

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th,
OCT 1: (old Post Office bldg). Turn south at Hulman and 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

Amendment vote at the next meeting...(see p. 7) Oct. 1

Pre-meeting meeting at Rick's Smokehouse... Oct. 1

Deuces Wild Duathlon ... (See article, p. 7) Oct. 9



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PARADE, CAMPOUT HIGHLIGHT SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES



Labor Day Parade

It was an unusually cool morning for this year's Labor Day parade and it was the first year that Vigo County ARES had an entry in the parade. It was the newly redesigned Radio Vehicle (RV) which had undergone significant modification by N9YRX, W9COD, N9JLR and others. (See recent issues of *The Bandspread*.)

A number of people showed up to drive and walk the parade route handing out candy and ARRL stickers.

Although not completely finished, the RV was there, putting the Vigo County ARES organization in the public eye.

We congratulate all those who helped make the RV possible in the first place and those who drove and walked the parade route on Labor Day, 2010. —ed.

For more photos, see p. 3



WVARA Campout

The stalwarts gathered, one by one, on Friday the 10th for the second annual WVARA campout on September 10th, 11th and 12th at Lincoln Trail State Park.

The NWS said it was going to rain off and on all weekend. Well, they were partly right. When we went to bed late Friday night it was still totally dry. However, it did finally begin raining around 2 A.M. However, campers and RVers know that there is nothing as relaxing as the sound of rain on the roof while you are snug in your bed. We had a backup plan in case it rained all day but around 8 A.M., it stopped and by the middle of the morning the moisture had mostly evaporated.

Kevin started a fire and got the beans cooking while a number of YLs went to town shopping and they also visited Charla at her shop. By 2 P.M. the clouds parted and the rest of the weekend was sunshiny and gorgeous!

Chuck, Doug and some others set up a station, strung up a Slinky antenna in some nearby trees and were on the air in short order.

In the middle of the afternoon a number of other folks arrived for the CAARLA meeting. Meanwhile, the beans continued baking

over the fire in preparation for the Saturday night feed. In late afternoon, our resident chef, Chuck, began setting up the barbeque using three different cookers.

Given the number of RVs on site, there was no shortage of freezers, refrigerators, ovens and microwaves to produce the rest of the spread. Still others arrived to join us for the late Saturday afternoon feed as the ladies were setting out the rest of the food. It was scrumptious as always.

Oh, and if you come out on a fancy motorcycle, be prepared to be mobbed by a gaggle of the curious and the jealous.

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This Month's Program

It's time again for the annual Homebrew Night. Come out and see what Amateur Radio thingy your fellow hams have constructed recently as they share it with everyone. Or if it's too big, they may bring photos instead!

Local Nets (Note change!)

Sunday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
WVARA Net	145.685/R	*
Monday Evening	8:00 P.M.	ET
Vigo Co. Em. Svs. 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
Vermillion 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	Whenever needed	
	145.230/R	

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



General Meeting Minutes 09/04/10

The General meeting of the WVARA was held on Friday, September 4, beginning at 7:54 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Vice President Chuck Procarione, W9COD, led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no new or upgraded licenses.

Announcements: (1) The WVARA Board meeting will follow this meeting. (2) The 2nd annual WVARA Camping Weekend will be held September 11 and 12 at Lincoln Trail State Park, Marshall, IL. (3) The General Upgrade class will begin Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 P.M. (4) CAARLA will meet at 4 P.M. at the Lincoln Trail Campground Saturday, Sept. 11. QCWA will also meet at the campground. (5) Ray, K9DUR, announced the Vigo County ARES will meet Monday, Sept. 13. (6) John, N9YRX, announced that more CAMA Bike Rally T-Shirts are available for those who did not originally pick theirs up. The Deuces Wild Duathlon will be held October 9 at Mill Creek Park. The Terre Haute Labor Day Parade entries will meet that morning at 11th and Eagle. (7) Dave, N9YNF, stated that Vigo County Family Learning Day will be Sept. 25 from 9 A.M. until noon. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary's Report will stand as published. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer, stated there is a total of \$8,331.30 in all Club accounts. He asked that his report be put in the form of a motion. Ron, N9ZXO, seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss. **New Business:** Tom Ming, N9OFF, moved to place a bid of \$1555.55 on the building at Fourth and Farrington. Joe, KC9JAC, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes 09/04/10

