



# THE BANDSPREAD

## MARCH 2012



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### Local Nets

Monday Evening.....	Clay Co. Ares Net	9:00 pm ET .....	146.580
Monday Evening.....	Sullivan Co. Ares Net	8:30 pm ET .....	146.580
Tuesday Evening .....	Parke Co Em Svs Net	8:00 pm ET .....	146.775/R
Tuesday Evening .....	Vigo Co. ARES Net	9:00 pm ET .....	146.685/R
		9:30 pm ET .....	444.350/R
Wednesday Evening .....	Clark Co. ARES Net	9:00 pm CT .....	146.595/S
Thursday Evening.....	CAARLA Net	9:00 pm ET .....	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

### Corrections

The Editor apologizes for last month's front page errors. The printed (and listed) front page was an earlier draft which was accidentally used. A Proofreader is currently being sought. Please bear with me and the new staff as we adjust to our new responsibilities.

### Regular Events

**Every Thursday:** The Club Station is open, 7-9 p.m. First Thursday, Downstairs, Red Cross bldg, 700 S. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Other Thursdays:** New Club Station, N.E. corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Idaho. Entrance and parking back of building.

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month:** Monthly club meeting at Glass-Co Annex, 7PM EST (former Idaho Post Office Bldg), 1715 S. 8<sup>th</sup> in Terre Haute

### Weather Spotter 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 12, 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.

Amateur radio operators, a talk-in will be on the 145.23 Skywarn system.

## Annual Club Hamfest



The W.V.A.R.A. annual club Hamfest is, in my opinion, the second most popular club event of the year. Second only to Field Day, the Hamfest generates more interest and participation for several reasons. Aside from the obvious financial gain, most hams accumulate gear as time goes on and so what can you do with stuff you no longer need or are unable to use? Well, you can ask your buddies; sell it on eBay..... OR you can take it a Hamfest. Those that have enough extra gear may have enough to warrant their own table. Otherwise there is sure to be someone's table you can put your stuff on. Ham radio gear is often so specialized that parts can be unavailable as a new item. Other gear may be too old to have available parts. In any case, if it is whole gear or just parts, your best source for unique stuff is a Hamfest. Hams often have to search outside their own area for specialized stuff, so Hamfests have become events all over the country and occur at all times of the year.

Many of you have been to the Dayton Hamfest, which is considered the largest in the country. It was my personal favorite as well as my introduction to Hamfests in general. Besides the huge indoor area which surrounded a basketball court, the parking lots outside were quite literally a field of tents and booths containing everything even remotely related to Ham radio. You could spot the seasoned Hamfest visitors by the backpacks and other gear. The time required to walk past all the vendors and booths took more than a few hours and even days to complete. Hams came from all over the country to buy or sell things. One man's junk is truly another man's treasure.

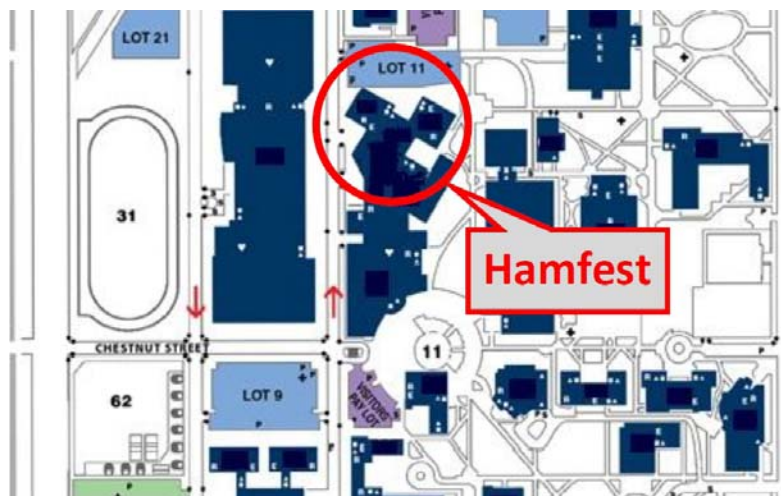


Unlike the Dayton Hamfest, the local club Hamfest does not require special walking shoes, rain gear or rolling gear bags. But it will have some commercial vendors as well as parts and used equipment.

Map to Dede Cntr.

Hamfest location. Parking is just north of that location. Be aware of the one-way streets. Many parking spots should be available since school is on a break. Enjoy!!!

