

REGULAR EVENTS

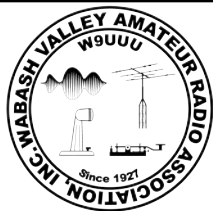
Friday May 6: General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th, (old Post Office bldg.) Turn south at Hulman and 8th. Talk-in: 146.685 RPT; (PL 151.4 MHz). Park in back or side of building.

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

- Public Operations / Indiana QSO Party May 7, 8
- National Level Earthquake Exercise, ARES [see p. 7] May 17
- Terre Haute Triathlon [see p. 5] May 21
- CAMA Bike Rally [see p. 4] June 4
- Field Day June 24-26



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MAY 2011



NEW HAM RECEIVES EAGLE SCOUT AWARD



Shown L-R Jim Edwards, KA9DIF, Director, Ryves Youth Center, Tom Bruce, Center Scoutmaster, Duke Bennett,

On April 23, 2011, David B. English stepped onto the stage at Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall. After a short, but significant ceremony, he was "pinned" with the highest award earned in the Boy Scouts of America. Shortly before his eighteenth birthday David completed all requirements to receive the coveted Eagle badge.

If earning the Eagle were not enough, David attended a two-day Technician class held at the Vigo County Emergency Management office. The class was held on April 16 & 17, 2011. Out of the eleven students attending the class, eight passed their Technician tests, including David.*

Jim Edwards, KA9DIF, had obtained the curriculum for the Technician class from George Becht, N2SQ, with the Sarasota Military Academy Amateur Radio Club. When George found out that David had passed his Technician and was about to receive his Eagle, he quickly offered the gift of an Icom IC-micro2AT 2 meter HT for him. He quickly shipped the radio along with many "goodies" including last year's ARRL

Repeater directory and an ARRL Handbook.

The radio and other items were presented to David during his Eagle Scout Ceremony. When George, N2SQ, was told about how much David appreciated the radio, he committed to a gift of a Kenwood TS 430-S when he upgrades to the General class license.

Among those attending David's Eagle ceremony was Mayor Duke Bennett along with several amateur radio operators. Doug Mullens, N9JLR, and Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD, were in attendance since they have both been an Elmer for David during the past few years trying to convince him to earn his ticket.

[Continued, see **Award**, p. 5]

This Month's Program

Scheduled for May is a members forum. We will have an open discussion regarding what direction the WVARA should take as we move into the future. Bring your ideas!

-- Special Notice --

The WVARA Board has voted to purchase twelve 8-foot plastic folding tables for use at various Club activities. These tables would be stencil painted with the letters "WVARA."

Tables have been a recurring need, and are something we always scramble to locate for the various events the Club participates in. Twelve tables would cover our needs for Field Day, and make a dent in what we need each year for the Hamfest.

The tables are available at Sam's Club in packs of four priced at \$423 each pack. That would be a total expenditure of \$1269.00 for the purchase of twelve tables.

A membership vote will be taken on this proposal at the May general meeting.

Kevin, K9HX

Local Nets

Sunday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
WVARA Net	146.685/R	
Monday Evening	8:30 P.M.	ET
Vigo Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.685/R	
Monday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
Clay Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.595/S	
Tuesday Evening	8:00 P.M.	ET
Parke/Verm. Em. Svs. Net	146.715/R	
Wednesday Evening	9:00 P.M.	ET
Illiana Skywarn Severe WX 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 04/01/2011

The General meeting of the WVARA was called to order on Friday, April 1, 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 no upgrades were announced. **Announcements:** (1) The Board Meeting will follow this meeting. (2) There were no upgrades since the last meeting. (3) There will be a CARLA meeting on the 9th of March at Glas-Col. (4) There will be a QCWA meeting at Pizza City at 1:00 on the same day. (5) The Terre Haute Triathlon is on May 21. (6) Indiana QSO Party is the first Saturday in May. Members will set up at Wal-Mart south on U.S. 41 from 9:00 A.M. till 7 P.M. (7) Dayton Hamvention is also May 21 this year. (8) CAMA Bike Rally is June 4th. (9) There will be a weather spotters' class at the Brazil Public Library April 21 for Clay County. (10) The Brentlinger recipient this year was Jack Derry, K9CUN. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report will stand as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Jeff, AB9WR, moved his report of \$12,862.36 in all Club accounts be accepted as a motion. Ray, K9DUR, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Net profit from the hamfest after expenses was \$495.25. WVARA also gained 3 new members that day.

