



# THE

# BANDSPREAD

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## 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 **Vermilion/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 simplex.

## Regular Events

Thursday: The **Club Station** is open, 5:30-8:00 pm every Thursday. The Club Station is located on the N.E. corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Idaho. Entrance and parking is in 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

Due to the New Years Holiday falling on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, the January 2016 Club Meeting has been rescheduled to January 8 2016. The program for this month is our **Annual Junque Auction**.



**NOTE CHANGE IN DATE**

## 2016 OFFICERS ELECTED

President	Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC
Vice-President	Kevin Berlen, K9HX
Secretary	Mike StClair, N1WVU
Treasurer	Ray Andrews, K9DUR
Trustee	Gary Adams, W9EEU

These officers, along with the two immediate past presidents, will serve as the WVARA Board of Directors for 2016.

Past President Chuck Procarione, W9COD

Past President Steve Shorter, NT9T

## Annual Junque Auction

The January program is the Junque Auction. Anyone can bring an item to be auctioned off, and the club takes a 10% commission. Some of the WA9WJJ estate items will be there as well:

A Ten-Tec Orion II (Minimum bid \$900)

A Kenwood TM281A New in Box (Minimum bid \$90)

A Ranger RCI-2950 10M rig (Minimum bid \$45)

A Kenwood TS-530/AT-230/SP-230 station (Minimum bid \$562.50)

A RM Italy BLA1000 solid state 1KW HF+6M amplifier, including 10M. Tested and working. (Minimum bid \$ 2250)

There will be several small items, and a few other radios and accessories.

-Kevin, K9HX

# Proposal for Tower Acquisition

The WVARA has the opportunity to purchase an 80-foot tower with installed antennas and feedline. The Board recommends the we purchase this tower and put it in storage for installation on the club property at a later time. The cost of the tower is \$100 plus the cost of taking it down, which is estimated to be \$250-\$300. Therefore, the Board is requesting that the membership approve at the club meeting on January 8th a non-budgeted expenditure in the amount of \$400.

-Ray, K9DUR

## HAM RADIO NEW OPERATOR CAMP

February 6, 2016  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

The Ham Radio New Operator Camp is a one day long session taught by experienced amateur radio operators. We will cover how to set up your VHF, UHF, and/or HF station with details on how to properly operate the station. The camp includes classroom lectures, practical hands on experiences, and field work.

This camp is for the new amateur radio operator as well as the Ham who has had a license for a short time.

Your \$10 registration fee covers everything including lunch.

At the end of the day, we hope that all attendees will be able to:

- \*Set up a VHF, UHF, and/or HF station
- \*Build, erect, and test antennas
- \*Make a VHF/UHF contact
- \*Make a HF QSO and log it properly
- \*Learn how to work DX and participate in contests on HF

### Program

<b>9:00 AM to 9:50 AM</b>	<b>Basic electrical measurements for the Ham. Lab experience session</b>
<b>10:00 AM to 10:50 AM</b>	<b>Setting up a VHF/UHF station in your shack or in your car</b>
<b>11:00 AM to 11:15 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:15 AM to 12:00 PM</b>	<b>VHF/UHF operating. Each student will make at least one contact</b>
<b>12:00 PM to 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00 PM to 1:50 PM</b>	<b>Building, erecting, and testing an HF antenna</b>
<b>2:00 PM to 2:50 PM</b>	<b>Constructing your HF station</b>
<b>3:00 PM to 3:15 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:15 PM to 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Working DX and participating in contests</b>
<b>4:00 PM to 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Working the bands experiences</b>

To register, email or call Jerry W9GWC at [gcockrell12@msn.com](mailto:gcockrell12@msn.com) or **812-243-9828**

## ***CHRISTMAS PARTY PICS***



photos courtesy of W9EEU

--Reminder--  
**January Club Meeting rescheduled to January 8, 2016**



# TREASURER'S REPORT



## Spreadsheet for WVARA Dec. 4 Meeting

WVARA Treasurer John Swez Report for Month of November

11/6/2015 December Meeting

### Dues 2016

Assets	Member	Family	Land Donations
\$5.00	R. Andrews	P. Andrews	
	C. Procarione		\$25.00
\$20.00	J. Griffey		
\$20.00	R. Wood		\$30.00
\$20.00	J. Hawken		
\$20.00	W. Hayes		
\$20.00	D. Hunter		
\$20.00	J. Wilson		
\$135.00	R. Andrews	(Manuals Reimbursement)	
\$9.00	Half Pot		
<b>Total Assets:</b>			<b>\$324.00</b>

### Liabilities

\$74.18	Loan Payment FFB	
\$94.32	GFS Store	
\$19.23	Deans Party	
\$38.93	Save A Lot	
\$4.65	K&D Petroleum	
\$22.46	Ray Andrews	Gen Class Man. CK #637 (uncashed)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$253.77</b>

	Amount	Date
Current Balance	\$1,211.66	12/3/2015
Available Balance	\$1,161.66	checks outstanding
Earned Savings	\$2,575.66	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,737.32</b>	



## GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of the WVARA was called to order December 4, 2015 at 7:10 pm by Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Berlen, K9HX. Introductions were made. No new or upgraded licenses and no visitors.

### Announcements:

No QWCA meeting this month

No CAARLA meeting this month

The club station is open each Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to visit and work the radios.

