



THE BANDSPREAD



Local Nets

MondayClay Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST145.420/R

MondaySullivan ARES Net
8:30 pm EST146.775/R

TuesdayVerm./Parke ARES Net
8:00 pm EST146.715/R

TuesdayPutnam Auxcomm Net
9:00 pm EST442.225/R

TuesdayVigo Co. Emcomm Net
9:00 pm EST147.150/R
9:00 pm EST444.350/R

WednesdayRose Tech Radio Club
9:00 pm EST146.400

ThursdayPutnam Auxcomm Net
8:00 pm EST147.330/R

ThursdayCAARLA Net
9:00 pm EST146.685/R

Fourth Thursday.....District 7 ARES Net
8:30 pm EST145.420/R

Sunday.....WVARA Net
9:00 pm EST146.685/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

February Club Meeting

The February club meeting will include a
discussion and vote on the 2015 budget,
and a panel discussion on radio
operating practices. Join us for this
important and informative meeting on
February 6, 2015 at 7:00PM.

School Club Roundup

The School Club Roundup will be on the
air February 9-13, 2015. The local THN
ARC will be participating in this event.
Look for them on the air and help them
put contacts in their log.

Thanks to Duke Energy

A big thank you goes out to James Aker of Duke Energy for bringing the Live Line Demo to the WVARA at our January meeting. Many of the club members gathered to enjoy, and learn, from the demonstration about power line and electrical energy safety. It is pretty awesome to see the release of energy from a live power line. Certainly one does not want to even tempt fate by working near a live power line source. One valuable takeaway from the meeting is that the folks at Duke Energy are concerned enough about the safety of the consumer that they will send help and equipment to safely remove any structure near a live power line. Keep this in mind with any antenna removal that has any chance at all of coming in contact with any lines.

It was also interesting to learn about the steps that Duke Energy is taking to make our power grid more reliable. We may take for granted that when we reach for a switch, or plug something into an outlet that power will be available. This doesn't happen by chance, and people are working hard every day in a effort to make sure that the power is indeed available.

Thank you again James!



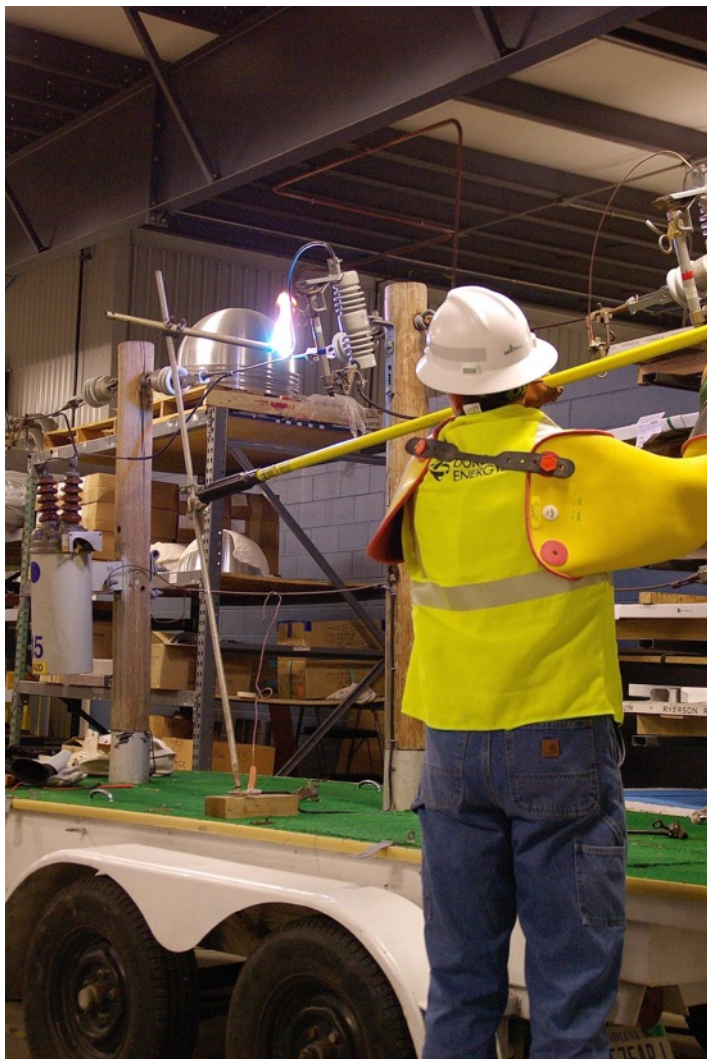
See video of what an antenna touching a live
line looks like here: [http://w9uuu.org/
bandspread/Bandspread201502.mp4](http://w9uuu.org/bandspread/Bandspread201502.mp4)



Ted K9SGL talks about SSTV. Hey Ted, Is that squirrel about to meet the power line?



