

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th,
March 4: (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

- DUGGER HAMFEST, Community Building, in the park, Mar. 5
west end of town on highway 54, opening 8 A.M.
- Edgar Co. Severe WX Spotters' Class Mar. 8
6:30 P.M., American Legion Hall, N. of Paris on Rt. 1
- WVARA Hamfest, National Guard Armory Mar. 12
See p. 9 for details.
- Brentlinger Award Dinner, St. Ann's Mar. 19
See p. 9 for details.
- Illiana Skywarn Severe WX Spotters' Class, 7:00 P.M. Mar. 28
See p. 9 for details.



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ICE STORM 2011 - LOOKING BACK



The worst ice storm to hit the Wabash Valley in many years brought the area to a virtual halt to begin February. (See pp. 3 and 4) Photo by Kathy Drake, W9OZZ



The Club meeting to build dipole antennas was postponed for a week but then went ahead successfully the following Friday. (See pp. 5 and 6)

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/Verm. 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



General Meeting Minutes 02/11/2011

The General meeting of the WVARA was called to order on Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Vice President Nick Vinardi, N9WG, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made and upgrades announced with Tom, N9OFF, to General class and Pam, K9JMA, to General class. **Announcements:** (1) The Board meeting will follow this meeting. (2) The Technician class will start on Tuesday, Feb 15, at the Glas-Col annex. (3) There will be a CAARLA meeting on Saturday, also at Glas-Col. (4) There will be no QCWA meeting in Feb. (5) The WVARA Hamfest will be on March 12, at the National Guard Armory on Maple Avenue. (6) The Dugger Hamfest will be March 5th in Dugger. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report will stand as published in The Bandspread. **Treasurers Report:** Jeff, AB9WR, moved his report of \$12,021.84 in all Club accounts be accepted as a motion. Ken Hauptli, N9VKD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) A new Tech class starts on Feb 15, at 7:00 P.M., at the Glas-Col Post Office Annex. (2). Indiana QSO Party is the first Saturday in May. (3) The Terre Haute Triathlon is on May 21. (4) Dayton Hamvention is also May 21 this year. (5) The CAMA Bike Rally is June 4th. **New Business:** (1) The 2011 budget was presented by Jeff, AB9WR. The budget was motioned to be accepted by Gary, W9EEU and seconded by Ray, K9DUR. Motion carried.

- Respectfully submitted, John Van Sandt, N9YRX, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes 02/11/2011

The WVARA Board meeting was called to order at 9:30 P.M., by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Others present were Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Member at Large; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Vice President; Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, Treasurer; John Van Sandt, N9YRX, Secretary; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Trustee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member At Large. Also present were Gary Wheeler, K9ERE and Ray Andrews, K9DUR. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report will stand as published in The Bandspread. **Treasurer's Report:** Jeff, moved his report of \$12,021.84 in all Club accounts be accepted as a motion. Nick seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was moved by Jeff to move \$2000 into an 18 month CD. Nick seconded and motion was carried. Jeff will look for best interest rate and initiate CD. **Old Business:** (1) Repeater upgrade- no update (2) Club station #2 - OCF antenna need repair as a result of the ice storm (3) Hamfest needs a chair person and tables are a new issue this year. (4) APRS K-9 Team - Ray is looking at the Byonics and UIVIEW program. (5) Club building - Chuck is looking at a building on Margret Ave., near the railroad tracks. **New Business:** (1) The Red Cross is asking for participation in drills and exercises. (2) Vigo ARES fundraising. Nick presented a motion to open a separate checking account and use Mission Fish along with the WVARA logo and mission statement under the 501(c)(3). Motion was seconded by Gary and

motion carried. (3) Kevin is looking for ideas to promote ham radio within the Wabash Valley. Kevin will write a piece for the Bandspread (4) The next meeting program will be APRS presented by Doug, N9JLR. Board meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

- Respectfully submitted, John Van Sandt, N9YRX, Secretary



What's This All About?

Click on this link or go to:

<http://www.gofundme.com/APRS-System-for-Search-and-Rescue>

... and find out!

Thanks, Doug, N9JLR

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Sunday Night Net Manager: Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF

When I awoke at 9:00 A.M., the air was cold and my alarm clock was off so I knew I had lost power. Fortunately, I anticipated this and had split firewood previously and had an ample supply ready for the occasion. Starting a fire in my little woodstove, I realized the need for coffee and improvised by placing a slab of flat metal above the woodstove to transfer heat to a simmer pot. 10 minutes later my instant coffee was ready. Priorities first you know!

