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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 .....		146.775/R
Tuesday Evening .....	Parke Co Em Svs Net	
8:00 pm ET .....		146.715/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

## 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 Glas-Co Annex, 7PM EST (former Idaho Post Office Bldg), 1715 S. 8<sup>th</sup> in Terre Haute

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## Triathlon Defined

A triathlon is a multi-sport event involving the completion of three continuous and sequential endurance events. While many variations of the sport exist, triathlon, in its most popular form, involves swimming, cycling, and running in immediate succession over various distances. Triathletes compete for fastest overall course completion time, including timed "transitions" between the individual swim, bike, and run components. The word "triathlon" is of Greek origin from *trei* (three) and *athlos* (contest).

The nature of the sport focuses primarily on persistent training in each of the three disciplines, as well as combination workouts and general strength conditioning.

*-text obtained on Wikipedia*

# Annual Triathlon

It was a very nice morning for a Triathlon. Previous years had seen very cold weather for the morning swim but this year it was comfortably warm, suggesting the heat that was due later in the day. But the event was over by then, thankfully.

We began the WVARA Communications Trailer setup at about 6:45 A.M. and were ready close to our goal which was 7 A.M.

The race started at 8 A.M. so we wanted to be able to handle unforeseen circumstances before the race started. However, the setup went without significant problems and we were ready to go well before 8.

Everyone received a packet by e-mail so most went right to their appointed spots and nobody failed to show this year! This is important because there have been numerous mishaps in the past, requiring either the rescue squad or the Sag Wagon to pick them up and return them to the park.

A special thanks to Mary, KB9NLJ, who not only worked her position but distributed tee shirts to the bike run stations before the race began.

This year we did have a serious crash, involving both the EMT's and the alternate Sag Wagon. One biker was nearly back to the park when his front wheel went off the pavement, causing him to hit the pavement and then flipping him down into a deep ditch. The EMT's were loading him on a gurney when yours truly arrived to pick up the bike and return it to the race officials. We were so intent upon getting the bike out of the ditch and loading it into the truck that we forgot to get any photos of that part of the event. Sorry 'bout that.

He was apparently not hurt seriously but they did take him to the hospital. This underscores the need to have every position covered so paramedics can be alerted, if necessary, and can respond as quickly as possible.

As the last participant in each race passed each station on the course, that person could return to the park for free sandwiches and a drink. Then they were free to hang around or leave, as they wished... that is, except for the net controls and others of us tasked with the job of takedown and putaway at the trailer. But everyone pitched in and stuff was put away in a short time.

We'd like to sincerely thank all the folks who volunteered to help staff the event and help with the setup and takedown afterwards as well. It was apparently enjoyed by all as many of them have already volunteered to show up again next year. Since we are competing every year now with the Dayton Hamvention, this spirit of participation is very gratifying to those of us who have to coordinate the event!

Thanks again, everyone who participated!

For Dave, N9YNF, Communications Command, this is Gary, K9ERE, Event Coordinator.

*C U next year! -- submitted by Gary Wheeler, K9ERE*



Gerry, W9GWC, was at Run 1, waaaay out in the middle of nowhere.



# TRIATHLON 2012



(left) Paul, local event organizer. (right) National referee reads the rules (nobody could hear him above the crowd noise).



First biker leaves Transition (between swim and bike events)



Bikers on the course.



Dave, N97NF, Communications Command



Tim, K9TDO, was very helpful as "utility gofer" this year. Next year, it will be a permanent position.



Steve, WB9WVG, was at Bike 1, at Hunt and U.S. 40, a heavy traffic spot.



John T., K9PIE was at Bike 6, the bike turnaround.



L-R EMT, name unknown, Dave, N9YNF, Dave, N9FMD, Dave, KB9MQE



Dara, KC9UVV at Transition



We got a "two'fer" here. Steve, NT9T, manned the Sag Wagon. He stationed himself at Bike 3 with George, AB9WB.



Tim, K9TDO and Dave, KB9MQE



Bette, KC9GWT and Ron, AB9GI, worked as a team this year at Bike 4.



Ted, K9SGL, was at Run 2, the run turnaround. Nice antenna you have there Ted!



Dave, KB9MQE plus Dave, N9FMD and Mike, N1WVU net controls



John, K9GBO, was at bike 2 at Hunt and S.R. 42, another heavy traffic spot.



Joe, NT9X and XYL were at bike 0 at the first bike turn.



Mary, KB9NLJ, was at bike 5 on the bridge overpass.



