



# THE BANDSPREAD



## 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
9:00 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
8:00 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 7<sup>th</sup>  
and Idaho. Entrance and parking back of  
building.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month: Monthly club  
meeting at Glas-Col Annex, 7PM EST  
(former Idaho Post Office Bldg),  
1715 S. 8<sup>th</sup> in Terre Haute

## Club Meeting Friday Sept 5.

Regular monthly meetings  
resume in September.  
September meeting will feature  
a pitch in dinner with serving  
time at 6:30PM, and meeting to  
follow. Bring a dish and bring a  
friend.

Successful QSL'ing, Tech Talk,  
and a Field Day recap are all on  
tap for the meeting.

## The Perfect Summer Picnic

It was a perfect evening when folks gathered at the Wheeler residence in Seelyville for the summer picnic. The temperature was unusually mild for Indiana in August as we packed the deck area, while John K9GBO and Gary K9ERE fired up the grill. Soon the food was ready and what a fabulous meal was placed before us. Stories flowed as folks sat around well satisfied after the meal. Once again a huge thank you to Gary and Pat for hosting this wonderful event.

*See pictures on page 2 courtesy of Gary K9ERE*

## WVARA Supports Clay County ARES With NNO

The WVARA once again supported the ARES group in Clay County by joining them for the National Night Out display in Brazil on Tuesday August 5. Gary K9ERE and Dave N9FMD brought the communication trailer over to Forest Park, and along with the communication van of Clay County EC George AB9WB, the group had a very nice display. Clay County EMA Director Bryan Husband set up the EMA display right next to the group, and folks visited the display and chatted throughout the evening.

George came up with the idea of posting a morse code chart, and having a code oscillator for the kids to try out. George would ask the kids what their name was, and then wrote it down on a paper showing them the code characters. He then helped the kids send their name using the key. This proved to be quite an attention getting during the event. Several adults made mention that they once knew morse code, but it had been a long time!!

As the evening proved, it is good practice to set these stations up from time to time. Once everything was up and operational, we even worked W1AW/4 from the comm trailer.

*See pics on page 3 courtesy of Gary K9ERE and Ray K9DUR*

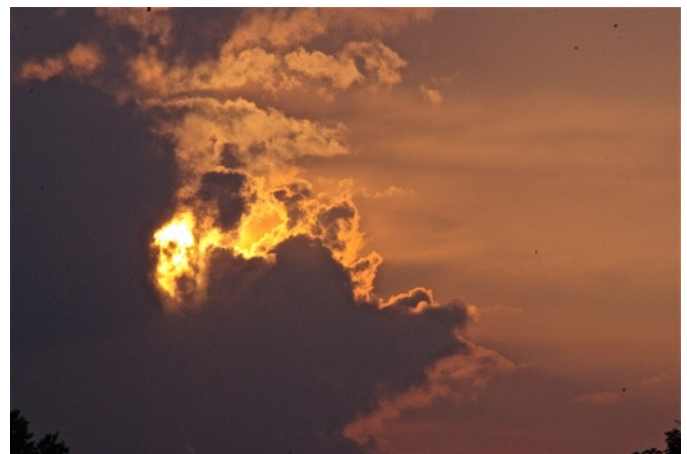


***Summer***



***Picnic 2014***





***Perfect ending to National Night Out in Brazil.***

## ***Owen-Monroe Hamfest A Success***

The Owen-Monroe hamfest was held at the fairgrounds in Spencer on a sultry Saturday morning. That didn't discourage local hams from turning out to enjoy a good time. In addition to the vendors and tailgaters, there were three forums conducted and were all very well done.

First up was June Taylor from the Bloomington Red Cross. June challenged the group to consider unconventional ways to promote amateur radio. One way was to consider utilizing the skills of individuals that may want to help nonprofit groups, but not necessarily by the usual means. June shared that some may be willing to help, but not by becoming ham radio operators. One example was to use the younger generation (those that believe cell phones always work) by tapping their social media skills to help promote and recruit. June also encouraged getting out and taking part in public service events any time possible. Her message was be visible.



Next up was Luke Patmore, NQ9L, from the IU Radio Club. Luke presented ideas that have been used by the IU club to reach out and recruit young folks to amateur radio.

Luke was a very impressive young man, and is an example that the future of amateur radio is in good hands. There was a good discussion during this forum on reaching out to high schools to start clubs. Of course one of the most successful high school clubs anywhere is right there in Bloomington.



And finally Jack White, the Owen County EMA Director, presented information on current happenings with the communications within Owen County. The recent changes in technology has presented some challenges across the county, and Jack shared that with the help of a

very good consultant, a request for upgrading the systems across the county is being quoted. Jack is positive that the changes will be a huge benefit to the emergency services communications across the county, and was hopeful that funding made available is adequate to move the project into the implementation stage.



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**Sunday Night Net Manager:** John VanSandt - N9YRX

## Statewide ARES Test

A statewide ARES SET (Simulated Emergency Test) is being planned to take place on Saturday, November 8. District 7 will be participating in the exercise, which will help us evaluate our ability to handle messages with the assistance of the NTS (National Traffic System). Anyone wanting to help with the SET is encouraged to contact your EC to see what you can do.

Feel free to contact Gary Adams, W9EEU if you want more information on the statewide test.

Gary W9EEU  
DEC Indiana District 7

## 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.  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER?  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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## 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](mailto:jedwards@catholiccharitiesterrehaute.org)

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