

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: No general meetings in July or August. See Bottom of page for the August Activity.

The Board meeting will take place during the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic. See below. Visitors are welcome!

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic Aug 14

New General Upgrade Class Sep 7

WVARA Campout Sep. 10,11,12

Deuces Wild Duathlon Oct. 9



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SUMMER 2010



FIELD DAY, CAMA MARK EARLY SUMMER



Steve, KC9RBU and Jeff, AB9WR at Field Day

Field Day 2010 was held again at the Shrine Country Place. The weather service promised oppressive heat and humidity and they delivered, although this was nothing new to us. We were ready with fans, ice water and in some cases, wet towel which work very well to keep the head cool.

Also helping with the cool was the EMA trailer which has built-in air conditioning. In addition, the WVARA Com Trailer was 'modified' for the occasion with a small window-type air conditioner. It will soon have it's own built-in A.C. which will have the capacity to turn it into a meat locker environment, if desired. Chuck will be able to store the hamburgers and brats in there until the traditional brat fest if he wishes.

And speaking of Chuck, each year it seems that he has a more compete kitchen. This year he added a flat grill for doing pancakes and a sink for cleaning serving utensils.

The 'night crew' was treated to strawberry shortcake at midnight and some of them were still there when yours truly arrived the following morning. A full breakfast, which we missed, was served to all who were there Sunday morning.

We were 9 Alpha this year and managed to keep all of the stations working most of the time and some of them working all of the time. We again had a wire-less centralized duping program which helped immensely with setup and takedown. (We remember previous years at Cory where there was a web of

countless wires spanning the shelter up in the ceiling. No more of that!)

We had some new faces this year, at least we *think* they are all new, such as Matt, KJ4IRH; Dominick, KA9RDK; Robin, KC9RBC; Austin, KC9RBD and Rachael, KC9RCB. If we left any first-timers out, please let us know.

Of course, we are also glad to welcome back those who show up regularly each year. You're our backbone and what makes the WVARA Field Day the success it always is.

Some regulars couldn't make this year it due to conflicts of one type or another. Among them was Dave, KC9JNZ.

The NWS predicted the approach of severe weather Sunday morning and we actually saw a very large cumulonimbus as it formed over northern Sullivan County. Accordingly, we decided to quit about three hours early, not wanting to be out in the field during a storm dodging lightning bolts while holding long metal rods in our hands. That cell turned out to be the vanguard of more organized storms which didn't affect Vigo County until Sunday evening but we were all happy to be safely at home by then.

Despite the heat, we had a good time and went home as usual, weary but satisfied that another WVARA Field Day had been a success.

For more photos, see p. 4. -ed.



Coordinating CAMA amateur operations this year was Nick, N9WG as Kevin, K9HX looks on

The Coalition Against Methamphetamine (CAMA) again held it's bike rally on June 5th in Clark County, IL. Riders chose one of four routes that took them through Mill Creek, Lincoln Trails, and Twin Lakes parks in Clark and Edgar Counties. Bikers from both Illinois and Indiana participated as did area Amateur Radio Operators whose job it was to keep track of them and assist them if they had problems. As usual, area hams volunteered their time and equipment in the spirit of public service.

We regret that we could not photograph all participants this year. The addition of new and longer routes required our stations to be located more widely apart than ever before.

See the article on page 3 for those we could reach. -ed.

Local Nets

Sunday Morning	8:20 A.M.	ET
Vigo Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.685/R	
Sunday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
WVARA Net	145.685/R	*
Monday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
Clay Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.580/S	
Tuesday Evening	8:00 P.M.	ET
Parke Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.715/R	
Wednesday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
Clark Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.595/S	
Thursday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
CAARLA Net	146.685/R	
Illiana Skywarn Severe WX Net	When Needed	
	145.230/R	

* First Sunday of the month is Simplex night. The WVARA Net meets, that night only, on 146.595/S

Next WVARA Activity

Our next event will be the WVARA-sponsored Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic on Saturday, August 14, at the home of Gary, K9ERE and Pat, KA9ALI, in Seelyville. We will eat around 6:45. However, you may come earlier to swim if you wish. All valley radio amateurs and friends are welcome to attend. Bring a dish to pass and a folding chair! Club will provide meat and drink. Talk-in will be on 146.685.



