

REGULAR EVENTS

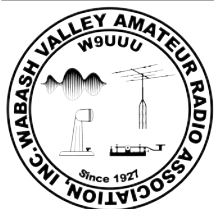
Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th, (old Post Office bldg.) Turn south at Hulman and 8th. Talk-in: 146.685 RPT; (PL 151.4 MHz). Park in back or side of building.

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

- CAMA Bike Rally [see p. 8] June 4
- Field Day June 24-26
- Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic 2nd or 3rd Saturday in August - stay tuned for further info in Summer Issue!
- NOTE! As usual, there will be *no* regular meeting on the first Friday of July or August. There *will*, however be regular board meetings each month. Look on the WVARA list server for dates and times.



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YET ANOTHER BUSY MONTH FOR AMATEUR RADIO

Public Ops at Wal-Mart



John, N9YRX, and Dominick, KA9RDK, look on as Ulla Kesler, KC9UBZ, makes her first HF contact.

The purpose of the exercise was a public demonstration of Amateur Radio portable operations, using the Indiana QSO Party event as a backdrop.

It was a joint exercise by Clark Co. ARES, who provided the converted ambulance known as the Radio Vehicle (RV), Vigo Co. ARES who provided the green canopy and the WVARA who provided tables and the generator.

It started out as a cool, windy and rainy morning but as the day wore on, the rain stopped and the temperature rose. Then the sun came out and it turned out to be a very nice, warm day.

See more photos, p.3

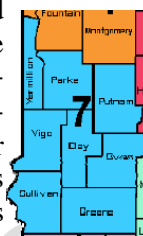
Club Treasures

Do you have old minutes, newsletters, pictures or documents stored away? The WVARA wants to recapture some of its history before it is all forgotten. Contact any Board member if you have anything which might help build our archive. BTW, we'd be happy to copy what you have and give it right back.

National Level Exercise



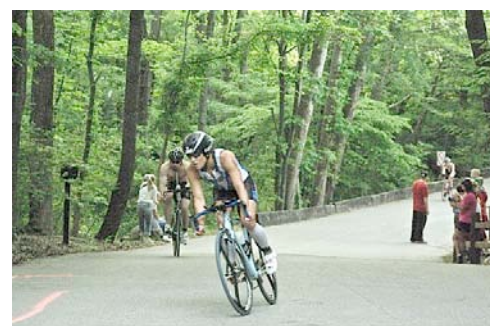
Indiana Department of Homeland Security District 7 counties (Clay, Green, Owen, Park, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, & Vigo) recently participated in the 2011 NLE, under the direction of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security District 7 Coordinator Jerry Sears. The day was spent dealing with various imaginary situations that might well arise during a significant earthquake in our area. The Command Team operated from the borrowed white vehicle above left. Clay Co. ARES, net control for the District, and the Logistics officer operated from the blue vehicle above right, borrowed from Vermillion Co.



Vigo Co. ARES operated out of the Vigo Co. EOC at the airport and had amateurs stationed at critical emergency points around Terre Haute.

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Terre Haute Triathlon



It's an 800 meter swim, 40 kilometer bike race and a 5 kilometer run, all rolled up into one grueling race.

We station amateurs and their stations, whether it be a person in a car or just with an HT, all along the route to report progress and problems back to the officials. We occasionally are called upon to transport a rider or runner back to the park if problems arise.

This year, we had one crash requiring paramedics and two broken chains. That's about par for the course.

A big thanks goes out to all the volunteers who got up very early to come out and help make the Triathlon a safer event this year! **See more photos, p. 5**

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	146.580/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

This Month's Program

Bob and Charla are off the grid! Come hear and see how they did it. Also, it's a PITCH-IN! So bring your best dish, with food in it, and join us next Friday evening!



General Meeting Minutes 05/06/2011

The General meeting of the WVARA was called to order on Friday, May 6, 2011, at 7:05 P.M. by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Vice President Nick Vinardi, N9WG, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made.

