

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th,
Nov. 6: (old Post Office bldg. Turn south at Hulman and 8th. Talk-in:
146.685 RPT; (PL 151.4 MHz). Park in front or north of building.

The Board meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.
Our meetings are open. Visitors are welcome!

Every The Club Station is open, 7 - 9 P.M., First Thursday, Downstairs,
Thursday: Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd. Other Thursdays, New Club Station,
N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho. Entrance and parking east of Bldg.



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General Meeting Minutes 10/02/09

The WVARA met at the WTWO Studios in Farmersburg for their October meeting. There they watched a news telecast and toured the facilities.

A brief business meeting was held concerning the renting of the Armory for the 2010 Ham Fest. Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC, moved the Club be authorized to spend \$400.00 for rental plus costs for janitor fees. John Van Sandt, N9YRX, seconded the motion. Motion carried. This concluded the business meeting.

- Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

NOTE: Due to schedule conflicts, there was no Board meeting in October.

A VERY BUSY MONTH FOR THE WVARA



The above photo is of WTWO, Channel 2, in Farmersburg, site of the September Club meeting and tour. See article, p. 3

As indicated by the special events calendar in last month's issue, we were very busy with a number of different events in the month of October.

Nominating Committee Meets

In accordance with the WVARA Constitution, the Nominating Committee will produce a slate of candidates for office to the 2010 WVARA Board of Directors. The Chairperson will announce those names at the November general meeting and they will appear in the December Bandspread.

This is not to suggest that the members listed on the slate are considered to be the only candidates worthy of the office. Others, who may have equal or perhaps even greater qualifications for the office

are welcome to have their names also appear on the December ballot. Nominations from the floor the night of the election are also welcome. So anyone who is interested in a position on the board *and* are interested in their name being printed on the ballot, are urged to contact anyone on the current board, any committee member or the president himself *prior to a week from the election* in order for his or her name to appear on the ballot. Nominations from the floor that night

Club Meeting Program

It's the annual HOMEBREW event. Did you build something Amateur Radio-related? Bring it and share it with us!

will, of course, be valid as write-in candidates as well.

As of a recent amendment to the Constitution, there is one further qualification: *"To be eligible for nomination as an officer, the nominee must have attended, as a full member, a minimum of four of the six Club meetings immediately prior to the election."**

So, if you have the four basic qualifications for office...

1. You are interested in serving in that capacity.
2. You are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the position.
3. You are willing to contribute the *time necessary* to successfully fulfill the duties of the office.
4. You have the attendance indicated above.

...we encourage you to seek a position on the WVARA Board of Directors.

*See Bylaws, Article V, Section III.



The Banks of the Wabash Chapter 204 QCWA, will meet on Saturday, November 14, at Pizza City. We will eat

at noon, followed by the business meeting at 1 P.M. Visitors are welcome!

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

Simulated Emergency Test

Vigo County ARES S.E.T.

On October 3, at 1:30 P.M., Vigo County ARES held their Simulated Emergency Test (S.E.T.). It was held in cooperation with the Vigo County ARES, Terre Haute Fire Department and area hospitals.

The operation involved a simulated state-wide power failure with all communications failing. Vigo County ARES was called in to aid in communications for the local Fire Department and EMS.

We had ARES members stationed at several fire stations and at the communication center for the county. We also utilized the Command Center at Ryves Hall to run the S.E.T.

This S.E.T. was planned and developed by Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD. The ARES group would like to thank him for the time and effort he put into the event. I would also like to thank Gary, W9EEU, for helping with his ARES group in Clay County. They were activated and had to respond to their local hospital and did a great job as well.

Overall, I think the S.E.T. was a success and we had some great people involved. The Ham community once again stepped up and showed that in a real disaster that you can count on Amateur Radio to come through. It also showed some of the areas that we need to work on but that is what this kind of exercise is all about.

These exercises are very important so that we can train and learn what we must do in the event of a real emergency and as coordinator for the county, I would like to thank all the members that took time from their busy schedule to participate.

We are planning to hold more of these types of exercises to gain the necessary skills and equipment to continue to provide the area with the best possible service that the Ham community can provide.

If you would like to become a member or have questions, please go the Vigo County ARES site at www.vigocountyares.com or you may contact Doug Mullens, KB9JLR, Vigo County EC at kb9jlr@arrl.net

For those in Clay County contact Gary Adams, W9EEU at w9eeu@arrl.net

Doug Mullens, KB9JLR
Vigo County ARES Emergency
Coordinator



Doug, KB9JLR and Dan, W9OOT, were at S.E.T. net control at the Ryves Hall Amateur Radio station.



Jim, KA9DIF, was at Station 7 which is at 13th and Ft. Harrison.



Dave, N9FMD, was with Battalion Chief, Bob Kiefner, at 1st. St. & 8th Ave.



