

## REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month,  
at 1715 S. 8th St., just east of the main Glas-Col  
building; talk-in - 146.685 RPT; PL 151.4 Hz.  
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

INDIANA QSO PARTY (BISON STAMPEDE)... May 2

DAYTON HAMVENTION BUS ..... May 16

TERRE HAUTE TRIATHLON ..... May 30



# ***THE* BANDSPREAD**

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**MAY 2009**



## W9COD IS 2009 BRENTLINGER RECIPIENT

Chuck has been instrumental in the success of the WVARA in many ways over the past several years.

Through personal contacts he secured the use of the Shrine Hill for Field Day for the past two years. Also, many times, at his own expense, Chuck brings items that we need in the setup and operation of the event. When you look across the operation during our setup, Chuck can be seen, with sweat evident, at the center of whatever is being done at the moment. Whether it's up on the tower to fasten beams, struggling through briars to pull wire antenna supports up into trees, hooking up rigs in the shelter, rigging up tarps and plastic to shield operations from the rain, Chuck is always hard at work. During operation, He can be seen at the mic or on the logging system in support of other operators. He always encourages new operators to get on the air and offers his support in whatever capacity will get them to operate. In the wee hours of the early morning when many have gone for much-needed sleep, Chuck will be found making contacts and piling up points for the WVARA. And finally, when it's time to tear down, Chuck is there until the last items are loaded and the Field Day site has been restored to its original clean condition.

Chuck has served the WVARA on the board of directors, first as an elected Board Member at Large and then as club treasurer and most recently, once again as an elected Board Member at Large. And Chuck always brings an optimistic attitude to the board meetings.

Chuck encouraged the WVARA to apply for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status and



**Chuck Procarione receives award from President Gary Adams, W9EEU.**

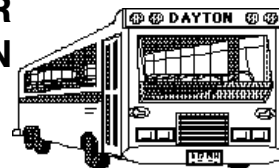
served as a sounding board as the application process proceeded. After the WVARA was granted tax exempt status, Chuck was, and is, tireless in his efforts to solicit funds or donations for the WVARA. He has spent hours completing applications for grants on behalf of the club. This past year, he worked to secure the donation of the tower being removed from the city building. When he was notified that it was coming down that

day, Chuck quickly rounded up help and equipment to take the tower apart and haul it to a secure site.

Chuck has encouraged and helped to organize WVARA participation in various operating events such as the Indiana QSO Party, the Illinois QSO Party and the WVARA operation of the Bison Stampede bonus station.

Chuck's smile, his enthusiasm and his optimism are contagious at club meetings and events. He does not seek recognition for his efforts but is always promoting ham radio in the Wabash Valley. His tireless efforts to promote the WVARA and ham radio in the Wabash Valley make him a very deserving recipient.

**DAYTON IS PRACTICALLY HERE! FILL OUT THE RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 9 AND SEND IT IN NOW TO ASSURE YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS!**



### **This Month's Program**

**Digital Modes - Audio Interfaces. This begins a series of discussions on how to operate Digital modes. All modes have to connect to the computer somehow, and starting with the foundations of a simple and most cost effective way is to use software and an audio Interface. Come out and learn some of the basics of connecting up your computer to the air waves.**

### **Local Nets**

Tuesday Evening	8:00 P.M. ET
Parke Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.745/R
Wednesday Evening	9:00 P.M. ET
Clark Co. ARES Net	146.595/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 04/03/09\*

The April meeting of the WVARA was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Dave Pifer, N9YNF. Those present introduced themselves. There were no new or upgraded licenses. **Announcements:** (1) The Board meeting will follow this meeting. (2) Chuck Procarione, W9COD was the recipient of this years Brentlinger Award. (3) VE Testing will be held on Sunday at 1:00 P.M. and again on Monday, at 7:00 P.M., at Glas-Col. (4) The Bison Stampede INQP will be held May 2. We hope to operate from both Club stations. (5) Dayton bus tickets are for sale for the Dayton Hamfest on May 16. See Nick Vinardi, N9WG to purchase. (6) Field Day t-shirts from 2003 in XL are for sale. (7) CAARLA will meet at Glas-Col on Saturday, April 11 at noon. (8) The CAMA Bike Rally will be held on June 6. See John VanSandt, N9YRX, to help. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was accepted as printed in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Club Treasurer Nick Vinardi, N9WG, reported there is a total of \$12,029.27 in all accounts and moved his report be accepted. Ken Hauptli, W9VKD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) The connector kit reported missing at the last meeting has been found. **New Business:** (1) Task Force 7 has performed Earthquake preparedness tests. Gary Adams won the halfpot drawing. Dave Pifer, N9YNF, presented a program on Wi-Fi. The program was very interesting. - Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes 04/03/09\*

