## REGULAR EVENTS

Friday, General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Mo.

7th & Idaho, just south of the Main Glas-Col Apr. 6 building. Talk-in - 146.685 rpt; PL 151.4

> 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

INDIANA RADIO CLUB COUNCIL ANN. MTG... APR. 14

INDIANA QSO PARTY / BISON STAMPEDE ... MAY

WVARA BUS TO DAYTON HAMVENTION ..... MAY 19

TERRE HAUTE TRIATHLON ..... 19



## **APRIL 2007** THE BANDSPREAL



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## **2007 BRENTLINGER RECIPIENT: W9EEU!**

The 2007 Brentlinger Award was presented this year to someone who has been a faithful supporter of the WVARA for many years. For instance, Gary has been active as a VE, serving in well over 25 test sessions.

He has been a supporter of the WVARA Tailgate Party and Hamfest for several years.

Gary is an active Amateur Radio operator, and maintains an active operating schedule on both the HF and VHF bands. He operates Both HF and VHF mobile as well.

He has been active at all Club functions, including, but not limited to our annual Field Day and Bison Stampede activities. Recently, he has been providing us with a wonderful location for Field Day, in Cory. He typically arrives early during setup and leaves late once teardown is complete.

He has served as a net control for both the Sunday morning ARES VHF net and the Sunday evening WVARA VHF nets, and served as net coordinator for the WVARA evening net as well.

He has served on the WVARA Executive Board in several positions, and is currently serving his third consecutive term as president. He also is the newest Life Member of the WVARA.

Furthermore, for several years he has represented the WVARA as a delegate to the Indiana Radio Club Council, and was just recently elected to the position of Vice Chairman.

And last but certainly not least, he was successful in obtaining a 501(c)3 determination from the Internal Revenue Service for the WVARA. For these reasons the WVARA proudly and gratefully presents the 2007 Brentlinger Award to Gary Adams, W9EEU.



Gary Adams, W9EEU

## Dayton Bus Trip Is Not Too Far Off!



If you're thinking of attending the Dayton Hamvention, the Club-sponsored bus is 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 3 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.

This Month's Program THE OFFICIAL VIDEO FROM THE PETER 1 EXPEDITION!

## Terre Haute **Triathlon** Saturday May 19







If you're not planning to attend the Dayton Hamvention, Dave, N9FMD, 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 radioequipped car. For your help, you get a free Triathlon T-shirt and a free noon meal and lots of fun.

Please contact Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, for your position assignment. You can call (812) 232-5970 in the evening or call Dave on the 146.685 machine most anytime.

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.

#### 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

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEEN AND AMONG WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC CLARK COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE®

- 1 This Memorandum of Understanding is by, between and among the Wabash Valley Amateur
- 2 Radio Association, Inc. (WVARA) and the Clark County Amateur Radio Emergency Service®
- 3 (Clark County ARES®).

WHEREAS, Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association INC, an Indiana corporation, is a duly organized 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation engaged in the futherenance of the practice and operation of amateur radio through the education and licensing of new amateur radio operators and the ownership and operation of certain radio equipment used by all licensed amateur radio operators, and has obtained 501(c)(3) status for the purpose of obtaining charitable donations to further its interests.

WHEREAS, Clark County Amateur Radio Emergency Services® (an unincorporated group) is a group of licensed radio operators gathered together for the purpose of providing radio communications in times of natural or man-made disasters in support of the Red Cross and other emergency services organizations. All management of Clark County ARES® is governed by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) which provides leadership but no financial support. The volunteer members of Clark County ARES® use their own equipment and also equipment owned by the WVARA and other non-Clark County ARES® or WVARA people. Clark County ARES® members desire to acquire equipment and to provide training for members.

WHEREAS, WVARA and Clark County ARES® each have members who are members of the other named organization perform the duties required by each of the them as required by circumstances each of the named groups desires to remain separated from the others in organization and management.

WHEREAS, WVARA and Clark County ARES®. Utilize some of the same members and equipment such sharing of resources can cause confusion to the general public when each of them seeks donations and each group desires to eliminate such confusion and promote the well-being of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and among the parties to form a partnership by and between the parties for the purpose of furthering the goals of each member by cooperative fund raising efforts.

