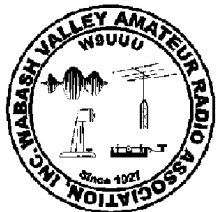


## REGULAR EVENTS

Friday Jan 4 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

Brentlinger Nominations due ..... Jan 15  
WVARA Hamfest ..... Mar 8



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## XMAS PARTY ENDURES ELEMENTS

Despite predictions of freezing rain, sleet and snow, the 'powers that be' determined that the WVARA Christmas party at the World Gospel Church would go on as scheduled. And so it did!

The conditions at assembly time led to slippery roads in the northern parts of the county but it was just rain for the party location.

We ate, exchanged gifts and just had a good time. Meanwhile, it continued as just rain.

Nevertheless, at 9 P.M. Gary, W9EEU, decided that we shouldn't further tempt fate and we headed for home shortly thereafter. As we monitored the radio, reports of snow came in from the north and by the time everyone was home, it was snowing or freezing rain everywhere in the county. How's that for timing?!

Just a quick TNX to the folks who set up decorations, set up tables, worked the kitchen, brought food, attended and cleaned up afterward. Oh, and TNX to Ginger, who made the badges. Everyone who attended made the event just a little bit better.

To those who were iced out, we missed you (and your food too)! - ed.

Find more Xmas party pix on p. 3



Debbie almost loses her popcorn... again!

## Annual Junque Auction

It was time again for the annual WVARA Junque Auction whereat members had the opportunity to bring the stuff that they had stored in their basements and garages for many many years (or maybe just since last year's auction) and bring it in to auction off so someone else could keep it in *his* or *her* basement for the next year.

Typically, this stuff ranges from 'seen many basements' to 'WOW! Why does he want to get rid of *that*?' And, of course, even lower than 'seen many basements' is the infamous, 'Wife says, "Don't bring it back!!!"' This is also referred to as, "Dumpster gets it if you don't!"

Anyway, a lot of stuff changed hands and a good time was had by all, or at least by all who won the bid. Wives, of course, were happy when they *didn't* win the bid.

## WVARA Board 2008



The officers for the WVARA Board of Directors is, L-R, Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Trustee; Gary Adams, W9EEU, President; Nick Vinardi, KC9JSY, Treasurer; Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC, Vice President and Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary.

## Brentlinger Nominations

Don't forget the deadline of January 15 for submission of your Brentlinger Award nominee! Send a sealed letter, explaining in detail why you think your candidate should be this year's recipient, to the President.

## This Month's Program

### Check UR Rig Night!

Bring your rig and our intrepid technicians will check it for power out, sensitivity, etc. They probably can't fix it if it's broken, but they may be able to tell you what the problem is.

