



THE BANDSPREAD

Official Publication of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



Local Nets

Tuesday Evening Parke Co Em Svs Net
8:00 pm ET 146.745/R
Wednesday Evening Clark Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm CT 146.520/S
Thursday Evening CAARLA Net
9:00 pm ET 146.685/R
Sunday Morning Vigo Co. ARES Net
8:20 am S 146.685/R
Sunday Evening WVARA Net
9:00 pm ET 146.685/R*

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

License Classes

The class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm starting on February 7th. Class sessions will be held at Glas-Col in the former Idaho Post Office Building.

Cost of the class is \$30, including the textbook. If you already have "The ARRL General Class License Manual, Seventh Edition", then the cost of the class will be \$5. Earlier editions of the book are obsolete and should not be used.

You can go to the "License Classes" page on the WVARA website to register for the class and to download the class schedule. The PowerPoint presentations that will be used each week will be posted to the website for download as soon as they are completed.

Individuals who do not already have a Technician class license are welcome to register. The instructors will be happy to answer questions about the Technician material after each regular class session.

Regular Events

Every Thursday

The Club Station is open, 7-9 p.m. First Thursday, Downstairs, Red Cross building, 700 S. 3rd. Other Thursdays, New Club Station, N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho. Entrance and parking back of building.

Brentlinger Award

All Nominations have most likely been received. An announcement will be made shortly.

Dues are Due

If you haven't yet, please do so soon! You can either pay them at a club meeting or you can mail them to the Club P.O. Box 10081 Terre Haute 47801

CHECK-YOUR-RIG



K9HX hunting for an adapter to test an HT

Jan 6 Meeting

Check-Your-Rig night has become an essential addition to the club for a number of years and for a number of reasons. Equipment of all types eventually has problems and very few of us (if any) know how to fix all things when they go wrong. Within the club are quite a number of electronic specialists who have various testing gear designed to aid in the diagnosis of various problems.

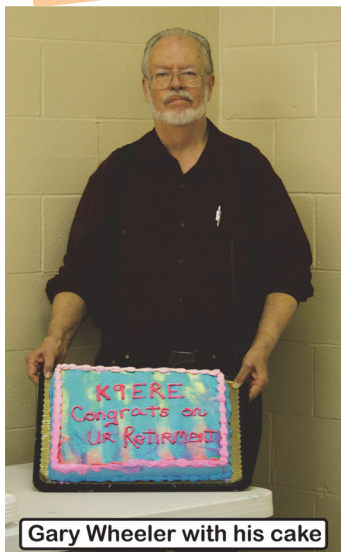
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W9COD & K9HX testing some equipment.

Retirement Frosting



Gary Wheeler with his cake

Among other things for the night, it was also the official recognition for Gary Wheeler, K9ERE who has retired from being the Bandspread editor for 15 long years. Seen here with the cake (spelled incorrectly on purpose) the cake vanished shortly after this picture was taken. It must have been a good cake! Gary still retains consulting rights as the new editor struggles with all of the unusual responsibilities that go with the job. His continued guidance is very much appreciated. His photographs are sure to be a part of future issues.

General Meeting January 6, 2012

The General meeting of the WVARA was called to order on Friday, January 6, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. by President Steve Shorter, NT9T. Vice President, Chuck Procarione, W9COD, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. New licenses: John, KC9JPZ upgraded to Extra Class license and new call sign AC9AZ.

Announcements: (1) Brentlinger Award nominations are now being accepted, and the deadline for submission is January 15. All nominations are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Brentlinger Nominations" on the outside. (2) 2012 dues are now payable to Jeff, AB9WR, Treasurer. (3) The Board Meeting will follow the General Meeting. All those who are interested are welcome to attend. (4) Illiana Skywarn will be holding a Severe Weather Spotter Class on Monday, March 12, at the Berean Baptist Church. (5) QCWA Meeting will be Saturday, January 14, at Pizza City, at 12:00 Noon. (6) The Annual CAARLA "After Christmas Party" will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, at The Saratoga Restaurant. There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange for those who wish to participate. (7) WVARA testing sessions in Terre Haute will now be held at 9:30 a.m. (E.T) on the second Saturday of even months at Glas-Col. There is no testing fee.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report will stand as published in The Bandspread.

Treasurers Report: Jeff, AB9WR moved his report of \$11,502.23 in all Club accounts be accepted. Kevin, K9HX, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: (1) Kevin, K9HX announced that finding a location for the Hamfest that is available on March 10 has been difficult. The Dede Activity Center, 550 Chestnut St., on the ISU Campus is available on that date, and consists of three meeting rooms which can accommodate 80 tables. Coke and candy vending machines will be available, but no opportunity for concessions. The facility will be available 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (vendor set up 6-9 a.m.). The cost is \$1,100 for the day which includes use of tables, chairs, set up, tear down, and clean up. Admission fee will be \$7.00/person, and tables free with paid admission. A testing session will be offered. The hamfest will be advertised as "Terre Haute Hamfest and Computer Expo." Motion by Alan, KC9MWY to accept the contract with ISU, seconded by Ray, K9DUR. Motion passed unanimously. (2) Gary, W9EEU, commended Doug, N9JLR, on reporting a total of 99 hours of service to ARES during the month of December.