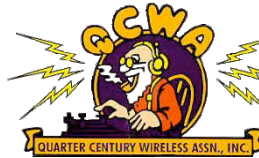
The April meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 9:13 P.M. by Club President Gary Adams, W9EEU. Other officers present were David Pifer, N9YNF, Vice President; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer; Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary; Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Trustee; Steve Shorter, NT9T, Past President and Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Member at Large. Others present were Ray Andrews, K9DUR; Gary Wheeler, K9ERE and Ron Young, AB9GI. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was accepted as printed in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick reported a total of \$12,029.27 in all accounts and made that in the form of a motion. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Kevin stated there was nothing new to report on the repeater upgrade. (2) The room to be used for Club Station #2 has been cleaned out. Antennas and radios were discussed. Steve and Ray presented an equipment list. The Board was in agreement that the work should begin. (3) David is working on the domain name. (4) The program schedule is being worked on. (5) Nick reported 203 people went through the gate at Hamfest. Approximately \$1100.00 profit was realized. (6) The Scholarship Program is still being worked on. (7) Chuck and Kevin are working on the Park County Digi. (8) The Bylaw Amendment will be emailed to Board members to review. **New Business:** (1) David will begin working on Field Day plans. (2) Debbie Cox, KC9NZM, was appointed to the Health & Welfare post. (3) David reported Task Force 7 is moving forward. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M. - Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

**Web Site Updates** - Over the next few months we will be making some changes to the web site, primarily our host and list server services. If you are experiencing issues or have questions or ideas, contact Dave Pifer, N9YNF.

**Terre Haute Triathlon May 30.** - Once again we are providing communications for the Terre Haute Triathlon, held at Hawthorne Park and the surrounding area, on May 30th. We still have a number of locations along the route for which we need volunteers. If you want to help contact Dave Pifer, N9YNF. (By the way, Memorial Day is one week *earlier*.)

**Field Day** - June 27-28 is Field Day Weekend. The June program will go into greater detail about the Field Day plans but if you are interested in being directly involved with Field Day as an Area Lead (Antennas, Digital, GOTA, etc.) contact Dave Pifer N9YNF. [n9ynf@arrl.net](mailto:n9ynf@arrl.net) or [n9ynf@pifer.us](mailto:n9ynf@pifer.us)

**Mark O'Heir, Emergency Management Director, Vermillion County Indiana,** will visit the May 1 Club meeting. But before that, we'll be with us for our pre-meeting meeting at Rick's Smokehouse. If you'd like to meet him before the meeting, shop by Ricks around 5 P.M. - Chuck, W9COD



Chapter 204, QCWA, meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at Pizza City, north of the court house on 2nd street. Members and non-members are welcome.

\* In case you're interested... or even if you're not! Date format is **not** universal. (Yes, \_\_\_\_, we're ignoring ISO, and for good reason.) Anyway, Canada uses, dd/mm/yy. We use mm/dd/yy. NOW DON'T FORGET THAT! There'll be a quiz later on. - ed

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### Board Of Directors:

President	Gary Adams, W9EEU
Vice-President	David Pifer, N9YNF
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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or mail to P.O. Box 10081, Terre Haute, IN 47801 (NOTE ADDR. CHANGE)

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

Sunday Night Net Manager, Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF

# WVARA FIRST QUARTER REPORT

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(Checking Account 1/02/09 through 4/20/09)

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009 Memberships	\$715.00
50/50 Pot	\$52.50
Donations	\$1,906.00
Education	\$310.00
Dayton Bus Ticket Sales	\$110.00
Hamfest Ticket Sales	\$1,015.00
Misc (2006 FD Shirt Sale)	\$12.00
Sholl Estate Sales	\$253.00
WE Testing	\$150.00
Money Market Interest	

