



The **BANDSPREAD**

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NOTICE

Club Meeting October 2, 2020

The October 2, 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.

October 2020 Meeting

Presentation and tour of the new communications trailer

Terre Haute Regional Airport

October 2, 2020

7:00 PM

Presidents Corner

The Covid-19 Pandemic influence is still with us. Interactive life has been impacted socially and business-wise. I'm not alone when I feel grateful that ham radio has provided an outlet for staying connected. The audio-video conferences are being appreciated for the service they provide. The recent "QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo" event was well done. It shows what can be done and it was very innovative. If we are still restricted, something like it again in the future will be useful. Congratulations to all who were involved with this venue. I'm hoping we can go back to big and small ham fests again, but we'll have to see what is happening next year. Autumn has arrived and the associated changes in daylight hours, plant foliage and temperature speak to us as leading indicators to get things finished up and ready for the ham radio contest season. Best wishes to all who will be active, and I hope you can use it to fulfill some of your goals. Stay safe!

73, Steve K9TA

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws

The WVARA Executive Board is presenting four (4) amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws for consideration by the membership at the general meeting on Friday, October 2, 2020.

Amendment #1 -- Remote Attendance at Meetings

Article V of the Constitution shall be amended by adding a new Section IV as follows:

Section IV – Presence	
A member shall be considered to be present at any regular or special meeting of the Association or at any meeting of the Executive Board if they are physically present at the meeting location or if they are participating remotely. Remote presence shall include any method which allows all participants to simultaneously hear each other, which ensures the integrity of the voting process, and which has been approved by the Executive Board.	

Amendment #2 – Eligibility for Nomination to Elective Office

Article V, Section III of the Bylaws shall be amended as follows:

Old Text	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
New Text	Section III – Eligibility for Officers To be eligible for nomination as an officer, the nominee must have been a full member of the Association for a minimum of 12 months prior to the election.

NOTE: An amendment concerning dues was tabled at the September meeting with the suggestion that it be split into two separate amendments. Amendments #3 and #4 are intended to replace the amendment that was tabled at the September meeting.

Amendment #3 – Adding a One-Time Initiation Fee for New Members

Article III of the Bylaws shall be amended as follows:

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 .

Amendment #4 – Sequestering Life Membership Dues to Minimize the Impact on Future Income

Article III of the Bylaws shall be amended as follows:

<p>Current Wording:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE III - ASSOCIATION DUES</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Proposed Wording (Changes from the current wording are in bold blue text):</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE III - ASSOCIATION DUES</p> <p>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 and additional members in the same household 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 an annual transfer into the General Fund of an amount equal to one-twentieth (1/20) of the amount paid for the Life Membership. 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 an interest-bearing account until the purchase of the asset specified by the Life Member has been completed.</p>

WVARA Club Meeting
9-4-2020
Terre Haute Regional Airport

Meeting called to order at 7:04p.m. by Steve K9TA.

Introductions/Guests: No Guests

Secretary's Report - Matt AA9XA: June 5, 2020 minutes reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Ray K9DUR - August report reviewed and approved.

Education Committee- Jerry W9GWC: Tech class will begin Tuesday 9-8-20 at the YMCA. Walt will be teaching the class for the next 7-8 weeks. Next Saturday VE testing will take place at the YMCA.

Comm. Trailer- Gary K9ERE: Working out some bugs after the Thunder in the Valley event.

Vigo Co. ARES - Dave K9DWO: Currently looking at an Oct. 3-4 event.

Old Business:

1. **June 5, 2020 motion that was tabled.** A motion was made to take the motion on was passed. A motion was made to change the motion to read "To Keep the Background Checks as is stated in the policy". Motion was seconded motion was passed. Discussion followed. A call for a vote on the question was approved. The vote of 14 to keep the Background Checks as is, and 3 to not keep the Background Checks, motion passed.

2. **Motion by Joe KC9JAC** to suspend the rule for membership awareness of at least 5 days to allow video, electronic attendance to apply for this meeting only. Much discussion took place. No second was secured and the motion died.

3. **Lifetime Membership funds** reallocation was presented by Joe KC9JAC to place the balance of Life Members' dues into a savings account to be prorated and distributed yearly to supplement dues. Discussion followed and a motion was made to accept and seconded. Discussion followed and the motion was tabled and seconded and approved for consideration at the October General Meeting.

4. **Addition of a \$30.00 administration fee** for a new member to cover Background Checks was also discussed that was included with the Life Membership amendment.

Discussion was had on this item, and no motion was made. It was suggested that the Life Membership funds and the \$30.00 administration fee for new members be split into two different amendments was discussed and will take place in October.

5. **The Brentlinger Dinner** was brought up again. No decision was made for a date.

No New Business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44p.m.

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc
Treasurer's Report – September 2020 (Interim)

Account Balances as of 09/24/2020

Checking	\$854.21
Savings	\$3,921.51
PayPal	\$117.76
TOTAL	\$4,893.48

Income & Expenses

RECEIPTS

Donations Received	\$25.00
Education Income	\$60.00
Membership Dues	\$30.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$115.00

EXPENDITURES

Education Expenses	\$52.88
PayPal Received Funds Fees	\$2.88
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$55.76

OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE **\$59.24**

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Dues

2020-2021

\$30.00

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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