

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th,
 Sep 3: (old Post Office bldg. Turn south at Hulman at 8th. Talk-in:
 146.685 RPT; (PL 151.4 MHz). Park in back or side 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 back of Bldg.

SPECIAL EVENTS

New General Upgrade Class Sep. 7

WVARA Campout Sep. 11,12

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NAT'L NIGHT OUT, PICNIC MARK LATE SUMMER

As background, The NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is a nationwide program designed to:

- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.
- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Originally brought together by Jim Edwards, KA9DIF, Vigo Co. ARES was asked by Sgt. Jason Brentlinger of the Terre Haute Police Department to provide communications for Terre Haute's National Night Out. This was a massive logistical event involving not just communications but the providing of traffic control (which meant actually being in charge of controlling all gates leading into the park for long hot hours in the sun), placement of vendors in their proper spots, or in some cases, finding spots for vendors who weren't properly registered. Other operations included smoothing over of misunderstandings created long before ARES came on the scene such as expectations that tables would be provided at every venue when that was not the case. ARES was also in charge of dispatching of Emergency Management (EMA) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for actual health emergencies such as heat-related problems. They also successfully reconnected several lost children with their parents and in addition, they were called upon to be responsible for crowd control around landing and departing helicopters. There was very little of the day's activities that they were not involved in.

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2nd Annual WVARA Campout



The second annual WVARA Campout will be held the weekend of September 11th and 12th. Individuals may come out to camp earlier in the week if they wish but the official pitch-in dinner will be on Saturday night, the 11th.

But you don't need to be a camper to come out and enjoy great company and what last year was fantastic weather. Just bring a covered dish and an appetite. You can come for the dinner alone or come out earlier and enjoy the afternoon with us. Some will no doubt set up stations and sit around operating while others will just 'sit around'. A nap or two isn't out of the question either, as it is a very unstructured weekend.

As always, you don't have to be a Club member to be welcome, so come join us!

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	146.685/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	AS NEEDED	
	145.230/R	

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

FCC Revises and Clarifies Disaster-Prep Rules

FCC officials have released newly-amended rules related to participation by Amateur Radio operators in practice exercises in which their employer may have an interest. The FCC now says there is no problem.

Specifically FCC 97.113 (a) (1) now states, in part:

"...A station licensee or control operator may participate on behalf of an employer in an emergency preparedness or disaster readiness test or drill, limited to the duration and scope of such test or drill, and operational testing immediately prior to such test or drill. Tests or drills that are not government - sponsored are limited to a total time of one hour per week; except that no more than twice in any calendar year, they may be conducted for a period not to exceed 72 hours..."

An example that was often cited in the consideration of this change has some specific application in the Wabash Valley. Over the past few years several area hospitals have installed Amateur Radio equipment near their emergency rooms, for ARES use when needed. Prior to this change use of such equipment by a ham operator, who was also employed by the hospital, during a practice exercise, was illegal. Now it specifically does not violate the law. Operation of such stations by employees during an actual disaster had never been questioned, but those employees were not allowed to practice needed skills.

This rule change became effective July 14, 2010. -Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD

This Month's Program

It's a cookout, Chuck presiding, as usual. Bring a covered dish and an appetite. Club provides the meat and drink. Also bring anything you built over the summer to show-and-tell it!



Note: There were no general meetings in either July or August. -ed.

Board Meeting Minutes 07/22/10

The WVARA met on Thursday, July 22, 2010, at 7:05 P.M. Those present were President Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Vice-President Chuck Procarione, W9COD; Treasurer Nick Vinardi, N9WG; Secretary Bette Young, KC9GWT; Trustee Dave Pifer, N9YNF; Past President Gary Adams, W9EEU and Member at Large Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL. Also attending were Diane Brentlinger, W9SMW, Doug Mullens, KB9JLR and Gary Wheeler, K9ERE. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick announced a total of \$8386.18 in all Club accounts and moved his report be accepted. Chuck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Old Business: (1) Field Day 2010 was discussed and all attending felt the activities of the event were very successful. Kevin stated he would like to have an "After Action Meeting" possibly at the August picnic. (2) There was nothing new to report on the Repeater Upgrade. (3) Everything is OK at Club Station #2. (4) There was nothing new to report on obtaining a building for the Club. (5) The Club 2010 Meeting Schedule remains the same. (6) It was decided to send the \$100.00 to reserve a bus for the Dayton Hamfest. A decision whether to move forward with the trip will be made by March. Chuck so moved and Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7) The Board decided to put a notice in September's issue of The Bandspread that bids would be accepted for the K9MEL generator until the Board Meeting in September. A minimum bid of \$75.00 would be required. (8) The Board will use the CSEPP WX Radios for a project later this fall. (9) The SGC tuner from the communications trailer has been shipped back to the company. **New Business:** (1) Capital Project Fund - Ted Brentlinger, stated that he was "proposing a fund for capital improvements and endowments to be accumulated over time to be used only for durable and long life projects." He further stated that [he] "felt the need to encourage the membership and community to build the fund by donations or bequeaths." The Board then discussed how the fund would be kept. Among the options discussed were a Certificate of Deposit or the Community Foundation. The Board decided to consider and be prepared at the September Board Meeting to put a proposal together to be voted on at the October Board Meeting. (2) The Board also will formulate a modification to the Bylaws regarding the formation of a Policy and Procedures manual at the August Picnic Board Meeting. Gary Wheeler and Dave Pifer will work on this. (3) There is a need for a Vehicle Committee/Chairman. This committee/person would oversee maintaining operations of the Communications Trailer and the Antenna Trailer. Chuck and Doug stated their desire to be on that committee. (4) Doug Mullens suggested the use of the RV to be used as a booth to recruit future hams at the National Night Out to be held from 5 to 9 P.M. on August 3. The Board voiced their

