



# THE BANDSPREAD

September 2016



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## September Club Meeting / Pitch-In Dinner

Summer is near over, the kids are back in school, and it's time to get back to our monthly club meetings. We'll resume our monthly meeting schedule in September with a pitch-in dinner. Ray, K9DUR will present a program on the RDS packet system. So bring a little something to share (I hope TJW brings cookies) and get caught up with the latest in the area's ham radio happenings!

**Friday, September 2nd, at 6:30pm EDT**

**NOTE: Different starting time!**

**Location:**

**Glas-Col Annex**

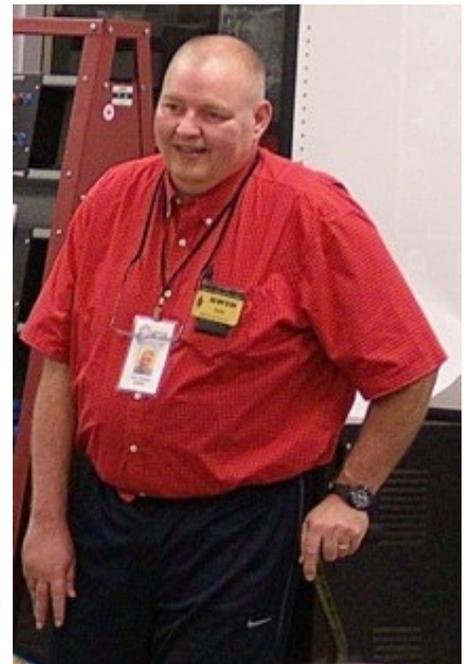
**(Old Idaho Post Office Building)**

**1715 South 8th Street**

**Terre Haute, IN**

One of the truly great benefits about amateur radio is in the people you meet and interact with. Many times those people become lasting friends. We lost a friend and fellow Ham on August 17, 2016. Dan Hunter SK (NW9N) was a dear friend who in his short time with our club made a lasting impact. Someone once told me that a person's life is defined by the "dash" between the years of our birth and death. I can say with confidence that Dan's dash was indeed full of accomplishments. He was a police officer, state trooper, commercial pilot, and medical professional. Each of these things are defined by one individual wanting to help the public.

For us, his impact came from his dedication to the hobby of Ham Radio. Talking with Dan about his latest DX contact showed his commitment to the hobby. But mostly, we will remember Dan for his work with the high school students at North. Along with Richard Wood (N9TH), he spent untold hours in service to the students and the station at North High School.



Dan Hunter, NW9N  
Silent Key

Dan will be missed but his legacy will live on. We will mention the station at North and always have a thought of Dan.

Rest in peace NW9N!

-Jerry, W9GWC

## Local Nets

Monday **Clay Co. ARES Net**  
9:00 pm EST 145.420/R

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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

First Sunday **Vigo County ARES Net**  
8:30 pm EST 146.685/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

## September Club Meeting

The program for the Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Meeting will be on the WinLink 2000 Messaging System by Ray, K9DUR

Meeting starts this month at  
6:30 PM EDT

Family Learning Day  
September 24<sup>th</sup>

Winter Field Day  
January 28-29, 2017

## WVARA BOARD SEEKS APPROVAL TO PURCHASE REPEATER

At the September meeting, The WVARA Executive Board will be presenting a proposal for a non-budgeted expenditure of \$900. Currently there is a UHF digital repeater on the air in Terre Haute using DMR technology. This repeater has been installed and maintained by Tony Tolbert, W9AMT. Tony has presented a program to the Club on this technology, and there are a number of users in the Terre Haute area. He has announced his intention to sell this repeater, and the Board has considered and approved purchasing it.

This expenditure will be voted on by the membership at the September meeting.

-Kevin, K9HX

## ← Speaking of Repeaters....

Anyone see a mistake in our Local Net listing? Please drop an email to the editor at [bandsread@w9uuu.org](mailto:bandsread@w9uuu.org) if you note any corrections or additions to the list.

## New Repeater

The new Rockville repeater (145.440- PL 151.4) is on the air. I am still working out some bugs. There is a programming issue that is making the controller misbehave. Feel free to give it a try and leave your feedback.