- 1. It is agreed by and among the parties that all fund raising by whatever means shall be under the name and banner of the WVARA and all monies collected by whatever means shall be accrued and paid to the WVARA.
- 2. WVARA may deposit all such receipts into its general account, however all such receipts shall be recorded by payee, amount and if required, by purpose of donation is made for a specific purpose.
- 3. Before any distribution of funds received from donations WVARA may deduct from the total donations received amounts sufficient to pay for the direct expenses of acquiring such donations.

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4. While the collection of funds designated for Clark County ARES® for capital improvements such as repeaters or radios or other resources for emergency communication operations shall accrue to Clark County ARES®, it is agreed that the funds received for such member and capital improvements shall be retained by the WVARA and upon the accumulation of funds sufficient to purchase said capital equipment WVARA shall purchase such equipment and retain ownership of said equipment.

- a. It is agreed that the use of said equipment shall be allowed by all parties.
- b. Operational priority, authority and responsibility for said equipment shall reside with Clark County ARES®.
- c. Installation of equipment shall be the responsibility of Clark County ARES®.
- d. All equipment will be recorded on the WVARA equipment inventory per the WVARA Bylaws and is subject to an Annual Inventory Audit.
- e. The WVARA reserves the right to recall or terminate the operations of the negligent equipment should Clark County ARES® become legally negligent with equipment, including but not limited to the proper operations under FCC Regulations or maintaining safe environments. Authority to temporarily and immediately recall or terminate the operations equipment is with the WVARA Board. Notification of recall or termination of operation shall immediately be provided to Clark County ARES® representatives and steps taken to resolve the issue. Should the parties not be able to resolve the issue in an agreeable manner, the WVARA may permanently recall or terminate the operations of the neglected equipment once approved by the WVARA board and then approved by the General Membership of the WVARA at a duly called meeting.
- f. Equipment no longer in service by Clark County ARES® shall return to full control of the WVARA. Equipment no longer in service or needed by either partner group will be disposed of by the means of equipment disposal in the WVARA Bylaws. Any proceeds from the disposal, if applicable, may be used for Clark County ARES® for additional capital improvements or be returned to the WVARA, as mutually agreed by both parties. The WVARA may deduct from the proceeds of said sale amounts sufficient to pay for the direct expenses of disposing of the equipment.
- 5. The WVARA will endeavor to assist Clark County ARES® in securing funds for projects submitted to and approved by the membership of the WVARA. While the WVARA is not responsible for operating expenses of Clark County ARES®, the WVARA will endeavor to assist Clark County ARES® in securing funds for operating expenses where the aforementioned tax exempt status is beneficial.
- 6. Nothing shall be done by any member or party which shall jeopardize the 501(c)(3) status of the WVARA.
- 7. This memorandum shall take effect after is has been approved by the WVARA board and is approved by the General Membership of the WVARA. Then upon it's signing by authorized representatives of the WVARA and Clark County ARES® Leadership. In executing this agreement, the WVARA will follow procedures established in the WVARA Constitution and Bylaws.

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88 8. The term of this memorandum shall be five (5) years. Six months prior to scheduled 89 termination, the parties shall meet to review the progress and success of the MOU and 90 determine whether it shall be extended for an additional five years. In no event shall any 91 single extension of this MOU be for a term exceeding five years. 92 9. This memorandum may be amended by mutual agreement of both parties. 93 10. It is understood by both parties that at any time this Memorandum of Understanding may 94 be terminated by written notification from either party to the other. 95 a. There will be a waiting period of no less than 10 days and no more than 6 months 96 prior to the actual termination. 97 b. If the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding is initiated by the 98 WVARA, it has to be approved by the WVARA board and then approved by the 99 General Membership of the WVARA at a duly called meeting. 100 c. At the time of termination all assets will return to WVARA control. 101 102 Approved by the WVARA Board Date \_\_\_\_\_, Minutes attached 103 104 Approved by the WVARA General Membership Date , Minutes attached 105 106 WVARA Representation 107 108 109 Date \_\_\_\_\_ President 110 111 112 Date Trustee 113 114 115 Partner Member: Clark County ARES®

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This Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the WVARA executive board at the regularly scheduled board meeting held on March 2, 2007. The MOU will be presented to the membership of the WVARA for ratification at the monthly general meeting on Friday, April 6, 2007.



