



The **BANDSPREAD**

December 2019



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WVARA Annual Christmas Party

Valley Grill 2170 North 3rd Street Terre Haute

December 14, 2019

Start Time 6:00 PM (EST)

President's Corner December 2019

Where did 2019 go? It is hard for me to believe that we soon be in the month of December. This year has gone by like a flash. The WVARA has had a great year. We had a successful Field Day operation and several other activities. I look forward to 2020 and another great year of activities and growth. I hope that each of you will be able to join us for our annual Christmas dinner Saturday December 14th. We will be at the Valley Grill located at 2710 North Third Street in Terre Haute. We will be ordering off the menu and have a private room reserved for our gathering. We will be doing a \$5.00 Dirty Santa exchange this year. Thanks to all for your help and support this year. I hope each of you and your families have the merriest of Christmases. 73, K9TA Steve.

December WVARA Meeting
December 6, 2019
Glas-Col Annex
7:00 PM

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT, FOR THE 2020 WVARA BOARD ELECTION
Presented at the November 2019 Club Meeting

ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Section I - Nominating Committee

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President in September to select a slate of candidates who have agreed to serve as officers if elected. The committee's report will be due in November and shall be published in accordance with Article VII, Section II, of the Constitution.

Section II - Nominations from the Floor

Nominations may also be made from the floor from those attending and voting at the election during the December General meeting.

Section III – Eligibility for Officers

To be eligible for nomination as an officer, the nominee must have attended, as a full member, a minimum of four of the six club meetings immediately prior to the election. We, the nominating committee, are happy to announce that the following persons, upon election, have agreed to serve as officers of the 2020 WVARA Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT:	Steve Farrington, K9TA
VICE PRESIDENT:	Owen Leroy Sedgwick Jr., AC9NF
SECRETARY:	Matt Tinker, AA9XA
TREASURER:	Ray Andrews, K9DUR
TRUSTEE:	Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC
IMMEDIATE PAST PRES:	Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC
PAST PRESIDENT:	Kevin Berlen, K9HX

With the addition of the two Past Presidents, this comprises the slate of the seven member Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association Board of directors for 2020.

However, we want to remind members that anyone who meets the constitutional criteria above, is welcome to run for any of the aforementioned offices in addition to the announced slate of candidates.

Your name may still be entered as late as the night of the election itself, but to be on the printed ballot, you must, between now and a week before the December meeting, approach any current board member and indicate your interest in running.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ann Mitchell, KC9RBF
Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC
Respectfully submitted,
Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, chair

Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR
Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD



Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

2019 TurkeyFest & Computer Expo

with

Commercial Vendors

Saturday November 30, 2019

Indoor Event – Rain or Shine!

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST

Vendor setup begins at 6:00 AM

Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds

6550 North State Road 59 – Brazil, IN

(39° 29' 03" N, 87° 07' 30" W)



Talk-In: K9IKQ/R – 146.685 MHz – PL 151.4 Hz

Admission \$7.00 (12 and under free)

FREE TABLES



Hourly drawings for Door Prizes

Breakfast Served – DXCC/VUCC/WAS Card Checking

More information: <http://w9uuu.org> or contact hamfest@w9uuu.org

**Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Club
2019-11-01 Club Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order - 7:03 pm Indiana Time By President Steve (K9TA)

Pledge of Allegiance - Andy (AC9SW)

Roll Call/Introductions - 25 sign-ins

New/Upgraded Licensees - See Education Committee Report

WVARRA Board Meeting - The Board meeting will follow the General Meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Secretary's Report -- LeRoy (AC9NF) M. Tinker sub (AA9XA) - October General Meeting Minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Ray (K9DUR) - The October Financial Reports were presented and approved. Additional information provided that the Vigo County refund has not been paid.

This will be paid at a later date.

WVARRA Club Station Report - Ray (K9DUR)/ Andy (AC9SW) — The station has had numerous visitors, and some active DX'ing has taken place. We still need to install the vertical antenna for the coming winter season, Public Information Officer Report — Chuck (W9COD)- TurkeyFest will be November 30 at the Clay Co. Fairgrounds. The brochure has been updated to show all of the Hamfest sponsors. Current sponsors include the ARRL, Tower Guy form R&L Electronics. Books for Amateur Radio, and still awaiting word from ICOM. It was noted that the arrangement with the Fairgrounds needs to be renewed with Martha Knox (812-239-2052).

North Vigo HS Station Report - no report

Education Committee Report- Ray (K9DUR)- The completed Tech Class had one successful candidate pass their exam (KD9ODR). At this time there are no registrations for the General Class to start soon.

VE Report — Jerry (W9GWC) - VE Testing will be Saturday 11-8-19 beginning at 9:30am.

CAAARLA Report- Provided refreshments for the November Club meeting. Can't get anyone together for a general meeting at this time.

Vigo County ARES Report - Ken (W9VKD) - Announced the new ARES Director for VIGO County, Dave (K9DWO). Next ARES net will be Sunday 8:30pm. Much thanks for Ken's service and dedication to ARES and WVARRA.

Communication Trailer Update Report - Gary (K9ERE)/Joe (KC9JAC) - Cabinets are completed. Kevin (K9HX) is completing the 12VDC wiring system. Operating positions are wired, and batteries are charging. Very good progress this past month. New Business

Nominating Committee Report for 2020 - Gary (K9ERE)- Gary reported the following

Nominating Committee Report for Club Officers 2020: President - Steve K9TA , Vice President - LeRoy AC9NF, Secretary - Matt AA9XA, Treasurer — Ray K9DUR, Trustee Jerry W9GWC, Past Presidents Kevin K9HX, Joe KC9JAC. Gary noted that there will be open nominations from the floor at next month's meeting. Please, all members attend and cast your vote.

2019 Christmas Par - This year's party will be at the Valley Grill on 3rd Street beginning at 6:00pm with an open menu. Again the Dirty Santa exchange will take place. We would like to see a great turn out and some fun gift exchanges.

Field Day 2020 - New locations were discussed, and the following were submitted:

Shriners Club Terre Haute and OtterCreek Fire Station. More to follow.

K91KQ Repeater - it has been noted that the Repeater seems be at a lower power. Kevin K9HX will look into the technical question and report at the next meeting.

SHOW and TELL - Dave (K9FMD) brought a VHF antenna for all to see.

Adjournment - 7:35 PM

BREAK

Program - How to QSL by Ray (K9DUR)

Very informative program covering all aspects for QSL sending and receiving those valuable QSL cards. Nice job Ray.

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Dues

2019-2020

\$30.00

Please pay now

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? []

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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