support for the operation. The Board will meet again at the Picnic on August 14 at the home of Gary and Pat Wheeler. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

--Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes 08/14/10

The August meeting of the WVARA was held at the Club Picnic on August 14, 2010. President Kevin Berlen, K9HX, opened the meeting at 5:37 P.M. Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice President; Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary; David Pifer, N9YNF, Trustee; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Past President and Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member At Large were the officers present. Other members present were Gary Wheeler, K9ERE; Ron Young, AB9GI; Steve Shorter, NT9T; John Voight, K9GBO and Joe Cloutier, K9JAC. **Secretary's Report:** Chuck moved to accept the Secretary's Report and Ted seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: (1) There is nothing new to report on the repeater upgrade. (2) Club Station #2 is in good shape. (3) Parke County Digi will be on before the end of August. (4) Ted had received a letter that the city of Terre Haute will be taking sealed bids on the Farrington Groves Building (the old fire house on south 4th). Bids are due September 13 at 2:00 P.M. for 90% of the appraised value which is between \$60,000.00 and \$90,000.00. After reading the letter, Joe ask about other locations including the State Police building south of Terre Haute. After much discussion concerning the attributes of each building Chuck moved that the Club place a bid of \$1555.55 on the Farrington Grove building. Gary seconded the motion. After further discussion the motion carried with one no-vote. (5) The Board will continue to review and discuss the Policy and Procedures Manual next month. (6) David, has been named the Vehicle Communications Chairman for the K9VDQ trailer and the Communications Trailer. **New Business:** (1) The Parke County Emergency Management has inquired if the Club would put a class together in Parke County for their people. The possibility of opening the class to the public was discussed. A weekend blitz was discussed. Kevin wanted the Board to be aware of the request. Ron, will look into this matter. (2) Meeting Schedule: September will be a Cook Out and discussion of "What Did you Do on Summer Vacation?" (3) John spoke to the Board about grant opportunities. One of these is with Union Hospital Foundation. Another was Community Service/Garmong. (4) Ray Andrews, K9DUR, has worked on the club data base and would like feedback on the progress. (5) Chuck reported the Radio Van (RV) will be appearing at parades such as the Cory Apple Festival and the ISU Homecoming Parade. (6) The possibility of moving the August Picnic date to a cooler part of the year was brought up by Gary, K9ERE. No decision was made. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

--Respectfully submitted - Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary



New Upgrade to General Class Announced

Ron, AB9GI, has announced that a new Upgrade to General class will begin at 7 P.M., Indiana time, Tuesday, September 7th at the Glas-Col annex (old post office) on 8th street behind Glas-Col Apparatus. Each class will run from 7 to somewhere between 9 and 9:30 P.M.

Ron would like to know approximately how many textbooks to order so if you plan to attend the class, please contact him at ab9gi@hotmail.com. This is not mandatory, however. If you decide only at the last minute, you are still welcome to just show up on the first class session. The cost for text and materials will be around \$35.

Ten Years Ago and Counting -- Corrections from the Summer Edition

The rules changes which went into effect on April 15, 2000, did NOT eliminate the Morse Code requirement.

The April 2000 change to Part 97 had 2 major impacts:

- 1.) No new Novice or Advanced class licenses were issued after that date.
- 2.) The Morse Code requirement for the General and Amateur Extra class licenses was reduced to 5 wpm.

On April 30, 2000 the WVARA held a special paperwork-only session to accommodate those who were eligible for an upgrade without having to take a test as a result of the Morse Code reduction. That session was led by the VE Team Liaison, Bob Harker, KC9UU.

