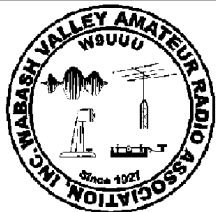


REGULAR EVENTS

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

Wedding of Don, K9DRP and Jane, KB9YNO Sep 1 †
Cory Apple Festival Parking Fundraiser ... Sep. 28,29
Ryves Hall Recovery Walk Sep. 29
Deuces Wild Duathlon, Lincoln Trail S.P. **Oct. 20***
* Note: This reflects date change. † See WVARA Listserv for directions.
Fall Amateur Radio Class TBA



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Cory Apple Fest

We have a need for <ALL> to participate in the parking detail for the Cory Apple Fest on Sept 28 and 29. The projected need is 17 hams on deck at all times for the various parking lots at the fest.

We will be collecting money and directing people to their parking in all the lots. We will set up schedules so no one is over taxed in their duties.

There is significant financial benefit to the club as a results of this activity. If we cannot support this some other group will get the benefit. If you have members of your family/friends who are not hams please invite them to help with you. They will not need a radio to help. If you have a physical challenge we will assign you to a spot that will accommodate that challenge.

If you know you can help please e-mail me direct at...

N9YRX@hotmail.com with the date and time you are available to help. If you can help all day we will give you two hours on and two hours off to relax and enjoy the fest. Be sure to include family members and friends who can help.

Remember this is an activity that <ALL> are needed.

John W. Van Sandt
1302 Beech St.
Marshall, ILL 62441
Ph 217-826-8821

This Month's Program

John, N9YRX, will give a program on

APRS

Ryves Hall Recovery Walk



We hope it won't rain this year, Dave.

For the past four years Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall has collaborated with many agencies to provide an event for the National Recovery Month. Locally we hold a Recovery Walk down the Heritage Trail along with a street festival. All activities including meals are provided free of charge.

This year, we will have the Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 29, 2007. The celebration will be held from 10A.M. until 2P.M. Along with food and drink, there will be carnival games for the children, music for everyone, and a mini health clinic.

In the past years this event has become a resounding success due to the assistance of many volunteers. The WVARA has assisted in provided much needed communication for the Walk. Last year two amateur radio operators were instrumental in providing communications and traffic control when a traffic accident occurred at the intersection of 14th & Locust streets.

This year we are again asking assistance from the amateur radio community. We need communications for the Walk and are currently looking into creating a Special Event station. For those who are interested in assisting, Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, is acting as communications coordinator. You can also contact Jim Edwards, KA9DIF, at the youth center (812-235-1265) or through email at jedwards@ryveshall.org.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing, over the past four months, of three former members of the WVARA.

*Fred Mahalek, K9EBK
Clay Cork Jr., WA9DCO
Bill Huff, WZ4Q*

They will be greatly missed by the Wabash Valley amateur community.



SILENT KEYS

Fred, K9EBK

You know, someone told me a story the other day, a story that was representative of Fred's life and service. He told me, "for years I would get a lot of QSLs and they were really badly addressed and I did not know until recently that it was because Fred, K9EBK, worked in the post office".

Yes, Fred had put out the word to be on the lookout for those strange cards and if they were not addressed well, he would fix them.

Fred did everything that way. He would hear of something that needed fixed and fix it, with a phone call, with solder, or, whatever it took.

In my heart, I do hope that somewhere in this valley, someone will seek to do the little things quietly, just as Fred did.

TNX and 73 Fred,

K9EBK de WA9DRO

Bill, WZ4Q

It was at the WVARA picnic on August the 11th, I noticed something was missing, a voice I almost always heard at the picnic that I did not hear... someone missing... Bill, WZ4Q and then I remembered that some one had told me that very day that Bill had passed on.

If you never knew Bill, I am truly sorry for you.

Bill was soft spoken, kind, a real gentle man.

I don't know how long I knew Bill, it just seems like he was always a part of the group, at a meeting more often than not when he was in town and almost always at the picnic.

Have you ever known some one who just made you smile each time you met him, well, Bill was one of those kind of fellows.

I hope to attend many WVARA picnics in the future, but I think for a long time, I will still feel that something, someone, is missing.

73 Bill and farewell.

WD4Q de WA9DRO

CLAY,WA9DCO

What will I remember about Clay, now let me see. Well, Clay and I were licensed in the same time period, he was DCO and I am DRO. And who can forget Clay's always on-track winter weather forecast? Ah but I will leave that to others.

The thing I will remember most of all are the many QSOs with Clay. A QSO with Clay was not just a signal report and a hi and by, a QSO with Clay was like opening a book on Illinois history. Clay could remember places, happenings, names and dates and loved to talk about the many things that he had seen and done throughout his rich and full life.

Those of you who were fortunate enough to have a QSO with Clay will agree.

Rest easy old friend.

73 Clay.

WA9DCO de WA9DRO

When an old friend becomes a silent key, you may be the person who knew him best. As a memorial to him or her, won't you take a few minutes to sit down and write your thoughts and remembrances? You would be doing them a final courtesy and you'd help the rest of us who may not have know this person that well. Tnx, ed.

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Breaking News

There apparently *will* be an Amateur Radio class this Fall. However, at press time, there was no information regarding its time or location. Please check the WVARA Listserv and/or the Sunday Night Nets for details. -ed.

SILENT KEYS CONTINUED

FRED MAHALEK, K9EBK

I had an eyeball QSO with Fred about a month before he passed away. He was shopping at Menards for stuff he needed for some project he was working on. I hope he had time to finish it.