New Business: Ray, K9DUR, reports the testing team has a new VEC, the Laurel Amateur Radio Club, Laurel, Maryland. Laurel does not charge a testing fee.

-Respectfully submitted, N9YRX, Secretary John Van Sandt

the very last minute. It was decided, therefore, that we need a new venue for the 2012 hamfest. Chuck will be investigating other options including union halls, etc. We are also soliciting ideas from the membership. (4) APRS K-9 team: No update. (5) Promotional operation events: The Indiana QSO Party is the first Saturday in May. Members will set up at Wal-Mart south on U.S. 41 from 9:00 A.M. till 7 P.M. (6) A separate Vigo County ARES funding account needs to be opened. Nick and Jeff will attend to this. Presently there is \$235 in ARES funds. Gary will set up the account. (7) A two-day Tech class was held at the Parke County EOC April 9th and 10th with 6 people passing the test. (8) Field Day 2011: Co-Chairmen are Gary, W9EEU and John, N9YRX. Food will be prepared again by Chuck. The location at Shrine Hill has again been secured for this year.

New Business: (1) Club inventory needs to be performed. Chuck, W9COD and Gary, K9ERE, will help perform it. (2) It was noted that there is presently no insurance on Club equipment except for liability. (3) It was requested by Vigo County ARES to upgrade the trailer for PA system upgrade and use at their request. Motion was made by John and seconded by Chuck. Motion carried. (4) Motion was made by John to adjourn and seconded by Kevin. The motion carried. The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

-Respectfully submitted, N9YRX, Secretary John Van Sandt

Board Meeting Minutes 04/01/2011

The WVARA Board meeting was called to order at 8:53 P.M., by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Other board members present were Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Board Member At Large; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Vice President; Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, Treasurer; John Van Sandt, N9YRX, Secretary; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Trustee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Board Member At Large. Others attending were, Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, Editor, *The Bandspread*; Doug Mullens, N9JLR and Ray Andrews, K9DUR. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report will stand as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Jeff, AB9WR, moved his report of \$12,862.36 in all Club accounts be accepted as a motion. Chuck, W9COD, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business: (1) Repeater upgrade: Kevin is asking for an apprentice to assist him in various projects. (2) Club station #2: an OCF antenna needs repair as a result of the ice storm. (3) Hamfest 2011 issues were discussed. Due to military priorities, we were nearly denied access to the building at literally

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WVARA Triannual Financial Report

As of April 26, 2011

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Income	Amount
Half Pot	\$55.70
2011 Membership Dues	\$555.00
Hamfest Ticket Sales	\$960.00
Hamfest Breakfast/Lunch Carla	\$127.75
Turner Bus Refund	\$100.00
Donation	\$1500.00
Total Income	\$3298.45
Expenses	
Trailer and Van Plates	\$107.55
Band Spread Postage	\$40.04
Brentlinger (Award)	\$57.00
Brentlinger (Food)	\$43.99
Educational Tech Bette Young	\$157.22
Hamfest Armory Rental	\$400.00
Hamfest Door Prizes Kroger 4= \$25.00 + Activation Fee \$3.95	\$115.80
Hamfest (Food)	\$121.69
IRCC Membership	\$10.00
Postage & Printing Test. RAY Andrews	\$43.99
Insurance	\$320.00
Old National Bank Safe Deposit Box	\$18.00
Dx Engineering	\$67.73
Ind. Secretary Of State	\$7.14
Total Expenses	\$1510.15
2011 Beginning Balance	\$7958.72
2011 YTD Income	\$3298.45
2011 YTD Expenses	\$1510.15
Checking Amount Total	\$9747.02
(Money Market Account)	
2011 Beginning Balance	\$4392.12
Money Market Total	\$4392.12
Petty Cash	\$75.90
Combined Total Amounts YTD	\$14215.04
Reported By Jeff (AB9WR)	

Information about the Congressional Process

At press time at least two measures are making their way through the U.S. Congress with at least potential future influence on the Amateur Radio community. As these measures proceed forward it is important to keep in mind the steps required for them to become law.

HR 81, the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2011," was introduced in January, and has been assigned to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and to its' Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. This bill would direct the Federal government to survey Amateur Radio disaster operations, and particularly any impediments to that use.

Another measure, HR 607, the "Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011," introduced in February has been assigned to the House Energy and Commerce Committee for action. Its' purpose is to re-allocate certain 800 MHz frequencies to make channels available for emergency first-responder data uses. This bill, according to some sources, could impair Amateur Radio frequencies in the 440 MHz band.

