



THE BANDSPREAD



DECEMBER 2015

Local Nets

- MondayClay Co. ARES Net
9:00 pm EST.....145.420/R
- MondayClay Co. ARES Digital Net
9:10 pm EST.....145.420/R
- Monday.....Sullivan ARES Net
8:30 pm EST.....146.775/R
- TuesdayVerm./Parke ARES Net
8:00 pm EST.....146.715/R
- TuesdayPutnam Auxcomm Net
9:00 pm EST.....442.225/R
- WednesdayRose Tech Radio Club
9:00 pm EST.....146.400
- ThursdayPutnam Auxcomm Net
8:00 pm EST.....147.330/R
- ThursdayCAARLA Net
9:00 pm EST.....146.685/R
- Fourth Thursday.....District 7 ARES Net
8:30 pm EST145.420/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

Club Meeting

The topic for this months meeting will be a presentation on the WLW station.

Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 5 at St. Margaret Mary Church beginning at 6:00PM.

WVARA TURKEYFEST 2015

The WVARA held what promises to be the first annual TurkeyFest on Saturday November 28, 2015. Friday evening the weather outside was frightful, but set up went very quickly and all was ready for early Saturday

morning. With the building open at “O Dark Thirty” everything was ready for the day to begin.

Commercial vendors and several hams from various and sundry places had wares filling tables. Our Section Manager, Joseph Lawrence K9RFZ, drove from Ft. Wayne to share ARRL information. And our Section Emergency Coordinator, Brent Walls N9BA, drove over from Indianapolis to share the time with us. Hopefully this will be the first of many TurkeyFests.



Section Manager Joseph Lawrence K9FZ



SEC Brent Walls N9BA

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - NOVEMBER, 2015

BYLAWS ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Section I - Nominating Committee

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President in September to select a slate of candidates who have agreed to serve as officers if elected. The committee's report will be due in November and shall be published in the December issue of The Bandspread.

It is NOT the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to find each and every qualified candidate for each office.

It is rather to find *at least one* candidate for each office to ensure that we have a complete, functioning WVARA board of directors.

To this end, we have set three main qualifications for a potential member of the Board:

1. Qualified for the particular position.
2. Has the time to devote to the task.
3. Is willing to serve.

That said, we have thus far sought and/or received agreement from the following people to serve on the 2016 WVARA Board of Directors, if elected.

President:

Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC

Vice President:

Kevin Berlen, K9HX

Treasurer:

John Swez, AC9AZ

Ray Andrews, K9DUR

Secretary:

Mike St Clair, N1WVU

Trustee:

Gary Adams, W9EEU

• Past President: Chuck Procarione, W9COD

• Past President: Steve Shorter, NT9T

This does *not* mean that others we may have overlooked would not do as fine a job nor that they should be overlooked in the upcoming election at the December meeting. So... if there are any of you out there who would like to run for office on the WVARA Board of Directors for 2016, please contact me or any current committee member or current board member and we will see that you are put on the official ballot in the December election.

Committee: Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, Ted, K9SGL & Diane W9SMW, Brentlinger; Jeff, AB9WR & Ann, W9RBF Mitchell.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Wheeler, K9ERE

Nominations for the 2016 Brentlinger Awards Are Now Being Accepted

Through the annual Brentlinger Award, the Association honors outstanding amateurs in the Wabash Valley. Members of the WVARA as well as non-members may nominate candidates. The service for which candidates are nominated may be for the preceding calendar year or it may be for cumulative years of service.

The Brentlinger Award has been a part of the Wabash Valley since 1947, and many deserving amateurs have been recognized over those many years. Each year a secret committee, appointed by the president, reviews all nomination letters received by the January 15 deadline. They review the accomplishments of each nominee, and make a determination of recipient(s). The committee makes their determination on the content of the nomination letter. This is important because nominees may, or may not be known, by the members serving on the committee.

If you would like to make a nomination for the 2016 Brentlinger Award, write a nomination letter describing the accomplishments of the nominee. The letter should contain details of what the nominee has done in contributing to ham radio. This can be for recent contributions, or for those things that have been done over a period of years. If you know someone that you think is deserving and are not sure how to write the nomination letter, get in touch with someone and ask them to help you write the letter. A person does not have to be a WVARA member to nominate an amateur, nor does the nominee.

The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2016. You can hand deliver your nomination letter to the President before this deadline, or it must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2016 (PO Box 10081 Terre Haute IN 47801) to be accepted. The Brentlinger Award dinner will be held sometime in March with a specific date to be announced.

WVARA Christmas Party - December 5, 2015
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
2405 South 7th Street
Terre Haute, IN





A few highlights from TurkeyFest 2015



A few highlights from November Meeting

Beat the Dues Increase - Join or Renew Now

Join the ARRL or renew your membership before January 1, 2016 and beat the recently announced dues increase. Even if your membership has not yet expired, you can take advantage of the current dues by extending your membership with a payment before January 1, 2016. Save even more with a 3 year membership, or consider a lifetime membership.

The ARRL is the only national organization representing Amateur Radio in the US. As an ARRL member you support the ranks of thousands of other ham radio enthusiasts shaping the Amateur Radio service today. If you consider yourself an active ham... you need ARRL now. If you are not presently an active ham... let ARRL help you.

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Board of Directors:

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WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2016

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.

The Presidents Corner

The end of November and December looks to be busy in terms of WVARA activities. The first Turkey Fest Ham fest will occur on November 28, 2015. We are anticipating a good event with a couple of commercial vendors in attendance.

December 4, 2015 will signal our regular club meeting. Club officer elections and a program on the station WLW will be presented.

Saturday, December 5, 2015 will be our annual Christmas Party. As in the past, we will have a "Dirty Santa" event. Bring a \$5.00 or less wrapped gift. Also be sure to bring a dish to share with fellow members. We will also have a special visitor.

I look forward to seeing each of you at one or all of these events.
Merry Christmas

73 Jerry W9GWC

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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2015 = year; NL = Newsletter only
COMP = Complimentary Membership,
LIFE = Life Membership

If there is no symbol showing on your mailing label, this is a one-time complimentary copy of the Bandspread. If so, we invite you to fill out the enclosed membership form to join the Wabash Valley Amateur Association.

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