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Local Nets

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| 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 | Sullivan Co Em Svs Net | |
| 8:30 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

Regular Events

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 building.

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

Club Picnic

The Annual Club Picnic is on Friday Aug. 10. See details on page %

Credits

All Field Day PIX were taken by Gary Wheeler, K9ERE
Photos of Jack Derry also provided by Gary Wheeler

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Silent Key: Jack Derry



It is with the greatest sadness that we mourn the passing of one of our most valued members. Jack goes back to the seminal years of the WVARA, long before this writer's time in the Club.

Jack graduated from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in 1957 and began his career as professor of electrical engineering in 1958. Someone at Rose apparently thought a great deal of one of their recent graduates. Retiring in 1999, Jack remained active in the Club until poor health began to take it's toll. Nevertheless, he still attended meetings and other Club activities as his health permitted.

*Over the years, Jack was involved in many vital Club activities; among them, he published the WVARA newsletter, *The Bandspread*, for years using the old ditto and mimeograph systems early on. The technology for desktop publishing didn't exist back then.*

He was instrumental in writing at least one version of the WVARA Constitution and Bylaws. As a professor at Rose, he sponsored the presence of the Club for meeting space, making it possible for us to meet monthly, using various lecture halls and AV equipment, when necessary.

Also for many years Jack was the voice of net control for the WVARA Sunday Night Net. It has subsequently taken about ten other individuals to fill his shoes in that position following his retirement from the net.

The last time we visited Jack was around a year ago when we went to his house to get a set of QST magazines he wished to donate to the Club. He was the old Jack at that time with his unique sense of humor. Little did we realize...

Jack will be sorely missed by all his friends in the Amateur Radio community in the Wabash Valley.

Farewell, Jack es 73.

Gary Wheeler, K9ERE

Jack Derry (continued)



Jack Derry was one of a kind! And that is an understatement!! I have known Jack most of my life through our common interest in Amateur Radio. He was my first AM (Ancient Modulation) contact with a six meter Heathkit Sixer that I had just completed building. We were college students together at Rose Polytechnic Institute in 1954. Jack was a year ahead of me and a lot smarter. I went to the U.S. Army for two years after my sophomore year only to come back and find Jack was an instructor in Electrical Engineering. He was already developing his reputation as a sought-after wise cracking, You've-got-to-stay-awake-during-class or if-you-snooze-you-lose kind of professor.

We attended many hamfests together around the Midwest. The ride to the activity with Jack alone was as much fun as the hamfest itself. At the get-together, we would meet lots of ham attendees and some vendors that were at one time his student. Their admiration and affection for him as a former teacher was apparent.

Jack has played a role in the WVARA along many avenues. He was Bandspread editor in the day back in the 70s. A major accomplishment was his charter chairmanship of the Repeater Committee. This was no trivial task! One couldn't buy a plug-and-play system at this early time. Jack, with the help of other club members, conceived, designed, procured the parts, built the assemblies and installed and tested the repeater. This was no small accomplishment! Some may compare this to herding cats. Everything was homebrew, even the cavities, which were made from salvaged brass sewer pipe. They were tuned up in the RHIT EE lab by Jack himself. They were the first cavities most of us had ever seen. As soon as the repeater was up and running and Jack was satisfied with it, his pioneering job was over and he relinquished chairmanship and went off to other interests.

At one meeting, he brought a show-and-tell model fire truck he had modified for one of his son's. It came complete with a siren featuring an engineering sample of a 555 timer chip he had received. (Who said Electrical Engineering was all work and no play? It certainly didn't make this Jack a dull boy!) Jack had such a playful attitude toward life. This was one of the many traits that made him a superb teacher.

Jack had many loves; first was his wife, Bonnie, and his children. Next was bluegrass music, followed by teaching electrical engineering and combinations and permutations of the above.

We will miss Jack! Those who knew him had richer lives because of him.

Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL

Jack Derry, K9CUN

I had known Jack, K9CUN, for many years. I don't recall when I met him, but it was not long after I developed an interest in Amateur Radio. I had the distinct privilege of serving on the WVARA Board with Jack for several years. As many of you know, his contributions to the WVARA, and Amateur Radio in general were numerous.

One of my fondest memories of Jack was at a Field Day activity several years ago, held at Dobbs Park on the east side of Terre Haute. At the time, the WVARA had discontinued participating in Field Day, and a group of local hams got together "ad hoc" and decided to participate in the activity, just for fun.

That year, we operated under my old call of WB9QBR. Jack arrived and participated in every aspect of the activity. Often, during Field Day, particularly early in the morning, some ingenious phonetics are thought up and used. Something related to sleep deprivation, I think. Anyway, I fondly remember the phonetics that Jack came up with for my old call: "We Bought Nine Quality Battery Radios". That year we had a great time, and it was one of the best experiences that I ever had participating in this event.

