



THE BANDSPREAD



SEPTEMBER 2013

Local Nets

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| Monday Evening.....Clay Co. ARES Net 9:00 pm EST | 145.420/R |
| Tuesday Evening.Verm./Parke ARES Net 8:00 pm EST | 146.715/R |
| Tuesday | Vigo Co. EMCOMM Net |
| 9:00 pm EST | 146.805/R |
| 9:30 pm EST | 444.350/R |
| Wednesday Evening...Sullivan ARES Net 8:30 pm EST | 146.775/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

September Club Meeting

Summer break is over and we resume our regular monthly meetings beginning September 6. There will be a cookout and pitch-in meal, so bring a dish and join the group for an enjoyable evening. The plans also call for a video presentation of a DXpedition.

Late Summer Brings Picnic, National Night Out

When the call goes out that it is time for the annual amateur radio picnic at Gary and Pat Wheeler's, you know it is getting late in the summer. This year the weather was just about near perfect as many gathered at the the Wheeler's. Many were in attendance at the event this year, and as usual the food was awesome. Brats, burgers, hot dogs, salads, cakes, pies, ice cream, and a whole variety of items gave reason for the "I ate too much" comment to be heard among the group. Thanks once again to Gary and Pat for hosting the picnic.



Another annual event that marks late summer is the annual National Night Out. Several groups around the Wabash Valley participate in their respective communities in this event. The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. NATW's National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August. Both the Clay County and Putnam County ARES groups had amateur radio displays at their National Night Out events. The reports from both groups were that several visitors showed and interest in amateur radio, and just what was being demonstrated. Being present at these events gives amateur radio visibility not only with the public, but with several of the local served agencies as well. In talking with both Clay County, and Putnam County, both groups plan on continuing their participation in the National Night Out event next year. Kudos to those who put forth the effort to set up and demonstrate amateur radio.



Spring Windfall

We had two early Spring storms here. In both cases, the wind pushed a dead tree out of my west ravine, toward my house, covering my driveway. Early on, I cleared the branches covering the driveway but I left the rest. It wasn't until August 9th that I finally got to clearing the rest of the logs and brush up to the edge of the ravine. What I discovered was that the two trees had fallen around my southwest tower guy anchor. In fact, one trunk fell only 16 inches south of the anchor point. The other one missed to the north by less than 6 inches! [See photos.]

Was I lucky or what!!!

Gary, K9ERE



Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Picnic



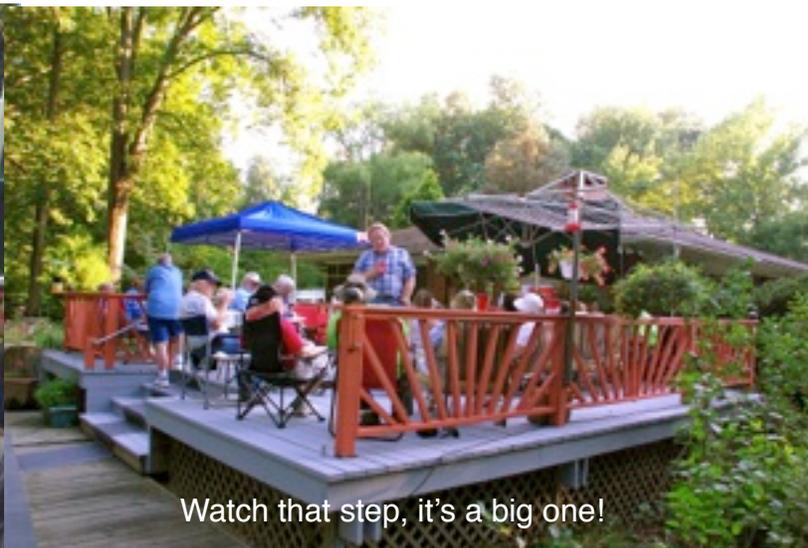
While we are waiting on the brats, how about Joe and Melanie sharing more of their travel adventures. They do a great presentation!



Hey John, are those about done!



All the creature comforts



Watch that step, it's a big one!



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The Sun's Magnetic Field Is About To Flip

NASA report something big is about to happen on the sun. According to measurements from NASA-supported observatories, the sun's vast magnetic field is about to flip.

"It looks like we're no more than 3 to 4 months away from a complete field reversal," says solar physicist Todd Hoeksema of Stanford University. "This change will have ripple effects throughout the solar system." The sun's magnetic field changes polarity approximately every 11 years. It happens at the peak of each solar cycle as the sun's inner magnetic dynamo re-organizes itself. The coming reversal will mark the midpoint of Solar Cycle 24. Half of 'Solar Max' will be behind us, with half yet to come. Read the full story at: http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-atnasa/2013/05aug_fieldflip/

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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!

Assistant Section Manger Presents Forum

Padraig Lysandrou KC9UUS shared about his DXpedition to Cyprus in a forum at the Owen-Monroe Hamfest. Padraig shared pictures, and recapped the various locations from which he operated during the trip to Cyprus. Padraig is the Indiana Assistant Section Manager - Youth Program. Ham radio is fortunate to have bright young individuals like Padraig.



WVARA Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

Terre Haute, Indiana

2nd Saturday of every month (except July);

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

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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