



THE BANDSPREAD

MAY 2014



Local Nets

Monday	.....Clay Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST	.....145.420/R
Tuesday	.....Verm./Parke ARES Net
8:00 pm EST	.....146.715/R
Tuesday	.....Putnam Auxcomm Net
8:00 pm EST	.....442.225/R
Tuesday	.....Vigo Co. Emcomm Net
9:00 pm EST	.....147.150/R
Following 2 Meter Net	.....444.350/R
Wednesday	.....Sullivan ARES Net
8:30 pm EST	.....146.775/R
Wednesday	.....Rose Tech Radio Club
9:00 pm EST	.....146.400
Wednesday	.....Clark Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST	.....146.595
Thursday	.....Putnam Auxcomm Net
9:00 pm EST	.....147.330/R
Thursday	.....CAARLA Net
9:00 pm EST	.....146.685/R
Sunday	.....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, 5:30-8:00 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

May Club Meeting

The May club meeting will feature:

- The annual club auction. Bring items for sale, and money to make purchases.
- The most important thing in the Universe (K9ZCE)
- The INQP (K9DUR)

Save The Date

- INQP May 3
- TH Triathlon May 17
- Dayton Hamvention May 16-18
- Field Day June 28-29

Statewide RACES Drill Conducted

On Saturday April 12 amateur operators across Indiana were called into action as part of the statewide RACES drill conducted by IDHS. Don West and the IDHS team put together a drill that simulated a disruption of communications infrastructure across Indiana. RACES teams and EMA staff were called into action to assess the extent of the disruption, and provide for communications across the state via amateur radio.

The exercise involved conducting an assessment of the status in each county and relaying that information to IDHS in Indianapolis. Each county was also assigned the responsibility to relay requests to IDHS for a partner county, and to make requests to IDHS through another county. This requires that county to county communications be established using amateur radio, and that messages be handled accurately.

The teams in Indiana District 7 performed very well during the exercise. Our participating counties were able to quickly establish communication using a combination of simplex and local repeaters. We also had stations establish communication with IDHS on HF. Traffic was handled across the district very well, and all assigned tasks during the exercise were completed by each county. For the first time in our district during an event of this type we incorporated the use of digital modes using FLDigi.

Putnam County had the responsibility as the primary assessment county for our district. They had to contact each county and collect information as to the simulated capabilities in each county. They then had to get this information to IDHS using WebEOC. In a fine orderly fashion the Putnam County group gathered the information and was able to relay that to Indy. The performance of the groups in District 7 proved we can get the job done if we are needed. I was very pleased with the way our RACES teams across the district performed in this drill.



Gary Adams W9EEU
Indiana District 7 RACES Coordinator

WVARA
Treasurer's Report
March, 2014

Beginning Balance Checking: \$3,086.67

INCOME:	Y-T-D	MONTH
Dues	285.00	80.00
Education	160.00	160.00
Half-Pot	34.25	10.00
Hamfest	1831.00	1,831.00
Donation	30.00	
Field Day T-Shirts		
Misc. *	218.40	
Brentlinger Dinner	60.00	60.00
TOTAL INCOME:	2,618.65	2,141.00
 EXPENSES:		
Education	117.35	
Equipment Repair		
Vehicle Expense	107.55	
Hamfest	800.00	600.00
Field Day		
Misc. & Food	75.00	
Insurance	300.00	
Postage	21.80	8.16
Bank/Check Charges	9.54	
Dues	45.00	45.00
Equipment Purchases	800.00	
Field Day Shirts		
Com Trailer Rebuild		
Brentlinger Dinner	240.00	240.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$2,516.24	893.16