## General Meeting May 4, 2012

The General meeting of the WVARA was called to order on Friday, May 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. by President Steve Shorter, NT9T. Steve also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. No new licenses or upgrades were reported. **Announcements:** (1) The Board Meeting will be held immediately following the General Meeting. The meeting is open and everyone is welcome to attend. (2) Testing session in Paris, IL on Saturday, May 12, at 8:30 a.m. Illinois time, at the Burkeybile Law Office. (3) CAARLA meeting will be at the Glas-Col Club Station on Saturday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. (4) No QCWA meeting this month. (5) Terre Haute Triathlon will be Saturday, May 19. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping out, please send email to [K9ERE@earthlink.net](mailto:K9ERE@earthlink.net) or [N9YNF@ARRL.net](mailto:N9YNF@ARRL.net). (6) The next WVARA meeting will be on Friday, June 1. (7) Indiana QSO Party is Saturday, May 5, Noon –Midnight. (8) CAMA Bike Rally will be held Saturday June 2, at Twin Lakes in Paris, IL. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Joe Hawker NT9X. (9) Kevin K9HX read a card of Thanks from Melanie Cloutier KC9JMC for flowers and condolence at her mother's passing. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report will stand as published in The Bandspread. **Treasurers Report:** Jeff, AB9WR moved his report of \$12,699.86 in all Club accounts be accepted. Ken, W9VKD, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** (1) The Board has discussed the purchase of digital interfaces to help operate digital modes with our computers. The purchase of two units designed by Ray K9DUR @ \$56 each (Total \$112.00) was brought before the general meeting. Motion to purchase by John T K9PIE, seconded by John N9YRX. Motion carried. (2) John N9YRX suggested as a club project that the club might build APRS kits for search & rescue. After some discussion, John volunteered to investigate cost, etc. and will bring a proposal for kits to next meeting. (3) There has been a proposal that we make the remote receiver site at the Vigo Co. Sheriff's Office tower a back up repeater. Someone has offered \$3300 to fund this, but the club needs to approve. \$3300 will cover the cost of cavities and filters. There would be some additional cost of approximately \$1,000. Motion was made by Ray K9DUR that the club authorize expenditure of up to \$4500 for the remote repeater. John N9YRX seconded. Motion carried. (4) Dave N9FMD mentioned that several hams have recently loaned equipment to newly licensed hams. There was discussion regarding what the club might be able to do to help new hams to get on the air. Some club members said that they may have some old power supplies, etc. that they may be able to donate for this purpose. Ray K9DUR volunteered to research the cost of two 10-12 amp power supplies that the club might purchase that could be loaned to new hams. (5) The topic of the evening's presentation by Ray K9DUR was the ARRL Official Observer Program. (6) Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary*

## Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2012

The WVARA Board met on Friday, May 4, 2012. The meeting was brought to order at 8:44 p.m. by Steve Shorter, NT9T. Members present were: Steve Shorter, NT9T, President; Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, Treasurer; Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary; Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Past President; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Trustee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large. Ray, K9DUR 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 \$12,699.86 in all accounts. Kevin, K9HX, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** (1) Kevin, K9HX, announced that the equipment for the antenna system at the Vigo County jail site is on order, and should arrive in about two weeks. Kevin has also purchased a receiver multi-coupler on E-bay and will be presenting the bill to the Treasurer as soon as the item is received. (2) MOU's were discussed for Clark, Clay, and Vigo counties. Gary, W9EEU, passed out copies of a draft for the Clay County MOU, and will be discussed again at next month's meeting. Fuel budget for Clark Co. RV— There are funds set in the budget for this purpose, and the Board felt that it was a worthwhile expense and that the van should be kept fueled and ready.

**New Business:** (1) Field Day Planning. Gary, W9EEU, announced that volunteer slots are open and need to be filled. All operating rigs are lined up with the exception of one. Readiness of antennas, computers, software, etc. was discussed. It is hoped that after set up on Friday night we will be ready to operate on Saturday. The EMA has expressed a desire to bring their trailer to Field Day and there was discussion as to how it could best be used. T-Shirt orders will be taken at the general meeting of the WVARA in June. (2) Dave Pifer, N9YNF, sent an email to the Board notifying that the DNS registration needs to be renewed. Motion by Kevin, K9HX, to renew for five years, seconded by Ted, K9SGL. (3) Triathlon. At this time the trailer is not ready for the event which will be held May 18. After discussion, Steve, NT9T, said that he would make sure that the trailer is ready and delivered and picked up at the conclusion of the event. Kevin, K9HX, suggested that Vigo Co. EMA may be able to supply a radio. (4) CAMA Bike Rally. Since John, N9YRX, will not be available to assist with CAMA this year, we need to determine whether we will use the trailer for net control or find out who is authorized to drive the RV. (5) Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary*

## June is also the month of FIELD DAY

We will need quite a number of volunteers for a number of activities. Helping out with Field Day is everyone's responsibility. Please plan to participate on the weekend of June 25<sup>th</sup> and we will make sure you are fed.... WELL!!!

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

## 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: 812-870-8810

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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:

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June 9 – Terre Haute

July 14 – Paris

## RYVES VE Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

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

For further info contact Jim Osburn, WD9EYB, at 812-238-0584 or [wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com](mailto:wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com)

June 14 – Terre Haute

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