



The **BANDSPREAD**

December 2018



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President's Message

Here's one of the top ten clichés: "Where did this year go?" We are entering the last month of 2018 and that thought crosses my mind every day. Followed by the list of everything I wanted to do and didn't - and especially the list of things I need to do before the end of the year.

We began this year with our Winter Field Day in January followed by our first time February Special Event operation, W9U, from the Children's Museum celebrating our 90th Anniversary. Then March called us to the Clay County 4H Fairgrounds for our Hamfest. All events were successful. This year we were able to obtain a commitment from Clay County 4H for three years in advance which gives the Club assurance of having a firm place and time for both the Hamfest and Turkeyfest which in turn allows us to offer the same assurance to commercial vendors.

Activities slowed down after Hamfest until Field Day in June which brought the scramble to place antennas, run cable and power to radios and put butts in chairs to operate, operate, operate. Everyone I saw was having a good time and enjoyed the food and beverages. We had the usual problem of having enough operators to man the radios overnight. We were on the air but just not with all positions filled and relief operators. All of us who attended the picnic at Gary and Pat Wheeler's home in August had a great time, although I wish more members had come to enjoy the afternoon and evening.

I commend Don Pine, K9DRP, for his initiative when this Fall he invited members to join him in the park for short "quick and dirty" operating events where getting on the air with maximum speed and minimum fuss was emphasized. I hope he continues these mini-field days and I hope other members have similar excursions and issue an invitation on the list serve to join them. Maybe someone would organize a Fox Hunt?

There are two major items I have not finished. First is the Communications Trailer. It will not be finished before the New Year but I hope to have it finished before Field Day. Second is the appeal of the 2018 property tax appraisal of our WVARA property. Its timetable is controlled by the Board of Review which has not even begun its hearings yet.

As I write this the Turkeyfest, the Elections meeting and the Christmas Party are still on my to-do list and I hope we have good attendance and fun at all three.

We have to have our December 7th general meeting and Board meeting at a new place. GlasCol is remodeling their offices and the employees have been relocated to the old Post Office while it's going on.

Our meeting will be held at:

Southside Church of the Nazarene

1901 S. 4th St.

Terre Haute

The church is located on the southwest corner of 4th and McKeen Streets, only a few blocks from GlasCol.

The Ham Club Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 8th at MCL Cafeteria at The Meadows, 25th and Poplar, in the private dining room from 6:30 until 8PM. By popular request, we will go back to having a Dirty Santa gift exchange. If you wish to participate bring an inexpensive, wrapped gift from each person in your party to place under the tree. If you take a gift you must have one for the next guy. Do not put a name card on your gifts. MCL management has asked us to avoid glitter and confetti because it is difficult to remove from carpets on the premises.

The December 7th meeting will be my last as WVARA President. I wish to thank all the members who have helped me through this year and especially the other officers; Steve Farrington who has done a marvelous job organizing our meeting's programs, Ray Andrews who kept me from straying from the Constitution and Bylaws as well as keeping us solvent, and Leroy Sedgwick for his advice and eternal good cheer. I sincerely thank Past Presidents, Kevin Berlen and Jerry Cockrell for their advice about the functions of the President and history of the Association. All of these people kept me from tripping up (too badly) this year. I hope you feel I have served you all well and will continue offering my help and further support to future officers and our group.

73,

Joe Cloutier. KC9JAC

Meetings and Events

Glas-Col is doing some remodeling & will be using the PO Building for temporary offices at least through December 7th. Therefore, we will not be able to use it for our December meeting.

The December meeting will be held on December 7h, at 7:00 pm EDT at the following location:

Southside Church of the Nazarene

1901 S 4th St

Terre Haute, IN 47802

The church is located on the SW corner of 4th & McKeen Streets, only a few blocks from Glas-Col.

Remember: This meeting will be our annual election of officers.

73, Ray, K9DUR

WVARA Webmaster

WVARA Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held at MCL Cafeteria, The Meadows, in their private dining room located off the southeast corner of the main dining room beginning at 6:30PM on Saturday, December 8. This is the night after our December meeting. Dinner is cafeteria style so the Members may buy any items on their buffet that night.

After dinner we will have a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. Each person who wishes to participate should bring one small, inexpensive, wrapped gift to exchange. Please note, the MCL requests that no glitter or confetti be brought in because it causes problems for them.

The WVARA Technician License class was very successful. We had five students and all earned their Technician license. Welcome to our new HAMS.

Darren	KD9LXE
Richard	KD9LXF
Paul	KD9LXG
Mike	KD9LUK changed to K9YPM
Dave	KD9LUM changed to K9DWO

Special Notice

December 8, 2018 VE Session Cancelled!

This is because of Glas-Col construction.

November 2018 WVARA Meeting

W9COD presented on his new toy.

X5105 HF/50MHz All Mode Ultra Compact Transceiver Demo



TURKEYFEST 2018



2018-11-02 Club Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by President Joe Cloutier (KC9JAC) at 7:00 pm Indiana time.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Don Pine (K9DRP).

