

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday
Nov. 2 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.

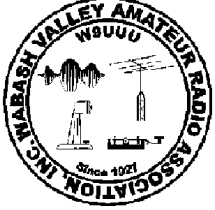
Every
Thursday The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.,
Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

EXTRA UPGRADE CLASS BEGINS Mon., Nov. 5

Indiana ARRL State Convention / Fort Wayne
Hamfest Sat., Sun., Nov. 17, 18

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY Sat., Dec. 15



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BUSY AMATEUR RADIO WEEKEND

The weather and the calendar came together beautifully for the weekend of the 20th and 21st of October, also known to hams as the Deuces Wild Duathlon and the Illinois QSO Party, respectively, at Lincoln Trail State Park, south of Marshall. Amateurs in the Wabash Valley had ample opportunity to participate in what is usually among the last reliable fair weather outside activities of the year.

This year, the Wabash Valley participation in the Illinois QSO Party manifested itself in three separate activities. First was the group at the Sassafras Shelter at Lincoln Trail State Park. Second, under Chuck, W9COD using the ARES trailer, was a farm site straddling both Edgar and Clark counties. Third was Ray, K9DUR, who traveled to Cave-In-Rock State Park to operate there. At press time, we have photos from Lincoln Trail and the Edgar/Clark sites but we have no information from Southern Illinois.

Show-up time is an early 7:30 for those participating in the Deuces Wild Duathlon. John, N9YRX, was again in charge, first giving out assignments and tee shirts then leading the motorcade to show them their positions. Many of the old hands knew where to go anyway so some were already on their way and not available for photos. Many other photo ops went begging because yours truly, as usual, was also assigned to a position and was therefore unavailable to take photos of people at their positions. -ed.



John, N9YRX, gives out assignments



We were a little shy on text for Valley amateur participation in the big Illinois QSO party this year, but we think that the photos submitted by Ron, AB9GI; John, N9YX; Doyle, K9DEH plus Staff pix pretty much tell the tale.

This Month's Program

The November Club meeting will be the yearly Homebrew Night. Bring something you've built and share it with the group!



For more photos from the Deuces Wild Duathlon on Saturday and the Illinois QSO Party on Sunday, both at Lincoln Trail State Park, see pages 4 and 5.

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 10/05/07

The October 5, 2007, meeting of the WVARA was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Club President, Gary Adams, W9EEU. **Announcements:** (1) Jim, K9VDQ, received an award from ARRL for being licensed for 50 years continuously. Congratulations were offered from the group. (2) The next QCWA meeting will be held Saturday, October 13, at 1:00 P.M. at Pizza City. CAARLA will meet on Friday, October 12, at 11:00 A.M. at Richard's Farms. (3) John, N9YRX, reported that assistance is still needed for the Deuces Wild Duathlon, October 20. A sign-up sheet for those available to help was passed around. He said that this is a "rain or shine" event. (4) The Nominating Committee has been working to present a slate of officers for the Club to vote on at the December meeting. Those on the Committee are Dave, N9YNF, Bette, KC9GWT, and Mary KB9NLJ. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. (5) The WVARA Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 15, at World Gospel Church. (6) Dale, KC9HLD, announced that he has a tower for sale. (7) Ron, AB9GI, announced that there will be an Extra upgrade class beginning soon. Anyone interested in upgrading to Extra should see Ron as soon as possible. It will probably meet on Monday evenings. (8) The 444.600 repeater is up and running. It has no PL tone. (9) Chuck, W9COD, announced that the Illinois QSO party will be held October 21 from 1:00 – 9:00 P.M., Indiana time. Notify Danny Peace to let him know if you will be available to operate and what county you will be operating from. See Chuck, W9COD, or John, N9YRX, if you are interested. The **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck, W9COD, reported the balance in all WVARA accounts is \$5,956.25. He also reported that the Club received a check for \$1,100 for parking cars for the Cory Apple Festival. Chuck moved that the report be approved as presented; Wayne, KA9YNB, seconded the motion. The motion carried. **New Business:** The Board meeting will immediately follow this meeting. **Program:** Kevin, K9HX, gave an illustrated demonstration of how to properly attach various coax plugs to coax. With the assistance of Dave, N9YNF and Dave, N9FMD, the presentation was videotaped for posterity. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M. -Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 10/05/07

