

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday Dec 3: General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th, (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 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

Yearly Club Election Dec. 3

Christmas Party Dec. 4

Crosley Radio Players "It's a Wonderful Life" .. Dec. 19



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GOOD TURNOUT FOR EMA FIELD TRIP



On Monday, November 1, we took a field trip to the Vigo Co. Emergency Management Agency (EMA), at the Air National Guard based at Hulman Field. Security seemed light although they were expecting us.

The EOC is now located in what was the firehouse when the F-16s were based here in Terre Haute. There is plenty of rooms to house the various activities and equipment that is the Vigo Co. EMA.

After the tour of the building and the mobile command trailer, which was also at Field Day the past two years, we were ushered into the large command center which is equipped with numerous terminals and a large projection screen in the front upon which we had a demonstration of WebEOC.

Information about WebEOC, from a local perspective was not available for this article, so we went online and excerpted information to supplement what

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - NOVEMBER 2010

"BYLAWS ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS"

Section I - Nominating Committee

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President in September to select a slate of candidates who have agreed to serve as officers if elected. The committee's report will be due in November and shall be published in the December issue of The Bandspread."

It is NOT the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to find every qualified candidate for each office. It is rather to find *at least one* qualified candidate for each office to ensure that we have a complete, capable and

This Month's Program

At press time we aren't certain. It's one of the following two possibilities:
John Sower, formerly on the staff of White House communications for President Bush.

Kevin Berlen, on the statewide communications trunking system here in Indiana.

Functioning WVARA board of directors.

To this end, we have set three main qualifications for our search for a candidate for each position on the slate:

1. Qualified for the particular position.
2. Has the time to devote to the task.
3. Is willing to serve.

That said, we have sought and received agreement from the following people to serve as the 2011 WVARA Board of Directors, *if elected*:

PRESIDENT: Kevin Berlen, K9HX
VICE PRES: Nick Vinardi, N9WG
SECRETARY: John, VanSandt, N9YRX
TREASURER: Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR
TRUSTEE: Gary Adams, W9EEU

This does *not* mean that others whom we may have overlooked would not do as fine a job nor that they should be overlooked in the upcoming election. So... if there are any of you out there who would like to run for office in the WVARA, please contact me or any current board member and we will see that you are put on the official ballot in the December election along with those listed above.

-Respectfully submitted, Gary Wheeler, K9ERE

Local Nets

Sunday Evening 9:00 P.M. ET
WVARA Net 146.685/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
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 Whenever needed
WX Net 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 11/05/10

The WVARA met in regular session on Friday, November 5, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. President Kevin Berlen, K9HX, called the meeting to order and Chuck Procarione, W9COD, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Tim Ridgeway, KC9TDO, reported he has upgraded to a General license. **Announcements:** (1) The Board Meeting will follow the regular meeting. (2) The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 4, at World Gospel Church. We will meet at 6:30 P.M. and after eating we'll have another "Dirty" gift bag exchange as per last year. (3) The QCWA will meet at Pizza City Saturday, Nov. 6, at noon. (4) CAARLA will meet at Glas-Col Saturday, Nov. 6, at 11:30 A.M. (5) Ron, AB9GI, asked if there was any interest in a basic electronics class. Five or six members showed interest. (6) John, N9YRX, announced there will be a Christmas Parade in Brazil on Nov. 26. The Radio Van will leave Terre Haute at 4:30 P.M. to be in the parade. Volunteers are welcome; contact N9YRX@hotmail.com. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's report will stand as printed in The Bandspread. **Treasurer's Report:** Club Treasurer Nick Vinardi, N9WG, stated there is a total of \$8,567.45 in all accounts. He requested that this be placed in the form of a motion. Debbie Cox, W9DLC, seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was noted that dues for 2011 are now due. **Old Business:** (1) The building at 4th and Farrington is again available. The city has stated they have invested \$3,750.00 in legal fees, etc. Due to the generosity of a Club member, the Club can purchase the building at no cost to the Club. Utilities and liability insurance would be immediate and continuing costs to the Club. The building is asbestos free but not handicap accessible. A cost for liability insurance has not been obtained. John T. Bell, K9PIE, moved and Ron Young, AB9GI, seconded that a bid be placed on the building Monday in the amount of \$3761.22. Paper ballots were used for voting and the motion carried with 27 voting yes, 4 no and one abstention. A bid will be placed at city hall by Chuck, W9COD, on Monday, Nov. 8. All are welcome to attend. (2) Ray, K9DUR, stated the Indy Radio Club may be interested in splitting the cost of a bus to Dayton, Ohio. **New Business:** (1) Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following qualifications for a position as a club board member. First, the member must be qualified for the position, second the member should have sufficient time to devote to the position and third the member must be willing to serve. This year's slate is as follows: President - Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Vice President - Nick Vinardi, N9WG; Treasurer - Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR; Secretary - John VanSandt, N9YRX; and Trustee - Gary Adams, W9EEU. After the break the half-pot drawing was held with Gary Adams winning. The program was presented by Ray, K9DUR with a DX-Pedition video. It was also noted the WVARA was "First in Class" in the 9A for the 2010 ARRL Field Day.

-Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes 11/05/10

The Board of the WVARA met on Friday, November 5, 2010. President Kevin Berlen, K9HX, called the meeting to order at 9:30 P.M. Other Board members present were: Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice-President; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer; Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Past President and Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member At Large. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was ac-

cepted as printed in The Bandspread. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick stated there was a total of \$8,567.45 in all Club accounts and asked that this be placed in the form of a motion. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) There are some concerns about antennas at Club Station #2. (2) It was agreed Chuck would place a bid on the building at 4th and Farrington. The bid will be submitted at City Hall on Monday, Nov. 8 and all are welcome to attend. (3) 2010 Meeting Schedule - At the December meeting elections will be held and Kevin will have a presentation. (4) Capital Projects Fund - A proposal for wording was presented to the Board and discussed. The proposal will be re-written and presented at our next meeting. (5) Hamfest 2011 - Nick stated he has been unable to contact the person he needs to speak with at the Guard. He will continue to attempt to contact someone. (6) APRS K-9 Team - Nick is putting a meeting together for this group. **New Business:** (1) The Christmas Party will be held at the World Gospel Church on Saturday, December 4 at 6:30 P.M. A \$5.00 "Dirty" gift bag exchange will also be held again this year. Gary moved that the Club pay \$125.00 for the use of World Gospel Church. Nick seconded the motion. Motion carried. (2) IN QSO Party 2011 - The bonus station will no longer be a part of the Indiana QSO party, held the first weekend in May. (3) Comm Trailer - Some items discussed were the physical layout and ramps to get generator on and off. John, N9YRX, and a committee will evaluate the equipment already in the trailer. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

-Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary



ANNOUNCEMENT

After due consideration and discussion by those attending the last meeting, it was determined that since so many scheduled meetings have recently been co-opted by such things as the picnic, duathlon, hamfests and other amateur-related as well as non-amateur-related activities, we might try a quarterly meeting schedule. Furthermore, while a Saturday meeting day seems preferable, we will attempt to schedule each quarterly meeting on a date which does not conflict, if possible, with any other Amateur Radio activity. Also, we'll publicize the meeting date well ahead of time, in all available media, so stay tuned.

Dues are Due!

If you haven't paid your 2011 dues yet, they are due. They are just \$20. Family members are another \$5 each. A good time to take care of this might be at the Club meeting on December 3rd. They'll even take them at the Christmas party the next night at World Gospel Church! Or, just mail them to P.O. Box 10081, Terre Haute, IN 47801.

We thank you for your continued support.

BTW, if you paid dues anytime after September 1, 2010, they apply to 2011 as well.



we saw during our visit to the Vigo Co. EOC. The entire source we used may be found at: [http://igic.org/committees/corps/WebEOC Flyer.pdf](http://igic.org/committees/corps/WebEOC%20Flyer.pdf) - ed.

