



The **Summer 2020** BANDSPREAD



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The Field Day That Wasn't in the Field

If you live in North America, the annual ARRL Field Day is probably one of the highlights of your operating schedule, and it is a group activity as opposed to the single-operator participation common to other on-air events. By the numbers, it's a big deal: in 2019, there were over 3,100 entries and 36,000 participants who logged almost 1.1 million QSOs during the 24-hour event. Just over 53% of those 3,000+ were "in the field" while only 25% operated from home on commercial mains. When we compare one event to another across years, we usually focus on propagation and band conditions. That's true of Field Day, but we are also likely if not more likely to compare menus from year to year as the social component is a big part of Field Day, and there are few things more social than eating good food together. For most of us, Field Day is about spending face-to-face time with your friends, doing what you love to do. But, not for 2020. The need to minimize social interaction in order to reduce exposure and the spread of Covid-19 changed the event and the way people participated. As of this writing, the number of entries was waaaaaay up (10,189) or more than double last year, while the nature of the entries had also shifted. Only 14% were "in the field" while nearly 65% operated from home on commercial mains. We will have to wait for results before we know how the participant numbers were affected. I counted myself among those who abandoned the traditional Field Day setting and wimped out, operating from the comfort of my home shack. I briefly considered trying to arrange for emergency power but, in the end, I didn't. Did I have fun? You bet. I logged 210 CW QRP QSOs in about 8 hours of operation. And I got to spend a lot more time in the chair than I would have if I had been operating as part of my traditional Field Day group. So, it was a good day. But as seems to be the case with most folks, in the years ahead, I will remember this as the Field Day that wasn't in the field.

73, Steve K9TA

NOTICE

There will be no August picnic meeting this year.

There will be a September club meeting. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM Eastern time on September 4, 2020 at the Terre Haute Regional Airport. Program details will be published in the September Bandsread.

Proposed Amendment to Article II of the WVARA Constitution

The Executive Board presents to the WVARA membership for consideration the following two proposals to amend Article II of the WVARA Constitution. The membership may select either or none of the proposals, but not both.

Current Wording:

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Full membership in the Association shall be open to any holder of a valid amateur radio license. Associate membership shall be open to any person expressing an interest in amateur radio.

Proposal #1 (Changes from the current wording are in **bold blue** text.):

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Full membership in the Association shall be open to any holder of a valid amateur radio license **who does not have a felony conviction for sexual assault or for any sexual crime involving a minor, who adheres to the Bylaws, and who obeys the Rules and Regulations of the Association.**

Associate membership shall be open to any person expressing an interest in amateur radio **who does not have a felony conviction for sexual assault or for any sexual crime involving a minor, who adheres to the Bylaws, and who obeys the Rules and Regulations of the Association.**

Proposal #2 (Changes from the current wording are in **bold blue** text.):

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Full membership in the Association shall be open to any holder of a valid amateur radio license. Associate membership shall be open to any person expressing an interest in amateur radio. **Both full and associate memberships are contingent upon successfully undergoing a criminal background check to be performed by an independent third-party company specializing in such investigations. The results of the background check will be confidential, not available to the general membership, and will be destroyed after eligibility for membership has been determined.**

Proposed Amendment to Article III of the WVARA Bylaws

The Executive Board presents to the WVARA membership for consideration the following proposal to amend Article III of the Bylaws.

Current Wording:

ARTICLE III - ASSOCIATION DUES

Annual dues in the Association shall be thirty U.S. dollars (\$30) per year. For any household with more than one member, dues for those additional members shall be seven dollars (\$7) each. Dues are payable by February 1. Full members shall have the option to purchase a one-time life membership which shall be available at a cost equal to twenty years of the current year's individual full membership dues rate.

Proposed Wording (Changes from the current wording are in **bold blue** text):

ARTICLE III - ASSOCIATION DUES

Annual dues in the Association shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30) per year **plus a one-time initiation fee of \$30**. For any household with more than one member, dues for each additional member shall be Seven Dollars (\$7) **plus a one-time initiation fee of \$30**. Dues are payable by February 1 of each year. Full members shall have the option to purchase a one-time, **non-refundable**, life membership which shall be available at a cost equal to twenty years of the current year's individual full membership dues rate. **The Executive Board may vote to grant Life Membership to a Member or non-Member who provides a special money or like-kind donation for the purchase of equipment or other assets or donates physical assets to the Club in an amount equal in total to, or in excess of, the then current Life Member fee. If the donation is less than the current Life Membership fee, it may be used as a partial payment towards a Life Membership upon approval by the Executive Board.**

The Treasurer shall deposit all life membership payments into an interest bearing bank account These funds shall be accounted for separately and shall not be used, depleted or borrowed against for any purpose other than a pro-rata transfer to the General Fund as "LM Dues" one time each year as described below. In January of each year, the Treasurer shall transfer 5% (.05) of the amount paid for each Life Membership to the General Fund. The death of a Life Member shall not affect the calculation of his annual LM Dues which shall continue until those funds are depleted. Additional household members who wish to become Life Members shall pay an amount equal to twenty (20) times the full Member annual dues in effect at that time.

For each Life Member existing at the time this Amendment is ratified the Treasurer shall transfer into the Life Membership Fund an amount equal to the amount that was originally paid reduced by 5% (.05) of that amount times the number of years that they have been a life member.