The October 5, 2007 meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 9:02 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; Bette Young, KC9GWT; Ray Andrews, K9DUR; Don Pine, K9DRP and Jane Pine, KB9YNO. The **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck W9COD reported that there is a balance of \$7,056.25 in all accounts and moved that the report

be approved as presented; Kevin K9HX seconded the motion. The motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Dave, N9YNF had nothing new to report on the WiFi project. (2) Kevin had nothing new to report on the repeater upgrade. (3) Nick gave the Board further information on the possibilities of a TRW tour in February. The size of each group in the tour would be limited to 20 and can't interfere with production. The yellow taped area will restrict those on the tour to stand between six and ten feet from the machines. We will have to attend a brief orientation procedure prior to the tour. Nick can put together a video presentation of locations that we won't be able to get close enough to see. He also noted that all cameras and camera phones are forbidden. (4) The Club Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 15, at World Gospel Church in the Great Room on the main level. Mary, KB9NLJ and Debbie, KC9AOR, will decorate the tables. There will be a "dirty" gift exchange, with a limit of \$5. Donetta, KA9FMW, will prepare the meat. Dave, N9YNF, will have Christmas music playing in the background. (5) Ron, AB9GI, gave an update on the Extra upgrade class. It will be held on Monday evenings at World Gospel Church. He has five teachers lined up. The cost was set at \$30, which will include the cost of the book. It will begin the end of October or the first part of November. (6) The Club Hamfest will be held Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the Vigo County Fairgrounds. The cost will be \$300 for the same two buildings that we had last year. Because there is not another building available that we could use for testing, it will not be offered at the Hamfest. We will move the March Club meeting to February 28 so that it will not interfere with the set-up necessary for the Hamfest. **New Business:** (1) The donated trailer was discussed. Chuck moved that we sell the trailer; Steve seconded the motion and the motion passed. Chuck also proposed that we set aside the money to use toward the purchase of a smaller trailer which could be pulled by a pick-up truck; Kevin suggested that we need to look at the value of those items inside of the trailer and possibly sell them at the Hamfest. (2) Gary, W9EEU, presented copies of Section I of the WVARA By-laws regarding the constitution of the WVARA Board. He proposed changes to section "c" from "...offices" to "...the Executive Board...". He also proposed changes to section "d" from "...offices" to "...the Executive Board and also "The replacement will take office and serve the remainder of the term (instead of "calendar year")...". Following much discussion by those present, Kevin moved that we adopt the changes presented above; Steve seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. These proposed changes will be presented to the membership for approval at the November meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 P.M. - Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Secretary.

This photo was from the last EOC Foxhunt.

Wish we had the photo THEY were taking! -ed.



