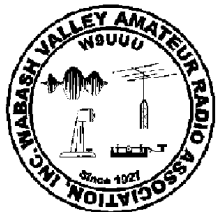


## REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Mo.  
Feb. 1 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 P.M.,  
Thursday Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Illiana Skywarn WX Spotters' Class ..... Feb 25  
Clark Co. WX Spotters' Class ..... Feb 26  
Parke Co. WX Spotters' Class ..... Feb 26  
Paris WX Spotters' Class..... Mar 10  
Note: find more info on all of these on page 5  
ONE WEEK EARLY: March Club meeting ..... Feb 29



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## STUDIO TRAILER HAS BEEN SOLD

Last year, WTWO donated a very large three-axle studio trailer to the WVARA. The original plan was to convert it into a mobile emergency communications unit. We quickly determined that it was not designed to be pulled by currently-available members' tow vehicles. It was then decided to sell it and use the proceeds to purchase a more suitable vehicle.



Old WTWO Studio Trailer

Part of the deal with the buyer was that the interior, consisting of a complete studio, the wiring and other equipment, be removed prior to sale. A number of members showed up to accomplish the task which took around two days.

Photos don't show many faces since the work was in close quarters and the parts of the worker's anatomies that were most available weren't exactly their most photogenic sides. Nevertheless, we want to show the very hard and difficult work performed by a few of our members over the better part of two days.

The fruits of that labor resulted in the sale of the trailer for \$4000, a tidy sum to put toward something more suitable to our needs. (More photos on p. 3)

### CHECK UR RIG NIGHT

Recently, the first meeting of each new year has been our yearly Check-Ur-Rig-Night. Again this year we had Kevin, K9HX and Gary, WB5QFE doing the honors. Also present was Dave, N9FMD, who checked and distributed pagers for ARES.



Gary Shear, WB5QFE and Kevin Berlen, K9HX

Check-Ur-Rig-Night is a once-a-year free service to meeting attendees who want to take advantage of sophisticated test equipment that few amateurs can afford. This can be a big help in keeping one's equipment 'healthy' and to head off possible trouble down the road. They will check the output power and input sensitivity, among other things. Even though they are not equipped to repair inoperative equipment, they can often pinpoint problems that the owner can

easily fix him or herself thus potentially saving a lot of money otherwise spent in shipping the unit back to the factory. Tnx agn guys! -ed.

### NEW QCWA OFFICERS



The Wabash Valley area chapter of QCWA (Chapter 204) meets monthly on the second Saturday for lunch and general business. Next weekend's upcoming meeting will see Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, assume his new duties as president. Ron Young, AB9GI, will assume the role of vice president, and Ray Andrews, K9DUR, moves to the office of secretary / treasurer.

QCWA nationally has been designed as an organization for hams with at least 25 years experience in the hobby, however local Chapter membership is available for hams of all levels of experience.

Monthly meetings are normally held at Pizza City, with lunch at noon and meeting at 1:00 PM. All hams are invited.

### 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

### This Month's Program

**Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, will explain the technical aspects of the ARES pager system.**



## General Meeting Minutes 01/04/08

The January 4, 2008 meeting of the WVARA was called to order at 7 P.M. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC, those present introduced themselves. **Announcements:** (1) The Board Meeting will follow the "Check Your Rig" portion of the General Meeting. (2) CAARLA will meet January 12 at The Saratoga in downtown Terre Haute at 11:00 A.M. for their After Christmas Christmas Party including a \$5.00 gift exchange. (3) QCWA will meet at Pizza City on January 12 at 1:00 P.M. (4) VE testing will be held Saturday, January 12 at 8:30 A.M. Illinois time at Burkeybile Law Office in Paris, IL. (5) The 2008 Club dues are now due. (6) Brentlinger nominations are due by January 18. (7) The trailer donated to the Club by Channel 2 has been sold for \$4000.00. (8) The Club Hamfest will be March 8 at the Vigo County Fairgrounds. (9) The March Club meeting will be held on February 29 due to the Hamfest. (10) Gary, K9ERE, announced ISU will be collecting unwanted electronics from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M., on January 12. For more information go to [www.treesinc.org](http://www.treesinc.org). (11) Jim, WD9EYB, announced the East-side Outdoor Ham Club will participate in the North American QSO Party on Saturday January 12, 2008. (12) Dave, N9FMD, announced Ryves Hall will be operating their ham station using the call W9P on Saturday January 19, 2008. The **Secretary's Report** was approved as published in The Bandspread. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick, KC9JSY, reported the balance of all accounts is \$8647.39. **Old Business:** Six applications have been received for the available computers. The applications will be reviewed during the Board Meeting. **New Business:** There are two vacancies on the Executive Board. Six have filed to have their names placed on the ballot. They are: Chuck W9COD, Ron, AB9GI, Jim, WD9EYB, Ray, K9DUR, John, K9GBO and Jerry, KC6OND. Gary ask if any others wanted their names added to the list and no one responded. Wayne, KA9YNB, moved nominations be closed and Ted, K9SGL, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ballots were passed out to eligible members, marked and collected. After the ballots were counted, Chuck, W9COD and Ray, K9DUR, received the most votes. John, N9YRX, won the half-pot. "Check Your Rig Night" was the program for the evening. Kevin, K9HX, and Gary, WB5QFE, were kept busy checking many rigs. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