Comments about these measures have, to date, been based upon language appearing in the bill on the day it was introduced. The problem is that such language may not even exist in the measure when the Committee reports are sent back to the House floor for debate and votes by the full House. The Committee process allows any changes, additions deletions or other steps desired by that Committee to be accomplished at will. Work undertaken on a completely different topic can be easily amended into the Committee report and sent to the floor for debate. In simple terms, until the Committee process is complete, there is no bill.

It is important to let Congress know our feelings on the various matters they are considering on any given day. It's especially so when an item comes before the full House for consideration. However asking your local Congressman for his specific detailed comments about these measures is about the same as asking about his 2011 Christmas presents. There will be Christmas, there will be presents, and there will be comments. There will also be legislation. The difference is we know when to expect Christmas.

The Bandspread would like to thank Congressman Dr. Larry Bucshon's office for their help in preparing this article.

- Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD

Two day Technician Class in Parke County

The club had been contacted late last year by Parke County Emergency Management about the possibility of conducting a Technician Class to help generate some interest in Amateur Radio in Parke County. On the weekend of April 9-10, 2011 the WVARA conducted a two-day technician class at the Parke County EMA Emergency Operations Center in Rockville.

Parke County EMA provided a great location in their EOC for conducting the class, and Director Amy Hensley provided a marvelous lunch both days. They were terrific hosts for the class.

We had ten students, and following testing on Sunday afternoon, we had six new Technician Class amateur radio operators, with all the other students very close to passing scores on the exam. Each of these students will continue to study, and are expected to join our ranks soon.

Overall, it was a very successful weekend. WVARA instructors were W9COD, N9YRX, and K9HX. Testing was coordinated by K9DUR, and was available at no cost to the candidates due to the change from the ARRL-VEC to the Laurel-VEC. Many VE's arrived at the appointed time to administer the exams on Sunday afternoon.

Licenses were issued for our successful students on Thursday following the class.

-Kevin Berlen, K9HX

CAMA Needs Your Help!!!

We are doing communications again this year for CAMA (Coalition Against Methamphetamine Abuse). The bike rally will center around Twin Lakes in Paris IL on June 4th. We will have 4 routes this year in loops. Bikers will go out from Twin Lakes and back to Twin Lakes, with each loop they will go further distances. This should make it easier for us to track them, along with colored ribbons for the mileage they are going. We will need to be in position no later than 7:00 IL time.

Sorry to say but due to T-shirt expenses they can no longer provide them unless you would like to buy one. They are nice shirts and any money they make from them will go toward preventing meth abuse. They will be \$15 if you want one.

In order for you to help you will need at least a 45 watt VHF radio, a yellow safety vest and a willingness to help. We need 21 people this year. If you would like to help please contact John (N9YRX) at N9YRX@hotmail.com. This is an excellent way to provide a public service and practice communications in a disciplined environment. We look forward to your assistance.

- John Van Sandt, N9YRX

Award, continued from p. 1

David English is a senior at Terre Haute North Vigo High School and plans to attend either IVY Tech or Indiana State University in the fall. Meanwhile David has become an adult leader to BSA Troop 22 at Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall as well as a volunteer for the youth center. Jim Edwards KA9DIF, youth center director, says that he hopes that David will help with the Ryves Youth Center Amateur Radio Club (KC9EKW) and act as a role model for other youth to earn their licenses. Doug Mullens, N9JLR, has already approached David to become a member of the Vigo ARES.

**Note: Additionally passing their licenses in this session were the Vigo County EMA Director, Dr. Dorene Hojnicki, her two Deputy Directors, JD (Jerome D.) Kesler and Keith Holbert. TSgt. Gary Blineburg from the Indiana Air National Guard earned his Technician license, while several members of the Vigo County CERT passed their licenses. The members of the CERT (Civil Emergency Response Team) passing their licenses were Marianne Fagg and Ulla Kesler. Jess Cannoy, from Paris Illinois, also attended the class, passing both his Technician and General licenses.*

We have received news that many of the above new licensees have received their call signs. Here is what we have so far:

Tommy Tull (Technician?) **KC9UBS**

David English (Technician) **KC9UBY**

Ulla Kesler (Technician) **KC9UBZ**

JD (Jerome D.) Kesler (Technician) **KC9UCA**

Keith Holbert (Technician) **KC9UCB**

Marianne Fagg (Technician) **KC9UCC**

Dorene Hojnicki (Technician) **KC9UCD**

TSgt. Gary Blinebury (Technician) **KC9UCE**

Congratulations all! We look forward to hearing you on the air very soon! -ed.



