

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday
Sep 7 General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Mo.
7th & Idaho, just south of the main Glas-Col
building. Talk-in - 146.685 RPT; PL 151.4
The Board meeting immediately follows the
General meeting. Visitors are welcome.
Every The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 PM,
Thursday Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic Aug. 11
(See "This Month's Program" below for further details.)
Ryves Hall Recovery Walk Sep. 23
Cory Apple Festival Parking Fundraiser Sep. 28, 29
Deuces Wild Duathlon, Marshall Sep. 30



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FIELD DAY IS OVER; WHEN'S FIELD DAY?

Here it is August. Two WX Spotters' meetings, Brentlinger Award night, Ham-fest, Bison Stampede, Bus trip to Dayton and Field Day are history.

For many, Field Day is the high point of the Amateur Radio year. Sometimes "high" refers to temperature, humidity and output of effort. Other times it's just a "high!"

Officially, Field Day has five purposes: it's an emergency preparedness exercise, a contest, a public relations event, a recruitment event and last but certainly not least, it's a social event! We don't all agree on which is the most important but we all agree that it's worth the effort for whatever one's favorite reason.

These days emergency preparedness is pretty high on the priority list so it was decided that the familiarity and comfort of Cory must give way to the challenge of dealing with a new location; the Shrine Hill Summer Place in Terre Haute was chosen. We gained a huge field for a most impressive antenna farm and a larger shelter under which to operate. On the negative side, there was no kitchen and the weather was less than helpful for racking up record points this year.

Nevertheless, we had a number of new volunteers who stepped in to help make it a fun and rewarding event.

Kevin, K9HX, this year's Field Day coordinator, would like to thank all who participated in the setup, operation and especially those who hung around for the takedown.

Field Day 07 is over; so when's the first Field Day 2008 planning meeting?



Field Day setup, Friday afternoon; more photos follow.

the meat (hamburgers and hot dogs). Someone will bring lemonade and unsweetened iced tea.

WHERE:

2797 N. Baker St. (Home of KA9ALI and K9ERE)

As you approach Seelyville on U.S. 40 from the west, be in the center lane. When you see the large "Seelyville Styles" sign on the right, (white background, red and black letters) be prepared to turn LEFT onto Baker St. Go to the end of the street and turn right. Follow the lane around. Lost? Talk-in will be on 146.685 (PL 151.4).

WHEN:

Saturday, August 11.

4:30 for swimming; 6:30 for cookout on the deck. You may come earlier than 4:30 if you wish but sunscreen would be advised.

This Month's Program

As there is no August General Meeting, the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic is the social event of the month. ALL radio amateurs and their friends/families are invited, WVARA member or not!

WHAT:

Bring dish(s) to pass, your own lawn chair, table service if you wish and an appetite! The WVARA Board will provide

Local Nets

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|------------------------|--------------|
| 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 that night on 146.595/S



General Meeting Minutes 06/01/07

The June 1, 2007 meeting of the WVARA was called to order at 7:25 P.M. by Club President, Gary Adams W9EEU. Gary distributed name tags to those who had not received them at a previous meeting. **Announcements:** (1) Mary Pifer, KB9NLJ, has upgraded her license to Extra and Scott Withrow, KC9LQV, received his Technician license. (2) CAARLA will meet on June 9 at World Gospel at 12:00 P.M. (3) QCWA will meet June 9 at Pizza City at 1:00 P.M. (4) VE testing will be at Glas-Col Sunday, June 3 at 1:00 P.M. (5) Our Club will be doing the parking at the Cory Apple Fest September 28 and 29. More information will be given at the September meeting. (6) John, N9YRX, announced that there will be a Bike Rally June 16. It will be a 40 mile run; Amateur Radio operators will be needed at several points along the way. Anyone who is interested should see John after the meeting. The **Secretary's Report:** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck, W9COD, reported that we had 33 people who rode the bus to Dayton this year. The cost of the bus was \$1,390.50; we received \$1,200. The balance in all WVARA accounts is \$6,944.50. Chuck moved that the report be approved as presented; Kevin, K9HX, seconded the motion. The motion passed. Joe, KC9JAC, asked whether we have received any grants; Chuck reported that we have not at this time. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Kevin, K9HX, presented the program on Field Day. He announced that he will be ordering t-shirts at a cost of \$11-\$12 on June 13. Please let Kevin know your size, name and call sign as soon as possible. He also announced that there will be a Field Day planning meeting Monday June 4 at 6:00 P.M. at Maurizio's.