## 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 12/07/07

The December 7, 2007 meeting of the WVARA was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone present introduced him/herself. There were four people present who had new licenses. They were: Rosalie Dabelow, KC9MPC; Pam Browning, KC9MLM; Joe Browning, KC9MLL and Joe Browning II, KC9MPA. **Announcements:** (1) The Board Meeting will meet immediately following this meeting. (2) QCWA will meet December 8 at 1:00 P.M. at Pizza City. CAARLA will not hold a monthly meeting in December. They will attend a Christmas play in which one of their members, Pat KA9ALI will be participating. (3) VE testing will be held Saturday, January 12 at 8:30 A.M. (Illinois time) in Paris. (4) The Club Christmas party will be Saturday, December 15, at World Gospel Church in the Great Room. The Club will provide the meat and drinks; the rest of the meal will be a carry-in. Members of CAARLA will provide the decorations. (5) Nominations for the Brentlinger award are due by January 15, 2008. (6) Chuck announced that Club dues for 2008 are now due. The **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck, W9COD, reported that the balance in all WVARA accounts is \$7,020.14. Chuck moved that the report be approved as presented; John N9YRX seconded the motion. The motion carried. **Old Business:** Gary, W9EEU, reminded the membership that bids for the trailer are due prior to the Board meeting tonight. Regarding the trailer, Dave, N9FMD, moved to delay the bids for one month; Ted, K9SGL, seconded the motion. The motion failed to pass by vote of the membership. **New Business:** (1) Gary, W9EEU, presented the membership-requested amendment to the Bylaws from the November meeting. The change was in Article II, Section I-d: ... "*Nominations from the floor will be accepted at this meeting and a ballot vote taken if necessary.*" The membership approved. (2) Computer applications were accepted as announced in the November *Bandspread*. There are no laptops available. The applications will be reviewed at the Board Meeting in January. (3) Election of officers was held. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Ray, K9DUR, moved that nominations be closed; Chuck, W9COD, seconded the motion. The motion passed. Gary, K9ERE, moved to vote by acclamation; Diane, W9SMW, seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ray, K9DUR, moved to accept the slate of officers as presented; Kay, KW0LF, seconded the motion. The motion carried. The elected officers for 2008 is as follows: **President - Gary Adams, W9EEU, Vice President - Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC; Secretary Bette Young, KC9GWT and Treasurer - Nick Vinardi, KC9JSY.** (4) Ryves Hall is having their annual Christmas party for approximately 300 kids on Thursday evening, December 20. Anyone who is interested in assisting with this event is encouraged to see Dave, N9FMD. (5) Ryves Hall will be operating their station January 19; anyone who would be available to assist the group from Ryves in getting on the air is encouraged to see Dave N9FMD. There being no further business, there was a break, during which the half-pot drawing was held; John, N9YRX, won the half-pot. The program for tonight was the Club Auction. Kevin, K9HX, was the Auctioneer, assisted by John, N9YRX. Following the auction, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Secretary.

## Board Meeting Minutes, Pt. 1 12/07/07

The December 7, 2007, meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 9:15 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; Secretary-elect Bette Young, KC9GWT and guests, Gary Wheeler, K9ERE; Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD; Ray Andrews, K9DUR; Ron Young, AB9GI and Jim Osburn WD9EYB. There was a correction made to the Secretary's Report: the change was from ... *laptop* to *desktop computers*. Kevin, moved to approve the minutes of the **Secretary's Report** as corrected; Chuck, seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck reported that there is a balance of \$7,020.14 in all accounts and moved that the report be approved as presented; Debbie seconded the motion. The motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Wi-Fi Link: there was nothing new to report; (2) Repeater Upgrade. Kevin reported that the antenna installation is complete. He plans to have the rest of the project done before spring. (3) Sale of Trailer: Gary reported that we have received no bids. It was decided to place an ad in *The Trader*; the asking price will be \$4,000. Chuck volunteered to pay for the ad; he will list his store phone number and himself as the contact person; he will forward offers to the Board. (4) Hamfest: The Hamfest will be held March 8. Kevin advised that we need to notify *QST*, *CQ* and *World Radio* of the Hamfest by the end of December in order to be published in the February issues. The ad will include the admission price of \$5 and that we will provide tables free for vendors. Kevin volunteered to continue as Chairman of the Hamfest Committee. Ray, K9DUR, requested that we contact Phil's American Radio Store as a potential vendor; Ray agreed to contact him. Other potential vendors were also discussed. Ginger, WB9ZHC, will coordinate the food vendors. Nick, KC9JSY, will contact the appropriate people regarding the use of the 4-H building for testing and forums. Forums were discussed; Ron, AB9GI, volunteered to coordinate them. There being no further old business, Secretary-Elect Bette Young assumed her duties as Secretary for the remainder of the meeting.

-Respectfully submitted, Debbie Shorter KC9AOR, Outgoing Secretary.

## Board Meeting Minutes, Pt. 2 12/07/07

**New Business:** (1) There are two openings for appointed board members on the WVARA board. A motion to use a paper ballot with an area for write-ins was made by Kevin and seconded by Ginger. The motion carried. (2) Chuck reported a line will be added to the 2008 budget for money made from fund raising events. Gary appointed a committee of Nick, Devin, Ray and himself to evaluate equipment for these monies. (3) Since the position of Treasurer is a governed position, subject to an end-of-year audit, Chuck will finish the year as treasurer and Nick will take over at the next Board meeting in January. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:06 P.M.

- Respectfully submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT



What we do best!