Shorts

High Fives!

Despite the devastation, high Fives goes to the NWS, and, no doubt, to Skywarn in the St. Louis area for helping the people endure last week's tornadic onslaught **without any loss of life!**

So how about you, folks? Are you still putting off purchasing that very inexpensive NOAA Weather Radio. It doesn't chatter at you all the time, you know. It only goes off when there is severe weather in your area that you need to know about.

Don't wait until your only option is to *wish* you had gotten one! -ed.

Terre Haute Triathlon

Most everyone probably knows by now that the Dayton Hamvention and the Terre Haute Triathlon occur again this year on the same weekend.

If you don't plan to go to Dayton, Dave, N9YNF, would really appreciate your help at the Triathlon on May 21.

Most volunteers will need a mobile station with at least 15 watts. However, a few may be able to get by with only an HT.

Please notify Dave, N9YNF, at [<n9ynf@arrl.net>](mailto:n9ynf@arrl.net) or Gary, K9ERE, at [<k9ere@earthlink.net>](mailto:k9ere@earthlink.net) if you can help this year.

BTW, all positions are potentially critical to the safety of the riders. If you volunteer, **please show up** or, if you discover you can't make it, please notify us as far in advance as possible so we can try to replace you!

Clay Co. WX Spotters' Meeting



TNX to Melody, WD9EEU, for this photo from the Brazil Public Library. That's Dave Tucek, KC9CNF, presenting the class.



Kevin, K9HX and Gwen



Steve just loves to have his picture taken!



Alex, Donetta, KA9MFW and Debbie, KC9AOR



If looks could kill! - Better check my life insurance!
Anyway, it's good to see Keith and Suzie at a meeting.



John is making twisted-wire ground plane for HTs. Dominick, KA9RDK, is among the recipients. Good luck, Dominick!



The program was given by Ted, K9SGL, on Automatic Packet Reporting Systems (APRS)



All photos, this page, are staff photos.

Local VE Team Completes Transition



WVARA's April 3rd testing session marked completion of area license testing sessions transitioning from ARRL sponsorship to a new administrative home. This session, and future events, will now be administered under the auspices of the Laurel Amateur Radio Club. The change marks the first local VEC team in the ninth call district to reorganize their affiliation, and VE team leader Ray, K9DUR, points out several major advantages to the community.

One important advantage will be the out-of-pocket costs paid by exam candidates. That cost has now changed from \$15 per test previously, to no cost now. This cost continues to be zero, even if the candidate attempts or repeats more than one test element in the same test session.

Another advantage will be the opportunity for the VE team to review results of a specific test with the candidate, opening the door for the testing session to serve also as a learning session. Previous procedure did now allow VE's to share specific test results with the candidate, only the score. If the candidate decides to make another attempt at that test element a different copy of the test will be used.

The Laurel organization has also created a reputation for timely processing of paperwork. Ray says in many cases new call signs are issued within just a few days. Testing sessions at the Dayton Hamvention have been coordinated by Laurel for several years, and in many cases new call signs have been issued as quickly as overnight, due to computer relationships with the FCC.

Ray also emphasizes that all question pools and other training aids are not affected by this administrative change, because actual question pools are the same regardless of which VE pool organizes a particular test session.

The April testing session saw three candidates walk through the door, all passing their attempted test elements on the first try. That resulted in two upgrades to Extra Class and one upgrade to General Class. That has nothing to do with the change in administration, but is a nice way to start the day.

Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD

National Level Exercise 2011



All 50 states and all U.S. territories are vulnerable to earthquakes. Anywhere earthquakes have occurred in the past, they can happen again. Over the next several months FEMA and its federal partners, non-governmental organizations, and state and local officials will collaborate on a series of outreach efforts to promote earthquake preparedness across the nation.

These events are designed to educate Americans on what they can do to be better prepared for earthquakes, as well as other catastrophic events.

-Excerpted from <http://www.ready.gov/nle2011/index.html>

National Level Exercise 2011 (NLE 2011) is scheduled for May 2011. The purpose of the exercise is to prepare and coordinate a multiple-jurisdictional integrated response to a national catastrophic event.

NLE 2011 is a White House directed Congressionally-mandated exercise that includes the participation of all appropriate federal department and agency senior officials, their deputies and staff; and key operational elements. NLE 2011 will focus on regional catastrophic response and recovery activities between federal, regional, state, tribal, local and private sector participants.