Scott, KC9QLG and Darrell, KC9QLF, were at Station 8 on Fruitridge Ave.



Gene, N9NJ, was at Police Central Dispatch. It was not an easy place to enter and time ran out anyway, so we did not get a photo of him at his post.

Bill, K9KJQ, was at Station 9 which is at 1st Street and Margaret Avenue.



A debriefing session was held back at Ryves Hall after the S.E.T. was over.

Field Trip to WTWO I

The October Club meeting was a field trip to WTWO, channel 2 in Farmersburg. Some of us came early to view the 6 P.M. news and we were given the first tour of the electronics behind the scenes by Bruce Yowell, Chief Engineer, WTWO/WFXW, our host for the evening.



The first tour.



The control room.



Behind the scene camera ops.



During a commercial break, Jesse Walker prepares to do the weather report for the 6 P.M. news.



Two shots of our Amateur Radio visitors having an 'eyeball' with the six o'clock news team.

Field Trip to WTWO II



The group visits the new transmitters for WTWO and WFXW, located in a building behind the main station building.



Bruce put a green cloth around Austin Stamus, a student from our current tech class. This was the result.



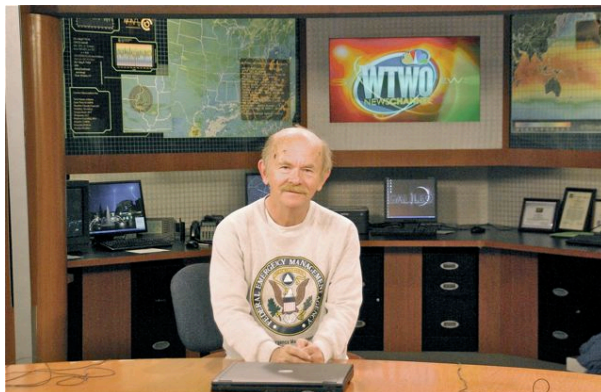
The chroma key system is used primarily for Jesse's weather map. Some probably know that when Jesse, or any other weather person, stands in front of the weather map, he always looks either to the left or the right of the chroma screen at the monitors (notice one at the left and one at the right, over his shoulder. He never actually looks at the map because there is nothing there; just the green chroma screen. The actual weather map is superimposed behind him for the viewer's benefit.



And, of course, we had to hoodwink Debbie into doing the same thing for this photo.



One of two identical transmitters for the two stations.



We now take you live to Dave, N9FMD, FEMA's engineer in charge of disasters. *(That was too easy.)*



Um... Gary, I wouldn't...



Family Learning Day at the Vigo Co. Library was held on Saturday, September 26. As usual, we were at the library early to establish our usual parking location only to find that there were already cones there to reserve our position. This was a first, and a nice touch. The library even provided us with a stack of free hand-outs of one of the current books in their Classic Reads series, The Call of the Wild by Jack London. We did have a number of takers there. Of course, we slipped our WVARA flier in each one before giving them out.



We had plenty of booths around us with varying offerings such as the ISU Music Center.



The AP&S horse-drawn wagon was there again this year. The horse was *not* very enthusiastic.



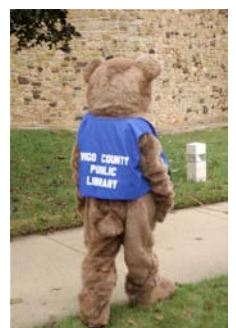
Dave, N9FMD, got an exclusive interview with the "Therapeutic Horse". Dave's the one holding the HT. *(Too easy again.)*



Chuck, W9COD, stopped around to shoot the breeze and help us with the ops as an interested guest looks on.



We were even visited by a bear! Not to worry, however. This one was the Library's official mascot.



WVARA Participates in Illinois Qso Party

We picked Lincoln Trails State Park just south of Marshall for our operating location again this year. The park is truly a beautiful location this time of year. The colorful leaves and the reflections on the lake make it a very enjoyable place. We tried a variety of antenna types this year. We had vertical wire, a car mounted Little Tarheel II, a long wire, and a vertical slinky.

N9YRX wanted a long wire up in trees and was impressed with the ability of a slingshot to get through the trees. And for the first time we tried to tune a slinky mounted vertically on a fiberglass mast. It tuned just fine and we made contacts using this antenna. Oh, I'm sorry, verticals don't work (GRIN).

The group enjoyed a great lunch comprised of a hot crock pot of chili soup, coffee was flowing, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream for desert. During our operation we had visitors that stopped by, curious as to what we were doing. They were fascinated by our operation and indicated that was the first time they had seen ham radio in operation.

The band conditions were not very good during the hours that we were in operation. No final count of contacts, but we had a great time participating in the ILQP.

Gary W9EEU



the bottom of the Slinky antenna.



John helps with the unpacking.



Gary's handling the ops.



Looks like Chuck is handling the dups.



The chili is HOT!