#### **General Meeting Minutes 03/02/07**

Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU, called the March 2, 2007 meeting of the WVARA to order at 7:00 P.M. Vice President Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC, led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present introduced themselves. Nick Vinardi, KC9JSY upgraded to General Class license last month. Announcements: (1) The CAARLA/QCWA meetings will be held following the Hamfest at the Fairgrounds. (2) VE Testing will be held at the Hamfest at 11:00 A.M. (3) WVARA will host the spring IRCC meeting April 14 at 2:00 P.M. at Glas-Col. (4) The WVARA Hamfest will be Saturday, March 10. The doors will open for vendor set up at 7:00 with the gates opening at 8:00 A.M. (5) The Dugger Tailgate will be held tomorrow, March 3, at 8:00 A.M. (6) The scheduled forums at the Hamfest will be QRP and Wireless Network Logging. (7) The General upgrade class is under way on Tuesday evenings at the World Gospel Church. Code begins at 6:30 P.M., with theory at 7:00 P.M. (8) The Brentlinger award dinner will be March 24 at 6:30 P.M. at Fire Mountain. The cost is \$13.50. (9) Ryves Hall is starting a Technician class soon and need instructors. **Secretary's Report**: There being no questions, the Secretary's Report was approved as published in The Bandspread. Treasurer's Report: Chuck, W9COD, reported we have a balance in all accounts of \$5,789.61. Chuck moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented; Wayne, KA9YNB, seconded the motion and the motion carried. Old Business: None. New Business: (1) MOU WVARA - Vigo County ARES was presented for approval. Don, K9DRP, suggested several changes to the MOU. Dave, N9FMD, moved that a committee be created including ARES to reconsider the MOU in terms of Don's proposed changes. Jim, WD9EYB, seconded the motion. The motion did not carry. Ray, K9DUR, moved to approve the MOU as presented; Kevin, K9HX, seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Program, entitled "Geo Caching" was led by Brent Hammond. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. -Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

### **Board Meeting Minutes 03/02/07**

The March 2, 2007, meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 9:30 P.M. by President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Also present were Vice President, Ginger Downing WB9ZHC; Treasurer, Chuck Procarione, W9COD; Secretary, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; Board Member at Large Nick, Vinardi, KC9JSY; Trustee, Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Past President, Steve Shorter, NT9T; guests Gary Wheeler, K9ERE; Ray Andrews, K9DUR; Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD and Jim Osburn, WD9EYB. Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report was approved as published in The Bandspread. Chuck presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that we have a total of \$5,789.61 in all accounts. He reported that Dale, KC9HLD, donated \$10 of the half pot to the Club. Chuck moved that the report be approved as presented; Kevin seconded the motion and the motion carried. Old Business: (1) Kevin, gave a report on preparations for the Hamfest. (2) Wi Fi Link: Dave, N9YNF, was not present to give a report. (3) Satellite Receiver site: Kevin will have a timeline ready by the next Board meeting. (4) Upcoming meeting schedule was discussed. The April meeting will be a Peter I

report given by Ray, K9DUR. (5) Ginger gave a report on the recent mailing she did. She sent 579 postcards with information about the Hamfest and the Dayton bus. The cost of the mailing was \$177.03. (6) Name badges for members not receiving them was discussed. Debbie will check with Don, K9DRP, to see if he will do an updated list from the sign in sheets. New Business: (1) MOU with Clark County ARES - duplicate of Vigo County MOU: Kevin moved to approve the MOU as presented and Steve seconded. The motion carried. (2) Price for Dayton bus tickets was discussed. Chuck moved to keep the price the same as last year; Kevin seconded. The motion carried. The cost for tickets purchased by May 4 will be \$35 for WVARA members and \$40 for non-members. After the May 4th deadline, the cost will go up \$5. (3) Dave, N9FMD, suggested that we print certificate of attendance for special Club activities such as Bison Stampede, license classes etc. Ray, K9DUR, will design a basic certificate and Gary will make copies. (4) Bison stampede was discussed. W9KT has been approved as the call sign for the event. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

#### Arch Knoll, N9UPJ -SK

Archie Knoll, N9UPJ, left his earthly body and all of us behind on February 24, 2007, to travel to a "far better place".

Archie was blind, however no one was ever able to convince him of that fact. He spent his life doing those things that people told him were impossible for him, "you know, seeing as you are blind and all". He wired his house, painted his garage, climbed his tower and the list goes on.

