



The **BANDSPREAD**

September 2018



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September Meeting

September 7, 2018

Glas-Col

7:00 PM

Come see and hear Bob Heil K9EID via Skype

Heil is a legend in the broadcast and music recording industry. He's also an amateur radio enthusiast. He is the creator of the Heil PR40 mic, which Leo uses on the radio show.



President's Corner

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Those families with young children going back to school have to adjust to new school and after-school activities and carpool schedules. For me this summer seems to be flying by and my projects seem endless and never ending.

Because of a busy personal schedule, I haven't been able to devote time to the Communications Trailer project. One of my recent projects was analyzing the 2018 Property Tax Assessment we received. The assessor raised our assessed valuation for the Club property from \$6,500 to \$24,400 - a 275% increase. I have had conversations with the Assessor's office and received information about the whys and wherefores of the increase.

The man I spoke with in the Assessor's Office agreed with one point I made which will reduce the assessed valuation by \$260 but he would not agree with my other reasons for a reduction of assessed value. Therefore, I will be filing a Form 130 "Taxpayer's Notice to Initiate an Appeal" of the assessment based on a number of factors I believe should reduce the assessed value.

I will report my findings at the Board Meeting Thursday, August 23 and to the Members at the General Meeting Friday, September 7th.

Those of you who received similar increases in your assessed valuation only have until Monday, August 27th at 4:00 PM to file Form 130 to appeal your assessment at the Assessor's Office.

Joe KC9JAC

WVARA Club Picnic 2018





Heads Up!

The October meeting program will be our annual club auction.

Bring your Ham related items for sale and bring your money for those treasures you will purchase.

October 5, 2018

Glas-Col 7:00 PM

HAM CAMP 2019

February 2, 2019

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Glas-Col

Pre-registration will be available soon

WVARA Board Meeting

2018-08-23 Minutes

Date: 2018-08-23 **Location:** WVARA Club Station

Called to Order: 7:00 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	Andy Whitt, AC9SW
N	Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR	
Y	Trustee – Jay Sotak, AB9CG	_____
N	Past President – Kevin Berlen, K9HX	_____
Y	Past President – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC	_____

Secretary's Report (LeRoy, AC9NF): Minutes from the July Board Meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ray, K9DUR): Treasurer's Report for July was presented and approved

Club Station Report – (LeRoy, AC9NF; Andy, AC9SW) – There are still operational issues with the second amp. Discussion about possible activities to get more operators to utilize the club station.

Public Information Officer (Chuck, W9COD) – Chuck (W9COD) was not present to give a report.

Bandspread Report (Jerry, W9GWC) – The cutoff date for submitting material for the next Bandspread is tomorrow (August 24).

Communications Trailer (Gary, K9ERE) – Work is continuing to progress. Other commitments by volunteer help is currently having the work progress a little slower. More volunteer labor would still be helpful.

Nominating Committee (Gary, K9ERE) – A Nominating Committee meeting needs to be held. Individuals with the proper qualifications and willingness to serve are being solicited. The current priority is to locate a club president for next year.

Club Meeting Programs (Steve, K9TA) – The next regular meeting of the WVARA is September 7th, 7:00 pm (Indiana time), Glas-Col Annex. The scheduled program is Bob Heil (K9EID) via Skype. The annual club auction will be the October meeting.

November TurkeyFest – November 24, 8:00 am (Indiana time) to 12:00 pm (Indiana time), Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Vehicle/Equipment Storage – A motion was presented and approved to: "Dispose of the "Radio Vehicle" (Dodge van) and the K9VDQ trailer that is currently stored on the property of Kevin Berlen (K9HX) as excess equipment."

New Business

Property Tax Assessment (Joe, KC9JAC) – President Joe Cloutier (KC9JAC) presented detailed information concerning the increased property tax assessment on the WVARA club property. The assessed valuation has increased from \$6,500 in 2017 to \$24,400 in 2018. Following discussion by the WVARA Board a motion was presented and approved for WVARA Club President, Joe Cloutier (KC9JAC), to file "Form 130, Taxpayer's Notice to Initiate an Appeal" by the appeals deadline of 4:00 pm (Indiana time), Monday, August 27, 2018.

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc
Treasurer's Report – July 2018

Account Balances as of 07/31/2018

Checking	\$618.98
Savings	\$7,684.40
PayPal	\$61.35
TOTAL	\$8,364.73

Property Loan	\$1,747.46
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Income & Expenses

INCOME

Donations	\$25.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$25.00

EXPENSES

Communications Trailer	\$641.20
Field Day	\$34.95
Postage	\$20.85
Property Loan Payment	\$74.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$771.18
OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE	-\$746.18

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Dues

2018-2019

\$30.00

Please pay now

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2018

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? []

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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

Submit your 2018-2019 dues now