Chuck, W9COD



Patty, KC9TJW



Pam, KC9MLM; JD, KC9MPA; Joe, KC9MLL and Brittany



Dale, KC9HLD



Jason, KC9BBK, Kevin, K9HX and Donetta, KA9MFW



Ted, K9SGL with Jim, WD9EYB over his shoulder



Dave, N9YNF



Pam, KC9JMA AND Kay, KW0LF

# Ryves Hall Christmas Party

We have had another successful Christmas here at Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall. I thought that some of you may be interested in some statistics. We served a total of 247 children. That number does include some that we found out about after the party.

I have added a few photos. I would also like to thank everyone who helped in this year's party. It is too difficult to name everyone who helped out. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim, KA9DIF



Somebody certainly looks happy!



Ted, K9SGL, at his post.



Dave, N9FMD and Carl, KC9AEM



Ron, N9ZXO



# Shorts



The Banks of the Wabash Chapter 204, QCWA, announces new officers for 2008. The new president is Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD. Vice president is Ron Young, AB9GI and the Secretary/Treasurer is Ray Andrews, K9DUR.

The next meeting will be at Pizza City on Saturday, January 12. Show up around noon for lunch and the meeting will begin at 1 P.M. - Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, president



On Sunday Morning, Dec. 23, around 2:15 A.M., both the Lincoln and Indianapolis Weather Services felt it appropriate to issue a severe thunderstorm warning even though there were no actual severe thunderstorms in the Skywarn coverage area. There was, however, the reality of high wind gusts in the range of about 55 mph, but that was it.

Nevertheless, it could have been a severe weather event and we did fire the pager alerts. We received 0 responses from the Illinois counties pursuant to the Lincoln warning.

Fifteen minutes later an all-call pager alert was sent out pursuant to the Indianapolis warning. We did somewhat better the second time with eight responses, all from this side of the river.

While the "shield" effect is a popular notion, it won't protect anyone during a real severe event. Now, everyone hates, HATES, to get up at 2:15 A.M. in the morning, including yours truly. But eight of you did. TNX.

Gary, K9ERE, Asst. Skywarn Coordinator, Illiana Skywarn

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## 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:

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.  
P.O. BOX 81  
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? ☐

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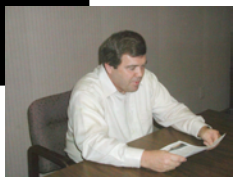
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Please add \$5 per family member above to the Single rate below. To include ARRL membership, see a current QST for the amount.

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

I sincerely hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We held our annual Christmas dinner and it was a very enjoyable evening for all.

Kevin indicates that the installation of the remote receive site for the repeater system is going well and that it should be on the air by spring. It will be located on the top of the education building on the ISU campus and should provide excellent coverage in the Terre Haute area. It will be a very welcome addition to the 146.685 repeater system.

The January club meeting is check your rig night. This is always a fun evening as we visit and watch the work of those checking out various rigs. So bring along a radio if you want the guys to check it for you. See you there!!

73,  
Gary, W9EEU

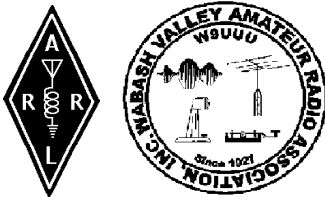
### Reminder!

The normal Club meeting date for March is the 7th. However, due to its proximity to the Hamfest (8th) the Club meeting has been moved up to February 29th. So February will actually see two Club meetings this year.

### Bulletin:

It has come to our attention that some of the Brentlinger Nominations may have been returned to sender due to a glitch. These letters may now be re-sent to the Club P.O. Box or you may hand-deliver them to the Glas-Col office at 7th and Hulman during business hours. Sorry, 'bout that. -ed.

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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 Ray Andrews, K9DUR, (812) 535-3222

### PARIS, ILLINOIS:

**2nd Saturday of Jan.,  
May, Sep., Nov;  
8:30 A.M. Illinois time  
Burkybile Law Office,  
15175 U.S. Highway 150**

**WALK-INS WELCOME!**

For further info, contact Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, (217) 465-4884

**January 12 Paris**

**February 3 Terre Haute**