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May 4, 2018 WVARA Meeting
Glas-Col Annex
Bob Heil K9EID
7:00 PM

President's Message

I had a frightening hour Wednesday morning. I had been in my office several hours when I realized it had been really quiet. My cell phone hadn't made a sound. The reason was simple, I didn't have it with me. To make a short story shorter after I called the place where I had stopped on my way to the office - not there - I called Melanie from a land line to ask her to call my cell and see if she could hear it in the house. She could. I had forgotten to put it in my pocket.

The loss of my cell phone isn't the important point of this story. It's the loss of the data stored in the phone's memory. Rather than drive home immediately to retrieve it I decided to do without it, after all I have a landline phone so I wasn't cut off from civilization. But I was seriously restricted in what I could do and how well, and quickly, I could do it. Contact names, company names, notes, and applications had disappeared. Lacking the name of a realtor and the company name in Michigan led me on a ten minute search through old emails and file folders to find the information that a swipe, a click and entering the word "realtor" would have given me in three seconds.

I don't use social media and I am not addicted to the internet, but not having my cell phone brought to my attention just how dependent I am on the digital "memory" for phone numbers and other data filed in my phone. Yes, Google or whoever keeps a backup of my contacts and phone numbers, but that won't help if I can't get to them to retrieve my data. Even though I can store all my phone's data to my computer there is no way for me to read the proprietary file format to find a phone number or address.

We are ham operators. We train to be able to function as capable communicators in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. We keep our equipment portable and ready to deploy at a moments notice, but do we keep our important family information available and backed up and in a form that is not dependent on Google or a gadget or an electron to get to it? I found out I don't, but I intend to correct that! I plan to extract the most important information from my phone and write it in a small notebook.

Last Saturday was a fun day. I rode along with Gary Wheeler, Dave Littlejohn and Ray Andrews to Detrol Trailer in Bainbridge, Indiana, to pick up our new communications trailer. The inside looks large enough to have a dance party. We watched as the Detrol men assembled and installed the load leveling hitch bar and sway bar. The trailer's hitch system includes the hitch ball bracket, ball, load leveler bars, and sway bar. All the tow operator needs is a two inch receiver on their vehicle, brake controller and trailer light connector. Gary commented several times on the way back that the trailer was very easy and smooth to tow and stop.

The work starts now. Gary Wheeler, Dave Littlejohn and Kevin Berlen have begun to lay out the interior partitions, furniture and electrical systems. After insulation is installed actual interior buildout will begin.

Saturday, May 5th, the day after our meeting, is the Indiana QSO Party and WVARA will be operating from two club locations. In addition it is possible to operate from home and report your contacts, under your call sign, for club credit. Dave Littlejohn and Ray Andrews have more information.

That's all this month. I hope everyone has a great month. -73-

**April WVARA Meeting
April 6, 2018
Linux Operating System
Don K9DRP and John K9GBO**



Photos Courtesy of Gary Wheeler K9ERE

WVARA New Communications Trailer

Photos Courtesy of Gary Wheeler K9ERE

On Saturday, April 21, Joe, KC9JAC, Dave, N9FMD and Ray, K9DUR, assembled at our place from which we drove to Detro Trailer Sales, north of Greencastle. There we finalized the purchase of a brand new 16 foot Sure-Trac cargo trailer. It tows like a dream and it is built to last. Now comes the second part, the build, to transform it from a cargo trailer to a first class communications trailer! It's not too late to contribute to the new Comm Trailer project, either with a financial donation or with a different kind of donation – your time helping with the build. We are still in the planning stage and we got it about six weeks sooner than we had anticipated, so it will be at least some time before we actually begin the build. Thanks ahead of time for your help, though!

- Gary, K9ERE, Comm Trailer Custodian



WVARA Board Meeting

2018-04-06 Minutes

Date: 2018-04-06 **Location:** Glas-Col Annex

Called to Order: 9:35 pm Indiana time by President Joe Cloutier (KC9JAC)

In Attendance:

Y	President – Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC	Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD
Y	Vice-President – Steve Farrington, K9TA	Gary Wheeler, K9ERE
Y	Secretary – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF	Chuck Procarione, W9COD
Y	Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR	
Y	Trustee – Jay Sotak, AB9CG	_____
Y	Past President – Kevin Berlen, K9HX	_____
Y	Past President – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC	_____

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March Board Meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer's Report for March was presented and approved.

Club Station Report (LeRoy, AC9NF; Ray, K9DUR) – General discussion. Ray (K9DUR) will check the cost of repairing the Icom Pro III cover.

Public Information Officer (Chuck, W9COD) – The Hamfest dates should be added to the WVARA website. There is a need for us to secure a vendor that can serve as a draw. We should check at the Dayton Hamvention for possible vendor interest.

Indiana QSO Party (Dave, N9FMD) – Nothing additional than what was reported in the WVARA General Meeting.

Triathlon (Gary, K9ERE) – Volunteer worker positions are staffed. Additional volunteers are still needed.

Communications Trailer (Gary, K9ERE; Dave, N9FMD) – Aluminum wheels are needed, not steel. The tax exempt form is needed. Joe (KC9JAC) and Ray (K9DUR) will work out the proper payment procedure.

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Sunday Night Net Manager: John VanSandt - N9YRX

May Meeting
May 4, 2018
7:00 PM
Glas-Col Annex
Bob Heil
Owner of Heil Sound
Live via Skype

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

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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? []

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Please add \$7 per family member above to the Single rate below. To include ARRL membership, see a current QST for the amount.

Dues options: Single (\$30) Family (Single + \$7 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.

Bulletin Board

WVARA VE Testing

(Walk-ins Welcome)

Terre Haute, Indiana

2nd Saturday of every month (except March)

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: 812-236-6522

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

Field Day

June 23 – 24, 2018

Setup June 22, 2018

Cory Indiana Firehouse

May Meeting

May 4, 2018

K9EID Bob Heil

Owner of Heil Sound

Live via Skype



Come see and hear Bob Heil K9EID speak to our club live. Bob will be on Skype live and in person. This is a chance to ask your questions.

See you Friday, May 4, 2018 at Glas-Col in Terre Haute. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM.