



THE BANDSPREAD



Local Nets

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 Evening 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. every Thursday. The Club
Station is located on the 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

Family Learning Day, 2013, at the Vigo County Library

It was dark, chilly and lonely when the first of our team arrived at the Vigo County Public Library on Saturday morning before sunrise. But, in less than an hour, all that would change. The WVARA would once again be a part of “Family Learning Day”, and once again would take advantage of an opportunity to demonstrate our hobby to the general public.

Our newly refurbished communications trailer was en route, as were a half dozen or so sleepy members prepared to tell the Amateur Radio story. We would set up the trailer in the parking lot, with its assortment of radios and accessories. This year, in addition to the assortment of literature and equipment, we added a demonstration of digital modes to the mix.

Most times in the past Library resources supplied electricity to our display, and early on it appeared this would be true again. However as our neighbors continued to plug into the limited resources power began to fail. After repeated attempts to solve that problem did not succeed we moved to our back-up plan and connected our 7000-watt generator to the trailer. Our power problems were solved, but two additional problems presented themselves. Those were noise, both to the ear and to the radio. Oh well, we needed something else to work on anyway.

Equally (or so) important to the mix was our famous popcorn machine. Several visitors said they remembered that part of the show from last year, and that they hoped we would be here. At one point late in the morning

Chuck,
W9COD,
(popcorn
chef,) said
more than
300 treats had
been given
away, and
visitors were
still arriving.



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Owen County ARA and ARES Operates INPOTA



Jim K9EOH, Steve KC9QZH and Paul KC9YAX work to launch a dipole into the trees around the Nature Center

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in Indiana, members from the Owen County Amateur Radio Association and Owen County ARES took to the McCormick's Creek State Park for a couple of events. The group set up a station to operate the Indiana Parks On The Air. INPOTA encourages portable operations from Indiana's 25 State Parks. This was the third annual Indiana Parks On The Air contest, and was ran in tandem with Ohio State Parks On The Air. The local group put a dipole up in the trees around the Nature Center at McCormick's Creek and set up their station in the Nature Center's outdoor show center. At

last count, Jim and the group had

logged contacts with more than 20 other State Parks across Indiana and Ohio.

In addition to the fun of operating in the INPOTA contest, the group provided assistance to McCormick's Creek State Park during the BBQ and Blues event hosted by the Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park. With the limited parking space in the park, the group assists in directing traffic to the various parking areas and keeping the traffic flowing smoothly throughout the park during the event. So with the very pleasant smell of cookers, and the sounds of various blues musicians, everyone involved enjoys an afternoon in the park. Your editor ventured down to McCormick's Creek for the afternoon and helped the Owen County group with the chores of the day. Everything went smoothly, and in all aspects it was a great day in one of Indiana's beautiful State Parks.



Family Learning Day Continued

So now we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who showed up to help in the setup, ops or takedown. We'd also like to thank those who just showed up to support the operation. All participation was greatly appreciated! Among those who were involved were Chuck, W9COD, event coordinator; Dave, N9FMD, Comm Trailer ops; Catherine, W9IFE, popcorn machine ops; Mike, N1WVU, digital demo; Donnie, KC9VFQ, setup and takedown; Kimmy, Donnie's daughter, popcorn assistant; Gerry, W9GWC; Dan, NW9N; Steve, KC9RBU; Dick, N9TH; and Kevin, K9HX. We sincerely apologize if we left anyone out.

Overall the weather was near perfect, the attendance was good, and we can now begin preparing for next year. Maybe we should get our popcorn order in early this time.

- Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD



Putnam County Conducts Full Scale Exercise

The Putnam County AuxComm (aka ARES) group assisted their county in a full scale exercise conducted on Saturday, September 21. Responders gathered for the exercise well before daybreak, and represented multiple agencies. Agencies included the Putnam EMA, local fire departments, various law enforcement agencies, the local hospital, Hamilton Center, IDHS, Putnam County Highway Department, CERT, Putnam County ARES/RACES, and the Red Cross.

The full scale exercise included an active shooter/hostage situation, and a hazardous chemical spill. The responding agencies all were tested in their abilities and by all reports met the challenges of the situations. The reports from participants in the hot wash session indicated that all agencies felt better prepared should a real-life scenario occur.

As the District 7 ARES Emergency Coordinator, I assisted the Putnam County ARES/RACES group, and they performed in an awesome manner during the course of the day. The Putnam County group has been very active in working with various served agencies in the county, and that involvement was very evident during the course of the exercise.

Gary, W9EEU



Putnam County ARES EC George Edenfield at the Putnam County EOC assigning radios to exercise personnel



Inside the Putnam County EOC



Law Enforcement Personnel at the Hot Wash Session

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New Radio Club at Terre Haute North

Dan NW9N has been working very hard to reach out to schools in the area. Thanks to Dan, with the help of Dick N9TH and Chuck W9COD, the WVARA is the sponsor for a new amateur radio club at Terre Haute North High School. Responsibilities come along with the opportunity, and we look forward to teaching great students about amateur radio.



WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2014

Please complete this form and include it with your dues. You may return this application in person or mail to:

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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!

District 7 ARES Deployment Exercise

The District 7 ARES team has plans for a deployment exercise on Saturday, October 5. This is the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test weekend, and the ARES group has put together an exercise to southern Indiana. This will test the skills of ARES personnel to deploy to a remote site and set up amateur radio communications.

The team will be operating a special event station (K9T) from 12:00-4:00 PM on 3.960, 7.260 and 14.260 +/- as required. Find us on the air and work the special event station commemorating the 200th anniversary of Shawnee Chief Tecumseh's death in the Battle of Thames.

Look for a report in a future issue.

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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