General Meeting Minutes 06/04/10

The WVARA General Meeting was called to order at 7:52 P.M. by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX, after a delicious cookout and carry in meal. Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, has upgraded to a General license and Jeff Mitchell has a new call, AB9WR. **Announcements:** The Board Meeting will follow the General meeting. (1) Field Day is June 25, 26 and 27, at Shrine Hill. (2) Orders are now being taken for Field Day T-Shirts. They will be purple with white lettering. Kevin is in charge of ordering them. (3) The annual Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic will be hosted by Gary, K9ERE and Pat, KA9ALI, on Saturday, August 14. All amateurs are invited regardless of club affiliation. (4) The Club Camping Weekend will be September 11 and 12 at Lincoln Trails State Park south of Marshall, IL. (5) A General Upgrade Class will begin sometime after Field Day. (6) The CAARLA and QCWA meetings will be suspended in June. (7) Nick, N9WG, will be net control for the upcoming C.A.M.A. Bike Rally. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report, presented by Bette Young, KC9GWT, will stand as printed in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Nic Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report with a total of \$10,310.82 in all accounts and requested the report be in the form of a motion. Chuck Procarione, W9COD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was no old business to be discussed. **New Business:** (1) The need for the purchase of a generator before Field Day was discussed. Ken Hauptli, W9VKD, moved the Club buy a generator and John VanSandt, N9YRX, seconded the motion. Motion carried. (2) The future of the Club hiring a bus for the trip to the Dayton Hamfest was discussed. This year there were twenty paid riders resulting in a deficit of \$1068.00. Ray Andrews, K9DUR, suggested contacting the Indianapolis Radio Club to see if they would be interested in sharing the expense of the bus. In any case, it was agreed to pay the \$100.00 deposit, necessary to reserve the bus for 2011, upon Club approval. Kay Brentlinger, KW0LF, won the half pot. The program was a discussion of Field Day. -Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, Secretary, KC9GWT

Board Meeting Minutes 06/04/10

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 P.M. by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Other officers present were Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice-President, Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary, Dave Pifer, N9YNF, Trustee, Gary Adams, W9EEU, Past President and Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member At Large. Gary Wheeler,

K9ERE, also attended. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report, presented by Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary, was approved as printed in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer reported a total of \$10,310.82 in all accounts and made his report in the form of a motion. Chuck, W9COD seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Steve Shorter, NT9T, Ray Andrews, K9DUR and Gary Adams, W9EEU, are in charge of Field Day. (2) There was nothing to report on the repeater upgrade. (3) Two antennas are up and working at Club Station #2. (4) The Parke County Digi is ready to go. (5) There was nothing new to report on the building. (6) Purchases to be made for the communications trailer are wood and a spare tire. (7) November is the only open date in the 2010 meeting schedule. (8) Ray Andrews, K9DUR, will contact the Indy Radio Club about joining the WVARA concerning the rental of a bus to travel to the Dayton Hamfest. (9) Kevin will put together a committee of Dave, Nick and himself to purchase a generator before Field Day. (10) The Audit is completed. (11) Action regarding the K9MEL generator is on hold until fall. (12) The CSEPP WX Radios need to be recycled. Labels must be removed from the radios first and then they can be distributed in a manner yet to be decided. **New Business:** (1) The summer Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 15. (2) The domain was renewed automatically. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M. Respectfully submitted by Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

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Sunday Night Net Manager: Kay Brentlinger, KW0LF



Kevin, K9HX



George, AB9WB



Doug, KB9JLR



Steve, KC9RBU



CAMA net control was located in this shelter using the tall antenna on Nick's truck.



Ray, K9DUR and Pam, K9JMA



Jim, WD9EYB



Joe, NT9X



Jeff, AB9WR and Ann, KC9RBF



Ron, AB9GI



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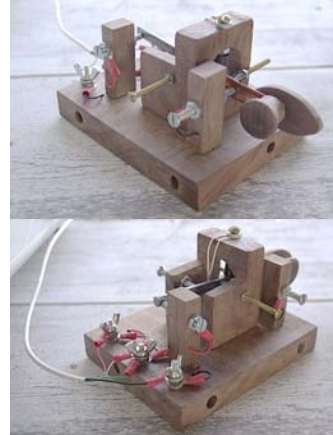


Other CAMA volunteers fixed us lunch afterwards.