Sure hope that's not Ted's Squirrel



That is not good propagation you see coming off that antenna!! Definitely do not try this at home!!



Alright Gary, How did you get this picture?

The Constitution of the WVARA requires an annual budget as follows:

Section III - Annual Budget

An annual budget shall be prepared by the Executive Board for publication in the February Bandsread for approval at the February meeting.

This budget proposal will be presented to the membership for approval at our February 6, 2015 meeting.

WVARA 2015 Budget

INCOME	Budget	EXPENSES	
ARRL Memberships	30.00	Field Day	
Donations/Grants	1500.00	Food/3 days	400.00
Dues	1200.00	T-Shirts	450.00
Education	250.00	Insurance	
Half-Pot	100.00	Liability	350.00
Hamfest Gate Fees	1600.00	Equipment	400.00
Field Day T-shirts	500.00	RV	150.00
Total Income	5180.00	IRCC Membership	10.00
		Indiana Business fees	25.00
EXPENSES		Listserv/web page	100.00
		P.O. Box fee	40.00
Bandsread		Repeater Maintenance	250.00
Postage	100.00		
Supplies	50.00	Hamfest	
Brentlinger Dinner		Clay county Fair	250.00
Dinner/food	75.00	Tickets	30.00
Award	80.00	Fundraisers	50.00
Room rental	150.00	Van and Trailer Plates	108.00
Christmas Dinner		Equipment Maintenance	500.00
Dinner/food	75.00	Club Picnic	87.00
Room rental	100.00	Club meeting supplies	109.00
Club Station	200.00	Call sign badges	50.00
Education	250.00	Rookie roundup	50.00
Background Checks	700.00	SMWC SES	100.00
		Total Expenses	5180.00

The Presidents Corner

The year 2015 is off to a great start with your club leadership laying out plans for a very informative and enjoyable year. One of the main things about our hobby is that it requires active participation in order to realize the benefits of amateur radio. Thus, your WVARA is planning for activities that will provide a venue for all members to do what we enjoy most, operate a station. Along the way, we hope that each of you will learn something new about radio. Along with our normal set of operating events like Field Day and Family Learning Day, plans are underway for a special events station to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Saint Mary of the Woods College. Put September 19, 2015 on your schedule for that activity. Thanks to W9RBF, KW0LF, and W9SMW for stepping up to coordinate this event.

During my brief time as your club president, I talk with many people who really don't really understand amateur radio or why we are so passionate about the hobby. My passion started in the middle 1960's when a shortwave radio made its way into my life. I can remember the very first time all those funny sounds came through the speakers along with stations from around the world. My excitement was amplified when thinking about how a station from the other side of the globe can transmit to be received by my radio. That experience led to my long career in electronics. Even after over 40 years in the electronics field and knowing how transmit and receive of RF signals work technically, I am equally fascinated by the process. I am sure you have a story of how and why you got into Ham Radio. Each of us should have an "elevator speech" prepared so that when we chat with a non-Ham about our hobby you can tell them what interesting things we get to do, why we are so passionate about the hobby, and most important, how they can be part of this experience.

Amateur Radio Operators are special. Remember, the ability to operate was not about just filling in an application form. Each of us had to study for and pass an examination that allowed us to be called Amateur Radio Operator. Be proud of that fact and share your enthusiasm with others.

73 Jerry W9GWC



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New Location For WVARA Hamfest

The 2015 WVARA Hamfest will have a new home. We will be moving the Hamfest to the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds located on State Road 59 between Brazil and I-70. This location offers a very nice facility with easy access for vendors, and plenty of parking next to the facility for all of those attending. In addition we will have access to kitchen facilities, which will allow us to have food on site. This should prove to be a very acceptable location for all involved.

Help spread the word about the new location.

Clay County 4H Fairgrounds
6650 N State Road 59
Brazil, Indiana 47834

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!

NOTICE: All members must submit to a criminal background check as a condition of membership.

News From The Terre Haute North Amateur Radio Club

The club is planning to participate in School Club Round-up Contest in February. At this point in time, we are working on getting the shack back in order, as it has been repainted with the logo on the back wall. The school has given the club 3 laptops for use. Two maps donated by Dr. Wood, N9TH, have been hung. The shack is shaping up nicely. The club has also obtained it's vanity call sign K9THN and will now be operating with it, instead of the previous call sign, KD9CBQ. With everything coming together, we are excited for a grand opening in the near future.

Katarina Sotak, KD9BHW
Club President



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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