The September meeting of the WVARA Board was called to order at 9:02 P.M. by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX, on September 4, 2010. Members present were, Kevin Berlen, K9HX, President; Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice President; Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer; David Pifer, N9YNF, Trustee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large and Gary Adams, W9EEU, Past President. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report stands as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick reported a total of \$8,331.30 in all Club accounts. **Old Business:** (1) Kevin reported there was nothing new on the repeater upgrade. (2) Chuck will write the bid on the building and Fourth and Farrington and hand deliver it to the Board of Works. (3) Chuck will check with Doug, KB9JLR, regarding the program for the

November meeting. (4) Ray, K9DUR, will check with the Indianapolis club regarding sharing a bus to the Dayton Hamfest. The Club has until March 31, 2011, to withdraw their deposit on the bus. (5) The project to donate the CSEPP WX radios is on hold. **New Business:** (1) No bids have been received prior to the beginning of this business meeting on the K9MEL generator. Kevin relinquished the chair to Chuck and bid \$75.00. David moved bids be closed and Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried. The bid was accepted. (2) Hamfest 2011 was discussed. A date change was discussed along with venue issues but it was decided not to make a change for 2011. Nick was given permission to go ahead as soon as the Guard schedule is available and reserve the facility. (3) Tubes are needed for the AMERITRON amp in Club Station 2. The cost is about \$90.00, which is under the limit for needing membership approval. Gary will order them. (4) The SGC tuner obtained from the Rockville estate sale was inoperative upon receipt. It is now fixed and is back in the com trailer. (5) David suggested the Club create a new by-law amendment. It reads: *"The WVARA may establish a Policy and Procedures Manual, which consists of guidelines that are to be used in the daily operations and management of the WVARA and will be maintained by the Executive Board."* David moved and Chuck seconded the motion to accept this wording as proposed by Gary. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

- Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

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Sunday Night Net Manager: Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF



The parade opened with 'the cavalry' followed by trooping of the colors.



There was a long interval before we finally saw the RV (Radio Vehicle) driven by John, N9YRX, with YF, Ann, as Co-pilot.



Handing out candy and ARRL stickers were Chuck, W9COD, Ann, KC9RBF, Jeff, AB9WR, Joe, KC9JAC, and Dominick, KA9RDK



We finished the campout Sunday morning with a pancake and sausage breakfast, again supervised by our resident cook. We began breaking up around 11 A.M. but only after we decided to do it again on the weekend of October 29 – 31, Halloween. This will not be an official Club activity, but a number of us have already reserved campsites at the same location so come join us if you can but you'd better bring warmer clothes this time. There will be a campfire again but we'll probably sit closer this time. – ed.



Chuck, W9COD and Ron, AB9GI put up a Slinky antenna and then proceed to load it... maybe.



The official camp radio station is up and running with the addition of Doug, KB9JLR and Joe, KC9JAC.



Gwen was the center of attention as she just had to have more munchies from McKayla.

Grandma and Grandpa were always a safe retreat as Jake looks on.



Debbie, KC9AOR and Pam, K9JMA arrive for CAARLA.

The beans cooked all day long!

Bette, KC9GWT with Diane, W9SMW and Ted, K9SGL.



Pat, Pam, Donetta, McKayla, Kandie, Terry, Bette, Debbie and Diane

Chuck and Kevin get all three cookers going.



Kevin, K9HX and Gary, W9EEU



Melanie, KC9JMC and Diane, W9SMW



Randy, Kandie, Ted, Diane and Pat, KA9ALI



Joe, Gary, Doug, Chuck and Ron admire Gary's Honda land yacht. Your editor's envy was as green and the grass.



There's nothing like an evening fire, especially with Chuck's 'patented' marshmallow roaster. Kandie, Randy and McKayla wait patiently.



It was actually darker than it looks in this shot.



The marshmallow roaster from another angle.



Morning and Kevin knows how to start a quick fire!



The Sunday morning meal was a laid-back breakfast of pancakes and sausages, just before breaking camp.

Note: all photos in this issue were staff photos because neither Kevin nor Doug sent us "the photo"! Tsk!

The agenda for the Vigo Co. ARES September meeting had for two main purposes. One was to hold a debriefing session for the first National Night Out in which ARES participated for the first time. The other was to announce a new format for the weekly ARES net (See below).

The substance of the debriefing, minus the details, was that they were called upon to provide much more than communications. This involved them in, among other things, controlling gates and generally making decisions above and beyond the scope of providing communications. The general consensus was that this was good training because in an emergency, ARES will almost certainly be called upon in the future to handle situations that have not been previously planned. Decisions will have to be made without much time for deliberation. Doug, KB9JLR, Vigo Co. E.C., felt that under the circumstances, which included extreme heat and humidity, ARES members did a terrific job. Event officials apparently agreed and they were hired on the spot for next year's event.