NLE 2011 will simulate the catastrophic nature of a major earthquake in the central United States region of the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ). The year 2011 is the bicentennial anniversary of the 1811 New Madrid earthquake, for which the NMSZ is named. NLE 2011 will be the first NLE to simulate a natural hazard.

NLE 2011 activities will take place at command posts, emergency operation centers and other locations to include federal facilities in the Washington D.C. area and federal, regional, state, tribal, local and private sector facilities in the eight member states of the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC). The eight member states of CUSEC encompass four different FEMA regions: Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee (FEMA Region IV); Illinois and Indiana (FEMA Region V); Arkansas (FEMA Region VI); and Missouri (FEMA Region VII).

-Excerpted from http://www.fema.gov/media/fact_sheets/nle2011_fs.shtml



Vigo County ARES Plans NLE Participation

This year's simulation calls for massive communications failures due to earthquakes which will require the establishment of a secondary system to take its place. Doug and Nick, N9WG hope that ARES will be just that system. For some weeks now, Doug Mullens, N9JLR and Vigo County ARES have been planning and practicing for the upcoming event.

For further information, go to <http://www.vigocountyares.com/news.html>

Also, for more on how you can help, contact Doug, N9JLR at kb9jlr@yahoo.com or Nick, N9WG, at n9wg@hotmail.com

The Crosley Radio Players

The Crosley Radio Players comprise a diverse group of Terre Haute citizens, many of them ham radio operators, who share a love for the good old days before television when one could turn on the radio and listen to the those golden oldies such as Fibber McGee and Molly or Inner Sanctum Mysteries. They enjoy recreating these old radio shows using the original scripts. They have performed at a number of locations in the southern Indiana area, recently at the newly-opened Tuscany restaurant.

Below are a few photos from that presentation. In the future they have some more presentations at the Tuscany Restaurant, the next of which, we hear, will be May 12. Stay tuned for some other appearances of the Crosley Players as they are announced.



Pat Wheeler, KA9ALI, Bob Dowell, Bruce Wesley, Charla Evinger, N9TRS and Tom McClanahan doing an Inner Sanctum Mystery program.



M.C., Jerry Arnold, K9AF



Donna McGee, here singing and Kevin Berlen, K9HX



Dave Valandingham, as the Old Timer, Mike Longest as Wallace Wimple and Jerry



Judy Francis as Mrs. Uppington; Steve Hall and Pam Schallburg as Fibber McGee and Molly



Donna, Dave, and Milo Miller as the Great Gildersleeve



And now, a word from our sponsors, Johnson's Wax! Pam and Jerry (not to be confused with Tom and Jerry)