Tri-Yearly Financial Report May - Aug 2007

				BALANCE 4/30/07		6,850.96
5/2/07	Checking	DEP	S	Deposit	N9AK ken	Dayton Bus Inc. 40.00
					kc9kew ron	Dayton Bus Inc. 40.00
					n9zxo ron	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					KE9IN	07 Membership 20.00
					KC9JSY	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					K9CUN	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					GENE MAYFIELD	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					KC9JPZ JOHN SWEZ	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					Will not tell	bad check 7.00
					APRIL	Halfpot 24.00
					WD9BDE #1	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					WD9BDE #2	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					wd9jkc	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
5/5/07	Checking		1325	Turner Coaches		-1,290.50
5/16/07	Checking	DEP	S	Deposit	AB9CK CLOVERDALE	Dayton Bus Inc. 40.00
					KC9JNZ	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					KB1USA	Dayton Bus Inc. 40.00
					N9BOG	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					WIFE	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					KC9GWU	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					Girl friend of KC9GWU	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					KC9EVI POST RD	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					KWOLF	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					KC9EPZ	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					N9YRX	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					KA9YNB	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					ED MR WB9ZHC	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					KE9IX	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					KB9TJW	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					W9COD	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					MAY	Halfpot 19.50
					N9BOG	07 Membership 20.00
5/17/07	Checking	return		Bad Check Returned		bad check -47.00
6/1/07	Checking	DEP	S	Deposit	TOTAL	ClassMat 190.00
					K9VDQ	Dayton Bus Inc. 35.00
					Extra one was paid for	Dayton Bus Inc. 45.00
					W4CT	Dayton Bus Inc. 45.00
					Will not tell	bad check 47.00
					K9VDK	07 Membership 20.00
6/1/07	Checking		1326	GIAS-COL		Bandsread:Postage -13.53
6/1/07	Checking		1327	David Pifer		Class -9.67
6/1/07	Checking		1328	Patison Bros Ace	coax	Equipment -619.60
6/1/07	Checking		1329	Gary Adams		Picnic -31.76
6/3/07	Checking		1335	PAPA JOHNS PIZZA		FieldDay -41.71
6/13/07	Checking	DEP	S	Deposit	RON N9ZXD XL	FieldDayInc 11.00
					DOUG KB9JLR XXL	FieldDayInc 12.00
					NICK KC9JSY XXL	FieldDayInc 12.00
					DAVE N9YNF XXL	FieldDayInc 12.00
					MARY KB9NLJ XL	FieldDayInc 11.00
					GARY K9ERE XL (2)	FieldDayInc 24.00
					RON KC9EPZ L	FieldDayInc 11.00
					KAY KWOLF XL	FieldDayInc 12.00
					CARL KC9EVI XL	FieldDayInc 12.00
					DELBERT KC9DRR M	FieldDayInc 11.00
					SONNY KE9IX XL	FieldDayInc 11.00
					JOHN N9YRX XXXL	FieldDayInc 12.00
					RAY K9DUR XXL	FieldDayInc 12.00
					PAM KC9JMA XXL	FieldDayInc 12.00
					DEBBIE KC9AOR L	FieldDayInc 11.00
					STEVE NT9T XXL	FieldDayInc 12.00
					RON AB9GI XL (2)	FieldDayInc 22.00
					BETTE KC9GWT L	FieldDayInc 11.00
					WAYNE KA9YNB XL	FieldDayInc 11.00
					GARY W9EEU XL	FieldDayInc 11.00
					MELODY WD9EEU S	FieldDayInc 11.00
					KA9JBB RUSSELL	07 Membership 20.00
					CHUCK W9COD XL	FieldDayInc 11.00
					CATHERINE WIFE XXL	FieldDayInc 12.00
6/14/07	Checking		1330	Embroidery Express		FieldDay -200.00
6/21/07	Checking		1331	Embroidery Express		FieldDay -181.40
6/22/07	Checking		1332	Kroger	chicken ice	FieldDay -88.13
6/23/07	Checking		1333	Sams Club		FieldDay -71.68
6/28/07	Checking		1334	Gary Adams		dayton bus 2008 -100.00
8/9/07	Checking		1336	Marsh-Seabury Smith	LIABILTY	Insurance -158.00
8/10/07	Checking		1337	Gary Wheeler		Picnic -71.47

				TOTAL 5/1/07 - 8/31/07		-1,214.95
				BALANCE 8/31/07		5,636.01

Activities at Lincoln Trail State Park

Deuces Wild Duathlon



Ron volunteers to hand out shirts.



Ron gets kinda wrapped up in his work.



Ginger, WB9ZHC, net control.



Illinois QSO Party

According to Bette, KB9GWT, the following people showed up to work the bands, share Jane's, KB9YNO, ham and beans and, well, just enjoy the serenity of the Fall afternoon at Lincoln Trail.



Gary, W9EEU



John, N9YRX



Don, K9DRP



L-R: Dave, N9FMD; Gary, W9EEU; Bette, KC9GWT; Jane, KB9YNO; Don, K9DRP; John, N9YRX and Ann, John's XYL.



