



The **BANDSPREAD**

February 2020



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WVARA Meeting

February 7, 2020

7:00 PM at Glas-Col Annex

Grounding with Kevin, K9HX

WVARA Website Changes Recently, there has been a change to the WVARA website (<https://w9uuu.org>). This change was made for the purpose of limiting access to sensitive information, in particular, club financial information, inventory data, and members' contact information (phone numbers and e-mail addresses).

Most of the website remains accessible to anyone who visits the site. However, accessing information in the "Members Only" area now requires logging into the website by entering a user name (your call sign) and a password.

Only voting members will be able to log in to the website. Unlicensed members will not be able to log in. Also, a member will not be able to log in if their membership has expired.

When logging in for the first time, enter your call sign and click on the "Forgot Password" link. A password will be created and sent to you at the e-mail address we have on file. You may continue to use this password or you may change it to something that is easier for you to remember. If we do not have a valid e-mail address for you, contact the WVARA Webmaster (webmaster@w9uuu.org) for a password.

HAM Radio New Operator Camp 2020
February 1, 2020
Glas-Col Annex
\$10.00 including lunch

**A one-day session taught by experienced amateurs that will help get you on the air.
Some topics covered with lots of hands-on experiences include:**

- **Getting on the air**
- **Setting up a station**
- **Maintenance of equipment**
- **Designing a “go box”**
- **Plus, you will have a chance to make actual contacts on 2 meters and HF in our club station**
- **Building an antenna**
- **Roundtable with recently licensed amateurs**

REGISTER NOW! Walk-ins OKAY

Winter Field Day 2020

	2020	2019	2018	2017
CW	103	43	9	33
Phone	134	95	150	362
DIG	81	146	100	0
Mult.	13	15	13	6
Score	6526	7095	4784	2568

The above scores exclude the low power and operating bonus points, but give a good comparison to prior years results. Actually, we should have a higher official point total score than last year. (I learned the hard way to make sure the computer time clocks are synced, which resulted in some of our contacts being rejected last year.)

With the much poorer band conditions this year, it's impressive to see our number of contacts coming close to last year's totals. It just goes to show what good operators can achieve together.

Operators this year were K9DRP, N9FMD, K9TA, W9COD and W9KJO.

73,
Don, K9DRP

Winter Field Day 2020

(Courtesy of Steve, K9TA)



WVARA 2020 Budget (Proposed)

Expenditures				Receipts			
Description	Amount	Spent*	Over/Under	Description	Amount	Received*	Over/Under
Background Checks	\$450.00		\$450.00	Auction	\$100.00		-\$100.00
Badges & ID Tags	\$50.00		\$50.00	Donations	\$7,000.00		-\$7,000.00
Brentlinger Dinner & Award	\$55.00		\$55.00	Education	\$500.00		-\$500.00
Club Picnic	\$100.00		\$100.00	Half-Pot	\$100.00		-\$100.00
Club Station	\$50.00		\$50.00	Hamfest – March	\$1,000.00		-\$1,000.00
Communications Trailer	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00	Hamfest – November	\$700.00		-\$700.00
Corporation & Legal Fees	\$25.00		\$25.00	Membership Dues	\$1,100.00		-\$1,100.00
Education Expenses	\$500.00		\$500.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	-\$10,500.00
Equipment Repair	\$0.00		\$0.00				
Field Day	\$200.00		\$200.00	Anticipated Surplus/Deficit		\$127.50	
Hamfest – March	\$450.00		\$450.00	Actual Surplus/Deficit		\$0.00	
Hamfest – November	\$450.00		\$450.00				
Insurance (Equipment)	\$0.00		\$0.00				
Insurance (Liability)	\$512.50		\$512.50				
PO Box Fee	\$80.00		\$80.00				
Postage	\$125.00		\$125.00				
Property Tax	\$275.00		\$275.00				
Real Estate Loan	\$600.00		\$600.00				
Treasurer Expenses	\$75.00		\$75.00				
VE Expenses	\$100.00		\$100.00				
Vehicle Titles & Registration	\$140.00		\$140.00				
Website & E-Mail List	\$135.00		\$135.00				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,372.50	\$0.00	\$10,372.50				

*Spent & Received Amounts are as of January 1, 2020

Amateur Extra License Class

February 12, 2020

Cost \$30.00 includes book

Glas-Col Annex beginning at 6:30 PM Indiana Time

WVARA Club Meeting Minutes

Jan. 3, 2020

Call to Order : Steve K9TA 7:05pm EST

Pledge of Allegiance : KC9JMC

Roll Call/ Introductions: No New Introductions

Vice President Report : Leroy AC9NF – Reported talking to the Indiana Section Manager Jimmy Merry regarding a regional ARRL Club meeting being hosted by the WVARA. After discussion, a May 2020 meeting was approved by the club. Leroy to follow with Jimmy Merry. The September meeting will be 9-11-20. Equipment auction was discussed and approved for October 2020.

