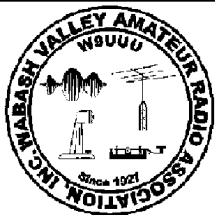


REGULAR EVENTS

Friday
Jan. 2 General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Mo.
1715 S. 8th St., just east 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.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

UPGRADE TO GENERAL CLASS Jan. 5
BRENTLINGER NOMINATION DEADLINE Jan. 15
WVARA HAMFEST Mar. 14



JANUARY 2009

CLUB JUST HAS FUN IN DECEMBER

December found us into the busy Christmas season and with this year's economic situation, a break from the times was welcome.

This December, the Club had two fun events scheduled. First, there was the regular Club meeting. Along with the Board election this year, the program was the annual Junque Auction. Only the 'finest' of our art was available to be had that night. Kevin, K9HX, and Chuck, W9COD, did their usual excellent job of "hawking the wares." The photos on page 4 attest to that. There was just no excuse if a good time wasn't had by all!

Then, it was on to the Christmas party where, as usual, we 'did what we do best'! Following that, we again had our "Dirty Gift Exchange." If you want to participate, you bring a wrapped gift, worth around \$5. The rules are fairly simple. First, each participant is given a number. Then, when your number is called, you pick from among the presents around the tree, or trees as it turned out to be this year. (See photo above.) You open your present in front of the group and then take it to your seat. As each person in turn is called up, he or she can either choose from the remaining presents or 'steal' someone else's present. Presents may be 'stolen' three times. Following the third recipient, the present is 'frozen' and cannot be stolen again. It's a gas! The photo above and more on pages 5 and 6 attest to that.



New General Amateur Radio class to start January 5, 2009

The General License class will be held at the World Gospel Church in Terre Haute, IN. Start time will be 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. Students should be there 10 to 15 minutes early, if possible.

If you intend to attend but haven't notified me by e-mail in the last couple of days and/or you need to order a book, please send me an e-mail and let me know your intentions. We may still be able to order books for you at a discount. We will be using the ARRL general class license manual.

If you know of someone who is not a member of the WVARA and would like to get his or her license, please let me know.

73, Ron, AB9GI ab9gi@hotmail.com

This Month's Program

It's the annual **Check Your Rig** night! Bring it whether it works or not. They probably can't fix it but they *may* be able to tell you what's wrong with it.

Brentlinger Nominations

Just a reminder. Brentlinger Award nominations are due by midnight, January 15! Send it, in a sealed envelope, to the *new* Club address, which is...

P.O. Box 10081, Terre Haute, IN 47801

Make a notation on the front lower left of the envelope: "Brentlinger Nomination", or something like that. The envelopes will be sent, *unopened* to the secret committee who will read them, discuss them and then decide. Be sure to list your reasons. A well-defended list of reasons carries much more weight than just an, "I think he oughta get it!" type letter.

If you have made nominations in the past and your letter was unsuccessful, send another. Persistence often pays off! Also, the *number of letters sent* is given more consideration than a '*petition*'. "The decision of our panel will be final."

And, of course, we'll find out who won at the annual Brentlinger Dinner, held sometime in March. Stay tuned. - ed.

Local Nets

Tuesday Evening	8:00 P.M. ET
Parke Co. Em. Svcs. 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 12/05/08

