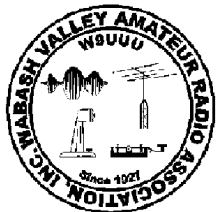


REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Mo.
June 6 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.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

TERRE HAUTE TRIATHLON May 31
FIELD DAY June 27, 28, 29
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BUS TO DAYTON HAMVENTION



Photo - N9YRX

A trip on the bus to Dayton Hamvention is never dull or boring. The author got up at 2:30 A.M. It time to get to the bus on time. Knowing that Margaret Ave. was blocked with construction, I would have to detour. Preparation included a jacket (not needed until AB9GI had the bus driver turn on the air conditioner), water, painkillers, and a wheeled basket with a fold-out seat.

The trip over was uneventful although some concern was heard when someone (me) told the driver (not Butch this year) where to turn off for breakfast. Just a minor correction and we were at the right McDonald's/Bob Evans turnoff. It turns out there is an information sign for the combo at the second Richmond exit (wrong one). For future reference the old tried and true combo is at the *third and final* Richmond exit.

Upon leaving McDonald's the bus driver had problems getting the bus into gear. The push button transmission he thought had failed. He made a cell call to the mechanic back in Terre Haute. While waiting for a call back, Joe, KC9JAC, came to the front of the bus and was looking the situation over. Joe asked if the driver had his foot on the brake. So
(Cont'd, see Dayton Bus, p.5)

ARES TRANSITION

Recent events have caused a chain reaction in ARES in Vigo County. Dave Pifer, N9YNF, is stepping down from the Vigo County EC slot to move up to District 7 Emergency Coordinator. For the past 12 years, N9YNF has been involved with ARES as Vigo County EC, 5/1996 - 7/2002; Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator, 7/2002 - 4/2007 and Vigo County EC again from 4/2007 - 4/2008.

Jerry Boling, KC6OND, has been named by the ARRL to the Vigo County EC position, as of June 1, 2008. Jerry is already beginning to organize things so look for a lot of exciting things in the coming months.

With this move, the Vigo County ARES trailer is also transitioning to become a WVARA Resource. (See **Trailer Make-over**, p. 3.) While primarily dedicated to the support of groups like ARES and RACES in the area, the trailer will be seen a lot more at various activities as well and will hopefully get more time 'out and about' rather than being mainly parked. A number of enhancements are planned for the trailer as well. N9YNF will remain the manager of the trailer.

TERRE HAUTE TRIATHLON



Finally! The Terre Haute Triathlon is no longer on the same weekend as the Dayton Hamvention! It's now May 31!

Attached are the plan and roster for the Terre Haute Triathlon. If anyone has any questions/concerns or corrections please let me know ASAP. Those participating so far are....

Dan, W9OOT (KC9MAE)
Dave, WT9I (KC9EGN)
Dave, N9FMD
Jerry, KC6OND
Steve, WB9WVG
John, K9GBO
Randy, KG9GS
Kenna, KB9RUP
Gary, K9ERE

Mary, KB9NLJ
John, N9YRX
Nick, KC9DRS
Nathan, KC9KNG
Bill, KC9KJQ
Cindy, KC9NCU
Jim, WD9EYB
Dave, N9YNF

For maps and other general triathlon information, click on the following link:
<http://www.thtriathlon.com/course.html>

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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

Field Day Preparation

Field Day Tee Shirt Sales / Reservations - See p. 2



General Meeting Minutes 05/02/08

The May meeting of the WVARA was called to order by President Gary Adams, W9EEU. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Club Vice President Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC. The order of the meeting was changed to accommodate our speaker Mike Goode, N9NS from Indianapolis. Mike spoke about his DXpedition experiences in Samoa, Montserrat and Monaco. His advice for those beginning DXpeditions were: have a good antenna, be persistent, have access to the DX bulletin and have a good mentor. Mike is a very interesting speaker and was enjoyed by the entire Club. A short break followed during which Steve, NT9T, won the half-pot. **Announcements:** (1) CAARLA will meet Saturday, May 10, at the World Gospel Church. Bring your own lunch. (2) VE Testing will be in Paris, IL on May 10. (3) See Nick, N9WG, for tickets for the Dayton Bus. (4) The Bison Stampede will be held in Cory tomorrow, May 3. (5) Field Day will be held June 27, 28 and 29 again at Shrine Hill. Functions will be divided up between members. Kevin will order T-Shirts. To order a shirt, Kevin needs the size, name, call and \$12.00 for each shirt. (6) Technician Classes will begin Monday, May 12 at 7:00 P.M. at World Gospel Church. (7) John, N9YRX, requested help from the Club with the CAMA Bike Rally to be held June 14. See John for details. (8) Dave, N9YNF, requested help with the Terre Haute Triathlon to be held May 31, beginning at 7:00 A.M. Dave also announced he is stepping down as Emergency Coordinator effective 5/31/2008. **Secretary's report:** The secretary's report was approved as printed in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick Vinardi, N9WG, reported a total of \$11,922.47 in all accounts and presented that in the form of a motion. Ken, W9VKE, seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was announced there is a new rig at the Club Station. Ginger stated it had a nice receive. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M. - Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes 05/02/08

