, KC9AOR, moved that the Secretary's Report be approved as published in The Bandspread; Jack, K9CUN, seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck, W9COD, reported we have a balance in all accounts of \$3,572.39. Chuck moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented; Wayne, KA9YNB, seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Old Business:** (1) Steve, NT9T, reported that help is needed to provide communication assistance for the Ryves Hall Christmas Party, December 21. Anyone who would be available should contact Dave, N9FMD, for further information. (2) Ted, K9SGL, announced that he has found that Harbor Freight has small float chargers available for a reasonable price. (3) Ted announced that the Terre Haute Ultra Lite Club has a trip planned to Dayton for an Air Force Museum tour at a cost of \$30 for the trip. If interested, contact Ted. The date is January 27, 2007; they will leave at 6:00 A.M. and return around 9:00 or 10:00 P.M. (4) Jim, WD9EYB, announced that the Collinsville, IL Hamfest will be held January 27, 2007. (5) Don, K9DRP, requested that anyone interested in a net to be held on Friday evenings at 9:00 P.M. should contact him.

**New Business:** (1) Election of officers. The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee to be voted on was as follows: President - Gary Adams, W9EEU; Vice President - Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC; Secretary - Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; Treasurer - Chuck Procarione, W9COD and Trustee - Kevin Berlen, K9HX. The floor was opened for additional nominations. Ginger, WB9ZHC, nominated Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, for Treasurer. Dave, N9YNF, moved that the nominations be closed; Wayne, KA9YNB, seconded the motion. (2) The change in location to Glas-Col was discussed. It was decided that we will continue to meet here. There was a break for the half-pot drawing which was won by John, N9YRX. The results of the election were as follows: President Gary Adams W9EEU, Vice President - Ginger Downing WB9ZHC, Secretary - Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Treasurer - Chuck Procarione W9COD, and Trustee - Kevin Berlen K9HX. Following the Club Auction, the meeting adjourned. - Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

## Board Meeting Minutes 12/01/06

The December 1, 2006, meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 9:16 P.M. by President Gary Adams, W9EEU. 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; newly elected Vice President, Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC and guests Gary Wheeler, K9ERE and Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report was approved as published in The Bandspread. Chuck then presented the **Treasurer's Report.** He reported that we have a total of \$3,572.39 in all accounts. He reported that the insurance has been paid. Chuck moved that the report be approved as presented; Kevin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Old Business:** (1) Grant Committee. Chuck reported that we were turned down for a grant request we submitted to the Lilly Foundation but we can apply for grants through the local Wabash Valley Community Foundation, Parke County Foundation and Vermillion County Foundation. If these grants are approved, they would be applied toward the Emergency Communication Trailer. (2) Business Plan Committee: nothing to report. (3) Hamfest 2007: Kevin reported that the Hamfest has been approved as an ARRL event and will be on the ARRL web site. He also reported that Steve Zehaust has confirmed that he will be a vendor with amateur accessories. It was decided that we will do a mailing; Ginger will set up a database from information we have from last years' attendees. John Swez, KC9JPZ, has agreed to do a forum on Home Brew. (4) Christmas Party entertainment will be provided by a magician; his charge for the evening will be \$50. The grab bag gift exchange will complete the evening. Setup will begin at 4:00 P.M. with dinner at 6:30 P.M. Chuck will bring the drinks. Steve will check on table service stored at the Red Cross. (5) Wi Fi link: Jim reported that he bought 2 Wi Fi cards at a Hamfest; they will work in the Club laptops. He will need \$40 to register N3FJP. He also has five carrying cases for the Club laptops. (6) MOU: a proposed revision was distributed. Gary, W9EEU, requested that the Board review the revision and email any concerns to him.

**New Business:** (1) Spring IRCC meeting. Gary W9EEU requested that the WVARA host the spring IRCC meeting. Kevin moved and Steve seconded the motion that we host the meeting. Details will be worked out later. (2) Kevin announced that Channel 2 television may donate a 40 foot fifth wheel trailer to the Club. It has air conditioning and six new tires; it was manufactured in 1987. It will require at least a one ton truck to tow and will require license and liability insurance. Gary, W9EEU, volunteered to store the trailer temporarily. Kevin moved that we accept the donation; Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried. (3) Chuck announced that Channel 10 television has two fifty foot pneumatic masts which they wish to donate to the Club. They will need seal kits. One mast could be installed on the trailer. We could potentially sell the other one. They also have two generators which need to be fixed and other miscellaneous items to donate. Kevin moved that we accept their donation; Steve seconded the motion. It was approved. (4) The Club meeting location was discussed. It was decided that the location used for tonight's meeting meets our needs very well and we will continue to use the room. The advantages of this location are size of the room and the fact that it has no stairs to be climbed. (5) The Brentlinger Dinner location was discussed. It was decided that Fire Mountain worked out well last year and we will meet there for our next Brentlinger Dinner. Gary, W9EEU, will book the room for March 24. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 P.M.

- Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary



## Here are a few photos of the November Junque Auction



Our intrepid auctioneers for the evening: Roy, KG9GN and Kevin, K9HX.