Having both golf cart batteries as well as a specialized Optima 12v battery, I was not concerned with electrical issues. An inverter was there IF there was need for AC power, but for the time being, DC lights and such were fine.



Lunch approached and I got out some frozen chicken breasts and peeled a few potatoes. A medium pot was filled with water and within an hour, lunch was ready compliments of the woodstove. (See pix.)

As dark approached and still no power, I gathered my various lighting which included LED lamps basically. My house has 4 rooms which I wired with 12v compact fluorescents so lights were not an issue.

After dark it was just a matter of keeping up with the woodstove and entertainment, which was in the form of a DC powered DVD player. I also listened to the Ham group efforts with local relief and evacuations. They really pulled together and got things done.

About 2:00 am the following morning power was restored, ending my 24-hour outage. All in all, my survivalist equipment and preparation minimized most of my issues. Fortunately I was not called for work and was able to stay home.

Morning came and upon going outside, I found multiple tree branches had fallen and one had pierced my garage roof and others had wiped out my carport.

My car had been moved earlier, anticipating this type of damage. What a wild 24 hours.



“Even with all the damage an ice storm creates, there is always beauty and humor to be found.” - Kathy, W9OZZ



“Even the pheasants couldn't stand up very well while walking around on the ice.” - w9OZZ



“My wind meter froze over pretty quickly.” - w9OZZ



What's left of Nick's GAP after the ice worked on it. -photo, N9WG



‘This is ridiculous! Think I'm going to fly south again!’ - photo, W9OZZ

Ice Storm February 2, and 3, 2011



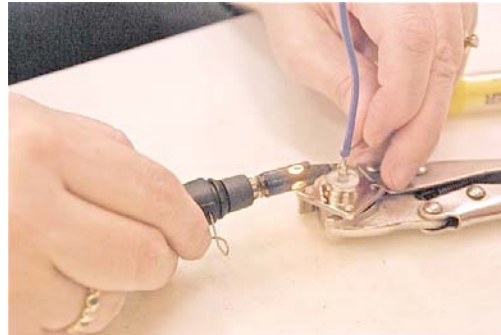
Fence near Nick's. - photo, N9WG



“What the power lines looked like down the road.”
- w9OZZ

February Program: Assembling a Dipole Antenna

Lots of hard work going on here; we'll let the pictures tell the story. Page 5



February Program: Assembling a Dipole Antenna II



How many of the antennas actually resonated, as predicted, Dominick?



How to drill a hole in a pipe, NOT! Relax folks. They were just posing for this photo. Chuck did *not* start the drill!



It should be firmly understood that we only use the latest state-of-the-art equipment here!



Ron, N9ZXO, and Dave, N9YNF, are trying to keep all their fingers where they originally were attached; oh, and saw a PVC pipe too. The trick here is **not** to saw all the way through the yellow miter gauge, let alone the table! Don't try this at home! Or... go ahead and try this at home. Presumably, it would be your gauge and your table.



Doug and Gary, two Region 7 ECs and one DEC. Wait... does that add up right?



We have no idea what John and Carl are up to.



Looks like a couple of our many veterans are telling war stories- John, K9GBO and John T., K9PIE

Counterfeit Icoms

Counterfeit Product Alert

Icom IC-V8

<http://www.wikiradio.org.uk/wiki/images/9/92/IcomIC-V8counterfeit.pdf>

Icom IC-F21

<http://www.wikiradio.org.uk/wiki/images/8/8a/IcomIC-F21counterfeit.pdf>

Icom IC-2720H

<http://www.wikiradio.org.uk/wiki/images/1/1c/IcomIC-2720Hcounterfeit.pdf>

Recently there have been sold counterfeit ICOM IC-V8 radio transceivers on e-bay by an individual in Hong Kong. These are difficult to distinguish from the genuine ones, but there is one giveaway. Key no.2 on the alphanumeric keypad has the digit -2- and the letters -P.BEEP- printed on it if it's a genuine ICOM, the counterfeit has the digit -2- and the letters -VOX- printed on it.

