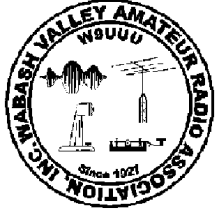


REGULAR EVENTS

Friday
Oct 5
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
Thursday
The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 PM,
Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

St. Ann's Fish Fry-we hams have our own table. Oct 5
Amateur Extra Upgrade Class - Early Oct TBA
Deuces Wild Duathlon, Lincoln Trail S.P. Oct 20



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AMATEUR RADIO AT WORK IN THE VALLEY

This year, Terre Haute civic leaders decided that the activities in which we usually participate, in September, would be held all on the same day! Well, great! This will give us a chance to get three things done on the same day and we can also check out our setup / takedown / setup time capability. So, on September 22, we started at the Vigo Co. Public Library for Family Learning Day which we combined with the local ARES SET!



Following that, we "folded the tent" and set out for the Ace Hardware parking lot for the Red Cross sponsored emergency preparedness yearly event. It took us right at 45 minutes from takedown at the library to fully set up at the Ace parking lot.



A significant draw, as usual, was the Lifeline helicopter. Larger this year than previously, it has doors in the rear for quick loading and unloading of patients.



This Month's Program

The plan is to show photos from the recent Don, K9DRP/ Jane, KB9YNO wedding in Bullskin, IL plus a demo on how to properly attach connectors to coax by Kevin, K9HX.



When it prematurely departed an hour early, everyone else sort of took the cue and shut down as well so we went home to our recliners early!



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 that night on 146.595/S



General Meeting Minutes 09/07/07

The September 7, 2007, meeting of the WVARA was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Club President, Gary Adams, W9EEU.

Announcements: (1) QCWA/CAARLA meetings will be held September 8 at 12:00 P.M. at World Gospel Church. The program will be a presentation by Nick Pifer, KC9DRS, on his recent trip to Brazil. (2) VE testing will be held tomorrow at Paris at 8:30 A.M. Central Time. (3) The Club will be participating parking for the Cory Apple Fest September 28-29. Please see John, N9YRX, if you are available for any time during those two days. This will be a fund-raising activity for the Club. We will not be using radios for this event, so we can use friends and family members as well as hams. (4) The Deuces Wild Duathlon will be October 20. Please mark your calendars so that you can participate in this event. (5) Family Learning Day will take place Saturday, September 15 from 9 – 11 A.M. at the Library. From 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. the same day there will be a Disaster Preparedness demonstration at Ace Hardware's parking lot. Everyone is encouraged to come out and help and to see what our team is prepared for should it become necessary. (6) Ryves Hall Recovery Walk will be held September 29 from 10:00 – 11:15 A.M. A few volunteers are needed to help with this event. You will be using your HT's to help with this event. John, N9YRX, presented this evening's program on APRS. Following the break and half-pot drawing, won by Nick, KC9JSY, the business meeting was held. The **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck, W9COD, reported the balance in all WVARA accounts is \$5,835.75. Chuck moved that the report be approved as presented; Dave, N9YNF, seconded the motion. **Old Business:** (1) We have reserved the bus for next year's Dayton Hamvention. (2) The testing location schedule as published in *The Bandspread* should be reversed. To contact Steve NT9T, please call 240-6988. Please do not use the internet to contact him. **New Business:** (1) The Nominating Committee for 2008 has been appointed. (2) Anyone desiring to attend the Fish Fry at St. Ann's prior to next month's meeting is welcome. We will be meeting at 5:30 P.M. at St. Ann's. (3) The Board meeting will immediately follow this meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

- Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 09/07/07

The September 7, 2007, meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 8:45 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 and guests Dave Pifer, N9YNF; Gary Wheeler,