The requirement of the Treasurer to sequester Life Member dues and disperse pro-rata annually to the General Fund shall not apply to donations of money for the purchase of assets or assets received in lieu of all or a portion of the life membership fee. Monies designated for the purchase of assets shall be retained in interest bearing accounts until the purchase of the asset specified by the Life Member.

Field Day 2020





WVARA Club Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2020
United Steel Workers Union Hall

Meeting called to order by Steve K9TA at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Steve K9TA

Roll Call / Introductions: Attendance 20

New/Upgraded licenses: No new, but VE testing next week. Possible 10+ taking the exams.

VP Report-Leroy AC9NF: No Report

Secretary's Report - Matt AA9XA: Minutes from the March 2020 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Ray K9DUR: presented by Steve K9TA read and approved.

Education Report - Jerry W9GWC: Tech Class hopefully to begin day after Labor Day, if a new class site can be found.

Public Information Officer Report -Chuck W9COD: Not much going at this time.

WVARA Club Station - Andy AC9SW: No Report

Comm Trailer Update: Gary K9ERE: Trailer is on display tonight at the Club Meeting for members to view. Will be at Field Day and operational.

Vigo County ARES - Dave K9DWO - No Report

North Vigo High School - No Report

Old Business:

1. Matt AA9XA reported that the issue of Club Background Checks had some problems. It seems that there are no WVARA Official Club Minutes from 2014 showing a yes or no vote for the Background Checks. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with a vote to keep or eliminate the Checks.

A discussion followed, and a result was a motion to table the motion which was passed by all with one abstain. This item will be opened for discussion at the September 2020 meeting for resolution. All Voting members are encouraged to attend.

New Business: None

Break

Program: Chuck W9COD went over plans for field day and the operation and setup for the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

WVARA Board Meeting

June 11, 2020

Video Conference

Meeting Called to Order: 7:07pm by President K9TA

Board Members Present: Steve K9TA President, Leroy AC9NF VP, Matt AA9XA Secretary, Ray K9DUR Treasurer, Jerry W9GWC Trustee, Joe KC9JAC Past President. Others in Attendance: Gary W9EEU, Chuck W9COD.

Secretary's Report: Matt AA9XA June Minutes approved as read.

Treasurers Report: Ray K9DUR Report approved as presented.

Old Business:

1. Joe KC9JAC presented a plan to the Board in February 2020 for the restructure of the Life Membership Dues. The Board discussed the above proposed Amendment to Article III of the Bylaws. After discussion a motion to present the proposed changes to the General Membership at the September 2020 regular meeting. The motion pass by a vote of 5-1. A full presentation will be made at the September meeting.
2. Steve opened the discussion regarding the Policy requiring background checks for membership in the WVARA. Long discussion was taken by the Board regarding the issue. Upon recommendation of the board a special committee was appointed by the President to review and write recommendations for the General Membership for consideration to changes to the Constitution and Bylaws regarding Background Checks and membership dues. The committee will consist of Ray K9DUR and Joe KC9JAC.
3. Brentlinger Dinner: Looking for a July 2020 date for the Dinner. Date and location to be determined.

New Business:

None at this time

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm EDT

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc
Treasurer's Report – March/April/May 2020

Account Balances as of 05/31/2020	
Checking	\$1,438.47
Savings	\$4,420.92
PayPal	\$78.92
TOTAL	\$5,938.31

Property Loan	\$216.15
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Income & Expenses

RECEIPTS

Club Auction	\$575.00
Donations	\$86.00
Interest Earned	\$0.95
Membership Dues	\$30.00
Property Tax Refund	\$111.00
Sale of Surplus Equipment	\$30.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$832.95**

EXPENDITURES

Background Checks	\$96.00
Brentlinger Award	\$31.03
Communications Trailer	\$1,364.59
Insurance – Liability	\$666.00
Postage	\$15.05
Property Loan Payment	\$222.54
Property Tax	\$293.76

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$2,688.97**

OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE **-\$1,856.02**

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc
Treasurer's Report – June 2020

Account Balances as of 06/30/2020

Checking	\$968.16
Savings	\$4,421.51
PayPal	\$112.47
TOTAL	\$5,502.14

Property Loan	\$142.95
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Income & Expenses

RECEIPTS

Donations	\$50.00
Interest	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$50.00

EXPENDITURES

Communications Trailer	\$316.81
Education Expenses	\$79.32
PayPal Received Funds Fee	\$1.40
Postage	\$15.05
Property Loan Payment	\$74.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$486.76

OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE	-\$436.76
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Dues

2020-2021

\$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

Vigo County YMCA, 951 Dresser Drive, Terre Haute, IN (South end of Fairbanks Park)

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

WVARA Marketplace

Please submit your Ham related items to the Bandspread editor prior to the regular publication date. Keep your announcement to less than 50 words.

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8 Band DX Antenna. – The Titan is a center fed GAP vertical, that provides a host of benefits in a rugged, yet manageable form. The Titan offers broad, continuous frequency coverage in a no tune, easy to assemble format. Designed to work in a limited space or as the perfect complement to an antenna farm. The Titan requires NO RADIALS. \$250.00 765-592-5295. Email k9ta@arrl.net

Steve, K9TA