For Sale

ICOM 745 \$ 200

REALISTIC 440 XCVR... Best offer.

Contact Don Powell, K9VXV 299-5515



Board Meeting Minutes 06/01/07

The June 1, 2007 meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 8:55 P.M. by President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Also present were Treasurer Chuck Procarione, W9COD; Secretary Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; Board Member at Large Nick Vinardi, KC9JSY; Trustee Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Past President Steve Shorter, NT9T and guest David Pifer, N9YNF. The **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck, reported that there is a balance of \$6,934.50 in all accounts; he also reported a loss of \$90.50 from the Dayton Bus. **Old Business:** (1) Dave reported that the WiFi link should be ready to go this fall. Kevin said that we will be able to use the tower. (2) Repeater upgrade: Kevin had nothing new to report. (3) Gary reported that we will be providing parking for the Cory Apple Festival on Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29. We will need four people on Friday and four until noon on Saturday and between eight and ten until 8:00 P.M. on Saturday. We will be able to keep 1/3 of the income from the parking. Kevin noted that the Club Station needs a new HF rig; he suggested that we consider using the profits from that event to help fund it. (4) will check on the possibility of touring TRW as the program for our September meeting. (5) Gary noted that we need to get our reservation for the use of the Fairgrounds for next spring's Hamfest. **New Business:** (1) Listserv issues were discussed. Dave reported that ISU will host our listserv in a week or two. (2) Dayton Bus 2008: Kevin moved that we reserve the bus; Chuck seconded the motion as long as the quote is \$1,500 or less. The motion was approved. Gary will follow-up on that. (3) ARRL has Dave listed as the VE liaison. Steve will contact the ARRL and give them the current information. (4) Field Day: Kevin reported on the plans and arrangements for the event. Chuck agreed to purchase the chicken for the dinner Friday evening. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 P.M. - Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

IRCC 2007 Technical Excellence Award Winner – Kevin Berlen, K9HX



Gary Adams, W9EEU, president of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association and Kevin Berlen, K9HX, award recipient.

The IRCC presented their annual Technical Excellence award at the Indianapolis Communications and Technology Expo held at Camp Sertoma on Saturday, July 7, 2007. There were five nominees for the Technical Excellence award this year and all were very deserving of recognition for their contributions to ham radio.

This year the IRCC's Technical Excellence award was presented to Kevin Berlen, K9HX, for his many contributions. Kevin's nomination recognized his contributions to Field Day operations, local repeaters, elmering, Check Your Rig Night, sharing his technical knowledge, and other contributions that he has made to benefit Amateur Radio. Kevin was surprised to be honored with this award, but as we in the Wabash Valley know, Kevin is very deserving of the honor.

Note:

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Fred Mahalek, K9EBK, who became a silent key on May 25. There will be more in September's issue.

Operation Ardent Sentry

Imagine if you will, a speeding car on the interstate has just been pulled over near I-465 and I-69 on the North East side of Indianapolis. As the police officer approaches the vehicle he notices that the occupant is rather nervous and digging around in the back seat of the car. Then, a 10 kiloton nuclear explosion occurs...

This was the premise for the Annual Military exercise, known as Ardent Sentry held May 9 - 13, 2007. While this scenario was centered in Indiana, simultaneously other events happened around the country to test the military's response. This is the first year that civilian organizations participated in depth in the exercise. Indiana chose to use the Muscatatuk Urban Training Center in southeast Indiana, near North Vernon, to stage the event.

