



# THE BANDSPREAD



## Local Nets

Monday .....	Clay Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST .....	145.420/R
Monday .....	Clay Co. ARES Digital Net
9:10 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
Wednesday .....	Rose Tech Radio Club
9:00 pm EST .....	146.400
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 Location

This month's meeting will be a tour of the WTHI Radio Studio. Tour will begin at 7:00PM. The studio is located at 925 Wabash Ave, Suite 300.

## It Has Been A Busy Summer

### The Presidents Corner

The summer has been very active in terms of the WVARA. Field Day held in Cory was quite successful with scores that were one of our clubs highest. Those who operated and/or attended had an enjoyable time.

The WVARA agreed to put an offer on a piece of land for the eventual purpose of building a permanent club station and meeting area. The offer was accepted so we have made the very first step of having a home for all club activities.

Plans are being made for the special event station at St. Mary of the Woods on September 19, 2015. W9W will operate from campus starting at 10:00 AM and end around 4:00 PM. Please sign up with W9RBF Ann to operate.

The club will be running a Ham Fest during Thanksgiving weekend. The Turkey Fest will be at the fairgrounds location in Clay County. Great things are anticipated for this new activity. The new Technician class will start on September 8, 2015.

We look forward to all the Ham related events this year. Get involved and make this year one of our best.

73 Jerry W9GWC

It has been a busy summer indeed for the WVARA. Field Day, the acquisition of property, planning for a special event station, National Night Out, the summer picnic, recognition of Dan and Dick as IRCC Outstanding Indiana Amateur Achievement Award at the Indy ham fest, testing sessions and the list goes on. Your club is active through the hard work of many members. Thanks to all for what you do to make the WVARA an outstanding association. - editor.

## **Dan Hunter NW9N and Dick Wood N9TH Honored with IRCC Outstanding Indiana Amateur Achievement Award**

This year the IRCC honored Dan Hunter and Dick Wood as recipients of the Outstanding Indiana Amateur Achievement Award. The work that Dan and Dick have done with the Terre Haute North Amateur Radio Club was recognized by the IRCC in presenting this award to Dan and Dick. The following is a recap of IRCC Chair Doreen Everett's article in the section newsletter:

This year the IRCC broadened the scope of the Amateur of the Year Award after reviewing the history and intent of the Amateur of the Year award. The original goal for the award was to each year recognize an amateur from Indiana that made a contribution to the amateur radio community during their amateur radio career, but over the years the award has recognized an outstanding contribution made by an amateur during the previous year.

This year the IRCC returned to our roots for the guidelines for the award, but still would allow nomination for an amateur that made an outstanding contribution. We had three great nominees: Douglas E Oldham, KB9SZS and a joint nomination of Richard Wood, N9TH, and Daniel Hunter, NW9N.

Richard Wood, N9TH, and Daniel Hunter, NW9N received the 2015 IRCC Outstanding Indiana Amateur Achievement Award. The presentation was made at the IRCC Forum at the Indianapolis Hamfest, July 11th. Richard Wood, N9TH, was first licensed in 1964. Wood holds an Extra class license and despite being almost totally deaf, Dick is an avid CW operator, and is usually the highest-scoring operator at the WVARA Field Day. Daniel Hunter, NW9N, earned his license in 1993 and holds an Amateur Extra class license. Dan is partially paralyzed due to a stroke, but does not let that inhibit his participation in all aspects of the hobby.

These two members of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association took on the project of starting an amateur radio club at Terre Haute North Vigo High School. Initial contact with the school was made during the 2012-2013 school year. At the school's club fair at the start of the 2013-2014 school year over 30 students signed up, and the Terre Haute North High School Radio Club was born.

Dan and Dick enlisted the help of the electronics teacher, Jeff Hammers, who agreed to serve as the club sponsor. During the course of the school year, Mr. Hammers realized how well the material for the Technician class amateur radio license fit in with the state-mandated curriculum for his class, and has now incorporated the Technician license into his lesson plans and gives extra credit to any student who gets an amateur radio license. One of Dan's favorite sayings is, "We are teaching them science and they don't even realize it". Dan and Dick are at the high school at least three times a week working with the students. Currently, they are helping the students design and put together a satellite-tracking antenna system so that they can make contacts with the ISS and with other amateurs using amateur satellites.

Realizing that the high school club only has the students for a couple of years, they have taken the first steps to establish a club at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, one of the three junior high schools that feed Terre Haute North HS, so that they can instill an interest in amateur radio in students at an earlier age. They already have enlisted Ross Cadick, N8CVX, to serve as the club sponsor. Ross is an 8th grade history teacher at Woodrow Wilson and has obtained permission from the principal to install a radio station in the school. Dan and Dick are active members of the WVARA VE Team and they both serve at nearly all of the VE sessions held by the WVARA throughout the year.

Doreen Everett  
IRCC Chair





## WVARA Assists Clay County ARES/RACES At National Night Out Brazil

Gary K9ERE and Dave N9FMD took time to assist the Clay County ARES/RACES group at the annual National Night Out in Brazil. They prepared the communications trailer and ventured to Forest Park to set up and demonstrate amateur radio to the public. Once on site they directed the efforts of the group to get the unit set up and on the air. The mast that the club added to the trailer makes getting selected antennas in the air quickly and easily. Several of the guest at the event stopped by to see what the group had on display and asked several questions about amateur radio. The Clay County group would like to thank the WVARA for making their assets available.



Gary and Dave direct the set up of the WVARA communications trailer at NNO in Brazil





## Memories from Field Day 2015 and the WVARA Summer Picnic













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## Amateur Vanity Call Fee Eliminated

The FCC will eliminate the fee for new or renewed vanity calls in early September. As of this writing, the expected effective date is September 3, 2015. Applications for a new or renewal of an existing vanity call that are received before the effective date will still require the fee of \$21.40. Applications received after the effective date will not require any fee.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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!

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

## 2015 WVARA Field Day Results

CW Contacts = 291 (582 pts)  
SSB contacts = 820 (820 pts)  
QSO Points = 2802 (incl power multiplier)  
Bonus Points = 1960  
Total Score = 4764

Our highest scoring operator was one of the Terre Haute North ARC students, Katarina Sotak, KD9BHW, with 240 SSB contacts. Congratulations, Kat!

Submitted by Ray Andrews K9DUR

## 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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