Vigo County ARES Net Changes

Vigo County ARES has recently implemented some major changes to its weekly net. The goal of these changes is to enable the net to more fully support the operations of Vigo County ARES. Previously, the net was merely another "social" net, with no real relevance to emergency communications. The Vigo County Emergency Coordinator Doug Mullens, KB9JLR, wanted the net to provide practice in actual emergency net operations and to provide formal training for real-life emergency situations.

Traditionally, the net has been held on Sunday mornings. That time slot could never provide time for the training desired. Therefore, it was decided to move the net to Monday evenings at 8:00 P.M. Indiana time. This will provide a one-hour time slot before the Clay County ARES net which is held at 9:00 P.M. Indiana time, on 146.580 MHz simplex. The net will operate every Monday evening except the week of the monthly Vigo County ARES meeting, which is usually the first Monday of the month and will continue to utilize the 146.685 MHz repeater.

In addition, it was decided to change the format of the net to utilize the types of operating procedures that would normally be used for emergency communications. This includes a more streamlined roll call & check-in procedure, eliminating the "comment" portion of the net, and adding a training segment. The net will also provide opportunities for training in formal message handling procedures and for training potential net control operators.

The final change is to the roll call itself, which will consist only of Vigo County stations. Amateurs from surrounding counties are more than welcome to participate, but they will not be listed on the actual roll call. Rather they will be invited to check in following the regular roll call.

In the event of an area-wide disaster, such as widespread flooding, blizzards, or severe weather outbreaks, stations from surrounding counties will more than likely be involved with emergency operations in their own counties and not available to Vigo County ARES. Therefore, it is essential that we recruit & train Vigo County operators to act as net control station operators and to be proficient in providing the communications required by the agencies that we serve here in Vigo County.

These changes to the net are only the first step in improving the capabilities of Vigo County ARES. There are plans in the works for joint training exercises with surrounding counties to provide practice in coordinating our efforts with operations in other counties. Also, there may be no-notice exercises to test our ability to respond quickly to an emergency situation. The National Night Out proved our ability to react to and cope with a rapidly changing scenario. The only way to maintain that state of readiness is by continuous training in the basic skills required. That is what these changes to the weekly Vigo County ARES net are intended to provide.

- Ray Andrews, K9DUR



Proposed Amendment to the WVARA Constitution

In order for the WVARA Board to make more transparent a set of policies which it already operates by, the following amendment to the Bylaws has been suggested:

“The WVARA may establish a Policy and Procedures Manual, which consists of guidelines that are to be used in the daily operations and management of the WVARA and will be maintained by the Executive Board.”

It will be discussed and voted upon by the membership at the October general meeting. - ed.

Deuces Wild Duathlon

The Deuces Wild Duathlon will again be held at Mill Creek Park, northwest of Marshall, on October 9.

To volunteer or get more information, e-mail John VanSandt at n9yrx@hotmail.com catch him on the Sunday night WVARA net on 146.685, pl 151.4 at 9:00 P.M., Indiana time or on the Wednesday night Clark Co. Emergency Services net on 146.595 simplex.

He can still use more people and it's always a good time.

Vermillion Co. Emergency Exercise

WVARA members provided additional operations support as Vermillion County officials tested their communications capacity during a recent August practice exercise. Ham radio operators supported a mostly-tabletop exercise headquartered at Vermillion County's EOC in Clinton, and were deployed to various locations throughout the County.

ARES Emergency Coordinator Chuck, W9COD, coordinated the effort, which was sponsored by the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Emergency Management Director, Mark O'Heir. Club members helping out included Chuck, Dave, N9FMD, and Doug, KB9JLR.



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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 hope everyone has had a good summer. If you have any pending outdoor antenna projects, I hope you can get them wrapped up before much longer. We have had a fairly mild fall, but the snow will undoubtedly be here before long.

Our second annual camping weekend was a great success. We had five families that came over and camped at Lincoln Trail for the weekend, and several others that joined with us at various times. Despite the threat of rain, we had good weather, and a great time. I hope you will plan to join us next year for the third annual event next fall.

Our annual home brew contest will be the program for the October meeting. I look forward to seeing the various projects come in. Building various items for use in our stations and workbenches is one aspect of our hobby that is very rewarding. There is nothing more satisfying than making the first contact using a piece of equipment that you have constructed from various parts. Bring your projects in and let the rest of us see what you have done. Thus is one of my favorite programs each year.

I hope each of you can make the meeting this month.

Until then, 73.

Kevin, K9HX

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