



THE BANDSPREAD



Local Nets

Monday	Clay Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST	145.420/R
Monday	Sullivan ARES Net
8:30 pm EST	146.775/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	Rose Tech Radio Club
9:00 pm EST	146.400
Wednesday	Clark Co. ARES Net
Discontinued	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 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

Radio Astronomy

The October club meeting will feature special speaker Edmund Harfmann from the Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers. This should be a very interesting presentation and all are welcome.

State ARES SET

A statewide ARES SET is scheduled for Saturday Nov 8. Anyone interested in participating, please contact W9EEU.

W9COD Honored By ARRL

Late during Field Day 2014 Chuck W9COD was calling CQ and had a QSO that ended up drawing special attention. A YL was at the GOTA station in Ft. Wayne IN, and while being coached was able to make her first ever amateur radio contact. What drew special attention is that Chuck had several stations calling and he made all stations stop and wait while he worked the YL. It was apparent during the contact that the YL was being coached through the exchange and Chuck patiently worked with her until the contact was in the log.

On the Monday morning following Field Day, there was traffic listed for Gary W9EEU on the NTS net, which ended up being a special note of thanks to the WVARA Field Day operation. What made the contact so special was, not only was this Sammi's first ever amateur radio contact, Sammi is also vision impaired. The report from the Ft. Wayne group is that the experience really "made Sammi's day".



Word of the contact made it all the way to ARRL Headquarters, where a Public Service Commendation was issued to Chuck. It is just an example of the good that can come from amateur radio. Hopefully Sammi will get her ticket and many will have the opportunity to work her because a special encounter during Field Day captured her interest.

Proposed Criminal Background Check Policy

The board has approved implementation of a background check policy for all members of the Association. ***This policy will be presented to the membership for a vote at the October meeting.*** Please review the proposed policy and direct any questions you may have to a board member.

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. Criminal Background Check Policy

The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (WVARA) endeavors to work with many public organizations and has determined that a criminal background check is required as a condition of membership in the WVARA. The criminal background check is regulated under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) and as such the screening policy form contains language permitting an extensive background search, however the WVARA will not ask for any credit history as a part of this criminal background check process. The WVARA will only conduct a national criminal background check, a social security number trace, and a county records search for any felony convictions on record.

Any individual desiring to be a member of the WVARA must consent to a criminal background check prior to being granted membership. Any individual that has a felony conviction on record will be considered ineligible for membership in the WVARA. Any individual refusing to consent to a criminal background check will be considered ineligible for membership in the WVARA. The cost of the background check will be borne by the WVARA.

Existing members must consent to a criminal background check in order to maintain membership in the WVARA. An existing member having a felony conviction on record will have their membership in the WVARA revoked. Any existing member that refuses to consent to a criminal background check will have their membership revoked. The cost of the background check will be borne by the WVARA.

The WVARA will utilize the services of Reference Services, Inc. located in Evansville, IN. If the background check reveals a felony conviction, the applicant will have the right to appeal the report to Reference Services, Inc. for accuracy. The findings of Reference Services, Inc. will be final following the appeal process.

It will be the responsibility of the Vice-President and the Trustee of the WVARA to maintain the reports generated by Reference Services, Inc. They will only report to the WVARA Board of Directors that an applicant is eligible or ineligible for membership as a result of the background check. All information from the reports will be held in strict confidence, and any copies of the reports maintained will be stored in a locked and secure location with access only by the Vice-President and the Trustee.

Public Service

Commendation

Public Service

Advocacy

Education

Technology

Membership

This is to certify that

Chuck Procarione, W9COD

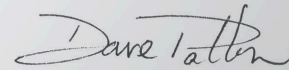
has been issued this award in recognition of outstanding public service communications in the

Indiana Section during the 2014 Field Day by giving priority to a QSO with a young seeing-impaired unlicensed operator working from a GOTA station in Fort Wayne.

Chuck patiently helped Samantha "Sammi" Burrridge make her first amateur radio contact and introduced her to the excitement of communicating and making friends via wireless radio.



Kay Craigie, N3KN, ARRL President



Dave Patton, NN1N,
Membership & Volunteer Programs Manager

September 1, 2014



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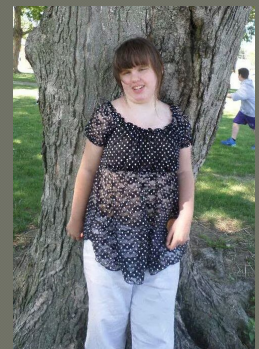
The W9UUU Operator

The WVARA was publicly thanked on the Indiana Traffic Net because the person operating W9UUU took extra time & effort to make certain that Sammi was able to complete the contact – even to the extent of telling several other calling stations to stand by while the contact was in progress.

Samantha "Sammi" Burrridge

Sammi is 10 years old and is visually impaired.

Operating from the GOTA station of the Fort Wayne Radio Club she made her 1st ever amateur radio contact by working W9UUU on Sunday shortly before the end of Field Day.





Evansville Hamfest Closes

The Bandspread is the official publication of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. Organized in 1927 as a nonprofit public service organization it was affiliated with the ARRL on April 5 1934.

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EARS and The Ham Station regret to announce that the Evansville Hamfest has ended. For 21 years, EARS has worked hard to bring you the best hamfest we could. The Ham Station has been our corporate sponsor for the last several years, and has been along with us every step of the way. We can not offer enough thanks to all of our vendors (a few of which have also been there every single year), the people who attended, the Old Post Amateur Radio Society who provided concessions every year, the VE testing crew, and those who graciously volunteered with security, ticket sales, labeling flyers, giving out prizes, QSL checking, and more. We hope you will continue to patronize our vendors online and/or at other hamfests.

Several people have asked why the hamfest is ending. There were many factors that we had to consider, including: a date conflict with some vendors for this year, rising expenses of the 4H Center, low attendance, lack of profit, and loss of manpower to help prepare and run the hamfest. We explored other locations, other dates, and other staff. We were unable to come up with a plan that would work. We do not have any plans to revive the hamfest in the future at this time. Most of the original EARS volunteers have moved away, and some have traveled long distances to keep the show running. And, due to lack of use EARS transferred the 145.15 repeater over to the W9WIN repeater network 2 years ago. EARS still operates 146.925 and 443.925 repeaters in Vincennes, along with Echolink and IRLP. Our audio stream is still online, we are still connected to the Central Indiana SKYWARN network, and our online RADAR and weather alerts will continue to serve areas of Southern Indiana as long as possible.

Again, we thank you for your past support of the hamfest. 73.
 Neil Rapp

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2015

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!

Special Guest Speaker at October Meeting

Mr. Edmund Harfmann with the Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers will be a guest speaker at the October meeting of the Association.

What is The Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers (SARA)?

The Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers (SARA) is an international society of dedicated enthusiasts who teach, learn, trade technical information, and do their own observations of the radio sky.

This organization is a scientific, non-profit group founded for the sole purpose of supporting amateur radio astronomy. SARA was organized in 1981, and today has hundreds of members worldwide.

The group consists of optical astronomers, ham radio operators, engineers, teachers and non-technical persons. Many of our members are new to the field, and membership is extended to all who have an interest in radio astronomy.

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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