The May 2, 2008, meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU, at 8:50 P.M. Other officers present were Vice President Ginger Downing, KB9ZHC; Treasurer Nick Vinardi, N9WG; Secretary Bette Young, KC9GWT and Trustee Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Board Members at Large Ray Andrews, K9DUR and Chuck Procarione, W9COD, were also present along with guests, Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD; Steve Shorter, NT9T; Ron Young, AB9GI; and David Pifer, N9YNF. The **Secretary's Report** was accepted as printed in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick reported there was a total of \$11,922.47 in all accounts. He moved the report be accepted. Chuck seconded the motion; motion carried. **Old Business:** Kevin told the Board that Commercial Radio will assume the cost of repairs and WIFI will soon be ready to use. (2) When asked about the repeater, Kevin stated the rotator will be installed on Wednesday night. A cabinet needs to be installed at ISU and then the repeater will be ready to use. (3) Ginger stated that she and Dan,

W9OOT, will be at the Bison Stampede site in Cory at 9 A.M. (4) Technician Classes will begin Monday, May 12, at 7:00 P.M. at World Gospel Church. Ron, AB9GI, will order textbooks for the class. (6) Chuck reported the brakes are working on the van and he will obtain quotes for insurance. **New Business:** (1) Dave, N9YNF, stated he is stepping down as Emergency Coordinator for Vigo County effective May 31, 2008. He will be selling the trailer used by Vigo Co. ARES for communications and will give the Club the first opportunity to buy it for \$2000.00 with equipment or \$1600.00 without equipment. Ray Andrews moved the Club purchase the trailer for \$2000.00. Kevin seconded the motion to buy the trailer out of the \$3000.00 budgeted for such expenditures. Motion carried. (2) Kevin and Gary, K9ERE, have talked with a lady in Rockville, who wants help selling her husband's radio equipment, cleaning the basement and getting rid of what doesn't sell and would split the proceeds 50 - 50. The Board agreed to help out and Kevin will get prices. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

- Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

FIELD DAY TEE SHIRT SALES / RESERVATIONS

2008 Field day is almost here. The Club again this year is taking orders for our annual Field Day tee shirts. This year they will be a dark red or burgundy in color, and the cost will be \$12 each regardless of size. The Club logo and "Field Day 2008" will be on the front, and your name and call sign will be on the back. Get your orders in to Nick, N9WG by June 11, and the shirts will be delivered at the Field Day site on Friday, June 25th. We need to know your size, name, and call sign. Your check or cash will confirm your order.

Kevin, K9HX

SUMMER SCHEDULE – PLEASE NOTE!

As is customary, there will be **no** general meetings for the months of July and August. Following an all-out push at the end of June for Field Day and with vacation schedules being what they are, we have considered July and early August to be a stand-down time for the WVARA.

There will, however, be monthly WVARA Board of Directors meetings unless they are officially cancelled. Members are always welcome at Board meetings.

Also, the yearly picnic will be held, as usual, in August. **However**, due to a scheduling conflict, this year's picnic will be held the **third** Saturday in August, still at the home of K9ERE and KA9ALI, **but a week later than usual, on Aug. 16.**

Bring your swimming gear and come as early as 4:30 if you want to swim. Food will hit the grill at around 6:30 unless there is sufficient threat made to the chef to begin earlier. (We try to wait until the sun is nearly off the deck.) BTW, please bring folding chairs; we don't have nearly enough! TNX -ed.

New 440 Linked Repeater

Illiana Skywarn, a volunteer Amateur Radio service to the Wabash Valley community and to the National Weather Service, is pleased to announce the addition of the NC9U repeater to the Skywarn communications system. This new addition, operating on 444.600 MHz, will enhance the already-existing W9SKI repeater on 145.230 MHz. This allows local Skywarn net participants to use either the 2 meter or 70 centimeter band to contact local net controls who then forward weather information to the National Weather Service in Indianapolis.

Currently, Skywarn plans call for the two repeaters to be linked full time. While the addition of the NC9U repeater may increase coverage in outlying areas, it is expected to allow amateur operators with low power handhelds to better operate inside metal framed buildings and most basements in the downtown area.

