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# The **BANDSPREAD**

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## **The Presidents Corner**

As you are reading this, the Christmas holiday is almost past, and the New Year is upon us. 2018 is in the history books. 2018 was a great year for the WVARA. We owe a tremendous debt to Joe, KC9JAC, who was at the helm. We accomplished a great deal during this period of time due in large part to Joe's leadership. 2019 promises to be another great year. Our hamfest will be here before we know it, and Winter Field Day will be upon us soon. These and our other activities and events can only succeed with your participation. Plan to come out and lend a hand, or grab a mic or key and make some contacts. If you cannot actively participate, then try to stop by for a visit. Remember that this is YOUR club. Come out, have a great time, and get involved. That's what the WVARA is all about.

Nominations for our annual Brentlinger Award are now being accepted. This award is presented annually to an Amateur Radio Operator who has made an outstanding contribution to Amateur Radio in the Wabash Valley. The award is open to any ham in the Wabash Valley area. Deadline for nominations is January 15th. You can hand deliver your nomination to me, or you can mail them to the club P.O. Box. Just be sure to put the nomination in a sealed envelope, and mark it "Brentlinger Nomination" on the outside. The award will be presented during a dinner held during the month of March.

73, Steve K9TA

**January WVARA Meeting**  
**January 4, 2019**  
**Glas-Col Annex**  
**7:00 PM**

## Brentlinger Award

The Brentlinger Award is presented annually to one or more Wabash Valley amateur radio operators who have contributed significantly to the amateur radio community, either during the previous year or throughout their lifetime. The award presentation will be held at a banquet during the month of March.

Nominations must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Brentlinger Award Nomination" and either mailed to the club PO box or hand-delivered to the club President. The deadline for nominations to be in the hands of the President is January 15th. Any Wabash Valley amateur radio operator may be nominated for the award whether they are a WVARA member or not.

If the Brentlinger Award recipient is eligible for the Indiana Radio Club Council's Amateur-of-the-Year Award, the club will nominate the Brentlinger Award recipient for the Amateur-of-the-Year Award which is presented at the Fort Wayne Hamfest in November.

### Winter Field Day

The WVARA will be participating in the Winter Field Day Contest again this year on January 26 and 27, 2019. Tentative plans have us operating from a shelter at Mill Creek Park, NW of Marshall, IL. Frigid temperatures or inclement weather may dictate operation from inside the cabin as we have done in past years. In any event we will also have the cabin to meet, eat, greet, sleep, and get warm. Set up will begin at 9:00 AM EST with the contest kicking off at 2:00 PM EST and running through the next 24 hours. Directions and map will be posted on the list server and WVARA web page as the event nears. Direct any questions to the WVARA list server, or contact K9DRP at donpine@eskimo.com. We really need some phone operators to commit to helping out! Or if you can't make it out to the operation, fire up that HF rig and make a contact with W9UUU.

Merry Christmas,

Don, K9DRP

**\*\*\*\*\* Notice of Sale of 1976 Dodge Van by Sealed-Bid Auction \*\*\*\*\***

The WVARA Executive Board has decided that the "radio" van is surplus to our needs. In accordance with Article VI of the WVARA Bylaws, interested members are invited to submit sealed bids to any board member before the end of the WVARA general meeting on Friday, January 4, 2019. Bids may also be mailed to the club PO Box as long as they are received before the meeting. Bids will be opened at the Executive Board meeting immediately following the general meeting on January 4th. A minimum bid of \$50 is required.

The van is a 1976 Dodge B300 MAXIVAN. It is currently located in Clay City, IN. It has some tie rod damage which renders it undriveable. The successful bidder will be responsible for removing the van from its current location no later than January 31, 2019.

For further information concerning the condition or location of the van, contact Kevin Berlen, K9HX.