Announcer, Steve Ridge, KC9RBU



Steve Hall singing

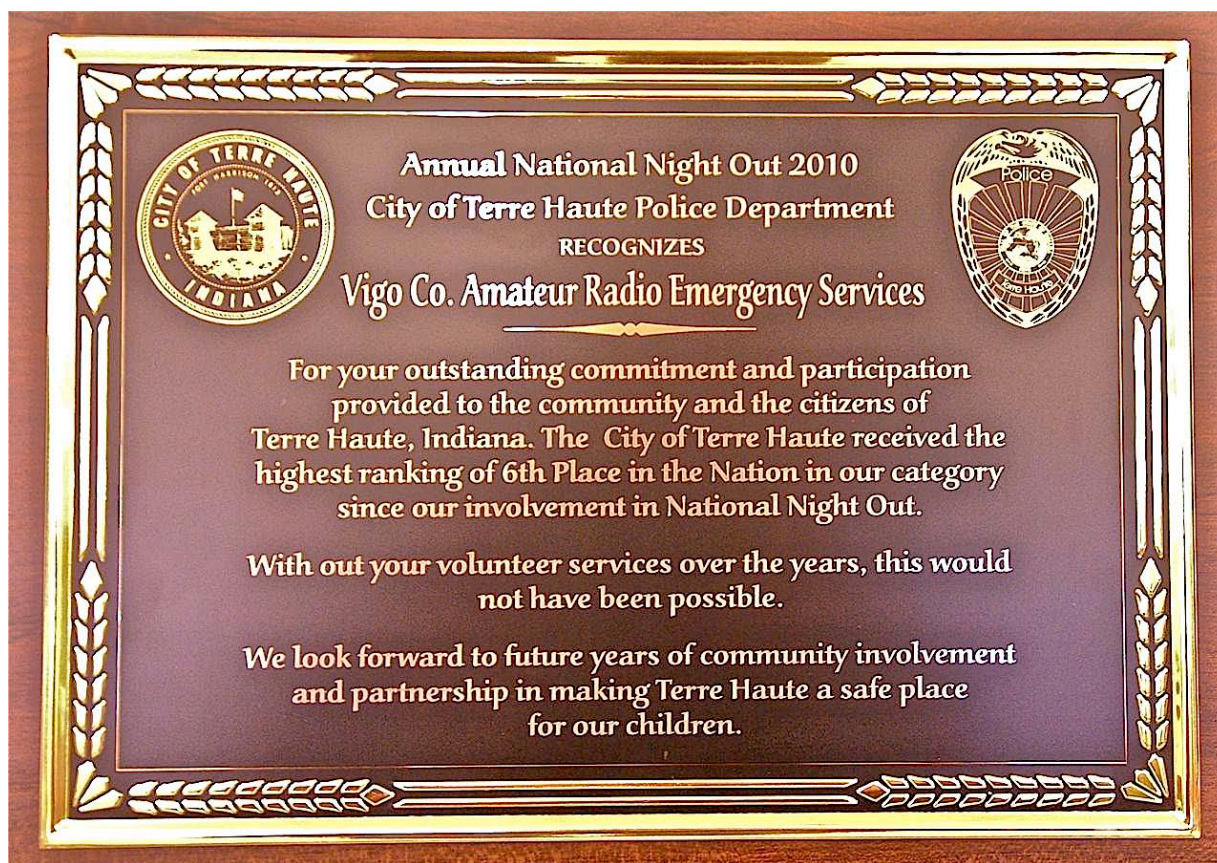


Charla singing and Kevin, again



Sound technician, Kendall Myers, W0THI

-All photos, this page, are staff photos.



Vigo County ARES has participated in a large number of events during the past year but none was as challenging, perhaps, as the National Night Out, held August 2, 2010. (See article in the September, 2010 *Bandspread*.) They were recently awarded a plaque in recognition of the outstanding job they did that day. Terre Haute was ranked 6th in the nation in the 50,000 to 100,000 population category. They have been asked back for 2011 in an even more enhanced roll. Stay tuned, folks. -ed.

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? ☐

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

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

May is here, and we enter a very busy time of year for the WVARA. Coming up almost immediately is our Amateur Radio demonstration at the south Wal-Mart store on Saturday, May 7th. This is not an event designed to promote the WVARA, but to promote Amateur Radio in general, to the public. We will be at the store from approximately 10:00 A.M. to about 8:00 P.M. So plan to come out and visit, and help us tell our story to the public. We plan to operate two HF stations, and will have a 2-meter rig on the 146.685 repeater.

The next event is the what is being referred to as a "National Level Exercise," which the hams in Indiana will be participating in on May 17th. Please get in touch with your county ARES Emergency Coordinator, and, if at all possible, find a way to participate in this event. This type of exercise has not ever taken place before, and we will need the help of all who are able in order to do the job, and leave a favorable impression of the capabilities Amateur Radio can bring during a real disaster.

The following weekend is the Triathlon. This year, the date once again conflicts with the Dayton Hamvention. If you are interested in helping with this activity, please get in touch with Dave Pifer, N9YNF.

And we certainly cannot forget about Field Day. We again will be at the Shrine Hill Summer Place on June 24, 25, and 26 this year. Co-Chairs for this year are W9EEU and N9YRX. Chuck, W9COD, is again handling food prep duties, and our annual brat dinner will be held at the Field Day site on Saturday night.

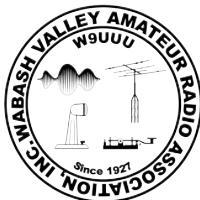
This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all activities in the area in the coming months. Suffice it to say that Amateur Radio is alive and flourishing in the Wabash Valley!

I look forward to seeing each of you at the May meeting. The program for this month will be a Members Forum regarding what direction the WVARA will take moving into the future. I look forward to hearing the discussion, and your input.

Until then, 73,

Kevin, K9HX

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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., West side of 8th St. behind Glas-Col. Park on side of bldg; use the front entrance on 8th St.

For further info, contact:
Ray Andrews, K9DUR, (812) 535-3222

PARIS, ILLINOIS:

2nd Saturday of odd-numbered months; 8:30 A.M. Illinois time.
Burkybile Law Office
15175 U.S. Highway 150

For further info, contact:
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