



The **BANDSPREAD**

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NOTICE

Club Meeting September 4, 2020

The September 4, 2020 Club Meeting will be held at the Airport and available on Zoom for members that choose not to attend the live meeting at the Airport. All COVID-19 precautions will be in place for the Airport meeting. (Face Masks, and social distancing) All voting members may cast their votes either live at the airport meeting or via Zoom video conference. All members are encouraged to attend.

President's Message

Like many of you I miss the Hamvention, ham fests, club meetings and many other gatherings with my ham radio friends. The pandemic changed the way we live several months ago, and there is no way of knowing if a "re-set" will happen and we will resume our previous ways of life. It's allowed creative venues to open up and I may be only aware of a few. But the use of virtual meetings through the use of the Internet softened the side effects that society is coping with. Thanks to innovative thinking and applications, everyone is able to engage the new models of operation for the benefit of continuing business operations as well as social groups. We may not need a "re-set" and will emerge post-pandemic with better uses of our time and materials. For amateur radio, I am not aware of much stress associated with the pandemic restrictions. We can still communicate in so many ways. We have natural social distancing built into operating conditions, so safety is accomplished. The various modes we use help minimize boredom because we can change to different ones. But it's still individualistic and if building a device requires parts, the online ordering process is a mouse click away. Waiting for the parts to arrive has shrunk as well allowing our momentum to push on. We have a lot to be thankful for and hopefully we are not keeping it a secret as some others in our sphere of influence would like to know what we do and how to do it too. Recommend amateur radio to friends and family and point them to the educational resources available for studying and qualifying for a license. Be sure to mention that a lot of fun can be found using Morse Code. Using a virtual meeting you can show and tell them about all the modes of ham radio and enable them to listen to live conversations via your 'share screen. Stay safe.

73, Steve K9TA

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.

WVARA Board Meeting

August 18, 2020

Board Members present: K9TA Steve, AC9NF Leroy, AA9XA Matt, K9DUR Ray, W9GWC Jerry, K9HX Kevin, KC9JAC Joe.

Guests: WA9TGO Jim, K9ERE Gary, N9FMD Dave, W9VKD Ken.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Steve K9TA.

Secretary's Report: Matt AA9XA The July Board minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ray K9DUR July Treasurer's reports was reviewed and approved.

Education: Gerry W9GWC - Leroy AC9NF has secured the room at the YMCA for classes beginning this fall. Registration is now open for all classes.

Old Business:

Club Background Checks: K9TA questioned the Board if any other matters needed to be covered regarding the proposed amendment. There were no changes or proposals for the proposed amendment for general memberships consideration. A tabled motion from the 6/5/20 meeting will need to be resolved by the general membership at the 9/4/20 Club Meeting.

DMR Repeater: Kevin K9HX reported that the DMR repeater should be active and well within 30-60 days. A more stable internet connection will be secured and there is light at the end of the tunnel. The membership will be advised when all repairs are completed.

New Business:

Club Meeting 9/4/20: Steve K9TA opened the discussion for having a live and Zoom Video conference for the 9/4/20 Club meeting. After long discussion and consideration for all members a motion for allowing members to attend the live meeting at the airport or attending via Zoom conference was seconded and approved by all Board members.

Club Meeting Voting: All voting members via live attendance or Zoom attendance will be able vote on all voting matters before the membership. A motion was made to allow voting live or via Zoom and seconded. Motion was approved by all Board members. No conflict with the current constitution or bylaws was found. Consideration that our society is effected by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the day to day conduct of business in the United States today figured into the decision. Information for attending via Zoom will be forthcoming for all members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc

Treasurer's Report – July 2020

Account Balances as of 07/31/2020

Checking	\$843.98
Savings	\$3,921.51
PayPal	\$126.84
TOTAL	\$4,892.33

Property Loan	\$69.39
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Income & Expenses

RECEIPTS

Donations Received	\$65.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$65.00

EXPENDITURES

PayPal Received Funds Fee	\$0.63
Property Loan Payment	\$74.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$74.81

OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE **-\$9.81**

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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.

For Sale: Yaesu FT-450F HF/50 MHz Transceiver and MFJ-4225MV Switching Power Supply. \$500.00 Contact Jerry, W9GWC at 812-243-9828 or gcockrell12@msn.com

FOR SALE: Gap Titan Vertical

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