Announcements: (1) The Board Meeting will follow this meeting. (2) Upgrades announced were Tim, K9TDO, to General and Gerald, W9GWC to Extra. (3) The Terre Haute Triathlon is on May 21. Gary, K9ERE, is helping Dave, N9YNF, with volunteer coordination this year. (4) Indiana QSO Party is the first Saturday in May. Members will set up at Wal-Mart south on 41 from 9:00 A.M. until around 7 P.M. (5) Dayton Hamvention is also May 21 this year. (6) CAMA Bike Rally is June 4th. See John, N9YRX, if you would like to help.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report will stand as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurers Report:** Jeff, AB9WR, moved his report of \$14,215.04 in all Club accounts be accepted as a motion. Chuck, W9COD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) First Financial has informed the Club through Kevin, K9HX, that there is a building available in New Goshen Indiana. In the Board meeting right after this meeting it will be discussed and presented to the general membership in the June 2011 meeting. (2) The 2-day Technician class in Parke County had 10 students with 6 passing. The Vigo County ARES Technician class in Vigo County had 10 students with 8 passing. **New Business:** (1) A proposal was made to purchase 8 new folding tables at a cost of \$1,259 to be used for Club activities. Keith, WA9DRO, made it a motion and Ken, W9VKD, seconded. Motion carried. (2) Field Day apparel was discussed with ideas being T-shirts, safety vests, polo shirts etc. Kevin, K9HX, will investigate prices and availability. - Respectfully submitted, N9YRX, Secretary John Van Sandt

Board Meeting Minutes 05/06/2011

The WVARA Board meeting was called to order at 9:34 P.M., by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Others present were Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Member at Large; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Vice President; Jeff Mitchell, Treasurer; John Van Sandt, Secretary; Gary Adams, Trustee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large. Gary Wheeler, K9ERE and Doug Mullens, N9JLR, also attended. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report will stand as published in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Jeff, AB9WR, moved his report of \$14,215.04 in all Club accounts be accepted as a motion. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Repeater upgrade: Kevin now has a volunteer to assist him. (2) Club station #2 antennas have been repaired from the ice storm. (3) Hamfest 2011 issues were discussed. Foremost was the need for a new

location for 2012. KC9MWY is investigating the Union Hall/Operating Engineers location. (4) Next meetings presentation will be by Bob, WD9EKA and Charla, N9TRS, on how he got off the power grid. (5) APRS K-9 team. No update. (6) Promotional operation event/Indiana QSO Party is the first Saturday in May. Members will set up at Wal-Mart south on 41 from 9:00 A.M. until around 7 P.M. (7) Vigo ARES funding, checking account needs to be opened by Nick and Jeff. (8) A two-day Tech class was held at the Parke County EOC April 9th and 10th with 6 people passing the test. (9) Field Day 2011 Co-Chairmen are Gary, W9EEU and John, N9YRX. Food will again be supervised by Chuck. The location at Shrine Hill has been secured. (10) We need to sort and get totes ready for Field Day. This is to be done on June 2. (11) The Communications Trailer has been inventoried. The equipment now needs to have tags put on. The Antenna Trailer has yet to be inventoried. This also will be done on June 2. **New Business:** (1) Discussion of the possible New Goshen building included questions to be resolved such as, will the bank give the building to the Club without charge. If not, any interest the Club might have will terminate. Even if it is being given free, we need to investigate the other costs including back taxes and/or if the bank will help with back taxes. A motion was made by John, N9YRX, to mandate the above questions that will determine future actions. The result of these questions will be presented to the Club membership for further actions and discussion. Seconded by Nick, N9WG. (2) Education chair vacancy was discussed. (3). Motion was made by John to adjourn and was seconded by Nick. Motion carried. Board meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

- Respectfully submitted, N9YRX, Secretary John Van Sandt

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Setup was a bit dicy at first due to a stiff breeze that kept trying to take the shelters down.



One visitor was a ham from Vincennes!



John and Chuck are looking at something.