The Morse Code requirement was not totally dropped until February 23, 2007.

-- by Ray Andrews, K9DUR

Notice -- Notice -- Notice -- Notice

Effective with the test session to be held on October 3, 2010, all test sessions held in Terre Haute will begin at 1:30 P.M. Indiana time. Church commitments make it difficult for the VE team to be ready for a 1 p.m. starting time. The test dates will remain the same and there are no changes to the test sessions held in Paris, IL.

-- Ray Andrews, K9DUR

Testing Results for August 1, 2010, Terre Haute Testing Session

The testing session held in Terre Haute on August 1, 2010 served 5 applicants. The results were 2 upgrades from Technician to General, one new General, and one new Technician.

73, Ray, K9DUR

For Sale -- For Sale -- For Sale -- For Sale

The WVARA is selling a 5000 watt generator. It is powered by an 11 HP Briggs and Stratton electric start engine. The engine runs flawlessly, however the generator puts out extremely low voltage.

The minimum bid is \$75.

The WVARA will take sealed bids until the beginning of the September Board meeting which will begin around 9 P.M., September 3, at the Glas-col Annex (Old post office) behind Glas-col on 8th street.

Notice -- Notice -- Notice -- Notice

Vigo County ARES will be holding monthly meetings on the first Monday of the Month. The September meeting is on the 6th and will be a debriefing of the National Night Out operation. Everybody's welcome.

Also be sure to check out the Vigo County ARES website at vigocountyares.com

Doug Mullens, KB9JLR, Emergency Coordinator, Vigo County ARES®

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The New RV (Radio Vehicle)

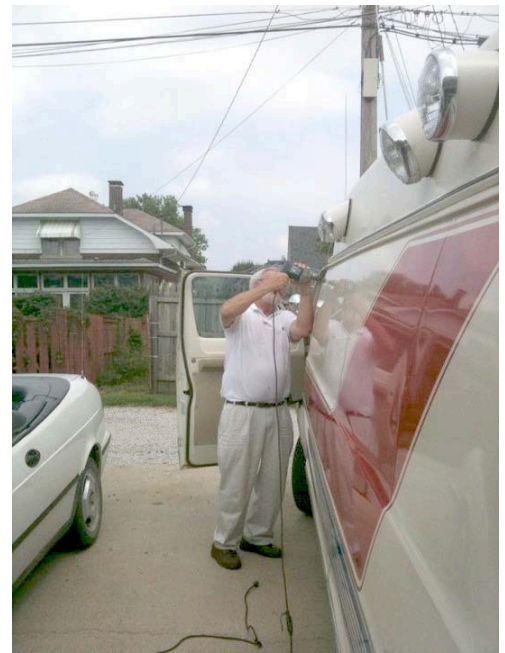
As a lot of you have heard and seen the Club now has a new (old) communications tool in its toolbox.

First a bit of history. The 1976 Dodge ambulance was donated to Clark County ARES a few years ago by the ESDA director in Clark County IL, with the understanding it would remain in Clark County for 3 years. We procured an MOU with the WVARA and recently started outfitting the old girl for ham radio service. It of course has to be safe and reliable. New brakes and brake lines were installed, steering tightened, oil changed and greased, lights replaced where needed and brought to excellent running condition. Chuck, W9COD, has done 90% of the work. He is a master of a lot of things besides cooking and operating. Most of the equipment inside has been donated by W9COD, N9YRX and the Vermillion County EOC to date. The vehicle has been insured, titled and will spend its inaugural debut at the National Night Out later this month. We expect it to be well received by a lot of people both visitors and officials. There is still a lot to do to: lettering for the outside, refinement of the operating capabilities inside and putting it to good use.

The primary purpose of the RV is to serve as a communications tool during disasters, serving Clay, Vermillion, Vigo, Sullivan and Clark counties. The secondary purpose is to promote Amateur Radio, get more people licensed and involved that did not know Amateur Radio exists. The first is self-explanatory. The second is to be accomplished by giving Amateur Radio as much visibility as possible in public events, parades, and festivals in the area. Due to legal liability, we have limited the insured drivers to a few to keep insurance costs down, but the van can be requested to be at a given location by ANY club member for the purposes described above.

To date the majority of the expenses have been funded by myself and most of the work by Chuck with help from Doug, KB9JLR. We do need more funding and more help!!! Any donations made to this should be given to the Club treasurer with a note or comment that it's to be used for the van. You will be given a receipt that will give you a tax deduction under the 501(C)(3) status of the Club.

John VanSandt, N9YRX





It was the hottest day yet in 2010 with a record-setting dewpoint of 80 and near-record temperature. At this time, we don't have a head count but last year's attendance was around 10,000.