The December meeting of the WVARA was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Club Vice President Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC. Those present introduced themselves. One new ham was present, Chad David, KC9OPX. He was given a warm welcome. **Announcements:** (1) Board meeting will follow this meeting. (2) WVARA Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 13 at World Gospel Church. We will gather at 6 P.M. with eating to begin about 6:30 P.M. (3) Ron Young, AB9GI, stated he will be placing an order soon for items with the club logo on them. Those interested in ordering should contact Ron. (4) The General upgrade class will begin on January 5 at World Gospel Church. (5) A question concerning background checks has been made to Gary Adams. Gary responded "The WVARA has not conducted, requested, endorsed, encouraged or in any way participated in any background checks. If they have been done, they have been done by individuals on their own without club approval or knowledge. It is not our policy to require background checks and if it were to become something that was needed, it would have membership approval before we would ever do them." (6) Jim Osburn, WD9EYB has been appointed Section Technical Coordinator. (7) Brentlinger Award nominations are due by January 15. (8) QCWA will meet at Pizza City at noon with business meeting to follow at 1 P.M. (9) CAARLA will meet before the WVARA Christmas party for election of officers. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report presented by Bette Young, KC9GWT, stands as printed in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick Vinardi, N9WG, reported a total of \$8,217.63 in all accounts and presented that as a motion. Ken, W9VKD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** There was no old business. **New Business:** The slate of officers for 2009 was presented and Gary Adams asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Chuck Procarione, W9COD, moved nominations be closed. Pam Andrews, K9JMA seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ken moved the by-laws be suspended long enough to vote. Jerry Boling, W9TWR, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ted Brentlinger, W9SGL, moved the vote by acclimation of agenda. Kevin, K9HX, seconded the motion. Motion carried. The slate of officers was approved by acclimation. The half pot drawing was won by Donetta, KA9MFW. The Club auction was held after the break and a total of \$268.25 was realized from the auction. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

- Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes 12/05/08

The December 5, 2009 meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 9:45 P.M. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Other officers present were Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer and Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary, Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Trustee and Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Member at Large. Others attending were Gary Wheeler, K9ERE; Steve Shorter, NT9T; Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD and Ron Young, AB9GI. Kevin moved and Steve seconded that Chuck continue to be Member at Large. Motion carried. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report stands as published. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Nick Vinardi reported a total of \$8,217.63 in all Club accounts and moved the report be accepted. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Kevin reported the Wi-Fi Link work is finished. (2) The work on the repeater upgrade needs to be rescheduled due to the length of time the Wi-Fi Link work took. (3) The Estate Sale is close to being finished. Remaining items will be listed on eBay. (4) Christmas Party decorations are being taken care of by Mary Pifer, KB9NLJ and Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR; Debbie Adams is cooking the turkey and ham. (5) Dave Pifer, N9YNF, is checking on obtaining the domain name. (6) Chuck noted the tower was sold for \$1500.00. **New Business:** Steve requested that he be reinstated to the board as Past President, since his work schedule will now permit his attendance at board meetings. This eliminates the need for a second at-large position and does not require member approval. (2) The date of Hamfest 2009 is March 14, 2009. The building is reserved but a chairperson is needed. (3) The 2009 Program Schedule is a work in progress with January and February being completed. (4) The Board agreed to continue the same board meeting sched

ule. (5) Steve moved and Chuck seconded that the Club buy up to \$99.00 in ARRL Technician Manuals to give to the Yorktown Middle School per their request. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

A Tale of Two Rabbits

There was a bit of humor at the last WVARA board meeting. Kevin, K9HX, had announced earlier in the evening that his daughter Heather was expecting her first child. During the board meeting Chuck, W9COD, received a phone call and was informed that he had caught the rabbit. It seems that some kids had a pet rabbit that had gotten loose. They had been running around the neighborhood for several days attempting to catch their rabbit. Chuck had noticed that the rabbit ran a particular path and set a live trap. Chuck shared the news that they had caught the rabbit and that the kids would sure be happy. Someone remarked that one rabbit had been caught alive, one rabbit had died, and they both brought joy. It took a moment to get back to the business at hand after that!!

WVARA Forced to a New Address

The U.S. Postal service is closing the Cherry St. facility in Terre Haute, and with that closing came notice that P.O. Box 81 will no longer exist. Keeping the current address was not an option available to the WVARA. Indiana State University will be taking over the building in early January. While ISU will maintain some of the P.O. Boxes in the facility, they are all receiving new box numbers as part of that transition.

The new address for the WVARA will be...

P.O. Box 10081, Terre Haute, IN 47801

Mail will be forwarded from the old address to the new address for a period of time. However, please begin to use the new address immediately for any mail to the WVARA.