Field Day I - Friday Setup



Christian, KB9SOL, Seth, KB9ZZO and John, W9GBO erect the tower, no doubt with help from others



Home Made CW Paddles

We understand that Christian built this keyer out of hardwood. Is it walnut? Not sure but the workmanship is incredible! The wires are mostly hidden inside. How did you do that???



Bette, KC9GWT, Bentley, 'K9DOG' and Melanie, KC9JMC



John, N9YRX and Ted, K9SGL solving the world's problems



Jason, KC9BBK and Ted work on solar cell frame



Putting the Com Trailer in place



Mike, KC9HRU, says there's no Freon



Dave, N9YNF



Nick is downloading the ARRL Bulletin for points

Field Day II - Saturday Ops



Ray, K9DUR, is 'exhorting the troops' just prior to the start



Annnnnnd they're off and running!



Ron, N9ZXO, Doug, KB9JLR, Seth, KB9ZZO and Cody, KC9PVP

-TNX to Joe, KC9JAC for some of the photos on this page.



Seth, KB9ZZO and Nick, N9WG



Dave, N9FMD and Austin, KC9RBD



Dave, N9YNF



Mayor Duke Bennett, N9FMD, N9WG and KA9RDK



Gary, W9EEU and Melody, WD9EEU



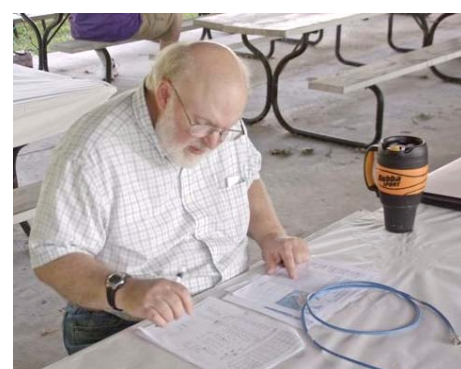
Kevin, K9HX



Nice mic stand, Joe (KC9JAC)



Nick, N9WG and Robin, KC9RBC



Jim, WA9TGO



"Dad" and Christlan, KB9SOL



Rachael, KC9RCB



John, N9YRX, who is obviously extremely excited about Field Day

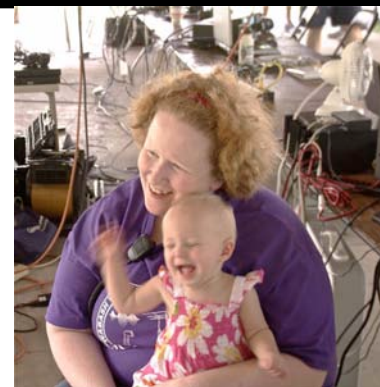
Field Day II - Bratfest



The traditional Saturday night bratfest feed with Chuck, W9COD, officiating



Pat, KA9ALI and Kay, KWOLF



Couldn't help but print three of these shots of Gwen. So sue us! - ed.



The night shift was adequately staffed with the more-than-adequate addition of Dick, N9TH.



Interesting story here! With the apparent approach of severe weather, it was decided to shut down early. John, N9YRX, got on his radio and called for the usual volunteers who come out to help with the takedown. He was answered by a passer-by out on I-70. With John's help, he was directed in to our site. He was - and is - Keith Stebbings, KE1THR. He was traveling from New England to Oregon by car, all by himself! We think that was over and above the call of duty. Thanks, Keith, for your help! - 73, from the whole WVARA Field Day gang here at Shrine Hill!

Bette's and Ted's Excellent Birthday Party

Bette, KC9GWT, and Ted, K9SGL, decided that they would both have a birthday and that they would celebrate it simultaneously at Lincoln Trail State Park, south of Marshall. The afternoon heat was tolerable since it was totally in the shade and since there were plenty of *cold* drinks to be had there.

