



The **Summer 2019** BANDSPREAD



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The President Corner

Another Field Day has now come and gone. Once again, it would not be possible to stage such an event without the participation of each and every one of you. THANKS!! If you listened to the net following our event, you heard a lot of positive comments. As usual, there are always things that go well, and upon reflection things which could be done to improve. At the post field day meeting there were several ideas shared which we will take into consideration during the planning for the 2020 Field Day. The WVARA has a sizable membership and our Field Day event can mean different things to different people. To some Field Day is a social event for gathering to chat, eat and in general have a good time together. For others it is a true contest with a goal of maximizing points. To some it is a time to experiment, trying different things that have not been tried in the past. To yet others it is a casual contest setting where you can make a few contacts, get new folks on the air, and in general just have fun operating. It is impossible to accommodate each idea of what field day should be about in one single event of the size we put together. It is only as each one gives to the good of the whole that our event is so successful. We do our best to put together a weekend that offers a lot of different aspects to our membership. In my opinion we put together a fabulous event because we have a fabulous membership.

See you at the summer picnic, 73

Steve, K9TA

I am pleased to announce that Director Carlson has sanctioned the Turkey Fest, held on November 30, 2019 in Brazil, IN, as an official ARRL Hamfest.

Attached is a set of single-use prize certificates to be used as door prizes for ARRL publications and products, and redeemable online. We recommend forwarding these prizes to a volunteer responsible for organizing prizes at your event. There are expiration dates on the face of each prize certificate. Please remind prize winners to redeem their certificates as soon as possible.

As part of your agreement in becoming an ARRL-sanctioned event, please remember to prominently display the ARRL diamond when promoting the event on websites, in e-mails, advertisements and all other program material. The ARRL logo can be obtained from www.arrl.org/logos-photos. You must be an ARRL member and logged into the website to access the logo.

ARRL-sanctioned conventions and hamfests should make provisions for an ARRL forum and for an ARRL display booth or table. To organize an ARRL exhibit or booth, please contact your ARRL Division Director or ARRL Section Manager.

To help represent the ARRL **membership program** please visit www.arrl.org/shop/Brochures-Handouts-and-Exhibit-Supplies. There you may obtain promotional handout materials and display materials such as:

- brochures
- hanging and standing banners
- tabletop displays
- table throws
- other giveaways such as pens, magnets and stickers.
- Membership applications for hamfest and field volunteer
use: www.arrl.org/files/file/Membership/MembershipApplicationSEC.pdf

Please be sure to order materials at least 2 weeks in advance.

Please contact us if you have any questions while organizing your hamfest.

Eric Casey, KC2ERC
Convention and Event Coordinator

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WVARA Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 10th, at 6pm EDT

**Location:
K9ERE & KA9ALI QTH
2797 N Baker St
Terre Haute, IN**

Driving Directions

From the West (Terre Haute):

- Go east on Wabash Avenue (US Hwy 40) to Baker St. (Seelyville)
 - Baker St is 3-1/4 miles east of SR 46.
- Turn north (left) onto Baker St.
- Go to end of street & turn right into driveway.

From the East (Brazil):

- Go west on US Hwy 40 to Baker St. (Seeleyville)
 - Baker St is 0.4 miles west of stoplight in Seeleyville.
- Turn north (right) onto Baker St.
- Go to end of street & turn right into driveway.

Talk-In on 146.685 MHz repeater (PL 151.4 Hz).

Field Day 2019
Cory Indiana

Pictures Courtesy of David K9DWO



**Field Day 2019
Results**

Here's the results from my QRP endeavor:
Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

| Band | CW | Phone | Dig | Total | % |
|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| 80 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 11 |
| 40 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 43 |
| 20 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 26 |
| 15 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 14 |
| 10 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| Total | 208 | 0 | 0 | 208 | 100 |

I'm anxious to see results from the other operations.

73,
Don, K9DRP

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association 2019-06-14 Club Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – 7:02 pm Indiana Time

Pledge of Allegiance – LeRoy (AC9NF)

Roll Call/Introductions – 19 sign-ins

New/Upgraded Licensees – 1 new Amateur Extra (Gary, KD9HEP)

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

Secretary's Report – LeRoy (AC9NF) – Minutes from the May Meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Ray (K9DUR) – May Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

WVARA Club Station Report – LeRoy (AC9NF)/Andy (AC9SW)/Ray (K9DUR) – Equipment has been boxed for Field Day.

Public Information Officer Report – Chuck (W9COD) – The new Facebook page is up and functioning properly.

North Vigo HS Station Report – Jay (AB9CG) – Currently nothing new to report.

Education Report – Ray (K9DUR) – Information sheets for the Code Class were available for the membership.

VE Report – Jerry (W9GWC) – The next VE testing session will be Saturday, July 13, 9:30 am, Glas-Col Annex.

CAARLA Report – No Report

Vigo County ARES Report – Ken (W9VKD) – No Report

Communications Trailer Update Report – Gary (K9ERE) – The inside is ready for wiring and painting. The wiring process is scheduled to begin on Tuesday. The hope is to have it wired by Field Day.

Property Tax Assessment Appeal – We are now assessed at the \$8500 value. The paperwork is still in process with the DNR.