What is WebEOC?

WebEOC is a crisis information management system, used by the State of Indiana, as a communications platform for local, county and state emergency managers/homeland security partners. This tool is used to help capture emergency and disaster information. The system is a [computer] platform, which will support real-time, simultaneous information sharing. During an emergency or disaster, the system allows emergency management partners to share information, document issues and track missions supporting local incident commanders [Individuals on-scene at an incident who are responsible for making sometimes life-saving decisions]. WebEOC is used on a daily basis in Indiana by emergency management personnel at the local, county and state level."

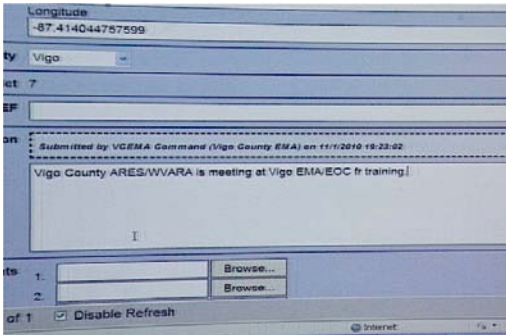
During an Emergency

"As public safety personnel respond to an incident, their dispatch centers can provide them with many resources. At times, larger incidents require resources that dispatch centers may not have access to. Other incidents, such as a tornado outbreak, may impact multiple areas in one county, or multiple counties. This is when the emergency management agency for each county becomes a key partner in responding to these incidents. WebEOC allows information about the emergency and incidents to be shared with key partners, track resource requests from the incident command posts, and allow key partners to support operations."

Our Impression

Of course, what we saw of WebEOC was a simple, unclassified view of a screen mostly devoid of information. One has to be vetted and be a part of an emergency management agency before one can even see any of the classified information it contains. It would seem to us that the ability to link local, state and even national emergency agencies in real time would be an invaluable tool for saving lives in time of emergency, either of a natural origin such as tornado or flood, or of a man-made incident such as a terrorist attack. And, it's long overdue. We were impressed.

The question remains however: If, or more likely *when*, the computer/web-based information infrastructure collapses, due to a number of well-known and very likely causes, what will they do then? Maybe that's why they need Amateur Radio. - ed.



Some Random Photos from the November Club Meeting



We're here at Rick's Smokehouse for the "meeting before the meeting" most months. Come join us. We're in the back room.



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Server or if you have a problem receiving the **eBandspread**.
Sunday Night Net Manager, Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF



Jerry Arnold, K9AF confers with sound guru Kendall Myers, W0THI. Seen also are Doc Long, Tom McClanahan and Kevin Berlen, K9HX, in second photo.



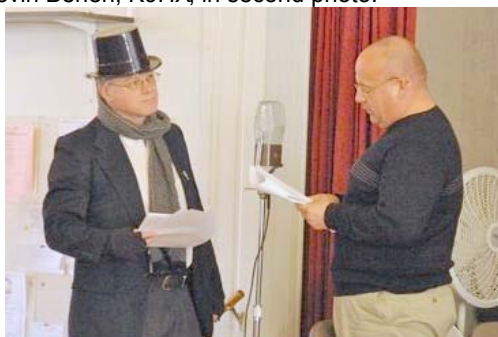
Steve Hall and Mike Frost as Oliver Hornblow and the stagecoach driver



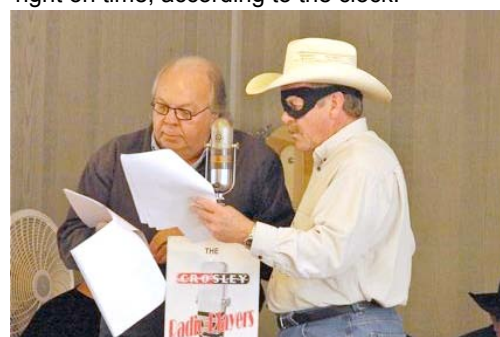
M.C. Jerry Arnold, K9AF, gets the ball rolling right on time, according to the clock.