New Business: (1) Because Gary, W9EEU is 2nd Past President and acting as Trustee it is necessary to elect a Board Member at Large. Kevin, K9HX nominated Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, seconded by Chuck, W9COD. There were no other nominations and Kevin, K9HX moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Ken, W9VKD. Gary, K9ERE moved to accept by acclamation, seconded by Gary, W9EEU. (2) The Education Committee will be starting a General Upgrade Class beginning in February to be held at the Glas-Col Annex Bldg. (3) Kevin, K9HX announced a celebration to take place during the Break in honor of Gary, K9ERE's tenure as Bandspread Editor. Gary took the opportunity to thank Dave, N9YNF, Gary, W9EEU, and Dave, N9FMD for their assistance to him. Everyone offered their thanks and congratulations to Gary. Dave Gammon, KC9JNZ was welcomed as the new Bandspread editor, and congratulated on his first edition. A decorated cake was served during the Break in appreciation of K9ERE. (4) **Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.** The program, "Check Your Rig," followed this meeting.

-Respectfully submitted, KC9RBF, Secretary Ann Mitchell

Board Meeting Minutes 01/06/2012

The WVARA Board met on Friday, January 6, 2012, at 8:46 p.m.

Members present were: Steve Shorter, NT9T, President; Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice President; Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, Treasurer; Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Trustee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large; Dave Gammon, KC9JNZ, Bandspread Editor; Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, past Bandspread Editor; Ray, K9DUR; Dominick, KA9RDK, visitor

The Secretary's Report was approved as printed in The Bandspread. The Treasurer's Report was presented in the form of a motion by Jeff with a total of \$11,502.23 in all accounts. Chuck Procarione, W9COD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Old Business: (1) Repeater Upgrade: Steve, NT9T requested that inventory be finished by the February Board Meeting and had put together a schedule for completion of the work. (2) Steve, NT9T hoped to sign the contract with ISU for the Hamfest within the next few days. (3) Promotional Operating Events: Plans include Family Learning Day and festivals and fairs in Vigo and surrounding counties. (4) Public Service Event Chair: There is currently a vacancy in this position, and it will be posted on the Listserve that a volunteer is needed to serve in this capacity. (5) Club inventory is now complete. Ray, K9DUR will make the updates and get it to Dave, KC9JNZ by April for publication in The Bandspread. (6) Chuck, W9COD sent a list of non-working items in the Communications Trailer to the Board. He said that one more good work day of wiring and labeling is all that is needed to have it ready. Two items, 706 and Mark II G, need to be purchased and the recommendation will be given to the budget committee next month. Chuck also has the inventory for the ambulance and will get it to Ray, K9DUR. (7) Two inexpensive computers are needed for the Club Station and will also be put in the budget. New Business: (1) Updates on Committee Chairs and Volunteers: Steve, NT9T had a list of current positions and necessary updates were made. (2) Brentlinger Dinner: There is at least one known candidate at this time. St. Ann's Fellowship Hall was chosen as the location for this year's Award dinner. March 24 was set as the tentative date, with March 17 as a second choice if needed. Chuck, W9COD is arranging for a speaker, and Ted, K9SGL will check on the availability of St. Ann's. Ted also asked the Board for a \$40.00 check payable to St. Ann's for use of their Fellowship Hall for the Christmas Dinner. (3) Field Day: Gary, W9EEU and John, N9YRX are committee chairs for this event. The location will be Shrine Hill again this year. They hope to simplify the set up, but not necessarily downsize. (4) Gary, K9ERE presented a calendar of items that should go into The Bandspread by month. He asked the Board if anything needs to be changed or added to help Dave, KC9JNZ in taking over the publication. (5) Ray, K9DUR presented the newly re-designed WVARA web site and asked for suggestions and/or corrections before it goes live. Gary, W9EEU moved to approve the new website, seconded by Chuck, W9COD. Motion passed. (6) **Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.**

-Respectfully Submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary

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Notes from the Editor:

A publication is almost always a combination of efforts from various people and this one is no different. As I sit here at my desk on the day before final production day, I look at what material I have for the February issue. Being at the January 6 meeting physically, I have some pictures and some text which completes a single page. The secretary, Ann – KB9RBF, provided me with the meeting minutes so I have another page. Since I have had no other submitted pictures or articles, I am only able to make a 4-page issue. I accepted the editor's responsibility to create the newsletter but I depend on all of you for content and/or ideas, so please help the Bandspread by submitting reports and/or pictures of ham radio related things in your lives. Ideas for articles are appreciated and will be considered. The Bandspread is your newsletter. Thanks – ed.

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If you are applying for a family membership please list below the licensed family members [living at home] that you wish to include.

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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!

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The Presidents Corner



As I write my first President's Corner I am thinking it has been a great month of December with many interesting times, ranging from helping to find the location of, and, observing the planning for the coming Hamfest, to being part of a great, fun filled Christmas Party.

Kevin, K9HX, has been exploring possible locations for the Hamfest for several months but has met with many challenges in finding a place that is available for the second Saturday of March. He has found what I believe is the best option available to meet all our needs. We will be discussing and voting on it in the January Meeting. I hope you will be there to share your views and support. Thanks, Kevin, for all time and effort spent on this project.

As has been said often, following many of our activities, "a good time was had by all" at the Christmas Party. There were several new participants, and those who attended shared many laughs, you might want to ask John, N9YRX, about his candy. I want to thank Ted, K9SGL, and Diane, W9SMW, for arranging the use of the facilities and Chuck, W9COD, for preparing the meat and drink portion of the meal, and doing the lion's share of the set-up and clean-up.

73 for this month,

Steve, NT9T

WVARA Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

Terre Haute, Indiana

2nd Saturday of even numbered months; 9:30 A.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.

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For further info contact:

Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, 217-465-4884

Feb 11 – Terre Haute

March 10 – Paris

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2nd Thursday of every month, 7:00 P.M., Indiana time, Ryves Youth Cntr at Etling Hall.

For further info contact Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, at 238-0584 or wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com

Feb 9 – Terre Haute

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