<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,523.50</u></b>
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<u>Expenses</u>	
Education	\$485.27
Brentlinger Diner	\$125.09
Business Entity	\$7.14
Christmas Party (2008)	\$65.89
Dayton Bus	\$1,520.00
Equipment Repair (FT-950)	\$22.78
Hamfest Expenses	\$423.98
IRCC Membership	\$10.00
Post Office Box	\$40.00
Bandspread Postage	\$52.92
Safe Deposit Box	\$18.00
Sholl Estate Sale	\$219.63
Club Trailer Plates	\$34.75
VE Testing	\$150.00

<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,175.45</u></b>
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1st Quarter Balance	\$1,348.05
2009 Opening Balance	\$4,596.51

<b><u>Checking Amount Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,944.56</u></b>
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(Money Market Account)

Beginning Balance 1st Quarter	\$4,370.54
Interest Earned 1st Quarter.	\$15.03
<b><u>Money Market Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,385.57</u></b>

<b><u>PETTY CASH TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$58.50</u></b>
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<b><u>Combined First Quarter Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,388.63</u></b>
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## Remembrance of Jim McFall, K9VDQ

I first became acquainted with K9VDQ shortly after I got my ticket in 1997. At the time Jim was the Club station manager. As we came to know each other I explained to him my almost total ignorance of ham radio. Jim took me under his wing and started working with me whenever we were alone at the station. I learned much and through his tutoring I formed many of my ideas of how to be a ham, both behavior on the air (proper etiquette) and off, by being available to help in times of need or emergency.

During this time Jim and I would often talk about our earlier life experience. These ranged from some of the difficult things we had encountered in our work career to fun or unusual happenings in our lives. One of my favorites, which Jim told, went something like this...

While serving in the Air Force Jim was stationed at a base near St Louis, Mo. As I remember Jim got his ham ticket and became 1 of 2 members of MARS, the Military Affiliate Radio System on the base. Sometime later the group had a plane go down in Kansas while on a training mission. Because there was no way to establish reliable communications by military or civilian means, Jim, being the junior ham, was put on TDY (temporary duty) to the crash site. After being there for two or three days Jim received a visitor at his duty tent, a three star general, who ask him how long he had been on duty. When Jim answered the officer told him he was relieved, go get a beer or two from the back of his staff car and to stretch out in the car and get some sleep. Jim replied, "With respect sir, this equipment requires a special license to operate and I don't believe you can relieve me." General Curtis E. LeMay, commanding general of the Strategic Air Command, then opened his wallet and produced his Amateur Radio license and asked, "Will this do the job?" Jim replied, "Yes Sir!" and went off to enjoy a beer and a nap.

After the operation was over and Jim returned to base the room was called to attention as he entered the dining hall. When he asked the non-com who did that "Why?" The reply was, "Any Airman who it takes a three star general to replace deserves a salute."

As the saying goes "Jim will be missed!"

Steve, NT9T



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## Remembrance of Jim Edwards, KB9WOL

*Sometimes things just don't get done in a timely fashion. Call it 'falling through the cracks', call it 'a combination of circumstances' or what you will. In any case, the buck stops here. We sincerely regret the failure to get this out in a timely fashion. – ed.*

*This was originally submitted by Kay, KW0LF, on December 19, 2008.*

James D. Edwards, KB9WOL, father of Jim Edwards, KA9DIF, became a silent key on Tuesday, Dec.16. Details are in Friday's Tribune Star.

Please keep Jim and Diana and their family in your prayers

Services are 11:00 A.M. Saturday in Thomas Funeral Home. Visitation is 4 to 8 P.M. today, Dec. 19th in the funeral home with Masonic services at 7, and also 10 A.M. until services Saturday.

I always enjoyed seeing KB9WOL, often at hamfests with Jim, from the time he got his license and I will miss hearing and seeing this true gentleman.

Kay, KW0LF



As usual, here are a few pix from the most recent Club meeting.



A bunch of us meet and eat before the Club meeting at Rick's Smokehouse, just east of Pizza Hut on east Wabash, around 5 P.M. Everyone's welcome to join us!