Roll Call/Introductions of those in attendance plus any guests.

WVARA Board Meeting – The next meeting will be following the General Meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry Cockrell (W9GWC) – October report was presented and approved.

WVARA Club Station Report – Andy Whitt (AC9SW) – The Club Station is still open 5:30-7:00 pm Indiana time each 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 HS Station (K9THN) – Jay Sotak (AB9CG) – Update on current status.

Education Report – Jerry Cockrell (W9GWC) – The General Class is beginning this month.

Public Information Officer Report – Chuck Procarione (W9COD) – TurkeyFest will be Saturday, November 24, 2018 at the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds.

VE Report – Jerry Cockrell (W9GWC) – Testing is scheduled at the Glas-Col Annex for Saturday, November 10, 9:30 am (Indiana time).

CAARLA Report – No report.

Vigo County ARES – Ken Hauptli (W9VDK) – Net is the 1st Sunday monthly, 8:30 pm EDT on 146.685 Repeater. Please check in this Sunday.

Communications Trailer Report – Gary Wheeler (K9ERE) – Foaming is complete. The process of foaming was discussed. It needs trimming to level.

Property Tax Assessment – Joe Cloutier (KC9JAC) – The appraisal report was received. Our land was appraised at \$8,000.

New Business

2019 Slate of Officers – Gary Wheeler (K9ERE) – President, Steve Farrington (K9TA); Vice President, Jay Sotak (AB9CG); Treasurer, Ray Andrews (K9DUR); Secretary, LeRoy Sedgwick (AC9NF); Trustee, Jerry Cockrell (W9CWC); Immediate Past President, Joe Cloutier (KC9JAC); Past President, Kevin Berlen (K9HX). Gary (K9ERE) discussed the difficulty in getting people to step up to volunteer for leadership positions for the club. Gary (K9ERE) suggested we set up a “Shadow Volunteers” group to follow leaders to get an idea of what it takes for leadership for the club. Gary (K9ERE) went through the requirements for each position.

December Meeting/Christmas Party – Discussion

By-Laws – Dave Littlejohn (N9FMD) – Mentions that our By-Laws do not reflect the new dues amount of \$30.00.

Donation – Kevin Berlen (K9HX) – The Eastern Illinois Hamateur Club sent us a Thank You not for our \$100 donation for the repeater in Greenup, Illinois.

Program – Chuck Procarione (W9COD) – XIEGU X5105 Software Defined QRP Transceiver

RHIT Radio Club – Jay Sotak (AB9CG) – Would appreciate help doing antenna work.

Adjournment

Next General Meeting – December 7, 2018; 7:00 pm Indiana Time – Election of Officers

WVARA Board Meeting

2018-11-02 Minutes

Date: 2018-11-02 **Location:** Glas-Col Annex

Called to Order: 9:00 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
N	Secretary – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF	Andy Whitt, AC9SW
N	Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR	
Y	Trustee – Jay Sotak, AB9CG	
Y	Past President – Kevin Berlen, K9HX	
Y	Past President – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC	

Secretary's Report (Jerry, W9GWC): Minutes from the October Board Meeting are online and in the Bandspread. Approved.

Treasurer's Report (Jerry, W9GWC): Treasurer's Report for October was presented and approved.

Club Station Report – (Andy, AC9SW) – We have an amplifier to return to the factory for repair. Get an estimate and put in budget next year. Kevin (K9HX) moved to approve \$200 to have the amplifier checked for repair cost. Steve (K9TA) seconded. Approved.

Public Information Officer (Chuck, W9COD) – Report.

Communications Trailer (Gary, K9ERE) – Discussion on the wall material and wall color for the new trailer.

Property Tax Assessment (Joe, KC9JAC) – Update report. More information to come.

Election Committee Report (Gary Wheeler, K9ERE) – Report on the Slate of Officers.

Equipment on Loan (Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC) – Update report on the equipment that is on loan to Joseph Tarrant (KD9FLQ).

Christmas Party/Club Meeting – December 7 is the next club meeting. December 1, 8, or 15 for the Christmas Party. W9IFE and KC9JMC will make some arrangements.

Next Meeting – Friday; December 7, 2018; Following the WVARA General Meeting

Adjournment: 9:40 pm Indiana time

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

Account Balances as of 10/31/2018

Cash	\$0.00
Checking	\$886.65
Savings	\$7,185.55
PayPal	\$87.21
TOTAL	\$8,159.41
Property Loan	\$1,547.48

Income & Expenses

INCOME

Club Auction	\$19.00
Donations	\$38.50
Education Income	\$60.00
Field Day Shirt Sales	\$16.50
Membership Dues	\$137.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$271.00

EXPENSES

Education Expenses	\$98.84
PayPal Received Funds Fee	\$1.48
Postage	\$13.65
Property Loan Payment	\$74.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$188.15

OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE **\$82.85**

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Dues

2018-2019

\$30.00

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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? []

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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 _____

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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

December VE Session Cancelled

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