Those of you who attended the club meetings at Rose Hulman some years ago might remember Arch. When everyone would give a name and a call he would say, "Archie, A-G-N, ain't got none". Well, he did get one and was active on our local nets and after he got his general was active for a time on HF. The last few years, Archie's health was bad and he finally lost the battle.

Arch was the first blind man or woman to graduate from Ivy Tech. He was a mechanic and a good one. He worked for the city for some years and while others were using the new scopes and diagnostic tools, Arch used his ears and his hands. Archie could listen to an engine, or sometimes put his hands on a car and tell you where the problem was and how to fix it before the other guys could get their cables hooked up.

Arch was uncommonly strong, so, when it came time to rebuild an engine Archie would take all of the mounts loose, take the hoses off and anything else that might be connected to the engine, then put his big hands on it to lift it out of the car or truck. He would then move the engine and put it on a stand that was in a place, where he knew where it was ahead of time. When someone would ask, "Arch, can I help you lift that"? He would say, "Just stay back so I don't drop this motor on your foot".

I knew Arch from the Indiana School for the Blind in Indianapolis when we were teens and his quiet deep voice oddly enough did not change much over the years.

It always seems like so few words to sum up such a rich life.

"Once I was blind, but now I can see"!

73, Arch. N9UPJ DE WA9DRO

## **WVARA BUS TO DAYTON - 2007**

### THE NO HASSLE WAY TO THE DAYTON HAMVENTION, MAY 19, 2007

- 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:

- 1. TURNER BUS LOT ON MARGARET AVE. Leaves @ 4:30 A.M., Indiana time, 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., Indiana time.
- DINNER AT SHAPIRO'S IN INDY (DUTCH)

WVARA MEMBER RESERVATIONS: \$35 ON or BEFORE May 4th; \$40 AFTER May 4th. NON-WVARA MEMBER RESERVATIONS: \$40 ON or BEFORE May 4th; \$45 therafter.

SEND YOUR CHECK ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:

WVARA BUS TICKETS

PO BOX 81

TERRE HAUTE, IN 47808-0081

#### FOR FURTHER DETAILS/QUESTIONS:

CHECK IN TO THE WVARA NET SUNDAY NIGHTS, 9:00 P.M., Indiana time 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 |
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| PHONE                  | E-MAIL or SNAIL MAIL |                  |
| CITY                   | STATE                | ZIP              |
| <b>DESIRED PICK-UP</b> | POINT                |                  |

### 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

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

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## The President's Corner

I would consider the 2007 WVARA Hamfest to be a very successful event. A big thank you to all who helped out in any way to make the event work so smoothly. I heard several positive comments about our Hamfest, and we should be proud.

Some years ago there was an ad campaign that proclaimed, "This is your country". I can't remember what was being sold, but I do remember the catch phrase. The same could be said of the WVARA in that "This is your club". We sometimes feel burdened by the Constitution and Bylaws of the WVARA, which require us to follow certain procedures when conducting the business of the club. A review of the Constitution and Bylaws show that considerable thought was given to ensure that the general membership of the WVARA is the voice of the club. These documents provide that the Executive Board is responsible for providing leadership to the Association and for conducting its business, including referral of matters to the general membership. The Executive Board routinely handles many matters in conducting the business of the Association, which serves to keep the Membership from being bogged down in our monthly meetings with business matters. In providing this leadership to the Association, the board meetings can sometimes be reasonably short, but at times can become lengthy in considering the impact on the Membership. One can only imagine our monthly club meetings if the structure called for all business to be conducted by the Membership at these meetings. It is ultimately your voice that determines the direction of the WVARA. Elections for the Executive Board are held annually at our December meeting, board meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend, and important matters are referred to you for your consideration. The more one considers the Constitution and Bylaws of the WVARA, the more one has to appreciate the wisdom of those who crafted these documents. The WVARA exists for the Membership, and so as the old ad campaign touted, "This is your club". It is what you make it.

CU at the Club Meeting!!

73, Gary, W9EEU

## VE Testing

TERRE HAUTE: 1st Sunday of even-numbered months 1 PM Indiana time Glas-Col Annex Corner of 7th & Idaho Terre Haute, Indiana (Enter at the east door)

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

PARIS: 2nd Saturday of Jan., May, Sep., Nov. 8:30 AM Illinois time Burkybile Law Office 15175 US Highway 150 Paris, IL 61944

- Walk-Ins Welcome -

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

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