73, Ray Andrews, K9DUR  
WVARA Webmaster

**December WVARA Meeting  
December 7, 2018**

*Photos Courtesy of Gary K9ERE*

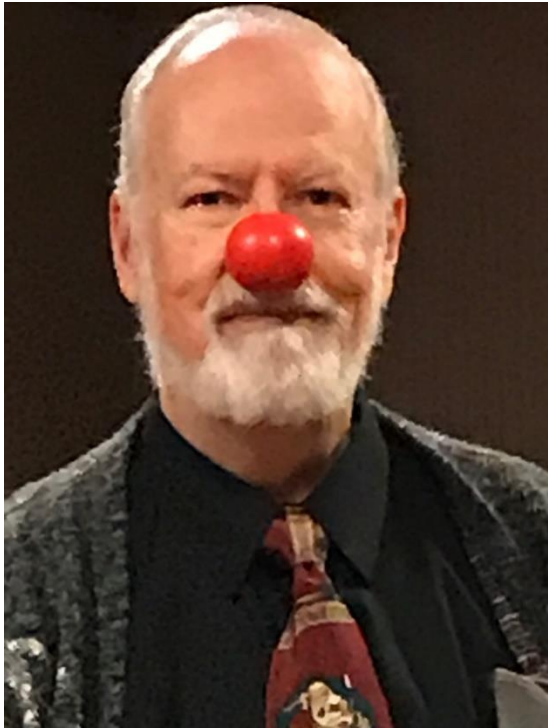


*K9TA takes over as Club President*

**Jessie KC9ZXO on Bee Keeping**



**WVARA Christmas Party  
December 8, 2018 at MCL**



*Gary K9ERE*  
Courtesy of Chuck W9COD



*Christmas Party 2018*  
Photo Courtesy of K9ERE



*Christmas Party 2018*  
Photo Courtesy of K9ERE



*KC9ZXO and his little buddy*  
Photo Courtesy of K9ERE

## WVARA Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order** by President Joe Cloutier (KC9JAC) at 6:57 pm Indiana time.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Joe Cloutier (KC9JAC).

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

**New/Upgraded Licensees** – Jerad Heffner (KJ3RAD), Technician

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

**Secretary's Report** – LeRoy Sedgwick (AC9NF) – November minutes presented and approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ray Andrews (K9DUR) – November and TurkeyFest reports were presented and approved.

**WVARA Club Station Report** – LeRoy Sedgwick (AC9NF)/Andy Whitt (AC9SW) – The Club Station will be closed for the remainder of December and will reopen January 3rd. 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) – No report.

**Education Report** – Jerry Cockrell (W9GWC)/Ray Andrews (K9DUR) – The General Class is meeting in the back area of the club station. There are three enrolled.

**Public Information Officer Report** – Chuck Procarione (W9COD) – Check the postings on Facebook.

**VE Report** – Jerry Cockrell (W9GWC) – There is no December testing session.

**CAARLA Report** – No report.

**Vigo County ARES** – Ken Hauptli (W9VDK) – Net is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly, 8:30 pm Indiana time on 146.685 Repeater. Please check in this Sunday. The quarterly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm Indiana time, January 11 at the Glas-Col Annex.

**Communications Trailer Report** – Gary Wheeler (K9ERE)/Dave Littlejohn (N9FMD) – There is now heat in the trailer and work is continuing through the winter.

**Property Tax Assessment** – Joe Cloutier (KC9JAC) – The county has begun the review process. We are not sure when our review will be scheduled. No more reviews until January.

### New Business

**December Meeting/Christmas Party** – Gary Wheeler (K9ERE) – 6:00 pm Indiana time, December 8 (tomorrow) at the Meadows MCL Cafeteria in one of the meeting rooms. Go through the standard line for your food and then come to the meeting room. Anyone who wants to participate in the “Dirty Santa” give exchange should bring an inexpensive, wrapped gift. One for each person participating.

**WVARA Property** – Dave Littlejohn (N9FMD) – We have acquired several loads of fill dirt on our property. Discussion followed.

**Winter Field Day** – Don Pine (K9DRP) – Winter Field Day is January 26-27. We finished 7<sup>th</sup> nationally last year. We need more participation and help especially on phone.

**Election of the 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). A quorum was present. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was presented and seconded that the slate be election by acclamation. The motion was approved and the slate elected via acclamation.