-AD0TY



8:30 AM until 2:00 PM, 7 days per week

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc Treasurer's Report – July 2016



### Account Balances as of 07/31/2016

Checking	\$943.92
Savings	\$5,577.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,521.20</b>
Property Loan	\$3,256.38

### Income & Expenses

#### INCOME

Donations	\$25.00
Field Day Shirts	\$15.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>

#### EXPENSES

Background Checks	\$30.00
Club Station	\$35.00
Property Loan Payment	\$74.18
Website & E-Mail List	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$164.18</b>

**OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE** **-\$124.18**

-Ray, K9DUR

### NEW SECRETARY APPOINTED TO WVARA BOARD

LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF, has been appointed to serve the WVARA Board as it's new Secretary. The Executive Board approved the appointment and a confirmation vote will transpire at the September club meeting. Check out the fine work he's already done with the minutes on the next page!

I understand he will also serve as the club's station manager.

-editor



## WVARA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 2016-07-21

**Location:** Glas-Col Annex

**Called to Order:** 6:00 p.m.

**In attendance:**

President – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC  
Vice-President – Kevin Berlen, K9HX  
Secretary – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF  
Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR  
Trustee – Gary Adams, W9EEU  
Past President – Chuck Procarione, W9COD  
Member-at-Large – Dan Hunter, NW9N

**Secretary's Report:** On the web

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Report for June 2016 and to date for July were presented, Motion to approve by Kevin; seconded by Chuck. Approved.  
General discussion on the WVARA 2016 Budget.

**Discussion Items:**

**Family Learning Day** – September 24th: Volunteers needed. Plan to have cups with club information on them to take for popcorn to be given away.

**Manual of Operations and Procedures (MOP)** – Draft to be placed on the club website. Possibly five separate documents.

**Tower and Antennas located at the Terre Haute Red Cross office** – We need to get them down. Discussion of what items may be there that we should retrieve. Dan, will check with Duke on the possibility of the use of a bucket truck to assist.

**Indiana State University** – General discussion on the status of Club materials at Indiana State University and feasibility of a station at ISU.

**Keys** – Three locks are being re-keyed at the club station. The club will reimburse Glas-Col for the cost to re-key.

**Brentlinger Award** – The Brentlinger Award on the web still shows as “Under Construction.” Dan will work to get the necessary information for the page to be finished.

**Club Property** – We need a solution for keeping the property mowed. Suggestions were offered.

**Adjournment:** 7:05 p.m.

-LeRoy, AC9NF

## WVARA DEMO AT BOY SCOUTS COOK-OUT

Early summer has always been a good time to review our disaster plans and equipment, and this year is no exception. Mid-June found the WVARA comm trailer moved to ISU's Memorial Stadium, for the annual "Cook-Out for Scouting."

Early afternoon found Gary, K9ERE, and Dave, N9FMD, shooting antennas and cables into nearby trees and making other arrangements for the demonstration. Other members joined the team as the day went on.

Many visitors were surprised by the capability of the trailer, including local and state police, a medical helicopter crew, a local bloodmobile, and the general public. Scout officials told the Bandspread nearly 1800 meals were served that day, and more than 14 Scout troops were represented.

The annual cook-out raises money to support local Scouting activities.

-Dave, N9FMD



-photos courtesy of Gary, K9ERE

## WVARA JOINS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

WVARA members recently participated in Clay County's "National Night Out" activities in Brazil. Gary, K9ERE, and Dave, N9FMD, moved the club's communications trailer to Forest Park in Brazil, site of the early evening start time. Soon after arrival power and antennas were erected, connected and tested, and the trailer was ready to operate. Initial connections enabled operation on VHF, UHF and 20 m. Later, 80m was added in time to check into the Indiana Traffic Net.

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-photos courtesy of Gary, K9ERE

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (continued)

The crew was joined by Clay County EC Kevin, K9HX, and District EC Gary, W9EEU. Jim, K9SVJ, and Linda, K9LKH, also joined the group, as did Wayne, NQ9J, and Darlene, KA9WRB. During the following four hours our hobby was demonstrated to a large number of visitors, including several inactive hams. Our capabilities were also reviewed by local officials from the fire and police departments.