System reliability and integrity will include such things as full UPS and battery backup. A separate site for each repeater also eliminates catastrophic failure of the entire system. The W9SKI repeater operates from the WMGI tower in West Terre Haute while the NC9U repeater operates from an antenna at 450 feet on the tower located at the WTHI studios at 918 Ohio Street in Terre Haute. Amateur radio operators are encouraged to use the new system to get acquainted with the characteristics of operation.

"My thought on this project was to enable the hams to grab their walkie talkies on the run and communicate severe weather information as it happens. This is just another avenue to convey that timely information," says Ken Myers, W9KLM, one of the ham radio operators responsible for upgrading the existing system.

Marvin Dabelow, NC9U, also comments "... this is the sort of thing that happens when a few guys have an idea, and work toward that goal. Some have equipment, some have the location, and some have the finesse of organization. it just kind of happened!" The system is fully functional now, with new features to be added soon.

Thanks to Marvin Dabelow, NC9U, for the equipment resources and to Ken Myers, W9KLM, Chief Engineer of WTHI / WWVR Radio, for their gracious donation of the location. Also, thanks to friends who donated their expertise to make this project happen.

For further information contact Kendal Myers, W9KLM, at 232-9481 or Keith Reedy, WA9DRO, Coordinator, Illiana Skywarn at 466-4899.

Trailer Makeover

Exciting things are happening with the ARES trailer. The trailer will roll on May 31 to the Terre Haute Triathlon in its current configuration. Then be parked and unloaded. Plans are to clean it out, install insulation, paint the inside, install new shelving and a new antenna setup. There are plenty of things to do including packing the bearings, washing and waxing the exterior and getting it ready for Field Day.

If you have time to help with any of the portions of the project please contact N9YNF to help out.

812-466-1005 or n9ynf@arrl.net.

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Bison Stampede

On May 3, Eight WVARA members attempted to beat the elements on a cold blustery weekend to once again operate a special bonus station during this year's Indiana QSO Party, aka Bison Stampede.

This temporary station was set up at the Cory community park, which has also served the Club as home plate for Field Day operations in several previous years.

Initial plans scheduled the event as an outdoor operating activity, and HF transceivers were set up in the outdoor shelter. Below average temps and winds gusting over 30 mph signaled a premature change of plans, moving operations inside and eventually causing an early close of operations.

The goal of the contest is for Amateurs worldwide to contact as many stations in Indiana as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters in a 12 hour period. We were a bonus station, which means that amateurs who were able to contact W9UUU during the contest period received extra bonus points when calculating their score. The QSO party is sponsored each year by the Indiana Radio Club Council.

Club members participating in this year's event included Gary, W9EEU, Nick, N9WG, Ginger, WB9ZHC, Dave, N9FMD, Dan, W9OOT, Jim, WD9EYB, Dave, N9YNF, Mary, KB9NLJ and Ron, N9ZXO.



Brrrrr



Better



Setup

Nick, N9WG
Dave, N9FMD
Dan, W9OOT
Ron, N9ZXO

Ops

Dan, W9OOT
Ginger, WB9ZHC



May Club Meeting



The program for the May meeting was a presentation by Mike Goode, N9NS, from the Hoosier DX and Contest Club (HDXCC). The presentation was on the numerous DXpeditions that Mike has participated in over the last several years. This was a very enjoyable program and we heard about a number of problems that Mike and his colleagues overcame in order to have success getting to and operating from some very unusual destinations.

Kevin, K9HX



A big TNX to K9HX and KC9NCU for the Club meeting photos! -ed.

Dayton Bus Cont'd from p. 1

the driver tried putting his foot on the brake and *then* in gear. Guess you don't go anywhere without a ham to solve problems. Just for information the bus engine turns 1500 RPM at 70 MPH and gets about 12 MPG in 12th gear. Even with these minor bumps in the trip were arrived and we dropped off at the entrance with plenty of time to spare before the gates opened.*

Now it's time to put the plan into action. Go to the inside manufacturer's to pick up the free stuff before they run out, then to the outside flea market for bargains. Don't have anything you are looking for? Not a problem. Something will have your name on it that you didn't know about. W9COD and I decided we would hang together. On Chuck's first year, he followed me. This year, I followed him. He is a vet now and has a nose for everything from green pigs to "What is that??" Dunno but I need one! Chuck noticed I tried to get a vendor to break a set for a speaker mike and a FT-530. No deal. It had to be purchased as a set. A few booths later he found one that was stand alone and said, "John, look at that." I asked how much the vendor wanted. I was all prepared to talk the vendor down when he said \$10.00. It was so under priced I didn't have the heart. I tried it out on the spot and got good signal reports. The display and pilot light on the speaker mike worked. I was in business. Felt like I stole it.