Well, somebody has to test it.



Dave thought the chili was good, or was that Yaesu.



I resemble that remark!



Gary's hood is down now. Was it the chili?



We had some visitors who were curious about ham radio and what we were doing.



This year's Duathlon was held at Mill Creek State Park, northwest of Marshall. At press time all information indicates that everyone seems to have had a good time. -ed.



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Sunday Night Net Manager, Kay Brentlinger, KW0LF

Jamboree on the Air

For some years now, the Boy Scouts of America have conducted a Jamboree on the Air, or J.O.T.A. The purpose is to provide an event to help scouts get their radio merit badge.

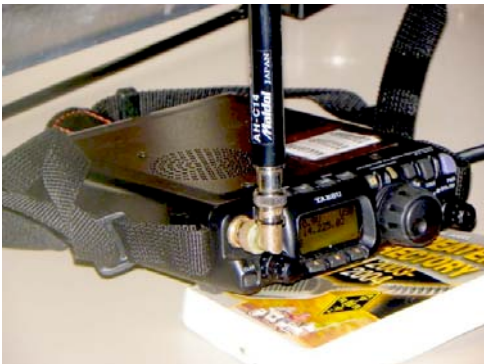
This year's local event was held at Rose Hulman Institute and again this year, local WVARA participation was led by John Van Sandt, N9YRX, with the help of those others seen in photos below.



"No power, but I'm using Powerpoint!" When they got there, they had to operate for around an hour without electricity. Finally, it came back on.



Six photos above: John conducts the class without, and later with, electricity.



A demo radio? Hmm. A Yaesu. Wonder who *that* belongs to???



Some scouts are seen here in the Rose Tech Radio Club Station.



The Communications Trailer with a new canopy donated by Chuck, W9COD.



How many hams does it take...



Here Dave, N9YNF, is seen displaying the WVARA Communications Trailer.



Here John is signing the completed merit badge authorizations.

More of Jim's stuff goes to the Bedford Hamfest Page 9

In order to liquidate the estate of Jim McFall, K9VDQ, a number of Club members have spent numerous man-hours categorizing, packaging, loading, transporting and selling this huge volume of radio-related pieces of equipment. We would like to thank all these people who have given up days, evenings and weekends to get this job done. And it's not over even yet! Our hats are off to them for their time and labor in this ambitious effort. Well-done, guys! -ed.



-Photos on this page courtesy Chuck, W9C0D

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2010

Please complete this form and include it with your dues. You may return this application in person or mail to:

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Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

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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

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy ones for Amateur Radio activities in the Wabash Valley. A new Technician class was started, the Deuces Wild Duathlon, a tour of the WTWO facility, a camping weekend, Jamboree on the Air with the Boy Scouts, ICS training surrounding hazardous material responses, the Mini-Marathon, the statewide Simulated Emergency Test (SET), build sessions, and the ILQP. WHEW!! I know of at least a couple of other events for which planning took place but weather prevented the planned events from taking place. These activities only take place successfully because a number of individuals take a lot of time in the planning of the events, and a number of others contribute time to make them happen. If you know those who helped plan or conduct any of the events, take time to let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and this is typically a time of year when we stop and reflect on the things for which we are thankful. Hopefully as you reflect on those things this year, some of the events we have had over the past year will be a part of your thoughts. We have a wonderful group of people, and over the course of this past year, have made many memorable moments together. Happy Thanksgiving!!

73, Gary, W9EEU

Thanksgiving Outlook:

Turkeys will thaw in the morning, then warm in the oven to an afternoon high of near 190 degrees F. The kitchen will turn hot and humid, and if you bother the cook, be ready for a severe squall or cold shoulder.

During the late afternoon and evening, the cold front of a knife will slice through the turkey, causing an accumulation of one to two inches on plates. Mashed potatoes will drift across one side, while cranberry sauce creates slippery spots on the other. Please pass the gravy.

A weight watch and indigestion warning have been issued for the entire area, with increased stuffiness around the beltway. During the evening, the turkey will diminish and taper off to leftovers, dropping to a low of 34 degrees F in the refrigerator.

Looking ahead to Friday and Saturday, high pressure to eat sandwiches will be established. Flurries of leftovers can be expected both days, with a 50 percent chance of scattered soup late in the day. We expect a warming trend where soup develops. By early next week, eating pressure will be low as the only wish left will be a bone. --- Elliot Abrams

*From the forthcoming book "Weather Prognosticators and the Media: Fallacies, Facts, and Fun in Forecasting", by Norm Macdonald. As printed in Weatherwise, October/November 1995 issue. For all those who have joined the team in the past two years, and for anyone who like a chuckle, whether they've seen this before or not. Happy Thanksgiving.

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:

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PARIS, ILLINOIS:

2nd Saturday of...

Jan., May, Jul., Sep., Nov;

8:30 A.M. Illinois time

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