Secretaey Report : Matt AA9XA – Read and approved.

Treasurer Reoprt : Ray K9DUR – approved per web site listing.

March 2020 Hamfest : Andy AC9SF – ARRL has approved the Hamfest as an official ARRL Hamfest. Rental for the hall has increased from \$250.00 to \$300.00.

Public Information Officer Report : Chuck W9COD – No Report

Club Station Report : Leroy AC9NF & Andy AC9SF – Station open and operational. Repair needed for second amp and Icom 706.

North Vigo HS Station : seems to being used in electronics class.

ARES Vigo County : Dave K9DWO – Nine ARES members on Net. At this time there are 22 members in the ARES Vigo County. Next meeting next week either Thrusday or Friday.

Communications Trailer : Joe KC9JAC & Gary K9ERE – Slide out battery working OK. Need to complete the 12VDC connection.

Old Business :

Ham Camp : Jerry W9GWC - Will be held 2-1-2020.

Storage Trailer: Needs to be moved ? To contact property owner for recommendations. To report on status.

Club Property: Dave N9FMD -25th and Margaret has flags placed on the property.

Code Class: Matt AA9XA – Class will resume in January per request of members.

New Business :

North Vigo HS Station : Matt AA9XA – The Club is about to lose its' ARRL certification. No report from the HS for some time. Matt AA9XA to check on the application for the ARRL.

Owen/Putnam Forest Run : Jim K9EOH – March 21, 2020. Jim is requesting help for the event. Will need 21 operators for three shifts for the course, Aid Stations. Jim reported that 200 runners could be present. Members are asked to get with Jim and volunteer for this great event.

Bretlinger Award : Gary K9ERE – Submit nominations to any Board member.

DMR Repeater : Reported that the Internet was down. Will be looked at ASAP.

Winter Field Day : Dave N9FMD – To be on Jan. 25/26 at Mill Creek Park in Illinois.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM Attendance tonight : 28

BREAK

Program : Dave K9DWO – “GO BOXES” How to, what to. Great Program.

WVARA Board Meeting Minutes

Jan. 3, 2020

Board Members in Attendance:

President: Steve K9TA – Present	Chuck W9COD
Vice President: Leroy AC9NF – Present	Gary K9ERE
Secretary: Matt AA9XA – Present	Dave N9FMD
Treasurer: Ray K9DUR – Present	
Trustee : Jerry W9GWC – Present	
Past President : Kevin K9HX – Not Present	
Past President : Joe KC9JAC - Present	

Meeting Called to Order : Steve K9TA 8:47 pm EST

Secretary Report : Matt AA9XA - Board Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer Report : Ray K9DUR – Per General Meeting approved.

Old Business :

Background Checks: Jerry W9GWC – Ten members need checks per policy manual. RSI Evansville, IN to complete during the balance of January 2020.

Winter Field Day 2020 : Reported that the cabin rental was \$125.00 for the weekend. Per President's discession. \$100.00 approved for the cabin rental.

WVARA Membership List : Matt AA9XA - Will be available in March 2020 per Club By-Laws of paid voting Members. The list will be posted in the March newsletter.

New Business :

Old Communications Traylor: Joe KC9JAC – Recommended taking bids for the old traylor. To be presented to General Mmbership at the Feb. 2020 meeting for approval. After discussion the Board approved the presentation to the General Membership for consideration.

Club Property : Steve K9TA – Discussion was taken for the recommendation for the sale of the property. After much discussion and alternatives Ray K9DUR made a motion to submit to the General Membership a proposal for sale, seconded by Jerry W9GWC. The Board approved by all present a presentation for the sale of the property to the General Membership at the 2-3-2020 meeting.

2020 WVARA Budget : Ray K9DUR – The balance of the Board meeting was taken by the 2020 Budget discussion and recommendations for the General Membership at the Feb. 3, 2020 meeting. The budget item per item was discussed by the Board and a preliminary 2020 Budget of \$10,932.50 expenses and a balanced income of \$10,932.50 was completed. Additions, recommendations, will be considered via electronic means and voted on by Board Members. A final Board recommended 2020 budget will be presented to the Membership at the 2-3-20 meeting per Club By-Laws for discussion and approval.

With no other business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:39pm



Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

2020 Hamfest & Computer Expo

with
Commercial Vendors
Saturday March 14, 2020

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

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Dues

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? []

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