**Program** – Jesse Wilson (KC9ZXO) – Bees 101

**Adjournment** – 8:56 pm Indiana time

## Board Meeting Minutes

### WVARA Board Meeting 2018-12-07 Minutes

**Date:** 2018-12-07 **Location:** Nazarene Church South

**Called to Order:** 9:10 pm Indiana time by President Steve Farrington (K9TA).

**In Attendance:**

Y	President – Steve Farrington, K9TA	Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD
N	Vice-President – Jay Sotak, AB9CG	Gary Wheeler, K9ERE
Y	Secretary – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF	Andy Whitt, AC9SW
Y	Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR	Chuck Procarione, W9COD
Y	Trustee – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC	Don Pine, K9DRP
Y	Immediate Past President – Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC	Melanie Cloutier, K9JMC
Y	Past President – Kevin Berlen, K9HX	

**Secretary's Report (LeRoy, AC9NF):** Minutes from the November Board Meeting are online and in the Bandspread. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report (Ray, K9DUR):** Treasurer's Report for November was presented and approved.

**Club Station Report – (LeRoy, AC9NF/Andy, AC9SW) –** No additions than what was presented at General Meeting.

**Public Information Officer (Chuck, W9COD) –** Report.

**Communications Trailer (Gary, K9ERE/Dave, N9FMD/Kevin, K9HX) –** General discussion.

**Property Tax Assessment (Joe, KC9JAC) –** Reported in General Meeting.

**Equipment on Loan (Jerry, W9GWC) –** Update report on the equipment that is on loan to Joseph Tarrant (KD9FLQ). The equipment is scheduled to be returned in January.

**Disposition of Communications Vehicle (Kevin, K9HX) –** Discussion on the procedure to dispose of the equipment. We need to follow proper WVARA bid procedures. Ray (K9DUR) and LeRoy (AC9NF) will work on the bid wording. A \$50 minimum bid with 30 days to remove the vehicle was approved.

#### New Business

**Audit Committee –** Ray (K9DUR) reminded the board that the Audit Committee is to meet per the Constitution and By-laws.

**Donation –** The treasurer will be sending a \$50.00 check to the Nazarene Church South for the use of their building tonight.

**Storage Trailer –** The trailer has not been moved. Discussion followed about where and when we can get it moved.

**Quorum Number –** Don (K9DRP) asked about a possible need to adjust our required quorum number. General discussion followed about the need for new members.

**Next Meeting –** Friday; January 4, 2019; Following the WVARA General Meeting

**Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc**  
**2018 TurkeyFest Financial Report**

Income & Expenses Hamfest		Income & Expenses Food Sales	
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>INCOME</b>	
Donations	\$120.75	Donations	\$68.00
Half-Pot	\$26.00	Food Sales	\$105.50
Ticket Sales	\$546.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$692.75</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$173.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Fairgrounds Rental	\$250.00	Food & Supplies	\$68.00
Fairgrounds Booking Fee	\$10.00		
Door Prizes	\$80.00		
Supplies	\$10.75		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$350.75</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$68.00</b>
<b>OVERALL PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>\$342.00</b>	<b>OVERALL PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>\$105.50</b>

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

**Account Balances as of 11/30/2018**

Checking	\$856.86
Savings	\$7,885.55
PayPal	\$87.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,742.41</b>
Property Loan	\$1,480.30

**Income & Expenses**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Donations	\$216.75
Education Income	\$5.00
Half-Pot	\$26.00
Membership Dues	\$60.00
TurkeyFest Food Sales	\$105.50
TurkeyFest Gate Receipts	\$574.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$987.25</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Education Expenses	\$24.71
Property Loan Payment	\$74.18
TurkeyFest Food & Supplies	\$158.75
TurkeyFest Property Rental & Booking Fee	(Pre-Paid)
Website & E-Mail List (Web Hosting Fee)	\$59.40
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$317.04</b>
<b>OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE</b>	<b>\$670.21</b>



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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? [ ]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL? [ ]

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 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)

**Submit your 2018-2019 dues now**