



The **December 2020** BANDSPREAD



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December 2020 Meeting

The regular club meeting will be conducted via ZOOM only. The meeting will consist of election of officers for 2021 We plan to present the Brentlinger Award at this session. Please note the link that will be sent to the membership in an email.

December 4, 2020

7:00 PM

Christmas Party/ Brentlinger Award Dinner



Cancelled

November 2020 Meeting
Courtesy of Gary K9ERE





Submitted by Ann W9RBF

**WVARA Club Meeting
November 6, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by VP Leroy AC9NF.

Roll Call/Introductions: Welcome to Dick Reed N9AKZ new guest tonight.

New/Upgraded Licenses - Gerry W9GWC: Two new Tech, and three upgrades to Extra at the last test session.

Board Meeting- Leroy AC9NF noted that the Board meeting will be held later this month via visual Zoom meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Meeting/Club Station- Leroy AC9NF: The Vice President urged all members to start looking at recommendations for a final meeting and club station location before February 2021.

Secretary's Report- Matt AA9XA: Report was read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Ray K9DUR (sub AA9XA): Report was read and approved.

Public Information- Chuck W9COD: No Report at this time.

North Vigo HS- Matt AA9XA: No report or contact with the adviser at this time.

Education- Gerry W9GWC: General Class is beginning at this time.

VE Report- Gerry W9GWC: Testing at the YMCA next Saturday.

CAARLA Report- Reported that the net is meeting via a net on Thursday night at 9:00p.m. on the club repeater .685.

Vigo Co. ARES- Dave K9DWO: No report at this time.

2021 Nominating Committee Report- Gary K9ERE: Following report of submitted nominations for the 2021 Officers for election at the December meeting. The Report: President : Leroy AC9NF, Vice President : Matt AA9XA, Secretary : Andy AC9SW, Treasurer : Ray K9DUR, Trustee : Gerry W9GWC. On floor nominations will be accepted at the December meeting.

Christmas/Brentlinger Dinner- Gary K9ERE: Will be held on Dec. 5, 2020 at MCL beginning at 6:00p.m. Gary encouraged all club members to enjoy the evening.

Turkey Fest 2020 - Andy AC9SW: Andy covered all of the needs and program for the Turkey FEST; later this month. Again, all members were urged to attend.

New Business:

1. **Proposed FCC license fee** of \$50.00 for renewal and new licenses. All members were encouraged to send the ARRL their opinion on this matter.

2. **Member Information Form-** Matt AA9XA: The club needs to update member data, please fill in the form and return it to the Secretary AA9XA. If you need a form, please email the secretary and he will send one to you.

3. **Club storage trailer:** Dave N9FMD: indicated the PJ trucking would need a \$100.mo fee. Dick N9AKZ indicated the Airport only charged \$40/mo.

BREAK

Club Program - Kevin K9HX Nano VNA: An inexpensive Vector Network Analyzer. Great information on a new product that's priced well and works well. Thanks Kevin for a great program and information.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51p.m., Attendance: 17, **Next Meeting : 12-4-2020.**

WVARA Board Meeting

11-23-20

Members Present: Steve K9TA, LeRoy AC9NF, Matt AA9XA, Ray K9DUR, Gerry W9GWC, Joe KC9JAC.

Meeting Guests: Dave N9FMD, Gary K9ERE, Wayne KC4HCJ, Dave K9DWO, Mike K9YPM.

Meeting Called to Order by Steve K9TA at 7:03P.M.

Secretary's Report: Matt AA9XA - October minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ray K9DUR - Report reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

1. **Christmas/Brentlinger Dinner:** After discussion regarding the COVID-19 situation the Dinner was canceled for the year. All approved.

2. **December 4, 2020 General Meeting:** After much discussion the Board moved to hold the meeting for all members via video Zoom due to the COVID-19 situation. All approved. Meeting invitations for Zoom will be sent to all members.

New Business:

1. **Possible New Club meeting location and club station location:** Wayne KC4HCJ has had some discussions with a former student who has a large property that he is willing to host the club and possible club station. The Board members visited the site and met with Tom (business.property owner) on Saturday 11-21-20 to see the property and meet with Tom.

Discussion followed, and the Board voted to continue to meet and talk to Tom and see what needs to be done to facilitate a very promising opportunity for the WVARA. More to follow.

With no other business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:24p.m.

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Date of Birth (Mo/Dy/Yr) ____/____/____ Year first licensed _____ Year of last WVARA membership _____

New Member? [] ARRL member? [] ARES member? [] QCWA member? [] RACES member? []

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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 _____

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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.

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Note: 1. Payments made Sept. - Dec. apply to membership for the following year. 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 Bandsread editor prior to the regular publication date. Keep your announcement to less than 50 words.

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Steve, K9TA