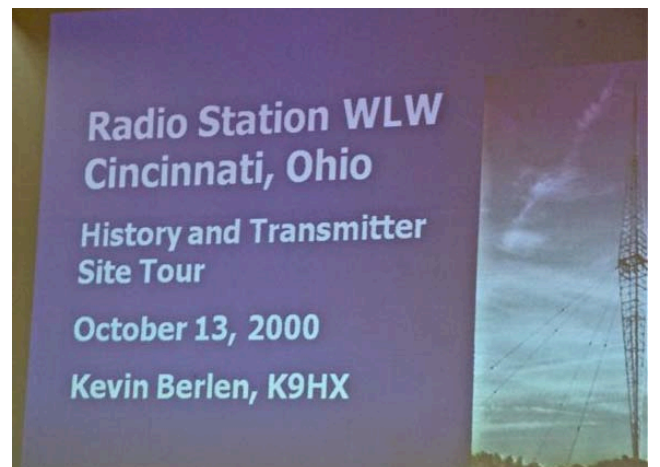
## Brentlinger Photos I

It takes a bit of work to set up for such an event. We'd like to thank all those who came early to help get things ready. Alas, they aren't all shown here. But they're all remembered and appreciated, from that first spoonful to the last table and chair put away!



These were by no means the only folks who came to set up or bring food, but these were the only photos of these important activities that we got.







# Brentlinger Photos III



We think the front page pretty much says it all; we think it's an award well-earned.

Congratulations, Chuck! - ed.



## WVARA BUS TO THE DAYTON HAMVENTION

### THE NO-HASSLE WAY TO THE DAYTON HAMVENTION, MAY 16, 2009

SLEEP ON THE WAY IN • NO PARKING PROBLEMS • LARGE COMFY TILTBACK SEATS • DON'T FIGHT THE TRAFFIC...  
or THE GAS PUMP • DELIVERY RIGHT TO THE ARENA DOOR • PLENTY OF ROOM FOR GOODIES GOING HOME

### SEVERAL PICK UP AND DROP OFF POINTS, IN ORDER, ARE:

1. Turner bus lot on Margaret Ave. Bus Leaves @ 4:30 A.M. Terre Haute time, SHARP!
2. S.R. 59 & I-70 Brazil 70 Truck Stop Restaurant
3. Truck Stop- U.S. 231 AND I-70 Cloverdale
4. State Road 267 AND I-70 (behind Cracker Barrel)
5. State Police Post on Post Road, south of I-70.

### ADDITIONAL STOPS & STARTS:

- US 40 and I-70, Richmond, IN, for breakfast. • The bus starts back at 4:00 P.M., unless the driver tells you differently.
- Dinner at SHAPIRO'S in Indy.

**WVARA MEMBER RESERVATIONS: \$35 per person.**

**NON-WVARA MEMBER RESERVATIONS: \$40 per person.**

PLEASE NOTE! The cost of the bus does *NOT* cover breakfast at Richmond or dinner at Shapiro's.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK **NOW** FOR THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT ABOVE, TIMES THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:

**WVARA BUS TICKETS**  
**PO BOX 10081**  
**TERRE HAUTE, IN 47801**

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS/QUESTIONS:** E-MAIL [n9wg@hotmail.com](mailto:n9wg@hotmail.com) - or ...

CHECK IN TO THE WVARA NET SUNDAY NIGHTS, 9:00 P.M., Terre Haute time, 146.685 MHz RPT (PL 151.4 Hz) or 146.595 MHz Simplex, (1st Sunday of the month only).

NOTE: Please fill in as many of the items below, legibly, so that we can accurately process your reservation. **DON'T FORGET THE CHECK** Also, the bus may fill up fast this year due to the fuel prices. An early reservation might be wise! We might possibly have some extra room in the cargo hold...

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL or SNAIL MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
DESIRED PICK-UP POINT \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

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

Congratulations to Chuck, W9COD, who received the 2009 Brentlinger Award. Chuck has made significant contributions to ham radio and the WVARA over the years. Chuck's name has now joined a long list of distinguished hams from the Wabash Valley on the Brentlinger Award plaque. Thank you Chuck, you are deserving of the recognition.

W9UUU will be the bonus station again this year for the INQP. Plans call for running both club stations during the event May 2. Make plans to drop by either the Red Cross station, or the Glas-Col station, and help us make the bonus points available to those participating in the INQP this year.

The Turner bus is reserved and ready to roll for the Dayton Hamvention on May 16. While the cost of the bus increased for 2009, we kept the cost of a seat the same. Get your reservation in and help us fill the bus. It will be a fun filled day for all.

73,

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!**

**May 9 PARIS**

**June 7 TERRE HAUTE**

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