Dominick, KA9RDK; Doug, N9JLR; Buddy, KC9UAL, one of our newest hams, and Nick, N9WG



George, AB9WB and John, AK9DR



Ops was completely on emergency power.



It doesn't take long to construct a successful mobile HF station.



National Level Exercise



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Parke County officials also joined the exercise, operating from their Emergency Operations Center in downtown Rockville. County EMA Director Amy Hinsley, KC9UAH, a brand new ham, asked Dave, N9FMD, to join her at the EOC to handle Amateur Radio communications. Equipment already in place at the EOC includes multiple HF, VHF and UHF transceivers, but the county is short on operators.

In our area, the joint District 7/ARES exercise was based on a hypothetical 6.0 earthquake centered in the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone. That seismic zone is separate from the more well-known New Madrid Seismic Zone, but they could be connected and trigger one-another.

ARES is the only volunteer communications organization among the numerous first responders responsible for dealing with real disasters, either natural or man-made, that might befall the Wabash Valley in the future. They work hard!



L-R Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Vigo Co. Sheriff Greg Ewing, Deputy EMA Director, J.D. Kesler, KC9UCA, Vigo Co. ARES Director, Doug Mullens, N9JLR and Steve Ridge, KC9RBU



Ray, K9DUR and Pam, K9JMA, were at the Union Hospital Emergency Department



Dominick, KA9RDK, was at the Vigo County Sheriff's office.



Keith, WA9DRO, was net control for the day-long activity.



Jim, N9HQW and Tim, KC9CQS were at the Red Cross Radio Station.



Steve, NT9T and Debbie, KC9AOR, were at the Regional Hospital Emergency Department.



Operating the radios for Clay Co. ARES were Kevin, K9HX, John, AK9DR and Andy, K9AGW



The Putnam Co. EMA mobile command center was on loan to the state who coordinated the Task Force 7 event.



Clay Co. and ARES District 7 Emergency Coordinator, Gary Adams, W9EEU, with Mike O'Heir, Vermilion Co. EMA Director.



Gary, W9EEU, shown with the Vermilion Co. EMA mobile command center, on loan to Clay County until they get a permanent facility.

Terre Haute Triathlon

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The first leg of the Triathlon is the 800 meter swim. Swimmers are monitored closely by lifeguards.



Our fearless leader, Dave, N9YNF



Mike, NIWVU and Dave, N9FMD, net controls



Unknown official with Ron, KC9EPZ



John, K9GBO



Ted, K9SGL, gives shirt to John, AK9DR



Unknown, Ted, K9SGL and Chuck, W9COD



John, AK9DR



Joe, NT9X



George, AB9WB



John T., K9PIE



Ron, AB9GI



Ron, N9ZXO



Mary, KB9NLJ



Steve, WB9WVG



Stan, KB9RED



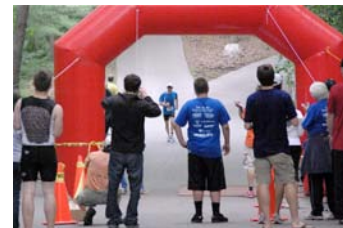
Debbie, KC9AOR



Steve, NT9T



Where's the swim?



At last! The final runner!

Severe Weather Preparedness

An Editorial

It seems like forever since our last issue in which we wrote an article congratulating the people of the northern St. Louis area for coming through the destructive tornado that hit Lambert International Airport without sustaining any fatalities.

A lot has changed since then as tornado outbreaks in the southern states devastated hundreds of communities including Tuscaloosa, and surrounding Alabama, with loss of life in the hundreds. Then last week there was the F-5 Joplin, Missouri, tornado that killed over one hundred more in that general area of the country. And now, greater Terre Haute. While there was no loss of life, at press time, significant devastation has found its way to the Wabash Valley.

But, in a particularly bad year for severe weather, what are *we* doing to prevent loss of our own lives.

In the Wabash Valley, FEMA, aided by Amateur Radio organizations such as ARES and RACES will play a significant part in dealing with the after-the-fact cleanup of the devastation that has been so familiar on our TV screens this year.