Upon comparison with a genuine IC-V8 it is easy to spot the differences. They are as follows, but not necessarily limited to:

- Upon powering up, -icom- does not flash in the display as with the genuine IV-V8. • Menus work differently.
- Display numbers and icons are different. • The rotary selector does not fully rotate, as it has end stops.
- The manual is of a different size and contains a lot less and different info.
- The 7.2 v -1100 mAh rechargeable battery pack is marked BP-208 instead of BP-209. The optional BP-208 is actually for AA dry cell batteries. • One of the keypad buttons is differently marked, key no. 2 says -vox- in stead of -p.beep- .
- The antenna is shorter and slightly different looking.
- The desktop charger is smaller and has a different size/outline than a genuine one.
- The power adaptor is different and potentially dangerous.(220V version)
- The radio powers up immediately when the battery pack is installed, without pushing the power button .
- The rubber cover for the speaker/mic is different, -Opt- and -Sp/Mic- is marked on the radio chassis rather than on the rubber cover.
- The radios are most likely Jiangnan FB-368s and are not FCC approved.

- Lou WA5LOU

TNX, to John Van Sandt, N9YRX, for this alert! -ed.

Following is a list of WVARA members as of February 15, 2011. If you feel you have paid before this date and therefore should be on this list, please contact the treasurer, Jeff, AB9WR, for clarification. <treasurer@w9uuu.org>

If you have not yet paid, please use this as a reminder that your dues are due for 2011.

- TNX, -ed.

-- Doty, Timothy M Sr	(-Complimentary-)	KC9JPZ -- Swez, John A	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
-- Bryant, Allen	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	KC9LDJ -- Wood, Marcus D	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
-- Doty, Mary	(-Complimentary-)	KC9MWY -- Bryant, Alan	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
-- Brentlinger, Terry J	(-Complimentary-)	KC9ODB -- Evinger, Dean	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
-- E.A.R.S.,	(Exp:)	KC9RBC -- Vinardi, Robin L	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
-- Amateur Radio Club, Dugge	(Exp:)	KC9RBD -- Stamis, Austin	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
-- Radio Club, Rose Tech	(Exp:)	KC9RBF -- Mitchell, Ann	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
AB9GI -- Young, Ronny	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	KC9RBU -- Ridge, Steve	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
AB9WR -- Mitchell, Jeffry D	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	KC9TDO -- Ridgway, Tim J	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
K9CUN -- Derry, Jack H	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	N3HZK -- Wrynn, Brendan	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
K9DUR -- Andrews, Raymond N	(--Life Member--)	N3IKG -- Wrynn, Patricia	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
K9ERE -- Wheeler, Gary	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	N9JLR -- Mullens, Doug	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
K9HX -- Berlen, Kevin	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	N9JZD -- Lafferty, Paul M	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
K9JMA -- Andrews, Pamela M	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	N9OFF -- Ming, Thomas Glenn	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
K9NWE -- Eveland, Pat	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	N9RCU -- Smith, Howard D	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
K9PIE -- Bell, John	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	N9TRS -- Evinger, Charla	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
K9SGL -- Brentlinger, Theodore J	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	N9TVJ -- Barnett, Mitchell D	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KA9ALI -- Wheeler, Patricia	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	N9WG -- Vinardi, Nick A	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KA9MFW -- Berlen, Donetta	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	N9YRX -- Van Sandt, John	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KA9RDK -- Iacobazzi, Dominick M	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	N9ZXO -- Woodall, Ronnie E	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KB9OAA -- Barnett, Marcie	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	NT9T -- Shorter, Steven	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KB9TJW -- Cox, Pat	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	NT9X -- Hawker, Joseph	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KB9VOU -- Seifers, Harold	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	TBD -- Murle, Matthew C	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KB9YRF -- Dickson, Victor	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	W9COD -- Procarione, Chuck	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KB9ZVA -- Hackett, Terry	(--Life Member--)	W9DLC -- Cox, Debra	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KC9AEM -- Lucas, Carl	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	W9EEU -- Adams, Gary	(--Life Member--)
KC9AGL -- Burkybile, Karen L	(--Life Member--)	W9GWC -- Cockrell, Gerald W	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KC9AOR -- Shorter, Debbie E	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	W9JPT -- Tretter, Phil	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KC9BBK -- Berlen, Jason	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	W9QK -- Cox, Delbert R	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KC9EQA -- Seifers, Leon	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	W9VKD -- Hauptli, Kenneth W	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KC9GWT -- Young, Bette	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	WA9DRO -- Reedy, J Keith	(--Life Member--)
KC9JAC -- Cloutier, Joseph	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	WD9EEU -- Adams, Melody	(Exp: 12/31/2011)
KC9JMC -- Cloutier, Melanie	(Exp: 12/31/2011)	WD9EKA -- Evinger, Bob	(Exp: 12/31/2011)