End Balance Checking: \$4,334.51

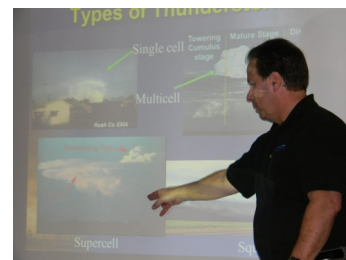
Capital Fund 2,075.00

Investment 3,196.15

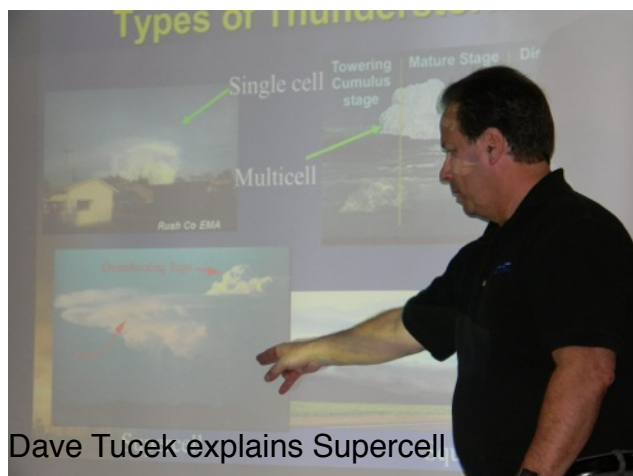
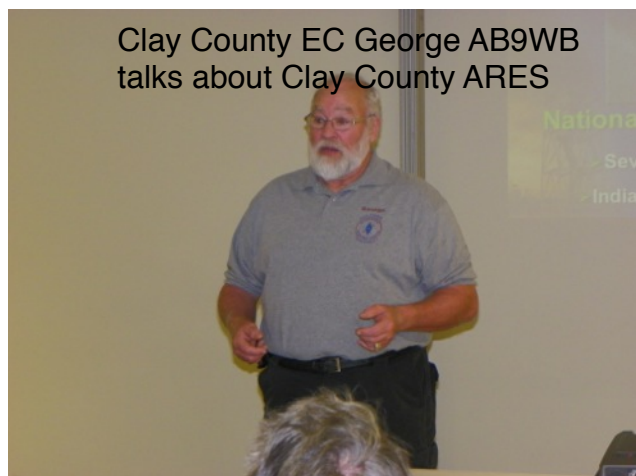
TOTAL FUNDS: \$ 9,605.66

NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist Conducts Spotter Training Classes

Dave Tucek KC9CNF, the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Indianapolis NWS office, recently conducted Spotter Training classes at two Wabash Valley locations. At 9:00AM Dave was in Spencer for a class sponsored by the Owen County ARA at the First Christian Church. The class was well attended, and Dave did his usual awesome job conducting the class.



Dave packed up his presentation materials and headed for Brazil where he conducted a class at the Brazil Public Library co-hosted by the Library and the Clay County Emergency Communications Group (ARES/RACES). This class was very well attended (especially considering it was an absolutely beautiful day) and again Dave did an outstanding job teaching about the characteristics of squall line storms and supercell thunderstorms. When you see examples of what storms are capable of, it is a sobering reminder to have a plan for your own safety when a storm of this type approaches your QTH.



WVARA Comms Trailer Has New Addition

The WVARA Comms trailer has a new addition which will debut during the INQP on May 3. The WVARA recently acquired a pneumatic mast for the trailer and installation is almost complete. This will be a great addition to the trailer inventory and will make a welcome change in getting antennas in the air. The trailer has undergone extensive work under the direction of Gary K9ERE and plans are being made for the renovated trailer to make it's first field run during the INQP. Gary K9ERE and Dave N9FMD will be taking the trailer to the Clay-Vigo county line and operating a two-county operation for part of the event. The WVARA not only maintains the trailer for club events, but makes this trailer available for Wabash Valley ARES teams.

Look for a report on the performance of the trailer next month!!



The new mast goes on Comms trailer

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Recent Repairs at Club Station

The Gap Titan DX antenna at the club station didn't fare too well over the winter months. The snow and ice took a toll on the antenna transition wires and the counterpoise assembly. We were able to get the Gap down and make the needed repairs.

New transition wires were made up and installed on the antenna. A little straightening of arms made, and with a little outside help the antenna was reinstalled on the mast. It is now back in good operating condition and ready to go for the INQP on May 3.

Thanks to Ray K9DUR, Gary W9EEU, Mike N1WVU and Glas-Col maintenance to get these repairs completed.

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:

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.
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/Dy/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!

Indiana Section Manager Election

If you were a member of record in the Indiana Section as of March 7, 2014, by now you should have received a ballot via the US Mail for the Section Manager election in your ARRL Section. If you have not received a ballot, please contact Leona Adams, W1LGA, ladams@arrl.org, and request a replacement ballot. If you haven't yet done so, please mail your ballot as soon as possible to ensure that it is received at ARRL HQ by the May 16, 2014, deadline.

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 Edwards at
812-235-1265 or

jedwards@catholiccharitiesterrehaute.org

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LIFE= Life Membership

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