I didn't find a green pig but a gray one, a fine looking Collins S-Line amp. Where is the guy that owns it? He is inside looking around. Oh well we will come back later. Later was too late. When we saw it next there was a guy hovering over it with money being exchanged. RATS!!! It was time for brats and painkillers.

Much of the trip home it was nap some, chat some, have a Ruben at Shapiro's and reluctantly, get back into a moving vehicle for the trip back to the 'barn'. Upon arrival, we had a nice chat around N9WG's truck. (see last photo.)

Give me a few weeks of recovery and I will go again.

John VanSandt, N9YRX

*Editorial Comment: This is *not* an isolated incident! If Butch is driving, you can lean back, go to sleep and enjoy. If Butch is *not* driving, one of our member had better be prepared to navigate and, apparently, act as crew chief as well?! -ed.



The fairways were as not as crowded this year.



Is that you behind the shades, Chuck?



What's in the bag, Nick?



Has Joe seen this yet?



John finally found a car with more antennas than his... maybe.



A BIG TNX to W9OOT, N9YRX and WB9ZHC for the Dayton Hamfest photos! -ed.



What are they selling? Who cares!



You're REALLY OLD if you ever used this.



Now, THERE'S an HT with RANGE!



Lots and lots of goodies!



Can you read the fine print? "6KW... NOT FOR SALE IN THE USA" Uh huh. Right.



Time for a nap. Then it's Shapiro!



Gary and Melody look like they had a good time.



One last confab before the final trek home.

SOME THOUGHTS REGARDING FIELD DAY 2008

Field Day weekend, this year, is June 27,28 and 29. Mark your calendar now, if you haven't already done so!

This year's coordinator is Jerry, K9AF. He wants to tighten up the setup schedule so that more gets done on Friday afternoon/evening and as a result, there is less has to be done Saturday morning. Here are some of his thoughts.

"The plan is to have the 55 foot mast with 20 meter beam erected and working, as well as the 40 & 75 meter dipoles erected and working before dark on Friday. Food will be prepared just before dark after the setup is complete for the night.

Phone will again have horizontally polarized antennas, and CW will again be vertically polarized. This year we will add an 80 meter vertical to the others. The exact spot for each vertical will be marked, so that it will take the minimum time to install and get working. Again, we will have a balloon-supported vertical for 160 meters. Assuming we get folks to show up Saturday *MORNING*, there is no reason why we can't have all rigs ready to go by around noon.

As it stands now, 80, 40, & 20 meters will ALL have two rigs assigned (one phone, one CW), and *ANYONE* can operate their band(s) of choice simply by signing up on the sign-up sheet. It is my hope to have as many rigs staffed for the entire time as possible. Naturally, IF 15 & 10 meters are open, we will have rigs assigned to them. I hope to *AVOID* switching rigs from position to position. I want the BEST rig possible at each station. Presently we have several good rigs for CW, each with an appropriate CW filter.

I hope we will have the operator/logger sign-up sheet nearly filled *PRIOR* to Field Day. Ginger has informed me she wishes to work 40 CW as much as possible---*BUT* if anyone else wishes a turn there, we will accommodate them. I also have a request for 75 M phone from midnight to 2 am. Please have the folks send their requests to me either directly to my email (K9AF@aol.com) OR thru the club's listserv address. I will respond to each request as I receive them.

As you probably know, the Boy Scouts will be doing the cooking, but *NOT* providing the food. I am still attempting to fill the position of food chairman.

Jerry, K9AF

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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

During the month of May the WVARA provided the annual bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention. Of course the usual impressions of Dayton are always present. But one thing that impressed me this year was the diversity of ham radio. The interests are widely varied across a broad spectrum of individuals. One could look at the list of forums that were available and see that many different topics were included. One could wander through the vendor's booths, or out through the vast outdoors spaces, and notice that what might be of interest to some held no attraction to others and vice versa.

Of course one does not have to travel to Dayton to see this diversity. Within the membership of the WVARA one can see many differing interests. Such diversity can be either a positive or a negative, depending upon how one approaches those who hold different interests. Ham Radio has so many aspects that you can always find some that will share your interests, and others who are more than willing to share their interests with you. One of the neat things over the years in the WVARA is that no matter the topic of a particular gathering, the openness and willingness to share varied aspects of ham radio seem always present within our membership.

See you all at Field Day in just a few weeks where our diversity will shine!!

73,
Gary W9EEU

VE TESTING

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1st Sunday of even-numbered months;

1 P.M., Indiana time

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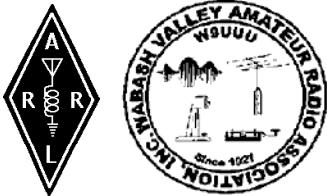
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