Ice Storm Impacts the Wabash Valley and Ham Radio is There to Help

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By Doug Mullens, N9JLR, Vigo County Emergency Coordinator

A major winter storm moved through Indiana and brought with it lots of ice and snow. Vigo county was not spared from the winter mess as the county was hit dead on with an ice storm that left over an inch of ice hanging on power lines, trees and clinging to the streets and sidewalks. To make matters worse following the ice high winds of over 40 mph were forecast that would surely bring down power lines and leave us without power. For Emergency Management personnel this could turn out to be a logistical nightmare.

Dorene Hojnicky, EMA director, and her staff, quickly started making contacts with other agencies such as Red Cross and local police and fire departments to start making preparations for the event. Also the local ARES group was dispatched to the EMA command center to bring up communications for both radio and Web EOC.

EC Doug Mullens, N9JLR, dispatched radio operators to the Red Cross operations center for communications and help with the coordination of shelters that might have to be opened.

After a quick assessment of the weather emergency services director Stephanie Land of the Red Cross opened their main office as a warming center and made this public through the local media. In a short period of time it was apparent that we were going to need a larger shelter opened that could house people for longer periods of time and also be able to feed them as well. Working with the Vigo County Schools, it was decided that Terre Haute North High School would be used as it had emergency power in case power were to go off there. (Good thing, as the power did in fact go off at the shelter.)

With that decision made, ARES dispatched operators to the high school to help with communications and make necessary plans to get the shelter up and running. One of the first problems we encountered was the fact that communications from inside a metal roof building was not good with an HT so we had to set up an outside antenna for communications and use HT's for inside local communications. Next problem occurred when the power did in fact go off. The emergency power for the building did not have any outlets wired into it so there was no power for the radio we had set up. So back to the HT with some plumbing for the outside antenna and we were back on the air.

While this was going on, ARES was notified that there was a nursing home that was trying to evacuate and needed help. This information came in across our radio and had to be relayed to the EMA director because, as we found out later, the phones had a problem there and were not up and running as they should be.

Back to the shelter on back up power. Should someone come in with a medical problem that required power, we had no way to accommodate this and this was a big issue. All of this information was being passed through Amateur Radio from the EMA to the Red Cross and shelter while they were trying to get the nursing home evacuated with over 100 people there in need of transportation.

As you can see things were a little busy with all this going on but we still managed to make contact with Vermillion County. EC Chuck, W9COD, was running communications there. We did set up check in between counties and established simplex communications as well. We also were in contact with Sullivan County EMA and had communications with them. These links kept us advised between counties on emergency declarations and kept us advised on what level the counties were on for travel.

The local Skywarn group was active, keeping us aware of any changes in weather and were running an informal net on 145.230. Director Keith Reedy, WA9DRO, did an excellent job keeping ARES in the loop on current conditions and what to expect and when to expect it.

ARES ran our main operation on the 146.685 repeater and thankfully it worked like a charm during all this. We ran a total of 38 hours straight and had wonderful support from the ARES members. All in all I believe we made a difference in making the operations run smoothly and helping the local agencies do their job in an efficient manor.

I can attest to the fact that we were thanked by the local Sheriff, Red Cross Director and our EMA Director many times during the operation and we were told that they sure were glad to have Amateur Radio on board. We also had a nice piece in the local newspaper.

One other thing, I want to thank all the radio operators who braved the cold and ice to come out and help their community. This is what makes ham radio great!

Editor's note: We would also like to thank all those Amateur Radio volunteers who braved the ice and snow to provide much-needed assistance during and after the storm. We selfishly chose discretion rather than valor in this instance. Our driveway was a sheet of two inch thick ice that slanted perilously toward the ravine. Only after three days, was the YL able to get out by driving over the lawn in her all-wheel drive vehicle. We therefore regret that by press time, there were no photos of the operation described above.

Further Editor's Note:

It was difficult to find places in this issue to put notes due to the outstanding contributions we received this month. We want to thank all those folks who took the time to send photos and text regarding the ice storm and other subjects as well.

*As always, It's largely through your efforts that **The Bandspread** is what it is each month. A big TNX, again! -ed.*

2011 Brentlinger Award Dinner

This year's Brentlinger Award dinner will be Saturday, March 19. It's the same location this year, at St. Ann's, lower level, Kramer Hall, 1436 Locust. Talk-in will be on 146.685 - pl 151.4 Hz.