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President	Gary Adams, W9EEU
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Secretary	Bette Young, KC9GWT
Treasurer	Nick Vinardi, N9WG
Trustee	Kevin Berlen, K9HX
Past President	Steve Shorter, NT9T
Board Member at Large	Chuck Procarione, W9COD

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Submissions: e-mail the editor at k9ere@earthlink.net

or mail to P.O. Box 10081, Terre Haute, IN 47801 (NOTE ADDR. CHANGE)

Contact our Webmaster, David Pifer, N9YNF n9ynf@arrl.net to join our **listserv** or if you have a problem receiving the **eBandspread**.

Sunday Night Net Manager, Kay Brentlinger, KW0LF

WVARA YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

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Checking Account (1/28/08 through 12/20/08)

Reported by Nick, N9WG, Treasurer

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Halfpot	111.00
ARRL VEC Fees	168.00
Trailer Scrap Sales	185.60
FD Teeshirt	192.00
Club Auction	238.00
Class Material	260.00
Various Inputs	269.00
2009 Membership	343.00
Brentlinger Tickets	473.50
Allen Hannaford Memorial	520.00
Estate Sale (Sholl)	851.00
2008 Membership	865.00
Hamfest Tickets	915.00
Tower sale	1,000.00
Dayton Bus Tickets	1,240.00
Xfer From Money Market	3,000.00
Trailer Sales	4,000.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$14,631.10</u>

<u>Expenses</u>	
ARES Trailer	\$2,000.00
ARES Trailer Misc	\$358.83
ARRL VEC Fees	\$168.00
Awards Plaques	\$99.64
Bandspread Postage	\$110.07
Brentlinger Dinner	\$550.40
Business Entity Fee	\$7.14
Christmas Decorations	\$28.12
Class Material (Extra books)	\$224.55
Club Picnic Meat	\$75.29
Dayton Bus Deposit (2009)	\$100.00
Dayton Bus Fee	\$1,312.64
Equipment from Estate	\$1,570.00
Estate Payment (Karen Sholl)	\$591.00
Fairground Building Rental	\$150.00
FD Balloon	\$76.38
FD BSA Troop 399	\$125.00
FD Door Prize	\$25.94
FD Food / Supplies	\$251.64
FD Pizza	\$61.06
FD Tee Shirts	\$283.00
FT950 Radio	\$1,329.95
Gap Antenna	\$400.00
LCD Monitor for trailer	\$86.00
Marsh Equipment Ins	\$158.00
Marsh Liability	\$320.00
N9ZRH Mem Plate	\$8.00
One Half Estate Sale	\$195.00
Safe Deposit Box	\$16.50
Square Donuts	\$55.00
Technician Books	\$243.23
Trailer Title xfer / plates	\$180.08
Xfer to Money Market	\$4,000.00

Total Expenses **\$15,160.46**

2008 Beginning Balance	\$5,394.38
2008 Income	\$14,631.10
2008 Expenses	\$15,160.46
<u>Checking Amount Total</u>	<u>\$4,865.02</u>

(Money Market Account)

2008 Beginning Balance	\$3,231.27
Xfer from Checking	\$4,000.00
sub total	\$7,231.27
Xfer to checking	-\$3,000.00
sub total	\$4,231.27
Interest Earned	\$139.67
<u>Money Market Total</u>	<u>\$4,370.94</u>

Petty Cash **\$36.20**

COMBINE TOTAL AMOUNT YTD **\$9,272.16**

ANNUAL JUNQUE AUCTION



This is not exactly a panorama but you get the picture.



Everybody nowadays needs a tube checker!

The annual Junque Auction features electronic equipment comprised of the highest quality and sophistication found anywhere in the basements and garages of the Wabash Valley! "It worked the last time I turned it on," can be heard reverberating off the walls and ceiling on this special night!



SOLD- to the man over there scratching his head!



This is a bargain at any price... below 10 cents.



You really have to be on your toes to win the bid!



Let's see. Um... NICE NOBS!

Wives often accompany their husbands on Auction Night to cheer them on and show support for their effort to claim the prize!



Don't you DARE bid on that "thing!"



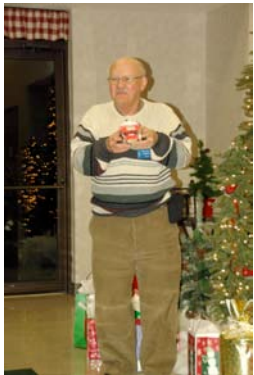
This little number is guaranteed to remove warts, moles or your pesky neighbor. NOT certified by Underwriters Laboratory!