Jack was truly gifted as a teacher and lecturer. I fondly remember several of the presentations he made over the years during club meetings. Jack always knew how to keep the presentation interesting, and was able to present his subject material in a way that it was appealing both to the new ham, and the seasoned veteran alike.

Jack's contributions to the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio community are too numerous to mention. His legacy of service will be with us forever, as he helped lay the foundations that our club is still benefiting from today.

73,

Kevin Berlen, K9HX

Jack Derry has been a great friend since we first came to Terre Haute in the early 1970s. My best early memories of Jack were various ham radio events, especially the Sunday breakfasts. Now Jack was known for being... frugal! He would bring a tea bag and order hot water. Several of us built the original 25/85 repeater in his garage.

Jack was a great prankster! When hot melt glue guns came out, he was trying to show me his new one while I was repairing some instrument at Rose. After he walked away, I found my needle nose pliers glued to the workbench!

We enjoyed many days together over the years at Rose and ham radio events, trios to Dayton. When our son was born, we asked Jack & Bonnie to be godparents and guardians if anything happened to Dorothy & me. I don't know how one could trust a friend more than that!!! Knowing Jack, I'm sure he figured a way to take a laptop and two meter rig with him, so he's probably still watching & listening!

Dave Gahimer, K9ZCE

Jack Derry - K9CUN



Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic

It's nearly time again for the WVAR Picnic. It will be held on Saturday, August 11, at the home of Gary, K9ERE and Pat, KA9ALI, Wheeler. If you've been there before, you know the way. If not, We'll have a talk-in on 146.685/RPT PL 151.4. The Talk-in should be set up and running by 5 P.M., at the latest. You may park on the grass.

The WVARA will provide the meat and drink, and maybe something else! so just bring a dish to pass, and an appetite.

You also need to bring a folding chair and maybe a swim suit. Swimming can commence as early as 4 P.M., but be sure to be there by around 6 for the meal.

This picnic is open to any Wabash Valley radio amateurs and their families, not just Club members. If it's really hot and you don't swim or tolerate heat well, the house is air conditioned. It's a rain-or-shine event so come join us.

73,

Gary & Pat

2012 Field Day



All ages are more than welcome to participate (shown here is Jerry, W9GWC and family)



Dave, N9FMD shown here talking with Lost Creek Township Trustee Rick Long & his wife, Susan



Among the many visitors was Commissioner Paul Mason, shown here with Ted, K9SGL & Dave, N9FMD .



Many other visitors came to watch the activities and try to understand what was happening. Shown here is Ted, K9SGL next to his solar panels.

FIELD DAY PICTURES



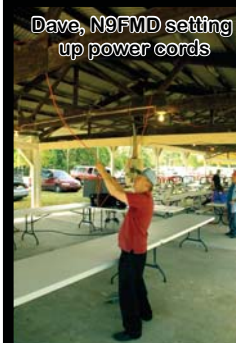
The Shelter BEFORE setup



Ted, K9SGL setting up his solar panels



Ted, K9SGL and Diane, W9SMW



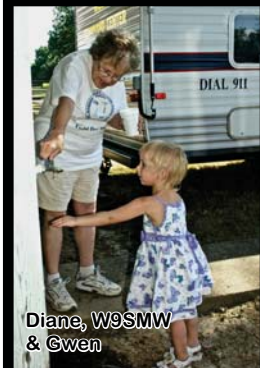
Dave, N9FMD setting up power cords



Gary, W9EEU Kevin, K9HX and Ray, K9DUR



Gary, W9EEU Kevin, K9HX and John, N9YRX



Diane, W9SMW & Gwen



Kevin, K9HX & Jeff, AB9WR securing guy lines



Steve, NT9T setting up the K9VDQ tower



New trailer for the big tower



Ann, KC9RBF & Jon, KC9UAM & Linda (no call)



Victor, KB9YRF setting up some ground wires



Chuck, W9COD catching popcorn (not sneezing)



Jon, KC9UAM & John, N9YRX



The CHEF
Chuck, W9COD



Friday night setup volunteers
chowing down greedily

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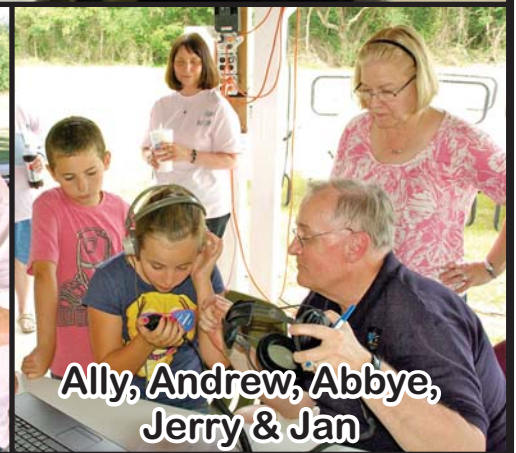
Cathrine, W9IFE; Alex, Gwen, 'K9DOG', Pam, K9JMA