Pat Wheeler, KA9ALI, Kevin Berlen, K9HX and Mike Longest as Julia, Finchley and Mike



Doc Long and Tom McClanahan as Tonto and the Lone Ranger



A number of the cast work sound effects from time to time.



Steve Hall, Pat Wheeler, KA9ALI, Doc Long, Tom McClanahan and Chuck Mason



Chuck Mason and Bruce Wesley play Slim and Reno



Steve Hall as Bing Crosby



Judy Francis as Hedda Hopper



Steve Hall, Pat Wheeler and Annie Newmister. Annie runs the Busy Bee Cafe.

More of the Crosley Radio Players



Charla Evinger, N9TRS,
is Judy Garland



Steve Hall and Pam Schalburg as
Fibber McGee and Molly



Kevin Berlen, K9HX,
shown here on sound effects



Mike Longest



Mike Frost works sound effects
as well as being the stagecoach driver.



Steve Ridge, KC9RBU, doubles
as Paul Becker and sound effects.



Steve Hall and Pam Schalburg again as Fibber
McGee and Molly (plus Jerry again, of course)



The Senior Citizen's Center on Poplar was a good venue for this performance with ample seating and good acoustics (if not a great dressing room).

(Note: All photos, this edition are staff photos except as credit is otherwise given.)



Two shots from the 'nose-



Yeah, yeah. Rub it in, John. Looks like a Reuben so he must be at Shapiro's.



John's 'Top Hat' capacitance hats for sale



Jack Parker, W8ISH, with Delbert M. Felix, WY9L, this year's IRCC Amateur of the year. Delbert is from Osgood.

(All photos on this page are courtesy of Chuck, W9COD and Gary, W9EEU. TNX guys, for making them available for *The Bandsread!*)

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

This is the time each year when I like to take a look back and reflect on the events that have taken place in the previous 12 months. The WVARA had a very good and productive 2010. The hamfest was a success; we had a terrific Field Day activity that resulted in a first-in-class finish, and a number of other operating and social activities as well. I just want to take the time to thank each of you that participated in any of these activities. This is your club, and without you, we cannot accomplish anything. With you, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

As some of you may be aware, the status of the building that we have been trying to acquire from the City of Terre Haute has not yet been resolved at the time of this writing. There was a competing bid for a higher amount than the Club bid for the property. As soon as we have a decision from the Board of Public Works, we will let everyone know.

I am hoping that everyone will be able to attend the Christmas party (see announcement below). Again this year, Jeff, AB9WR, is organizing live music for our party. The WVARA is very fortunate to have some of the best musicians in the Terre Haute area, and the music at last year's party was one of the highlights. Thank you to Jeff and Ann, along with all of the other WVARA musicians for organizing this effort to be enjoyed by all those who attend.

This time of the year, it is easy to get "wrapped up" (pun intended) in all of the activities, dinners, and gift exchanges that are taking place. I would like to encourage each of you at some point during the month of December to take a short time out from all of the hustle and bustle and to reflect on why we celebrate at this time each year. From the Berlen family to each of your families we would like to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

73, Kevin, K9HX



It's Time for the Annual Christmas Party On Saturday, Dec. 4!



Again this year, it's at the World Gospel Church, IN-46 and Gardendale Rd. It's a pitch-in with the Club providing the meat and drinks. We'll gather around 6:30 P.M. Indiana time and get down to the eats around 7.

Also again this year, we'll have the 'Dirty Gift Exchange'. Everyone who wishes to participate should bring a wrapped gift of around \$5 in value.

All Wabash Valley Amateurs and their families are welcome!

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

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!

DECEMBER 5 TERRE HAUTE

JANUARY 8 PARIS

RYVES 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

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