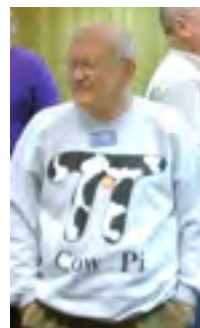
-Respectfully submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

attendance. A correction was made to the **Secretary's Report:** Instead of reporting "... two openings for appointed board members:" the minutes will read "... two vacancies in the past president's position within the WVARA Executive Board." Ginger moved and Ray seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick reported there is a balance of \$8647.39 in all accounts and moved the report be accepted as presented. Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) The WiFi link at the repeater is on hold until we can get more information from Doty's. Kevin is working on the repeater upgrade. (2) The trailer donated to the Club by Channel 2 has been sold for \$4000.00. Chuck advertised the trailer in the Trader and paid for the ad. (3) Kevin reported the Club's Hamfest should be in the March QST. Ginger will send flyers to those attending the Hamfest last year who provided email addresses. (4) Les Bolin can possibly get the 4-H Building for testing at the Hamfest. It was suggested Les's name be added to *The Bandspread* mailing list. (5) There were six applications for the ten computers available for distribution. Chuck moved and Ray seconded that all applications be approved. Motion carried. (6) Kevin moved the Club purchase a GAP Titan DX, antenna and hardware with maximum expenditure of \$500.00 for the Club Station. Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7) Ginger stated the beam at the Club Station won't move and requested permission to allow someone with gear to climb up and check it out. Permission was granted. **New Business:** (1) The Brentlinger Award Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 29, at Fire Mountain. (2) A concern was presented about the audio repeater announcement. Kevin stated he will take care of it. (3) Gary, K9ERE, advised the Board the usual date for the Annual Picnic held at his and Pat's home will conflict for them. Kevin moved the date be changed to August 16 as no one wanted to change the location. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried. (4) Debby Shorter notified the board a letter has been sent to the Red Cross in the past with a list of those who need access to the building. It was agreed a letter should continue to be sent at the beginning of the year. The letter should include names of the officers for the current year and names of those who currently have fobs. Steve, NT9T, will return his fob to the Red Cross. (5) The Bison Stampede date is May 3. Gary has reserved the Cory site for this activity. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:49 P.M.

- Respectfully submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes 01/04/08

The January 4, 2008, meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 8:44 P.M., by President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Also present were Vice President Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC; Treasurer Nick Vinardi, KC9JSY; Secretary Bette Young, KC9GWT; Board Members at Large Chuck Procarione, W9COD and Ray Andrews, K9DUR. Guests Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, Steve Shorter, NT9T, Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, Gary Wheeler, K9ERE and Ron Young, AB9GI were also in



## Cow Pi

There really wasn't room on page 5 where it belongs, but we were so mooved by Ted, K9SGL's sweat shirt that we just had to get it into this issue somehow. So for you mathematicians out there, here it is! - ed.





We think we have a complete list of all those who contributed time to clear out the trailer interior. If we missed anyone, we didn't mean to.

Kevin, K9HX, trustee

Steve, NT9T

Dan, KC9MAE

Chuck, W9COD

Bill, KC9KJQ

Roy, KG9GN

- Also present but not shown were...

Les, WB9FKS

Dave, N9FMD

Gary, K9ERE, photographer



We, of course, also want to thank Gary, W9EEU, for allowing us to use his land to park it on until the sale. And, if you recall, it was he who shepherded the Club through the 501(c)3 process which made us eligible to receive the trailer in the first place.

A big TNX to all who helped! - ed.



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## Board Of Directors:

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Board Member at Large	Ray Andrews, K9DUR

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Contact our Webmaster, David Pifer, N9YNF [n9ynf@arrrl.net](mailto:n9ynf@arrrl.net) to join our **listserv** or if you have a problem receiving the **eBandspread**.