**Sat. March 10th**



# WVARA 2012 Budget

INCOME	BUDGET	EXPENSES	
ARRL Memberships.....	15.00	Field Day	
Donations/ Grants.....	1500.00	Food Ect/ 3 days .....	400.00
Auction .....	50.00	T-Shirts.....	450.00 <sup>1</sup>
Dues .....	1200.00	Insurance	
Education.....	250.00	Liability .....	350.00
Half Pot.....	135.00	Equipment .....	400.00
Hamfest		RV .....	150.00
Gate fees .....	1600.00	Assoc.Memberships	
Field Day T-Shirts .....	500.00 <sup>1</sup>	IRCC.....	10.00
Total Income.....	\$5250.00	Indiana Business fees .....	25.00
		List Server/ web page .....	100.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		PoBox Fee .....	40.00
Bandspread		Repeater maintenance.....	250.00
Postage.....	100.00 <sup>2</sup>	Safety Deposit Box.....	30.00
Sams Card .....	35.00	Hamfest	
Brentlinger Dinner		ISU .....	1200.00
Dinner/ food .....	75.00	Tickets .....	30.00
Award .....	80.00	Fundraisers/ operating event .....	50.00
Room rental .....	100.00	Trailer/ Van/ Trailer plates .....	108.00
Christmas Dinner		Coms Trailer Upgrade.....	300.00
Dinner/ food .....	75.00	Equipment Repair/Maint.....	300.00
Room .....	100.00	Club Picnic.....	60.00
Club Station.....	200.00	Club Meeting June/ Sept .....	100.00
Education.....	250.00	Call signs badges .....	65.00
		<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$5433.00</b>
		<b>Net Loss .....</b>	<b>(183.00)</b>

1-Represent budgeted items of an "in and out" nature  
 2-Represent cost of mailing to approx 25 members



## Grounding Discussion at the February 3 Meeting



A few of our best minds explaining the what, where, why and how of proper grounding techniques at the meeting.

## General Meeting Feb 3, 2012

The General meeting of the WVARA was called to order on Friday, February 3, 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. There were no new or upgraded licenses.

**Announcements:** (1) General Upgrade Class starts Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Glas-Col. (2) WVARA has a new and improved web site thanks to K9DUR. Everyone is encouraged to check it out. (3) Hamfest & Computer Expo will be held on Saturday, March 10, 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at the Indiana State University Dede Activity Center. Vendor set up will be 6:00 a.m. -9:00 a.m. (4) The Brentlinger Award Dinner will be posted on the WVARA web site as soon as the date is confirmed. (5) The Board Meeting will be held following the General Meeting. Everyone who is interested is invited to attend and input is welcome. (6) Illiana Skywarn will be holding a Severe Weather Spotter Class on Monday, March 12, at the Berean Baptist Church. (7) QCWA Meeting will be Saturday, February 11, at Pizza City, at 1:00 p.m.. (8) The CAARLA meeting will be on Saturday, February 11, at 12:00 Noon. (9) There will be a WVARA testing session on Saturday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m. at Glas-Col in Terre Haute. (10) 60 meter regulations have been published in the Register and go into effect on March 5. Changes are posted on the ARRL web site. (11) The April meeting of WVARA will be on April 13 (the second Friday of April) at the Vigo County Dispatch Office. Because this is a controlled environment we will gather and enter at 7:00 p.m. as a group. We will tour the facility and a short business meeting will follow. (12) Ron, KC9EPZ, announced that the Super Bowl game will be secured and monitored by the Indianapolis Ham Radio Club. (13) Chuck, W9COD, announced that there will be a weather spotter class in Vermillion County in April. Date and details will follow. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report will stand as published in The Bandspread. **Treasurers Report:** Jeff, AB9WR moved his report of \$12,873.58 in all Club accounts be accepted. Ron, AB9GI, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** (1) Chuck, W9COD, had flyers for the Hamfest and Computer Expo available and asked everyone to take several to distribute in various locations. He also asked for volunteers to help work the gate. Several vendors from Collinsville will be coming thanks to Dominick, KA9RDK. A total of 28 tables have been reserved to date.

**New Business:** (1) Chuck, W9COD, gave an overview of projected income and expenses for 2012. Line items discussed that will need to be added to the budget include expense for 3 computers and surge protector for the Club Station and expense for insurance. The revised budget will be published in March and voted on at the March meeting. (2) Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. A program on Grounding presented by Kevin, K9HX, followed this meeting.