We are currently providing a upgrade class to General Class

No report from The Terre Haute North club station

No VE report

Secretary's Report to be sent to Ray Andrews, K9DUR

The Treasurer's Report was presented and offered in the form of a motion by John Swez, AC9AZ, and seconded by Ray Andrews, K9DUR. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Turkeyfest roundup - we had approximately 70 visitors and made a profit of \$92.00.

A New Ham Camp has been proposed for new hams and hams who have been out of the hobby for awhile. We will be conducting the camp on February 6, 2016.

(continued)

### New Business

The election of Officers was held with the following slate of candidates:

Present	Jerry Cockrell W9GWC
Vice President	Kevin Berlen K9HX
Treasurer	Ray Andrews K9DUR
Secretary	Mike StClair N1WVU
Trustee	Gary Adams W9EEU

The candidates were elected by a vote of unanimous consent by the membership.

This months program is WLW by Kevin Berlin K9HX

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm

-Mike StClair, N1WVU

### **BOARD MEETING**

The Board Meeting of the WVARA was called to order December 4, 2015 at 9:08 pm by Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC. Members in attendance were President Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC, Vice President Kevin Berlen, K9HX, Secretary Mike StClair, N1WVU, Treasurer John Swez, AC9AZ, Treasurer-Elect Ray Andrews, K9DUR, and Past President Chuck Procarione, W9COD.

### Announcements:

Due to New Years Day being on the first Friday of the month, we will hold the January meeting on January 8, 2016

Secretary's Report to be sent to Ray, K9DUR

Treasurer's Report by John Swez, AC9AZ, and seconded by Chuck, W9COD

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### New Business

A New Ham Camp has been proposed for Feb 6<sup>th</sup> for new hams to learn more about the hobby and hams who have been out of the hobby for awhile. The cost of the camp would be \$10.00.

We need to prepare a complete list of the Club's equipment .

On March 11<sup>th</sup> will be our next hamfest at the Clay County fairgrounds. More to come.

On April 18th there will be a bean dinner at North High School as a fund raiser for the North radio club.

The meeting ended at 10:00 pm

-Mike StClair, N1WVU

--Reminder--

**January Club Meeting rescheduled to January 8, 2016**



## VIGO COUNTY ARES

Vigo County, Indiana Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) has been activated once again, all with State approval.

The activation was announced at the WVARA December meeting. We are currently in a forming/planning stage. So far, eight (8) persons have signed up to participate. If you are interested, and are a licensed Radio Amateur, and reside in Vigo County, Indiana, I would like to have you join us.

For further information, or to join, please contact me at [khauptli2000@yahoo.com](mailto:khauptli2000@yahoo.com) or (812) 299-1857. I can also be contacted at the WVARA meetings.

Ken Hauptli - W9VKD  
Emergency Coordinator  
Vigo County, IN

## DUES ARE DUE

Are you current with your membership? 2016 dues can be mailed (with the application included in this newsletter) or presented to any Board member. Better yet, you can pay your dues at our next meeting. A current membership list will appear in the March issue of *The Bandspread*.

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## New Editor

With this issue I have assumed the duties of editor for *The Bandspread*. Dave, N9FMD, has agreed to serve as a technical specialist for the publication. His years of previous experience in bringing you the newsletter will undoubtedly be utilized with my inexperience.

One doesn't appreciate the time involved in getting the publication to press until you've done it. Gary, W9EEU, deserves a big "Thank You" from all of us for his service (in addition to his other duties) as editor. I hope I can do as well.

-Don, K9DRP

## Time For 2016 Brentlinger Nominations

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.

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

## We Remember

A Tribute to our Silent Keys

### Field Day 1999



Mel, K9MEL

photo courtesy of N9YNF

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Mo/Dy/Yr) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Year first licensed \_\_\_\_\_ Year of last WVARA membership \_\_\_\_\_

New Member? [ ] ARRL 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? [ ]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL? [ ]

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

Welcome to a new year and a number of activities to enhance your participation in the amateur radio hobby. We look forward to the March Ham Fest, Field Day, and regular Club meetings.

A new event this year will be a Ham Camp for newly licensed amateurs. As a trainer and VE, new Hams often ask about the next steps of putting together and operating a station. This one-day session will cover construction and operating of VHF/UHF and HF stations. Many hands-on activities will be used to cover these topics including actual operation of a station. Each attendee will make QSO's on stations constructed in the class or through the use of our club station. The website and newsletter will have specific details about the Ham Camp. Please encourage your newly licensed Hams or those who have been away from the hobby for some time to register. They can contact me at my email or cell phone shown below.

Let's make 2016 a year to remember.

[Gcockrell12@msn.com](mailto:Gcockrell12@msn.com)

812-243-9828

73 Jerry W9GWC

## WVARA VE 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 8<sup>th</sup> St.

For further info contact:  
Ray Andrews, K9DUR: 812-870-8810

## RYVES VE Testing

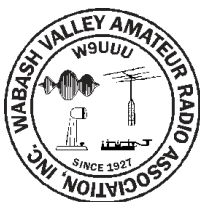
(Walk-ins Welcome)

Terre Haute, Indiana  
2nd Thursday of every month;  
7:00 P.M., Indiana time  
Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall.  
1356 Locust St., main entrance located in the 900 block of N 14<sup>th</sup>.

For further info contact Jim Edwards, KA9DIF at  
812-235-1265 or [jedwards@ccthin.org](mailto:jedwards@ccthin.org)

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## JANUARY 2016

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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 Radio Association.