If an event like this were to actually occur in Indiana, Indiana Region 7 Task Force would be activated for at least a 24 Hour deployment to assist with the recovery from the incident. Task Force 7 represents Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Owen, Clay, Green, Sullivan and Vigo County. Kevin, K9HX, Kirt, K9KSA and Dave, N9YNF responded along with the task force with the primary goal of information technology and communications technical support. The Vigo County ARES trailer made the 170 mile journey there and was used as the base of the IT & COM operations.

During the exercise very little ham radio was used. However, we did spend a lot of time explaining to a number of people in how to use their 800 MHz radios. With the various radios we were able to bridge the gaps between VHF, ham radio and 800 MHz radios by acting as the relay between the systems most notably when in convoy. While we were supporting the task force IT & COM, many first responders were performing search and rescue operations, HAZMAT operations and various other tasks as they would have if this had been the real thing. Approximately 120 people from the region responded.

It is anticipated that Task Force 7 will once again participate in another exercise in October at the Muscatatuk site. This time we are going to use Amateur Radio to bridge the gap from the remote site to the home site to relay information. (Hint this is the basis of the Vigo County ARES SET for 2007).

David L. Pifer - N9YNF

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Here's a small sampling of the photos from the Shrine Hill Country Place. We'll make comments now and then but there are too many faces to place names or calls with, so you're pretty much on your own for this set. -ed.



Friday night setup time finds a large number of volunteers turning out to help... and to eat, of course.



Everyone gets into the action here.

At that angle, Dave, the only ones in danger are pilots... or moles.



Field Day 2007



What, Wayne? No climbing belt?



Oh yeah right, John. You, ten other men and one pickup truck.



Are we working here or socializing - or is there a difference?



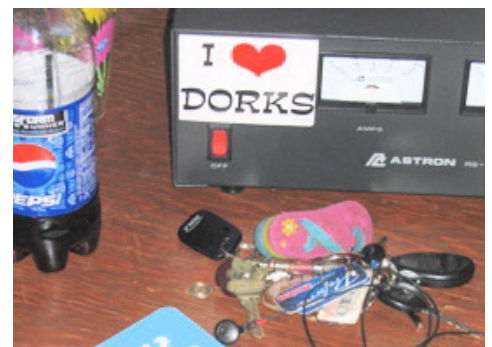
If it appears that Wayne is in a lot of the photos this year, there's a reason!



Alan is in a lot of photos too - same reason.



Jim, we'd like to know how that compact HF beam is doing on the air.



That's supposed to be your LEFT foot isn't it, Ginger. Oh never mind.

- TNX to N9YNF for the QLF CW keyer.



Ooooooooookay.

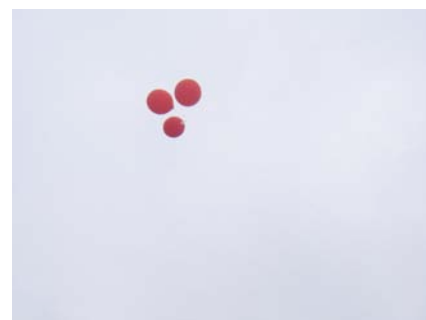
Field Day 2007



Dave watches the incoming weather.



The "heavyweights" hold the balloons down.
Alan almost takes a ride!



After it's over; wonder where they'll end up.



It's "nose to the grindstone" as usual for Jerry.



Dave presides over the "the most important" aspect of Field Day. - (Editorial opinion, of course.)



In order to preserve his reputation, John wants everyone to know that he is only subbing for Dave on this GAS grill!

From: wd9eyb1006@WIRELESSINFELD.COM

Subject: [WVARA] QSO's

Date: June 25, 2007 11:49:08 AM EDT

THESE ARE PRELIMINARY NUMBERS.