Indiana QSO Party – Gary (W9EEU)/Dave (N9FMD) – Clay County finished 3rd in Multi/Multi. Our location on the Clay/Vigo line was unable to participate.

New Business

Annual Picnic – Gary (K9ERE) – Discussion about moving it to September. The picnic will be August 10 @ 6:00 pm Indiana time. Bring a side dish and folding chairs. This is held at Gary's (K9ERE) residence.

BREAK

Program – Jay (AB9CG) – Field Day discussion. June 22-23 beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending 2059 UTC Sunday. Set up will be Thursday and Friday evenings.

WVARA Board Meeting

2019-06-14 Minutes

Location: Glas-Col Annex

Called to Order – 8:13 pm Indiana time

In Attendance:

| | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Y | President – Steve Farrington, K9TA | Chuck, W9COD |
| Y | Vice-President – Jay Sotak, AB9CG | Andy, AC9SW |
| Y | Secretary – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF | Matt, AA9XA |
| N | Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR | Gary, KD9HEP |
| Y | Trustee – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC | _____ |
| N | Past President – Kevin Berlen, K9HX | _____ |
| N | Past President – Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC | _____ |

Secretary's Report (LeRoy, AC9NF) – Minute from the May Board meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ray, K9DUR) – No changes from the report that was presented in the General Meeting.

Club Station Report/Relocation (LeRoy, AC9NF/Andy, AC9SW/Ray, K9DUR) – We need a second HF antenna. There is no urgency to move the club station. Glas-Col has only had general discussion about changes to the building. There are no current plans or time-lines.

Public Information Officer (Chuck, W9COD) – Report was presented in the General Meeting

Communications Trailer (Gary, K9ERE/Joe, KC9JAC) – Work will be progressing this week.

Property Tax Assessment Appeal Status (Steve, K9TA) – The state DNR is progressing with getting the lot classified as a “wood lot.”

New Business

Field Day 2019 – The information needs to get out on the ListServe, Facebook, and the WVARA website.

Items from the Floor – We are behind on eight individuals for background checks.

Next Meeting Date/Location – TBD

Adjournment – 8:29 pm Indiana time.

WVARA Board Meeting

2019-07-18 Minutes

Location: WVARA Club Station

Called to Order – 6:33 p.m. Indiana Time

In Attendance:

| | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Y | President – Steve Farrington, K9TA | Matt, AA9XXA |
| Y | Vice-President – Jay Sotak, AB9CG | Andy, AC9SW |
| Y | Secretary – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF | Dave, N9FMD |
| Y | Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR | Gary, K9ERE |
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Secretary's Report (LeRoy, AC9NF) – Approved

Treasurer's Report (Ray, K9DUR) – Approved

Club Station Report (LeRoy, AC9NF/Andy, AC9SW/Ray, K9DUR) – No Report

Public Information Officer (Chuck, W9COD) – No Report

Communications Trailer (Gary, K9ERE/Joe, KC9JAC) – The Communications Trailer will be at the Westminster Village Harvest Festival, August 10th from 11:00 a.m. To 2:00 p.m. It has been discovered that the trailer has no undercoating. Various costs and options to remedy this are being investigated.

Field Day 2019 Report (Jay, AB9CG) – Field Day did go well. However, there was some confusion about the date it was to be held. Field Day is always the 4th full weekend of June, not the last weekend. Our score is not yet available. Some from the Clay County club joined us. They will be using the Cory location next year. We will need a new location for next year's Field Day.

Background Check Status (Jerry, W9GWC) – We are still in need of completing 8 background checks.

Tax Assessment Update (Steve, K9TA) – The DNR report is completed. Our assessed valuation for the lot next year will be \$9300. The following year our lot will be moved to the Wood Lot status with the appropriate change in the assessment.

New Business

Annual Club Picnic (Gary, K9ERE) – August 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

Items from the Floor

The Bandsread will be published the end of this month.

Both the Technician class and the Code class will begin following Labor Day.

The ambulance will be gone from Kevin's (K9HX) property this month.

Discussion about upcoming opportunities for operating events.

Next Meeting Date/Location – TBA

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc
Treasurer's Report – June 2019

Account Balances as of 06/30/2019

| | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Checking | \$3,595.05 |
| Savings | \$3,087.43 |
| PayPal | \$61.35 |
| TOTAL | \$6,743.83 |
| | |
| Property Loan | \$1,000.47 |

Income & Expenses

INCOME

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Donations | \$25.00 |
| Interest | \$0.66 |
| Membership Dues | \$37.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$62.66 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Communications Trailer | \$1,139.06 |
| Education Expenses | \$52.88 |
| Field Day | \$270.76 |
| IT Expenses | \$18.55 |
| PayPal Received Funds Fee | \$1.11 |
| Property Loan Payment | \$74.18 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$1,556.54 |

OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE **-\$1,493.88**

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www.W9UUU.org.

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Dues

2018-2019

\$30.00

Please pay now

Technician class registration is now open. Go to the club website. Begins on September 3, 2019. Class begins at 6:30 Pm in the Glas-Col Annex.

September meeting, Friday, September 6, 2019 in the Glass-Col Annex. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 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