Sunday Night Net Manager, Kay Brentlinger, KW0LF

## WVARA 2008 BUDGET

INCOME	BUDGET	
ARRL Memberships	15.00	
Donations	1500.00	
Auction	0.00	
Bank Interest	5.00	
Brentlinger Dinner	550.00	1
Christmas Dinner	150.00	1
Dayton Bus	1400.00	1
Dues	1500.00	
Life Memberships	0.00	
Education	450.00	
Half Pot	135.00	
Hamfest		
Gate fees	650.00	
Other	50.00	
Field Day T-Shirts	350.00	1
Trailer sale	4000.00	
Fundraiser	30.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10785.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Bandspread		
Postage	150.00	2
Printing	0.00	2
Brentlinger Dinner		
Dinner	550.00	1
Award	100.00	
Speaker's Dinner	30.00	
Christmas Dinner		
Dinner	150.00	1
Speaker's Dinner	30.00	
Club Station	700.00	
Equipment	4000.00	
Dayton Bus		
Dep 2008	100.00	
Trip	1450.00	1
Education	400.00	
Field Day		
Facilities	75.00	
Food Etc	150.00	
T-Shirts	350.00	1
Insurance		
Liability	425.00	
Equipment	200.00	
Assoc. Memberships	25.00	
List Server QTH.NET	25.00	
Misc. Operations	250.00	
Non-Profit Fee	100.00	
PO Box Fee	40.00	
WiFi	600.00	
Red Cross Donation	200.00	
Repeater maintenance	100.00	
Repeater upgrade	300.00	
Safety Deposit Box	15.00	
Hamfest	500.00	
Fundraisers	0.00	
Trailer	3000.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$14015.00</b>	
<b>Net Gain (loss)</b>	<b>(\$3230.00)</b>	

1-Represent budgeted items of a "in and out" nature

2-Represent cost of mailing to approx 50 members



**Illiana Skywarn WX class**

Monday, Feb 25, World Gospel Church  
IN 46 & Gardendale Rd. (block south of U.S. 40)  
Terre Haute, IN  
Setup 6 P.M. Volunteers needed!  
Program: 7-9 P.M.  
For more info, call 466-4899 or 877-4371  
Talk-in 146.685 rpt.

**Clark Co. WX class**

The Clark County EMA would like to invite members of the public to attend an Annual WX Spotter Update (formerly the Basic Class) This training is open to the public.

Time: Tuesday February 26, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

Location: Martinsville Fire House.

The training will be presented by NWS, Lincoln, IL.  
WX Spotter numbers are expected to be assigned and mailed to individuals who attend the training.

TNX to Mike, N9GIK

From <http://www.clarkcountyil.org/esda.htm>

For more info, call John Van Sandt, 217-826-8821

**Parke Co. WX class**

Feb. 26, 2008, 7:00PM

Vermillion Co. EOC

259 Vine St., Clinton, IN

You can call me if you have any questions.

Kirt E. Lowry, K9KSA

Vermillion County Emergency Management Agency  
Office 765-832-5500 - Fax 765-832-5512 - Cell 812-208-5275

**Edgar Co. WX class**

The Paris, IL Weather Spotters' class will be held March 10, 2008, 6:30 P.M., C.T., at the Paris VFW, 601 Court Street. To register ahead of time so as to receive your certificate that night, call (217) 466-3180 between 8 and noon. Talk-in 146.685 rpt.

## 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? ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

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 have been making a trip to Tulsa, OK each January since 1995. In those trips we have encountered very nice weather and some not so nice weather. Our first year we spent the time in shirt sleeves enjoying very warm and sunny conditions, and just last year we experienced a major ice storm. It is not something that is unexpected to have winter weather in January. However, one does not expect to be under tornado warnings in January!! As I sit in the motel watching weather reports, and being under a tornado warning, it reminded me that there will be several opportunities in the coming weeks to attend weather spotter classes around the Wabash Valley. Please take time and attend one or more of these classes and learn more about severe weather. You will learn something new even if you have attended these classes in the past, and the time spent learning makes us a more valuable resource in our spotting activities for the NWS.

Our annual hamfest will be Saturday, March 8 at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Please help us get the word out about our hamfest. We are looking forward to another good year and expect the attendance of commercial vendors along with the usual hamfest tables. It takes a lot of help to stage an event like our hamfest and we appreciate all of those who can volunteer to help us out that day. Contact Kevin Berlen, K9HX, if you are available to help. And of course enjoy the hamfest!!

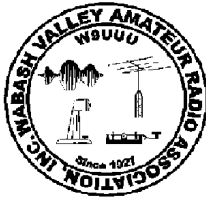
73,  
Gary W9EEU

### \* Hamfest Notice:

Don't forget to block out Friday evening and Saturday, March 8 for the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association Hamfest!

Setup will be Friday evening so we can open bright and early Saturday morning. V.E. testing is anticipated pending the securing of a quiet location.

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2008= year; NL= Newsletter only;  
COMP= Complimentary Membership;  
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:

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**

For further info, contact:

Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, (217) 465-4884

**WALK-INS WELCOME!**

**February 2 Terre Haute**

**March 8 Hamfest\* (tentative)**