On the first of my two stints as Bandspread editor, Fred published it on an old mimeograph machine. I hated cutting those stencils on my typewriter, but the final result wasn't too bad. (Gary, can you imagine writing the BS without a word processor? Scary!)

Fred kept that old machine purring like a kitten. I think he was kind of sad when I started using Applewriter and put the paper together using cut-and-paste in the archaic sense.

Fred has been around as long as I remember. He was of the old Mahalek, Siebenmorgen, Hoffman, Meier, Pernow, Moench (Herman), Cottom, etc. generation. They were the core of the club and all were active and worked hard for the WVARA.

Fred knew a lot about radio and electronics and was active on the air. He was a regular contributor to the ITN for many years. Terre Haute could always rest assured that if there was traffic, he would always be ready and willing to pick it up.

He liked to mess with antennas and in later years was dependent mostly on his 75-m doublet. A while back he wasn't being heard on the air and it turned out that his antenna was down. Many local hams would have jumped at the opportunity to help him get it back up, but I personally didn't know anything about it until it was fixed.

One of the greatest contributions to Ham radio in these parts was his dedication and hard work as a volunteer examiner. For many years Fred considered it an opportunity and a obligation to see to it that the local exams went off smoothly.

I'm sorry to see him go.

73,

Jack Derry, K9CUN

FRED J. MAHALEK, K9EBK

Fred Mahalek, K9EBK, became a Silent Key on May 25. He lived a good life and was 90 years old.

Fred was a long-time member of the WVARA, INC. and the local ham community. Fred's tenure in the WVARA goes back to the days of the VHF Picnic held annually at Turkey Run

State Park. He was one of the organizers and hard workers of that event. It was the predecessor of the WVARA Hamfest of which he was very active for a number of years.

For many years Fred was an active member of the Indiana Traffic Net which meets daily at 3910 KHz. In the 1980s, Fred and several others had a FM RTTY net that ran one evening a week on a 2 meter simplex frequency. It was at the beginning of the use of computer linked keyboards through a conventional modem with the demise of the old Model 15 mechanical monsters. Transmission was in AFSK because the frequency was above 30 MHz. The old Radio Shack and Commodore Computers were the units of choice then.

For many years, the BANDSPREAD was published by Fred and some helpers on an old Mimeograph machine. It wasn't as fancy as the current BANDSPREAD, but contained good information about ham activities in the area.

Fred was a flea market hound, and was one of the organizers of the Dayton Hamvention Bus. On the way home, we stopped to eat at a cafeteria on the West side of Indianapolis, not as fancy as Shapiro's, but of Fred's choosing. Typical of Fred's frugality.

When ARRL organized the Volunteer Examiner Corps, Fred was the original coordinator for the WVARA. He held that position for almost 15 years.

If my memory has not completely gone to mush, I believe Fred was a recipient of the Brentlinger Award a number of years ago. I do remember that he and Polly Polakowski, KD9OK, were given a special award one year for their long service with *THE BANDSPREAD*.

Fred was a quiet man. A real gentleman and a gentle man. He was a great "Elmer" to many of the active hams in the area. He not only was a "hands on" helper, but on a "one-on-one" basis taught many people the fundamentals of electronics that one had to know to pass the written portions of the Novice and Technician exams.

Fred's working career was spent with the U.S. Postal Service from where he retired as Assistant Postmaster in Terre Haute.

I don't know about you, but I miss ole Fred. He had a wry and subtle sense of humor that got to you in a way that you don't soon forget.

73, Fred

Bob Harker, KC9UU

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It was the nicest day of the previous week and of the next week as well. Keith said he'd set it up that way, so we gave him an extra hamburger. John and Kathryn did the cookin' so yours truly could get some photos. As it turned out, everyone who wanted extras would get plenty to eat. The ol' folks gabbed and the kids swam. And, as usual, a good time was had by all! -ed.





WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2008

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

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TERRE HAUTE, IN 47808-0081

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

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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

The past few weeks have seen the remnants of Erin bring flooding to the US, Dean sweep through the Caribbean and Mexico, unrelated flooding across the upper Midwest, and severe weather just to our north. All of this points out that we could be thrust into an emergency situation at any time for a variety of reasons. It also points out that as amateur radio operators we need to be prepared to respond quickly. In any situation like these, or others that may affect our region, we would not have the luxury of sitting down and making a list of items needed, gathering them up for transportation, or preparing in many other ways to meet the communication needs. The time to prepare is now, before we find ourselves needing to respond.

An excellent source to help us prepare is the ARRL's continuing education programs. The ARRL offers three emergency communication courses. These are self study courses and take an estimated 25 hours to complete over an 8 to 12 week schedule. The ARRL also has a link to the FEMA site where you can find the NIMS (National Incident Management System) training courses, which are a requirement to work with many organizations.

Our ability to respond will depend on how well we have prepared in advance. If you have questions, or need any help finding or completing some of this training, let us know. We have an abundance of resources from which to draw and would be glad to help out. Be Ready!!

73,
Gary, W9EEU

For Sale

ICOM 745 \$ 200 REALISTIC 440 XCVR..... Best offer.
Contact Don Powell, K9VXV 299-5515 or donrpowell@msn.com

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;

8:30 A.M. Illinois time

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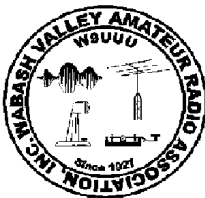
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Local Nets

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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