We rely on the National Weather Service, local media and Skywarn to warn us of impending dangerous weather.

But the process of receiving warnings takes time. The National Weather Service is best prepared to warn us but the nearest installations are in Lincoln, Illinois and Indianapolis, Indiana. Neither is very close to us and we've talked before about NexRad radar's inability to deal with the curvature of the earth. Skywarn organizations along with trained spotters from Fire and Police can and do take up some of the slack, reporting severe weather under the radar to the NWS who then alerts the media. But it has to go to Indy and back because local TV and radio stations are sometimes reluctant to issue warnings sent directly from Skywarn, preferring to wait until NWS authorizes fast-growing dangers such as a funnel cloud or severe ponding of water indicating the possibility of flash flooding in an area. *Flash Flooding*: that's flooding that can rise in a matter of a very few minutes! All this takes precious time to work its way through the 'chain of information'. And before Skywarn can even contact Indianapolis, it has to wait for information from its stations before reporting it to NWS. So by the time you get the information by *any* of the means available, significant time has passed.

So what can *you* do at home to get this information as quickly as possible.

1. You can listen to Skywarn, the source of many of the warnings you hear later on other media.
2. Better still, you can check in to the nets from home and assist in supplying information in the first place.

Why don't more do this? One well-known excuse goes like this: "I'm listening even though I don't check in. However, if anything significant happens here I will check in when it happens." Okay, fine, as far as that goes. But what about the reverse situation where NWS notices, say, rotation in a given storm in your area but Skywarn doesn't know you are listening because you haven't checked in. So they can't call you to ask you to check it out. And even if you are listening, how closely are you listening. The net blaring on your radio in the next room doesn't count. We need stations, both fixed and mobile who are checked into the net and are actively participating. You could be just that critical person sometime.

3. You can get and use a NOAA Weather Radio! But you have to *buy* one and *use* it. So why do so many folks *not* get NOAA Weather Radios? Complacency probably is a factor. Talk of "the shield" is often heard in the area as if a great metropolitan area such as Terre Haute can prevent the formation of severe storms. Tell that to Montgomery, Alabama, and other large cities this year which have been hit by tornadoes. Joplin, Missouri, is roughly the size of Terre Haute, by the way. And then there was last week here in Terre Haute itself.

So...

CHECK INTO SKYWARN AND HELP SAVE YOUR OWN LIFE!
GET THAT NOAA WEATHER RADIO AND BE PREPARED!

Maybe the events of a few days ago here will get our attention. Maybe not. Someone once quipped that, what Terre Haute really needs to wake them up is an F-5 tornado going down Wabash Avenue. Is that what it's going to take? -ed.



May Club Meeting

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The program for May was a members' forum, led by Nick, N9WG and Kevin, K9HX. The main topic of discussion was a possible building in New Goshen. There were numerous questions regarding the costs of acquisition, taxes, insurance and utilities. It was agreed that unless the bank, which held the property, would agree to donate it to us, we probably would not pursue it.

Prior to the business meeting, we had our usual social get-together centered around cookies, coffee, etc.



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:

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P.O. BOX 10081
TERRE HAUTE, IN 47801

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

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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

It has been a great year so far for Amateur Radio in the Wabash Valley. Field Day is almost here, and I am looking forward to it as always. I hope each of you can come out and participate in some way.

This is the last Bandspread before summer break, and I wanted to take a moment to thank all who have participated in all of our activities thus far this year. We have had many successful activities this year so far, with more to follow. I look forward to seeing each of you at the June meeting, and those who can at Field Day.

Until then, 73,
Kevin, 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 A.M., Illinois 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.

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:

Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, (217) 465-4884

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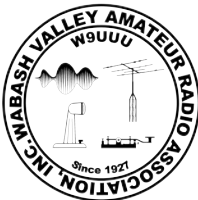
(WALK-INS WELCOME!)

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 wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com

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