Carl, KC9AEM



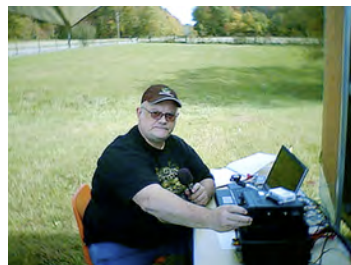
Dave, Ron, AB9GI, Gary, Don and John.



Hey! Naps are important too!

Some, but not all, of the Duathlon Crew.

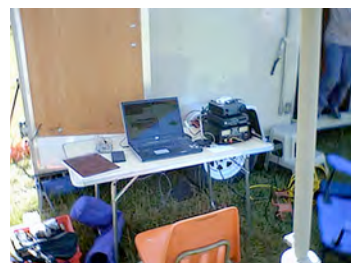




K9DEH at the KC9EGN station



KC6OND and KC9KJQ man the trailer station



KC9EGN station

Illinois QSO Party at the Edgar/Clark Co. Border

We had some interference cross band from the two stations. It was worse for the station outside the trailer than vice versa. We were using the auto tuner of KC9EGN outdoors and had both the G5RV and the R5 connected to it. I discovered that I could spot on the vertical with no interference, then switch to the G5RV to make the contact. After the first contact, my fingers got sort of coordinated. I only made 4 positive contact in this manner, but it worked fine.

We had no beans, just cold cut sandwiches and chips, soda pop, iced tea. Wind was no problem in the trailer, and since the outdoor station was sheltered by said trailer, it was pleasant to work also.

We did have some excitement early on since the farmer was unloading corn next to us into silos. While the semi was stationary, an inside dual tire on the tractor blew out sending a big cloud of dust into the air. This was only about 50 feet from the trailer.

We worked two counties, Edgar and Clark. Our station was on the county line and our ground plane was configured to take in both sides of the road.

It was a lot of fun and I hope we can do it again next year. We could use a little better antenna plan to lower the interference, but our contact sheet showed we had a good spot for the stations.

Doyle Hudgens
K9DEH
for KC9EGN, W9COD, KC6OND, KC9KJQ

Trailer location at county line site
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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?

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?

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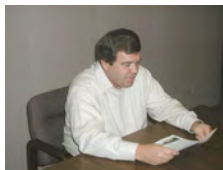
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Please add \$5 per family member above to the Single rate below. To include ARRL membership, see a current QST for the amount.

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 extra upgrade class will begin on Monday, November 5, at the World Gospel Church on State Road 46. Tnx to Ron, AB9GI, for putting things together for the class, and I am sure we will have new extra class operators soon. We have a good group already signed up for the class, but there is

always room for more if you are interested.

As a reminder the club meeting this month is the annual homebrew contest. I guess it really is more of a show and tell than it is a contest. Be sure and bring any projects that you have and share them with the group.

As I write this article, severe weather is a possibility this afternoon. I am reminded what a valuable service the Illiana Skywarn group provides to both the local community and the National Weather Service. As severe weather warnings were issued during the very early morning hours this morning, dedicated Skywarn folks were up and at the task. Tnx for the hard work and dedication to all involved!!

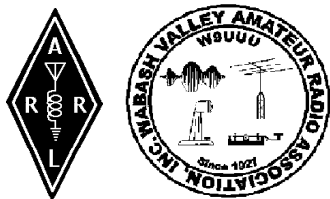
73,
Gary, W9EEU

Remote Receiver Project

This evening, W9COD, KA9YNB, and I began the process of installing the antenna system for the first remote receiver site on the K9IKQ repeater. This site is at the ISU College of Education building, and will provide improved coverage for our repeater for both mobiles and HT's in Terre Haute and Vigo County. Daylight ran out on us this evening, but we will be back at it within the week, and we should have the antenna system complete that evening. We are installing a Diamond receive antenna for 2-meters, and a UHF yagi antenna for the 440MHz link to the repeater site. The receiver should be operational around the first of the year.

73,
Kevin, K9HX

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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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November 10 - Paris

December 2 - Terre Haute

