



THE BANDSPREAD



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Local Nets

Monday Evening..... Clay Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST 146.580
Tuesday Evening Verm./Parke ARES Net
8:00 pm EST 146.715/R
Tuesday Evening Sullivan ARES Net
8:30 pm EST 146.775/R
Tuesday Evening Vigo Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST 146.685/R
9:30 pm EST 444.350/R
Wednesday Evening Clark Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST 146.595
Thursday Evening CAARLA Net
9:00 pm EST 146.685/R
Sunday Evening WVARA Net
9:00 pm EST 146.685/R*

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

Regular Events

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

Other Thursdays: 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-Col Annex, 7PM EST (former Idaho Post Office Bldg), 1715 S. 8th in Terre Haute

Annual Christmas Dinner

The annual WVARA Christmas party is being planned for **Sat. Dec. 8, 2012**. The location for this year's dinner will be the Glas-Col Annex located at 1715 South 8th St. (the club meeting location). It will be a fun filled evening as usual. So put December 8 on your calendar and plan on attending. You do not have to be a club member to attend, so invite someone to come along and share the evening.

2013 Board Nominees

PRESIDENT:

Steve Shorter, NT9T

VICE PRESIDENT:

Chuck Procarione, W9COD

SECRETARY:

Mike St. Clair, N1WVU

TREASURER:

Ken Hauptli, W9VKD

TRUSTEE:

Gary Adams, W9EEU

Club Dues are Due Again

CAARLA at St. Mary- of-the-Woods



On Friday, Nov. 9, the Crossroads of America Amateur Radio Association gave a presentation on amateur radio at Mother Theodore Hall at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. I had come up with the idea about two years ago when visiting one of my former teachers there. I walked by a room from which I could hear what sounded like a scanner. I talked with the two sisters there and mentioned that I was an amateur radio operator to which one of them replied: "Oh, we love you hams! We always listen to you when there is bad weather!" When I presented my idea to the activity director there, Diane Thompson, she was very enthusiastic. Unfortunately, weekends were out, but there are enough of us who are retired to easily pull it off. Little did I guess that on that day Pam, K9JMA, would be fighting a bad cold, Debbie, KC9AOR, would be in the hospital, and Diane, W9SMW (they would have loved her call sign!) would be contending with pneumonia. Ray, K9DUR, volunteered to come along and lend his expertise as did Dave, N9FMD. I had arranged with Keith, WA9DRO, to be with us on the air, and Patty, KB9TJW joined us there.

We had about 25 in the audience including S. Frances Edwards, my high school algebra teacher, and S. Jane Bodine, with whom I taught during my first year. Our first attendee, S. Rosalie Marie, told us she was 101! Ray was sure to mention there were no age limits for an amateur license. During the section about Skywarn, Keith was with us on the air and explained how the nets worked and fielded questions.

I had set up two power supplies, two antennas, and two mobile 2m radios (didn't take any chances) and an external speaker but Ray also demonstrated that a handheld would get the repeater from there with no trouble at all. Dave, into whose hands I thrust my camera with no notice, gallantly took pictures with a camera he'd never used before. He also added to the part about ARES with his story of getting water to a truck full of thirsty elephants during a blizzard. Ray talked about DX and had brought some QSL cards to pass around including one from the Vatican. At the end of the program, Patty drew the winning ticket for the scanner, which we gave as a door prize. We couldn't have wished for a better audience and a few days later I received an email from the activity director, to thank us and say that the sisters had really enjoyed the program.

Submitted by Kay KWOLF

Outstanding Amateurs' of the Year Awards



IRCC Chair Jack Parker W8ISH presents awards to AOY winner Dave Spoelstra and nominee Wayne Stoops..