A significant number of people showed up just for the celebration. (Non -campers are allowed in to state parks in Illinois without charge. Now isn't that a novel idea?!) Anyway, a very good time was had by all and the birthday duo may be any age they want to be. - ed.



The birthday girl blows the candles out. In the foreground is Jessica, niece of KA9ALI and K9ERE



Chuck, W9COD, doing what he does best!



The birthday boy himself and Joe, KC9JAC



JEFF, AB9WR and Ann, KC9RBF



Most of the rest of the gang that night

- TNX, to Bette, KC9GWT and Kevin, K9HX, for the photos in the above section.



New General Upgrade Class Announced

The next chance to attend an upgrade class will begin the first Tuesday after Labor Day, which is September 7th. See the September issue for details.

FCC Releases new question pool

As we welcome new hams into this hobby we occasionally need to send a special message to those interested in obtaining their first license. This is such an occasion, with the FCC putting a new question pool into effect on July 1, 2010, for the "Technician" license. Those studying for the test need to insure that materials they are using reflect the new question pool...not the question pool discontinued last month.

Local VE Coordinator Ray, K9DUR, explained that the basic knowledge reflected in the license exam doesn't change much over the years, but the exact wording of the questions and answers does change from time to time. In addition slight changes occur in FCC rules that may not be reflected in an obsolete study guide.

He said question pools are modified on a four-year cycle, with one of three question pools changing each year, then a year with no changes. Therefore the new Technician questions are expected to be valid for the next four-years. Since most potential hams aren't going to wait four years to use the new book, it also means friends and neighbors will be able to use that book once the original license is earned.

Potential hams currently in the learning process should double-check and be sure materials they are using are current.

Ten Years Ago and Counting

This summer marks the tenth year anniversary of Amateur Radio's most recent restructuring. Morse code requirements disappeared on Saturday, April 15th 2000, and WVARA-sponsored VE testing activities began operating under the new rules with it's scheduled testing session several weeks after the rules changed. That session was held June 4th at the Red Cross building, and administered by VEC Bob Harker, KC9UU.

Other clubs across the country worked to be the first to offer the new rules to potential applicants, including several who opened their doors at the stroke of midnight. One such club reported more than 135 people standing outside the door as the rules changed at midnight.

-The Bandsread, May, 2000

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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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

The WVARA has had a busy summer thus far, and we have had great participation with all of the events that have taken place. I would like to take a moment and offer a thank you to each of you who have taken time from your busy summer schedules to take part in our activities. This is your club, and it can only succeed if we take time to participate. Thank you once again.

Field Day 2010 is in the record books. Despite closing up several hours early due to concerns about incoming weather, we had a very good event. We had good crews for setup and teardown, and managed to keep most of the rigs staffed on the overnight shift as well. A full report, complete with several pictures can be found elsewhere in this addition.

The next event on the WVARA calendar is our annual picnic. It will take place on August 14, and again will be hosted by Pat, KA9ALI and Gary, K9ERE, at their home in Seelyville. The pool will be open, and the meal will be served at 6:45 P.M. EDT. This will be the time and place for the August Board meeting as well. Hope all of you and your families can attend. The Club will provide the meat and drinks. Just bring a covered dish.

Please remember our second annual camping weekend, September 11 & 12 at Lincoln Trail State Park just south of Marshall. We had a great time with this outing last year, and I look forward to it again this year.

Hope each of you have a safe and enjoyable summer, and I look forward to seeing those than can make it at the picnic.

Until then, 73,

Kevin, K9HX

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

WVARA 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

WALK-INS WELCOME

PARIS, ILLINOIS:

2nd Saturday of Jan., May, Jul., Sep., Nov; 8:30 A.M. Illinois time.

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15175 U.S. Highway 150

For further info, contact:

Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, (217) 465-4884

WALK-INS WELCOME!

September 11 Paris

October 3 Terre Haute

IRC VE TESTING

2nd Thursday of every month, 7 P.M., Indiana time, at Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall.

For further info, contact: Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, at 238-0584 or veteam@illianaradioclub.org

WALK-INS WELCOME!

August 12 Terre Haute