Jim (WA9TGO), those scanners would look great lashed together. What size did you say your boat was? (That's Melody, WD9EEU, right.)



Some of the bunch who attended the yearly auction.



The GEM of the evening: a mint? condition Hallicrafters HQ-170.



The proud winner! Don, K9DRP, shows it off to Jack, K9CUN.



The WVARA board met after the auction. L-R: Kevin, K9HX, Ginger, WB9ZHC, Debbie, KC9AOR, Chuck, W9COD and Gary, W9EEU.

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Also, see our web page at... <http://www.w9uuu.org>

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No, Dave. We don't care if it IS a radio platform, you can't try to auction off your mini-van

# TRI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE

		DEC	2006 WVARA				
9/1/2006							
					Auction Income	5.00	
				board money for			
				meat	Other Inc	12.00	
				pic donations	Other Inc	31.00	
9/6/2006	WVARA Checking	DEP	S	Deposit	tubs	Misc Donation	350.00
9/20/2006	WVARA Checking		1293	Vigo County Fair	2007 ham fest	ham fest 2007	-150.00
10/3/2006	WVARA Checking	DEP	S	Deposit	K9DRP	07 Membership	20.00
					AB9GI	07 Membership	20.00
					KC9GWT	07 Membership	5.00
					KC9HLD	07 Membership	20.00
					KC9HLD #2	Dayton Bus Inc.	35.00
					KC9DRR	07 Membership	20.00
					WB9WVG	07 Membership	20.00
					KC9JAC	07 Membership	20.00
					KC9JMC	07 Membership	5.00
					WD9HFA	07 Membership	20.00
					KC9JAY	07 Membership	20.00
					SEPT	Halfpot	28.40
10/3/2006	WVARA Checking		1296	GIAS-COL	OCT	Bandspread	-23.79
11/3/2006	WVARA Checking	DEP	S	Deposit	N9YRX	07 Membership	20.00
					WD9EEU	07 Membership	5.00
					OCT	Halfpot	16.00
					N9TVJ	07 Membership	20.00
					KB9OAA	07 Membership	5.00
11/3/2006	WVARA Checking		1294	GIAS-COL	SEPT	Bandspread	-12.48
11/3/2006	WVARA Checking		1297	GIAS-COL	NOV	Bandspread	-12.48
11/3/2006	WVARA Checking		1298	Mike Thompson		FieldDay	-200.00
11/18/2006	WVARA Checking		1299	IRC	2006	Assoc.Memberships	-10.00
11/28/2006	WVARA Checking	DEP	S	Deposit	KC9JPZ	07 Membership	20.00
					WA9TGO	07 Membership	20.00
					NOV	Halfpot	19.00
					WD9JKC	07 Membership	20.00
					WB9ZHC	07 Membership	20.00
					K9GBO	07 Membership	20.00
					KB9PIE	07 Membership	20.00
					W9COD	07 Membership	20.00
					KC9JNZ	07 Membership	20.00
					W9MJI	07 Membership	20.00
					KC9EPY	07 Membership	20.00
					N9LD	07 Membership	20.00
					WA9WJJ	07 Membership	20.00
					FALL 2006	ClassMat	320.84
11/28/2006	WVARA Checking		1300	Marsh-Seabury Smith	LIABILTY	Insurance	-320.00
				Bank Accounts			
				Checking			436.59
				Money Mart			3094.06
				Petty Cash			41.74
				Total			3572.39



### Some quick snaps from the December Christmas party



**A big TNX to all who attended and a special TNX to Bob Browning, who put on a wonderful magic show!**

**As you can see, a really good time was had by all!**

## 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**

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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?

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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.

## The President's Corner

I hope you all have a happy holiday season! I would like to wish each of you a happy and prosperous new year.

As we see out 2006 and begin 2007, we look both at the past year and to what the new year will bring. The WVARA accomplished much in this past year and we look forward to many accomplishments again in 2007. Exciting things are happening, and we are glad that you are a part of the WVARA and our successes.

There will be plenty of opportunity for participation throughout the coming year. I would encourage each of you to find ways to join in to make the year a success. Above all, as we go through the year and our many events, have fun!!!

See you on the bands,

Gary, W9EEU

## CQ Serenade

With all of the hullabaloo over the FCC's action, the following link showed up on the QCWA e-mail reflector:

<http://www.StudioOne-CT.com/JobPocket/CQSerenade.MP3>

If you enjoy big-band era music, or if you enjoy CW, or whatever, you will probably enjoy this little ditty. It is extremely well done.

I have the .MP3 file saved to my PC. If anyone wants a copy, e-mail me direct.

73, Ray, K9DUR

## 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](mailto:nt9t@arrl.net)

**PARIS:** 2nd Saturday of Jan., May, Sep., Nov.

8:30 AM Illinois time

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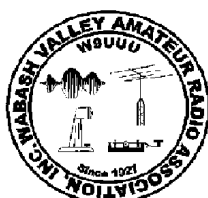
- Walk-Ins Welcome -

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

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2007 = 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.

### LOCAL NETS

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