



# THE BANDSPREAD

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## WVARA WINTER FIELD DAY 2017



photo courtesy of Jay, AB9CG

The WVARA was represented by an eager crew for it's first year of participation in the annual Winter Field Day event on March 28 and 29, 2017. The crew set up operations at Mill Creek Park northwest of Marshall, Illinois for this year's event. The team operated under the category of 4I (four transmitters, inside) for the 24 hours of operation, logging 396 contacts; narrowly missing their self imposed goal of 400 contacts. Propagation excluded the use of the higher bands (6, 10, and 15) leaving usable frequencies only to be found on 20, 40, 80 and 160 meters.

The event concluded on the same day as the publication deadline for The Bandspread, so a lot more news of the results of our operations will appear in next month's issue.

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### CLUB STATION TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Station Manager Ray, K9DUR reports that the furnace in the building where the club station is located is not working and needs to be replaced. It may be a few weeks before this is done. In the meantime, Glas-Col has turned off the water to the building to prevent damage from frozen pipes.

Consequently, it has been decided to close the club station until such time that the building again has heat and water.

## 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.

**(Club Station Closed until further notice)**

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 program for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Meeting will be on **THE BUDGET.**

**HAM RADIO  
NEW OPERATOR CAMP**  
February 4, 2017

**WVARA  
SPRING HAMFEST**  
March 11, 2017

## 2017 HAMCAMP REGISTRATION

There's still time to get registered for The WVARA Ham Radio New Operator Camp (HamCamp). It is a one-day workshop (Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>) that provides the newly-licensed operator practical instruction in basic electronic measurements, setting up an amateur radio station, building & erecting antennas, making contacts, and other aspects of amateur radio. Each student will make at least one VHF contact and at least one HF contact during the workshop.

HamCamp is limited to a total of 15 participants and pre-registration is required. The workshop fee is \$10 and includes lunch. Email Jerry, W9GWC at [Gcockrell12@msn.com](mailto:Gcockrell12@msn.com) for more information or registration.

## 2017 TERRE HAUTE HAMFEST & COMPUTER EXPO

**Saturday -- March 11, 2017**

Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds  
6650 N State Road 59  
Brazil, IN 47834  
(39° 29' 03" N, 87° 07' 30" W)

Indoor Event Rain or Shine!

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST  
(Vendor setup begins at 6:00 AM)

Talk-In: K9IKQ/R, 146.685 MHz, PL 151.4 Hz

Admission \$7.00 (12 and under free)

Free Tables

Hourly Door Prize Drawings

DXCC, WAS, & VUCC Card Checking

# TREASURER'S REPORT



Last month's (January) issue of The Bandspread was able to publish the January Treasurer's Report because of the delayed publication of the newsletter. However, it is normally not possible to print the "still-to-be-approved" report due to publishing deadlines which occur before books are closed for the previous month. The Bandspread will return to publication of the previous month's Treasurer's Report with the March issue.

**Article X Section III** of the WVARA Constitution prescribes "An annual budget shall be prepared by the Executive Board for publication in the February Bandspread for approval at the February meeting."

## WVARA 2017 Budget (Proposed)

Expenses		Income	
Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Background Checks	\$700.00	Auction	\$100.00
Badges & ID Tags	\$50.00	Donations	\$1,800.00
Brentlinger Dinner & Award	\$200.00	Education	\$250.00
Christmas Party	\$50.00	Half-Pot	\$100.00
Club Picnic	\$100.00	Hamfest – March	\$1,600.00
Club Station	\$100.00	Hamfest – November	\$500.00
Communications Trailer	\$525.00	Membership Dues	\$1,700.00
Corporation & Legal Fees	\$25.00	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,050.00</b>
Education Expenses	\$225.00		
Equipment Repair	\$250.00		
Field Day	\$400.00	<b>Anticipated Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Hamfest – March	\$500.00		
Hamfest – November	\$250.00		
Insurance (Equipment)	\$400.00		
Insurance (Liability)	\$600.00		
Insurance (Vehicle)	\$150.00		
PO Box Fee	\$60.00		
Postage	\$10.00		
Radio Van	\$250.00		
Real Estate Loan	\$900.00		
VE Expenses	\$100.00		
Vehicle Titles & Registration	\$120.00		
Website & E-Mail List	\$85.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,050.00</b>		

-Ray, K9DUR

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## **GENERAL MEETING**

**WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION  
January Club Meeting  
2017-01-06**

**President Kevin Berlen (K9HX) called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm EST.**

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jay Sotak (AB9CG).**

**Roll Call/Introductions - There were 22 sign-ins.**

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

**North Vigo High School Radio Club - Check out K9THN on the QRZ.com website. The club is meeting twice a month with 18-20 students. The School Roundup On The Air is scheduled for February 13-17.**

**VE Report - A testing session is scheduled for 9:30 am EST, Saturday, January 14 @ Glas-Col Annex.**

**Education Report - One is currently attending the General class.**

**CAARLA - An after Christmas party is schedule for 11:00 am EST, Saturday, January 14 @ the Saratoga Restaurant. Please bring a White Elephant gift for exchange.**

**Vigo County ARES - Net is the 1st Sunday monthly, 8:30 pm EST on 146.685 Repeater. ARES quarterly meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 7:00 pm.**

**Winter Field Day - January 28-29, 2017**

**New Ham Operator Camp - February 4, 2017; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm EST. Brochures are available.**

**Brentlinger Award - Nominations are being accepted through January 15.**

**Secretary's Report - Copies of the December 2016 WVARA meeting minutes are available tonight. Minutes are also posted on the WVARA website. Minutes were presented and approved.**

**Treasurer's Report - Presented/Approved - Dues are continuing to be accepted.**

**Old Business - None**

**New Business - None presented**

**50/50 Drawing - Winner: Catherine Procarione, W9IFE. \$26.00 donated back to the club.**

**Break**

**Program - WVARA Auction**

**WVARA Board Meeting - The meeting will be rescheduled due to a lack of a quorum. All members are invited to attend.**

**Adjourned - 9:50 pm EST.**

**Next Meeting - January 6th**

**-LeRoy, AC9NF**

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

We Remember ...



Jim McFall, K9VDQ  
SK February 10, 2009

**WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2017**

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

The WVARA has had a good start to kick off the new year for amateur radio in the area. Last month's Annual Junque Auction found a lot of neat stuff going to new homes. And we look forward to the results of our Winter Field Day operation in next month's Bandspread.

The program for this month's meeting is *The Budget*. Although it might not be the most exciting program for the year, it's an important chance for the membership to give feedback to the financial considerations of the club. I hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to express their thoughts in the administration of our organization.

Please get in touch with Jay, AB9CG if you have a suggestion for a program that you would like to see in future meetings.

Ham Camp is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of this month. Please share the opportunity with any new hams you know. There's still space available.

And don't forget the Hamfest next month!

Please remember that this is your club. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please let us know so they can be addressed.

I hope that each of you can attend the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

73,

Kevin, K9HX

## 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

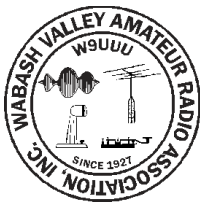
(Walk-ins Welcome)

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@yahoo.com](mailto:WB9ZHC@yahoo.com)

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LIFE= Life Membership

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