K9ERE; Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD; Ron Young, AB9GI and John Van Sandt, N9YRX. The **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck reported that there is a balance of \$5,835.75 in all accounts and moved that the report be approved as presented; Nick seconded the motion. The motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Dave, N9YNF, gave the Board an update on the progress toward the Wi Fi link. (2) Kevin had no updates on the repeater upgrade. (3) Apple Fest Parking: John, N9YRX, will put together a schedule for all participants. (4) Club meeting tour of TRW was discussed. An estimate was that approximately 40 people would attend. Nick noted that there would have to be age restrictions; children under 18 would not be able to attend the tour. We are looking at February as a time frame for the tour. Ginger reported that next month's program will be about soldering coax connectors and will be given by Kevin K9HX and a slide show from Don, K9DRP and Jane, KB9YNO's recent wedding. (5) It was reported that Dave, N9YNF, is still listed by ARRL as the WVARA contact person. Steve will call ARRL and notify them of the change... again. **New Business:** (1) Gary appointed Ron Young, AB9GI, as Education Committee chairman. Steve moved that the appointment be approved; Nick seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ron noted that there has been some interest in an Extra class to be held in the fall. He would also like to have a couple of workshops. Those items were discussed. (2) Dave, N9YNF, reported that the ARES trailer has an immediate need for an HF rig. Steve moved that we use the spare Kenwood TS430 in the trailer; Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried. He noted that there are several long-term items needed. He would like to look into purchasing a 7x12 trailer; then we could sell the old trailer. A larger generator is also needed. (3) Hamfest 2008: Kevin noted that we need to get the fairgrounds reserved and we need to get flyers printed. There were approximately 300 in attendance last year. We need to add one more room for testing. Ginger will contact Les for reservations March 8, 2008. (4) The Club Christmas dinner was discussed. Dave, N9YNF, will attempt to get the Great Room at World Gospel Church reserved for December 14. Kevin noted that Donetta, KA9FMW, will prepare the meat. (5) Gary, K9ERE, has a vehicle which he would like to donate to Skywarn. It was suggested that he sell the vehicle through the WVARA and then they would donate the money to Skywarn. We need to have an MOU with Skywarn. Chuck moved to develop an MOU with Skywarn using the same wording as was used on the MOU with ARES; Kevin seconded the motion and the motion was approved. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

- Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

Fall Extra Upgrade Class

We are putting together a class for those interested in upgrading to Extra Class. We need to know who is interested so that we can get the necessary materials. Please let me know by email or phone call if you will be taking the class. We need to know by the October club meeting who will be taking the class. Please let me know by email or phone call if you will be taking the class. Ron, AB9GI, hopes to get the class started shortly after the October Club meeting.

Tnx & 73,
Gary W9EEU

Deuces Wild Duathlon

After a number of date changes, the Deuces Wild Duathlon committee has finally settled on Saturday, October 20. If you can help, please let John, N9YRX, know ASAP! All positions need to be filled in order to insure the safety of the bikers.

If you DO volunteer and then have to cancel, PLEASE notify John as far ahead as possible so he can plan for your replacement.

Arrival time for volunteers is 7 A.M., at Lincoln Trail State Park, south of Marshall, IL. You can contact John Van Sandt, N9YRX, at n9yrx@hotmail.com or catch him on 146.685.

It's always a fun time with lunch provided afterward. —ed.

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

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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



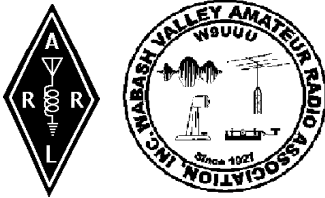
As a follow up on last month's article, Dave (N9YNF) used the two public demonstrations of the ARES trailer on September 22 for a simulated emergency test. One of the things that Dave wanted to see was how quickly the trailer could be moved from one location to another and return to operational status. After the display at the Vigo County Library, the team packed up and moved the trailer to East Wabash on the parking lot of Paitson Bros. By Dave's watch the trailer was back up and operational in 45 minutes. Much of the credit is due to the thought and preparation of the trailer for just such contingencies. Good job folks!

Check out the article on generator and battery safety in the October issue of QST. It sure does point out the need to practice safety when working around our equipment. Whether it is generators, batteries, power supplies, tower climbing or a multitude of other things, we should always be thinking about our personal safety as well as those around us. Know your equipment and exercise safety at all times.

We have some very interesting club meetings in the next few months. At our October meeting, we will have a demonstration on coax connectors. They always make it look easy, and then you go home and... All I can say is watch closely and take good notes. The November meeting will be our annual homebrew. It is always interesting to see what projects have been worked since last year. Nothing in the rules say that the project must be complete, so if you are working on something interesting, bring it and share it with the group. If your homebrew project is too large to bring, then bring some pictures to show.

73,
Gary W9EEU

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For further info, contact Steve Shorter,
NT9T (812) 240-6988

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