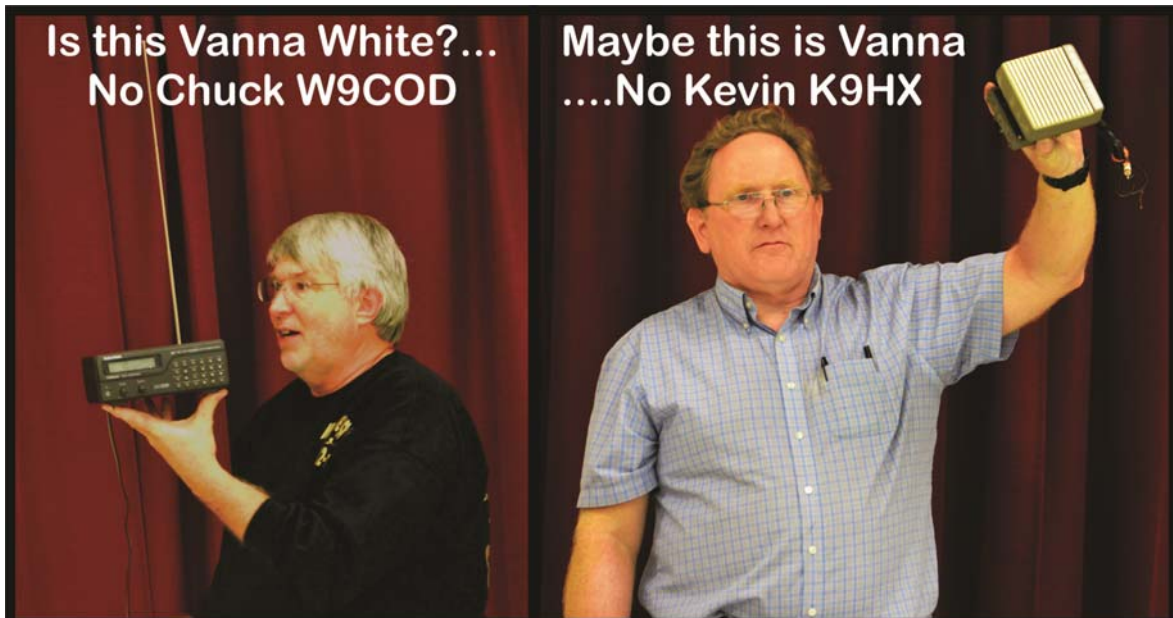


Jack and Dave



Wayne and Dave

November Club Meeting



Lots of stuff for auction

Fort Wayne Hamfest



The 2012 Indiana State ARRL Convention was in Ft. Wayne November 17-18. The event was well attended as you can see from the photos. Added to the vendor and flea market area this year was an emergency communications display. There were a couple of communication trailers on display, along with go kits and other items of interest to this particular aspect of ham radio. The Indiana section staff was well represented at the ARRL display, and the presentations at the associated forums were well done and informative. Jim Moehring (KB9WWM), the Indiana District Emergency Coordinator for district 3, made a presentation on the NBEMS software suite. Jim presented a lot of information in a very short period of time on this material. One of the points that Jim made was the need to adopt some protocol around the state so that folks would know what modes and frequencies to expect as a contact point. Larry (WB9FHP) is running the state ARES digital net on Wednesday evenings using Olivia 500/8, while local groups are using MT-63 or various other modes available.

The messaging capability of the NBEMS suite is very strong. They are currently working with some new modes that are very quick and show promise as modes that can move significant data quickly and accurately. The early tests with these modes are going well and beta releases of the software are available.

Some of our local groups are considering some net activity using the NBEMS software, so if you are interested in the digital modes you should watch for opportunities to join in these nets. The website <http://www.pa-sitrep.com/NBEMS/> is a good place to start if you want to learn more about this topic.

Those responsible for the Indiana NTS held a forum with information about what is happening with the Indiana section NTS. Each of the net managers made a short presentation on the net that is their individual responsibility. Mike Poyser (N9EXM) the section traffic manager shared information about reporting information that is used by the staff and forwarded to ARRL headquarters. Brian Jenks discussed the new IRTN, which has surpassed all expectations. The take-away from this forum was that the Indiana NTS is active and healthy. You are encouraged to check in to some of the NTS nets and help handle the traffic coming into our part of the state.