BONUS POINTS ARE NOT INCLUDED:

- Total CW QSO's: 526 X 2 = Total CW QSO points: 1052
- Total Digital QSO's: 24 X 2 = Total Digital QSO points: 48
- Total Phone QSO's: 678 X 1 = Total Phone QSO points: 678
- Total QSO points: 1778
- Power Multiplier (select only one)
- Power Multiplier: 2
- Claimed Score: 3556

BY BAND AND MODE:

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 160 PH Total Contacts | 1 |
| 80 CW Total Contacts | 121 |
| 80 PH Total Contacts | 222 |
| 40 CW Total Contacts | 266 |
| 40 PH Total Contacts | 182 |
| 20 CW Total Contacts | 119 |
| 20 DIG Total Contacts | 24 |
| 20 PH Total Contacts | 238 |
| 15 CW Total Contacts | 19 |
| 15 PH Total Contacts | 23 |
| 10 CW Total Contacts | 1 |
| 10 PH Total Contacts | 8 |
| 6 PH Total Contacts | 4 |

WHAT WE WORKED:

We worked all 50 states.
In Canada we missed The Northwest Territories and Newfoundland.
We also missed the Virgin Islands.
And we missed Northern New York.
(Wayne said Northern New York is "God's Country".)



Editor's note:

As always, we'd like to thank all those who contributed articles and we try to credit them in the by-line... when we don't forget.

Also, we'd like to thank all those who sent in digital photos they took. In this edition, in addition to staff photos, we'd like to thank Scott, KC9LQV, Ron, N9ZXO and John, K9GBO.

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2007

Please complete this form and include it with your dues. You may return this application in person or mail to:

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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 WVARA membership _____ New Member? ☐

ARES member? ☐ QCWA member? ☐ RACES 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 earlier! Of course, you can still make a paper copy of it 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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Please add \$5 per family member above to the Single rate below. To include ARRL membership, see a current QST for the amount.

Dues options: Single (\$20) Family (Single + \$5 per family member) Add 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 as well. See QST.

*Club gets a rebate from the ARRL!



The President's Corner

Another Field Day has now come and gone. Once again, it would not be possible to stage such an event without the participation of each and every one of you. THANKS!! If you listened to the net following our event, you heard a lot of positive comments. This year included a new site and the challenges that come from setting up without previous experience from which to draw. As usual, there are always things that go well, and upon reflection things which could be done to improve. At the post field day meeting there were several ideas shared which we will take into consideration during the planning for the 2008 Field Day.

The WVARA has a sizable membership and our Field Day event can mean different things to different people. To some Field Day is a social event for gathering to chat, eat and in general have a good time together. For others it is a true contest with a goal of maximizing points to be reported. To some it is a time to experiment, trying different things than have been tried in the past. To yet others it is a casual contest setting where you can make a few contacts, get new folks on the air, and in general just have fun operating. It is impossible to accommodate each idea of what field day should be about in one single event of the size we put together. It is only as each one gives to the good of the whole that our event is so successful. We do our best to put together a weekend that offers a lot of different aspects to our membership. In my opinion we put together a fabulous event because we have a fabulous membership.

At the Indianapolis hamfest the WVARA was again recognized with the 2007 IRCC Technical Excellence award being present to Kevin Berlen (K9HX). At the presentation of the award the Wabash Valley group made up the vast portion of those in attendance. Folks from around the state recognize the active group we have in the Wabash Valley.

See you at the summer picnic!!

73,

Gary W9EEU

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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.

VE TESTING

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

1st Sunday of even-numbered months;

1 P.M., Indiana time

Glas-Col Annex,

Corner of 7th & Idaho

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

PARIS, ILLINOIS:

2nd Saturday of

Jan., May, Sep., Nov;

Burkybile Law Office,

15175 U.S. Highway 150

WALK-INS WELCOME!

For further info, contact Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, (217) 465-4884 or Ray Andrews, K9DUR, (812) 535-3222

Aug. 4 Terre Haute, IN

Sept. 8 Paris, IL