Dave, N9FMD, sitting smug with his 40+ CW contacts



Friday Night Dinner



Ally, Andrew, Abbye, Jerry & Jan



Traditional Saturday Night Bratfest



General Meeting June 1, 2012

The General meeting of the WVARA was called to order on Friday, June 1, 2012, at 7:01 p.m. by President Steve Shorter, NT9T. Vice President, Chuck Procarione, W9COD, 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 all are welcome and invited to attend. (2) Summer meeting schedule: No club meetings in July and August. There will be a WVARA Club Picnic on Saturday, August 11, in Seelyville, IN at the home of Gary and Pat Wheeler, K9ERE and KA9ALI. There will only be one Bandspread during the summer to be published shortly before the picnic. (3) Volunteers are still needed for the CAMA Bike Rally. Please see Joe NT9X if you are available to help. (4) The Dugger, IN amateur radio club will have a pancake breakfast & tailgate on Saturday, June 16. (5) Nick N9WG reported that the 146.805 repeater is up and running at the Police Post courtesy of Kevin K9HX. ARES will also be trying out another repeater, 147.150 (PL 151.4). (6) CAARLA will meet on Saturday, June 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the New Day Café. (7) QWCA will meet on Saturday, June 9 at 12:00 noon at Pizza City. (8) VE Testing in Terre Haute on Saturday, June 9, at 9:30 a.m. at Glas-Col. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report will stand as published in The Bandspread. **Treasurers Report:** Jeff, AB9WR moved his report of \$12,309.67 in all Club accounts be accepted. Kay KW0LF, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: (1) All parts equipment for the antenna system at the Vigo County jail have been ordered. Some have been received, except the ones ordered through RA-COMM which are on backorder. As soon as all parts have been received, a work day will be scheduled to get them installed. (2) John, N9YRX gave a brief update on APRS kits. He will make a formal presentation on his research in the fall.

New Business: (1) Dave N9FMD and Steve KC9RBU are working on writing a contract that new hams would sign who receive equipment on loan from WVARA. The contract would specify a limited timeframe to use and find equipment of their own. The loaner equipment would be a package that could allow new hams to get on the air. If anyone has any equipment for this purpose, please contact Dave or Steve. (2) John N9YRX and Gary W9EEU gave a presentation describing antenna layout for Field Day, schedule of events, and personnel assignments. Talk in frequency will be 146.685, and station call sign is W9UUU. The plan is to have everything pre-staged early in the week with final set-up on Friday evening. Chuck W9COD is taking orders for Field Day T-shirts. The deadline to order shirts is Friday, June 15. (3) Ray K9DUR showed a video presentation on "The Last Big Field Day." (4) Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

-- Respectfully submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes June 1, 2012

The WVARA Board met on Friday, June 1, 2012. The meeting was brought to order at 9:45 p.m. by Steve Shorter, NT9T. 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. Nick, N9WG also attended. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report was approved as published in The Bandspread. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was presented in the form of a motion by Jeff with a total of \$12,309.67 in all accounts. Chuck, W9COD seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: (1) Items ordered through RA-COMM for the remote receiver/repeater upgrade have been back ordered. (2) Field Day Planning. There was discussion about time/day antennas will be picked up. Some items will be pre-staged/delivered to field day site. (3) MOU's. There was discussion about Doug, N9JLR's request to drop the MOU with ARES. Gary, W9EEU has drafted a motion as follows: "Vigo County ARES® has requested that the MOU, entered into March 26, 2007, with the WVARA not be renewed. The MOU expired March 26, 2012. I make the motion that we respect the request to not renew the existing MOU entered into March 26, 2007, and at any time in the future that Vigo County ARES® desires a new MOU be agreed to, the WVARA will work with Vigo County ARES® to reach an agreement. In the absence of a MOU, the WVARA will remain supportive of Vigo County ARES®, and will assist them in reaching their goals as they request." Motion seconded by Chuck, W9COD. Motion carried. (4) Gary, W9EEU withdrew the request for a Clay County MOU.

New Business: (1) Mike, N1WVU will open the Club Station for one night in June while Steve, NT9T and Ray, K9DUR are unable to do so because of other commitments. Mike has been approved by Gary, W9EEU to have the key during their absence. (2) Steve, NT9T announced that he hopes to have the rental cost of HMSU at Indiana State University for the 2013 Hamfest finalized in time to present to the board at the August picnic. (3) The September meeting will be a cookout and carry-in dinner. (4) Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF, Secretary

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ARES member ☐ QCWA member ☐ RACES member ☐

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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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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: 812-870-8810

Paris, Illinois

2nd Saturday of odd-numbered months; 8:30 A.M. Illinois time.
Burkybile Law Office
15175 Hwy 150
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August 11 – Terre Haute

Sept 8 – Paris

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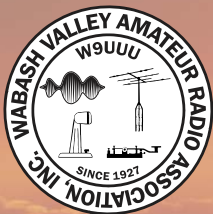
(Walk-ins Welcome)

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