Our able and competent staff is here to serve your needs!



The Opening of the Presents



The Stealing of the Presents



Captions are unnecessary here. The photos say it all!

- All photos in this issue are staff photos. -ed.

**Jim, WD9EYB is New Indiana Section T.C.**

Friday at the December Club meeting Jim, WD9EYB, announced that he has been appointed the new Technical Coordinator (TC) for the ARRL, Indiana Section. He will be coordinating the activities of Technical Specialists (TS). One of his goals as TC is to increase the number of TS's.

If you think you might like to become a TS, you can visit this web page and apply.

<http://www.wirelessinfield.com/tswebapp>

If you want to know more about what a TS does visit this web page.

<http://www2.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/ts.html>

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ARRL-VEC Test Fee to Increase for 2009

-- Effective January 1, 2009, the test fee for ARRL-VEC coordinated test sessions will be **\$15.00**.

- 73, Ray, K9DUR

Editorial Comment

The Bandsread editorial staff (a total of 2 persons) needs your help. Each month, except summer, we publish information important to the membership. This includes minutes of meetings, treasurer and other reports and details of coming activities. In addition, we provide information about WVARA and other Amateur Radio related activities.

Every month we hold pre-publication meetings, trying to discover what articles should be written, what photos may be needed, and most importantly, who will do the work. We try to be sure that potential articles will be written by people who are familiar with the subject, mainly because they will have attended the event. (You stalwart staff cannot always be there.) We also estimate deadlines based on the work to be done and the required publication schedule. This is where we need the help.

If you are involved in an activity let us know about it, and *please*, offer to write about it. The articles are usually short and to the point, and a photo or two is always *very* useful. Then write the article and e-mail it to the editor. Do it as soon after the event as possible because you will remember more about it right afterward! We will e-mail you back, indicating that we received it. Keep in mind also that the editor might edit your work, but we generally consult with you if there is a question as to what you meant or any significant change is needed.

Every year it seems that our hobby offers more and more chances for activity levels to climb, and we try to stay ahead of that curve. Your help will make the task easier for us, and more interesting for everyone. We know that 'inquiring minds want to know!'

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2009

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 10081

TERRE HAUTE, IN 47801-0081

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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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 am looking forward to 2009. It will be an exciting year of accomplishment for the WVARA. How do I know that? We have a fabulous group of people, and together it is a certainty that we will accomplish much in the year ahead. As each of you personally look ahead to 2009, think of ways that you can make contributions to the

WVARA. If you are interested in working in any particular area or event, please let us know and we will get you involved.

It is the time of year for Brentlinger Award nominations. The Brentlinger Award was established to recognize outstanding hams in the Wabash Valley. Nominees do not have to be members of the WVARA. Nominations for the award are due no later than January 15, and should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked as a Brentlinger Award nomination. A secret committee, appointed by the president, will review the nominations and select the award winner. We will have a dinner sometime in March to recognize the recipient of the award.

As you review and plan for the upcoming year, please consider receiving the Bandspread in the electronic format. If you have the capability to receive the newsletter electronically, it will save the costs of printing and mailing. An e-mail notice is sent each month to the listserv to announce when the latest edition is available on the Club website. If you currently receive a mailed copy and wish to change to the electronic version, just drop us a note with your e-mail address and we will make the change. Feel free to e-mail me with the change to w9eeu@arrl.net.

73 and Happy New Year,

Gary W9EEU

VE TESTING

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

1st Sunday of even-numbered months;

1 P.M., Indiana time

1715 S. 8th St., east of the main Glas-Col building. Use the front entrance to the building on 8th St.

For further info, contact:

Ray Andrews, K9DUR, (812) 535-3222

PARIS, ILLINOIS:

2nd Saturday of...

Jan., May, Jul., 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!

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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 Bandsread. If so, we invite you to fill out the enclosed membership form to join the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association.

HAPPY NEW YEAR