The ARRL forum featured Central Division Director Dick Isely (W9GIG) and Dan Henderson (N1ND) from the ARRL Headquarters Regulatory Staff. After updates on the current state of affairs there was a general discussion about the current FCC enforcement actions. Dan shared some information about the FCC enforcement changes since Riley Hollingsworth retired. While many things are taking place, they are often not visible to the public. Dan shared specifics about what observers can do to facilitate enforcement actions when malicious interference is encountered. Dan concluded by reminding the group that amateur radio is about having fun. In light of recent emphasis on emergency communications, Dan said that amateur radio is not about emergency communications. While this is something we do, and do very well, it is just one aspect of amateur radio. So as we wind down the year 2012, pledge to have some fun doing amateur radio in 2013!!

Nominating Committee Report - November, 2012

"BYLAWS ARTICLE V – NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Section I - Nominating Committee "A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President in September to select a slate of candidates who have agreed to serve as officers if elected. The committee's report will be due in November and shall be published in the December issue of The Bandspread."

It is NOT the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to find every qualified candidate for each office. It is rather to find at least one qualified candidate for each office to ensure that we have a complete, capable and functioning WVARA Board of Directors. The following people have agreed to their nomination as officers for the 2013 WVARA Board of Directors:

PRESIDENT: Steve Shorter, NT9T **VICE PRESIDENT:** Chuck Procarione, W9COD **SECRETARY:** Mike St. Clair, N1WVU

TREASURER: Ken Hauptli, W9VKD **TRUSTEE:** Gary Adams, W9EEU

This does not mean that others not chosen would not do as fine a job, nor that they should not run in the upcoming election. So... if there are any of you out there who would like to run for office, and are qualified, please contact us or any current Board member and we will see that you are put on the official ballot in the December election along with those listed above. *-Mike St. Clair, N1WVU*

Nominations for the 2013 Brentlinger Awards Are Now Being Accepted

Through the annual Brentlinger Award, the Association honors outstanding amateurs in the Wabash Valley. Members of the WVARA as well as non-members may nominate candidates. The service for which candidates are nominated may be for the preceding calendar year or it may be for cumulative years of service.

The Brentlinger Award has been a part of the Wabash Valley since 1947, and many deserving amateurs have been recognized over those many years. Each year a secret committee, appointed by the president, reviews all nomination letters received by the January 15 deadline. They review the accomplishments of each nominee, and make a determination of recipient(s). The committee makes their determination on the content of the nomination letter. This is important because nominees may, or may not be known, by the members serving on the committee.

If you would like to make a nomination for the 2013 Brentlinger Award, write a nomination letter describing the accomplishments of the nominee. The letter should contain details of what the nominee has done in contributing to ham radio. This can be for recent contributions, or for those things that have been done over a period of years. If you know someone that you think is deserving and are not sure how to write the nomination letter, get in touch with someone and ask them to help you write the letter. A person does not have to be a WVARA member to nominate an amateur, nor does the nominee.

The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2013. You can hand deliver your nomination letter to the President before this deadline, or it must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2013 (PO Box 10081 Terre Haute IN 47801) to be accepted. The Brentlinger Award dinner will be held sometime in March with a specific date to be announced. *-article submitted by Gary Adams, W9EEU*

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Please complete this form and include your dues with it. You may return this application in person or mail to:
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/Day/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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Sunday Night Net Manager: Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF

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
For further info contact:
Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, 217-465-4884

December 8 – Terre Haute

January 12 – Paris

RYVES VE Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

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 812-238-0584 or wd9eyb0409@indianakits.com

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2012 = year; NL= Newsletter only
COMP= Complimentary Membership,
LIFE= Life Membership

If there is no symbol showing on your mailing label, this is a one-time complimentary copy of the Bandspread. If so, we invite you to fill out the enclosed membership form to join the Wabash Valley Amateur Association.