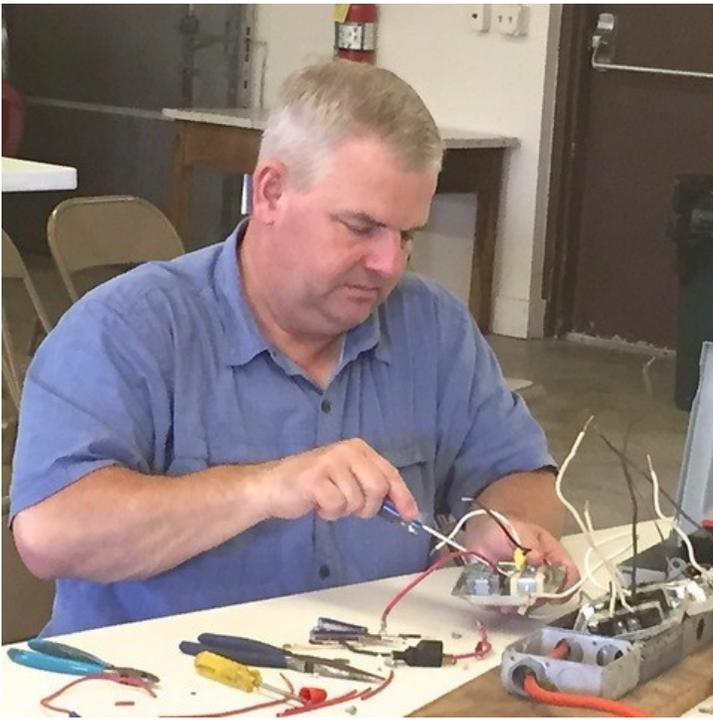
National Night Out is an annual, nationwide event, designed to bring the community into closer contact with police, fire and other emergency service and disaster agencies and organizations. WVARA participation is designed as not only a demo of what is available, but also as a reminder to other first responders of this available resource.

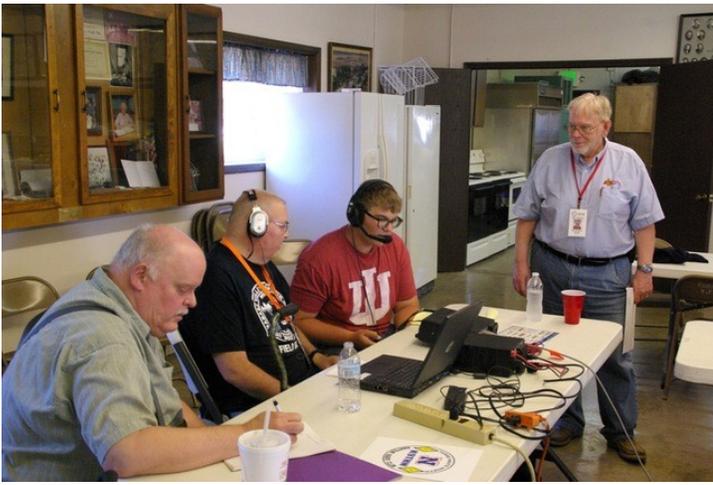
-Dave, N9FMD

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## Field Day 2016 Pics







Field Day Pics courtesy of Gary, K9ERE

**More Field Day Pics  
in future issues!**

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

Those last two Field Day Pics reminded me of this pic from 2002:



-editor

**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 President's Corner

It sure has been a busy summer in terms of amateur radio. The WVARA put on another stellar Field Day event. It was hard work to get everything up and running but all-in-all, the effort was well worth it. I am confident that all who participated by helping set up the radio systems, to those choosing to operate, to others who just wanted to be part of the event, went away with a nice feeling of accomplishment. A special thank you to Kevin (K9HX) and his family for coordinating everything from technology to food. The fare was well done by the Berlen family. I say, let's do it again next year!

The club plans to offer some interesting and enjoyable meeting topics starting with the September meeting. Look for the Bandspread for information. The second edition of the New Ham Camp will be offered in February. If you know of any new to the hobby hams who may benefit, please let the know.

I wish each of you all the best for the remaining summer days.

[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: 812-236-6522

## Terre Haute Radio Club VE Testing

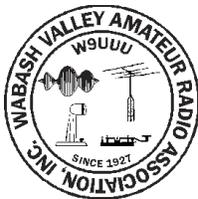
(Walk-ins Welcome)

Terre Haute, Indiana  
2nd Thursday of every month  
7:00 P.M., Indiana time  
Storage Solutions South  
5457 South State Road 63  
(just south of the prison)

For further info contact Ginger Monastyrski,  
WB9ZHC at 812-243-9052 or [WB9ZHC@ma.rr.com](mailto:WB9ZHC@ma.rr.com)

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LIFE= Life Membership

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