ARES volunteers worked in oppressive heat for long hours to successfully head off or solve problems which occurred both before and during the event.

Here are some excerpts from a message to ARES members that Doug wrote following the event:

"I can't tell you all how proud I am of you and the work everyone did. I believe we showed all there that we can handle anything that is asked of us and do in professional manor." "We handled multiple lost children and people down with heat and we could not have done it better."

"...we proved that we can handle stressful situations and do it 110% correctly."

"We have been invited back next year already and I personally was told numerous times that we were doing a great job and was thanked for all our hard work."

"In closing I want to say thank you and tell you that this group is tops in my book. Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting."



Dorene Hojnicky, DO, Vigo County EMA Director

We regret that we did not get the name of the other individual.

We were personally present representing *The Bandspread* so we can attest to all the hard work put in by the *non-paid* volunteers representing Vigo County ARES. Our hat is off to them for the magnificent job they did! -ed.

The next Vigo County ARES meeting is the regularly-scheduled meeting on the first Monday of the month which will be September 5. It will be a debriefing meeting regarding the National Night Out. -ed



Vigo Co. ARES E.C., Doug Mullens, KB9JLR, in the radio room of the Vigo Co. EMA trailer

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Sunday Night Net Manager: Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF



We know. Our attempt at a composite photo is pathetic but at least it gives an idea of the preparatory meeting for the 'Night Out'. Didn't know that Nick had a twin, eh?



Doug, KB9JLR



Nick, N9WG



George, AB9WB and Dominick, KA9RDK



The EMA trailer, the only air-conditioned spot all day, finally arrives!!!



L-R Jim, KC9JOD, Nick, N9WG, Gene, N9NJ, unknown person, Dan, W9OOT



Kyle, KB9ZGN and John T., K9PIE



Jeff, AB9WR and Steve, KC9RBU



Pam, KC9JMA and Ray, K9DUR



Jim, KC9JOD



Bob, KB9PTM



Steve, NT9T and Debbie, KC9AOR



Jim, KA9DIF representing Catholic Charities and Ryves Youth Center



First time on display is the Clark County ARES RV (Radio Van), or, as Chuck, W9COD, calls it, "The Ham Wagon."



John, Chuck and Doug have put a lot of work into converting the 1976 ambulance. A number of visitors, both hams and non-hams dropped by.



Above: The Army brings in a Blackhawk chopper which citizens could tour.

Below: Lifeline brought in its own, a little bit later. Sorry folks, no rides.



The police gave golf cart rides.

Ben, KC9FPO, In CAP garb

John T. and Gene again

Here are two ways they kept the kids from overheating. The red container just contains water; the blue bucket contains ICE CUBES!



We'd really really like to do this.....

but it was only for TV coverage.

And this too!

But not this.

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic

You know all these folks, right? Because you were *there*, right?



Only David and Mary's plus Charla and Bob's kids swam. Bet others wish they had. Hey, when you're as old as we are, anyone under 40 is a "kid!" -ed.

Chuck, W9COD, sent us some photos from the Lafayette Hamfest. No text was included but we think they pretty much speak for themselves.

Pictured here, of course, bottom and top right, is Doug, KB9JLR. Bottom right is Jim, WD9EYB.

THX, Chuck!



WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2011

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

Well, summer is almost gone, and fall will be upon us soon. Time for the Fall/Winter WVARA meeting schedule to once again commence. Our September meeting will be a cookout /carry in to help get the fall started off on the right foot. Everyone bring a covered dish, and come out on September 3rd and join us for a great time, and some great fellowship.

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One item of business that we need to deal with. As most of you know, we have been interested in obtaining a building for the Club to operate out of, and as a storage location for all of our "stuff". We have been working with the City of Terre Haute on the old Fire Station/Vigo County EMA building located at 4th and Farrington Streets in Terre Haute. The city has declared this property as surplus, and is soliciting bids for its sale. The Club needs to vote on whether or not to proceed with submitting a bid. The Board, during the August meeting, voted to proceed with a bid. It is up to you now if we go forward and actually submit one.

I would like to take the opportunity to invite each of you to our second annual Club camping weekend, September 11&12 at Lincoln Trail State Park. We had a great time last fall, and I am looking forward to the event this year. Please plan to come out sometime on Saturday, regardless and join us for some good food. Don't forget to bring a covered dish and folding chairs.

There'll probably be some HF work as well. We will have an antenna or two up and should have a chance to work a few stations.

Hope everyone can make it to the meeting on Friday September 3rd.

Until then, 73,

Kevin, K9HX

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WVARA VE TESTING

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

1st Sunday of even-numbered months; **1:30 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.

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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

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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

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September 9 Terre Haute