The Club is providing meat and drinks, including coffee, tea and lemonade. It's a pitch-in so everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass to complement this. Arrival time is around 6:30 P.M., with the meal at 7.



2011 WVARA Hamfest

The date is Saturday, Mar. 12!

Location is the National Guard Armory on Maple Avenue, just west of Terre Haute North High School. Just look for the TANK parked outside!



It will be indoors, rain or shine! Table setup begins at 6 P.M. Friday, March 11 and continues at 6 A.M. Saturday morning. Doors open to vendors at 7 A.M., with opening to the public at 8. A talk-in will be available on 146.685 (PL 151.4) all morning.

Admission is \$5 (12 and under free). Tables will again be free this year but only a limited number are available.

There will be hourly drawings for door prizes, a forum at 10 A.M. on software-defined radio and ARRL VEC-coordinated testing at 11:00.

They will need assistance for all these activities, so if you would like to help, please contact Kevin, Chuck, Nick, Jeff... anyone! TNX.

And don't forget the afterward! That's teardown/cleanup time. We will need as many people as possible to help afterward with this activity. We will greatly appreciate everyone who can help.

Your help will make this hamfest a success and continue to see it grow. Please contact us if you would like to help. Thanks.

Illiana Skywarn Severe Weather Spotters' Training Class



The National Weather Service Indianapolis office, in conjunction with Illiana Skywarn, is sponsoring a Severe Weather Spotters' Training Class. The class will take place on Monday, March 28, at 7:00 P.M., EST at the Berean Baptist Church, 6770 North Clinton Street, just south of Sky King Airport.

This two-hour class is designed to train all emergency and/or law enforcement personnel, teachers, students, scout troops, as well as the public in how to properly identify and report severe weather events to the National Weather Service. These events include hail, damaging winds, funnel clouds, tornadoes and other weather phenomenon related to severe thunderstorms. This class is free and open to the public. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis.

Our main presenter will be David Tucek, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Indianapolis. Since 1974, Illiana Skywarn has used Amateur Radio to exchange timely severe weather related information with the National Weather Service office in Indianapolis. Amateur Radio operators work in conjunction with the National Weather Service, through their Skywarn program, to report severe weather events as they are happening. This information is used in conjunction with weather service radar data to issue weather warnings to protect the public.

A talk-in will be provided on the 145.230 Skywarn system.

For further information, contact: Keith Reedy (812) 201-4674 or Gary Wheeler (812) 877-4371



This Month's Program

For March, the program will be presented by ARES.
We have no specific topic at press time.

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, I am certainly glad to see the snow and ice is (mostly) behind us, and spring has nearly "sprung". The winter of 2011 seemed abnormally long this year, but somehow we all managed to survive and get through it. The ice was particularly bad, and I am very thankful we don't have this type of precipitation to deal with every winter.

The annual WVARA Hamfest is upon us. Saturday March 12th is the day, and the place is the National Guard Armory on Maple Avenue. We will be at the armory on Friday night, March 11th to begin setup. We are looking for help with the setup: manning the ticket table, handling the talk-in, and with the tear down following the event. Please help out in whatever capacity you can. As of this writing, Amateur Accessories, Debco Electronics, and the RF Connector Guy are confirmed vendors.

The annual Brentlinger Award dinner will be held on March 19th, at St. Ann's in the basement fellowship hall. This is the same location as last year. This will be a carry in, with the Club supplying the main course and drinks. Word has it that the meal will be served using china plates and real flatware (not plastic). This should be a great evening, as we honor one of our fellow amateur's for their contribution to Amateur Radio in the Wabash Valley. The dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. EST. Doors will open at 6:00 P.M., EST.

Before you know it, Field Day will be upon us. It is not too early to begin preparations for this event. As a warmup for Field Day, we plan to run a multi-op entry in the HDXCC Bison Stampede. W9UUU has served as the bonus points station for this event the last several years, but a change in the rules has resulted in all bonus points stations being eliminated. We do, however, still plan to participate in the contest.

We also plan to do some "high profile" public awareness events to promote Amateur Radio to the community, and showcase our capabilities in order to raise the awareness of the general public. If you have an idea for this type of event, please get in touch with one of the Board members.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our meeting on March 4th.

Until then, 73,

Kevin, K9HX

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2011= year; NL= Newsletter only; 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

(WALK-INS WELCOME!)

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:

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