-- Respectfully submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes 2/03/2012

The WVARA Board met on Fri, Feb 3, 2012, at 9:28 p.m.

Members present were: Steve Shorter, NT9T, President; Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice President; Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, Treasurer; Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary; Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Past President; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Trustee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large. Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC, and Mike St. Clair, N1WVU, also attended. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report was approved as printed in The Bandspread. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was presented in the form of a motion by Jeff with a total of \$12,873.58 in all accounts. Chuck, W9COD, seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) Repeater Upgrade. Kevin, K9HX, checked with Jerry, K9AF, about whether WVARA might use the THRC's antenna system as a part of our repeater upgrade. He said that was not a problem. The THRC has a receiver that is operating off frequency to the point that it has been shut down. WVARA has a piece of equipment that we are not using that he would like to make available to them which would allow them to get back on the air. Steve, NT9T, was in favor of loaning the equipment to THRC. No objections were voiced. We would retain possession in the event that we would need it in the future. Kevin, K9HX, also reported the findings of his research regarding our options for upgrading our repeater and the costs associated with each of those options. (2) Hamfest and Computer Expo. We are still waiting for paperwork from the insurance company. Will set up an appointment with ISU as soon as contract is in hand. Advertising flyers have been prepared and are being distributed. (3) Promotional Operating Events. Family Learning Day has shown the best response in the past. Other venues will be investigated. (4) Communications Trailer. The trailer is functional but still needs some minor work. One good work day should put it in good order. (5) Radio Vehicle. Kevin, K9HX, stated that liability insurance is less than \$150/year. Steve, NT9T, asked the Board about putting this insurance in as a line item in the budget. The Board agreed to add a line item in the amount of \$150.00 for this purpose. (6) Audit Committee members are Jeff, AB9WR; Steve, NT9T; and Mike St. Clair, N1WVU. An additional member will be appointed by Steve, NT9T. (7) Annual events were updated and discussed as a reminder for any preparations which may be necessary. (8) Brentlinger Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 17. St. Ann's Fellowship Hall has been reserved by Ted, K9SGL. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The speaker for the program will be Jack Diehl. (9) Field Day Planning. Nothing new to report. **New Business:** (1) 2012 Budget will be prepared and printed as amended. (2) Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

--Respectfully Submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary

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**Sunday Night Net Manager:** Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF

**How to submit articles for THE BANDSPREAD**

The WVARA has a diverse and widespread membership. We exist all over the country, according to the membership list. There is a great fount of knowledge and experience out there that is just waiting to benefit the readership.

Every month important things happen with Amateur Radio among our membership. Sometimes there are even photos. We would like to know about them and so would others.

Do you have an article that you would like to see in The Bandspread. If so, please send it by e-mail in plain text or MS Word, to: [bandspread@w9uuu.org](mailto:bandspread@w9uuu.org). Please indicate "For the Bandspread" or something similar in the title of your message or on the envelope.

The editor reserves the right to edit for space, spelling, typos and good taste. However, if any significant editing is necessary we'll call you to seek your advice. Therefore, please include your snail-mail or e-mail address and phone number in the message.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Also, don't be discouraged if it doesn't run right away. Sometimes we're just overloaded with articles and our limit, because of postage (and the mental health of the editor) is 10 pages. - Ed.

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**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!

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## Silent Key – W9DLC

We regret to announce the passing of fellow club member Debbie Cox.



Information about this was received too late in the month to have in this issue. The April newsletter should contain a much more thorough account of Debbie's involvement in club activities. Details of her life and member's thoughts will then be provided.

In the meantime, we should all remember her and keep her in our memories. All those who knew Debbie may submit stories and observations which I will assemble for the April newsletter. I myself do not have enough information about her and must now depend on you folks to provide something.



## WVARA Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

### Terre Haute, Indiana

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of even numbered months; 9:30 A.M., Indiana time

1715 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., west side of 8<sup>th</sup> St. behind Glas-Col. Park on side of bldg; use the front entrance on 8<sup>th</sup> St.

For further info contact:

Ray Andrews, K9DUR: 812-535-3222

### Paris, Illinois

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of odd-numbered months; 8:30 A.M. Illinois time.

Burkybile Law Office

15175 Hwy 150

For further info contact:

Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, 217-465-4884

April 14 – Terre Haute

March 10 – Paris

## RYVES VE Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, 7:00 P.M., Indiana time, Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall.

For further info contact Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, at 238-0584 or [wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com](mailto:wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com)

March 8 – Terre Haute

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