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Local Nets

MondayClay Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST145.420/R
TuesdayVerm./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
9:00 pm EST	.....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
7:00 pm EST	.....147.330/R
Thursday	.....CAARLA Net
9:00 pm EST	.....146.685/R
Fourth Thursday	.....District 7 ARES Net
8:30 pm EST	.....145.420/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

Summer Picnic

The summer picnic is Saturday August 9th. As usual it will be at the residence of Gary and Pat Wheeler in Seelyville.

2797 N. Baker St

SUMMER PICNIC NEXT UP FOR AREA HAMS

The annual summer picnic at the residence of Gary and Pat is the next event on the calendar. Gary and Pat always host a fantastic event and all area hams are invited Saturday evening August 9th. Bring a covered dish and join us for a great summer evening. If you would like to swim, show up early. Otherwise be there by 6:00PM. We hope to see a large turnout for the picnic this year.



W1AW/9 from the W9UUU Station

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Radio Relay League. As part of the celebrations of this milestone, the ARRL is running two special operating events throughout the year.

First is the Centennial QSO Party, a year-long contest where you earn points by working ARRL members, elected officials, and field organization appointees. The number of points varies from 1 point for working an ARRL member or ARRL-affiliated club through 300 points for working the ARRL President, Kay Craigie, N3KN. Scoring is done by uploading your contacts to the Logbook of the World, and your score is automatically calculated according to the stations you have worked. Locally, Larry Drake, KT9L, is the 5th-highest scoring operator in Indiana with 20,011 points. Ray, K9DUR, is the 18th-highest in Indiana with 8,013 points, while W9UUU sits 57th with 3,389 points.

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WVARA Assists Clay County ARES Team

On June 19th the Indiana District 7 Hospital Preparedness Program Committee (HPPC) conducted a functional exercise. While the District Chair decided not to include amateur radio at a district level, local teams participated in the exercise. In Clay County, the ARES team was invited by EMA Director Bryan Husband to assist the EMA and the St. Vincent Clay Hospital to assist with communication efforts. The Clay County ARES team requested the communications trailer from the WVARA, and arrangements were made with Gary K9ERE to deliver the unit to the St. Vincent Clay Hospital early the day of the exercise. With the comms trailer staffed, the team also had members in the EMA office and in the hospital IC (Incident Command) room. Very early in the exercise the hospital IC recognized that the ARES team had direct radio communication with the EMA office and utilized that link for all communications to the EMA for the duration of the exercise. Traffic was passed by the team very smoothly, and by the end of the exercise the St. Vincent Clay Hospital team was very impressed with the capability of the ARES team.

During the hot wash session the hospital staff asked very good questions of the ARES members. They intend to include the amateur radio team in response plans, and were interested in installing an amateur station in the hospital facility.

During the exercise a Clay County Commissioner dropped by the EMA office. EMA Director Bryan Husband explained that he was participating in the hospital exercise. It was mentioned that the ARES team was helping, and Bryan did a very good job letting the Commissioner know what we were capable of doing for the county. He mentioned the communication trailer during the conversation.

The Clay County team would like to thank the WVARA for the time and expense of maintaining the communication trailer, and for lending it to the group for the exercise. It was a tremendous asset.

Gary Adams W9EEU
Indiana District 7 DEC



W1AW/9 from the W9UUU Station Continued

The other big event is the W1AW/portable operations. During the course of 2014, groups of operators will operate using the call W1AW/x from all 50 states and most of the U.S. territories. The ARRL is offering a special Worked All States certificate to those who work the W1AW portable stations in all 50 states with endorsement stickers for working each of the territorial operations.

Each state will be activated for a week at a time twice during the year. Typically, there are two states active during any given week. Indiana's first week was July 23rd through July 29th during which, two local amateurs, Ray (K9DUR) and Larry (KT9L), were privileged to be among the group selected to operate using the W1AW/9 call sign from Indiana. Operators were chosen based on their operating experience and station capabilities. Contesting experience was highly desirable since the operating conditions generated by this type of event closely resemble those found in the major contests. About 40 amateurs, operating from 35 different locations across the state, made more than 30,000 contacts during the week-long operation.

While most of his operations were from home, Ray operated for 2 hours from the WVARA club station on Saturday afternoon to give visitors a chance to see what the other side of the pile-up is like. Three visitors took advantage of the opportunity.

The W1AW portable operations are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Even if you do not want to chase the certificates, they are a lot of fun to work and a good opportunity to fill in those holes in your Worked All States award. W1AW/9 will be back in Indiana the week of December 10th to 16th.



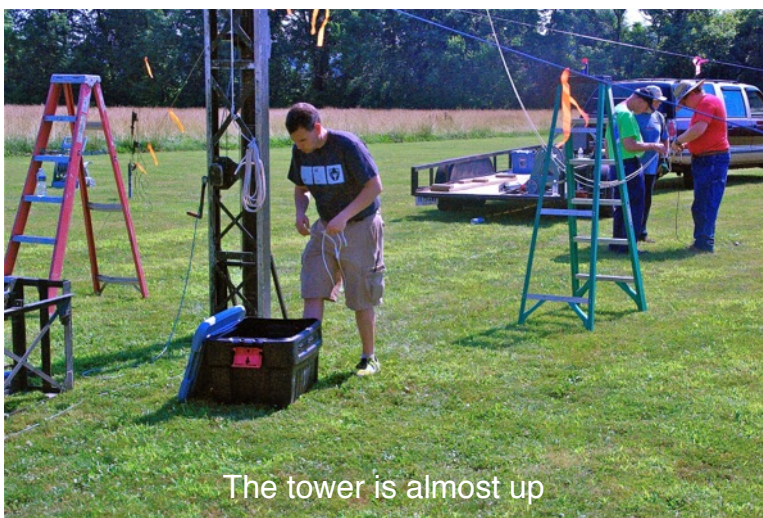
2014 Field Day Results

With almost 1,000 QSO's the WVARA compiled a total score of 4,612 points during the 2014 Field Day (see full results on the website). A fantastic time was had by all that spent time at the field day site this year. New faces manned the GOTA station and huge smiles could be seen as contacts were made. A new antenna launcher was demonstrated by K9ZCE to the fascination of those present (awesome Dave!). Ted K9SGL presented an educational session on his solar charging station, which powered a rig for the alternate power bonus points. Elected officials visited the site and were impressed by our capabilities. Our set-up and tear-down went extremely well this year. By the early evening on Friday we had basically completed our set-up, and with just a few finishing touches on Saturday morning we were ready to operate well ahead of the start time. Plans are already under way for Field Day 2015!!

Thank you to all that participated in 2014 Field Day in any way. It is only possible with each and every one of you!!!!



K9ZCE demos his antenna launcher.



The tower is almost up



What exactly are you working on Ted?



Did it rain just a little?





Field Day Pics courtesy of K9ERE

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WVARA Monthly Meetings Resume

When we have the summer picnic we know that summer break is almost officially over. Our monthly meetings will resume on Friday September 5th. The location is the Glas-Col Annex located at 1715 S. 8th Street. Plan on attending our first meeting of the fall, and bring a guest or two along to enjoy an evening of learning 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:

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!

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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