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# The May 2021 BANDSPREAD



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## May 2021 WVARA Meeting

Friday, May 7th at 7:00pm EDT

Location: Berean Baptist Church Annex  
6770 N. Clinton St.  
Terre Haute, IN

Note: This will be a hybrid meeting -- both in-person & via Zoom.

The Zoom meeting ID is: **891 9985 5398**. If you do not have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89199855398>

**Program: Kermit Carlson, W9XA ARRL Central Division Director**

**New feature on the WVARA.ORG website is a calendar. Click on the tab to stay current with all of the latest events.**

### From the President,

Golf Romeo Echo Echo Tango India November Golf Sierra,

I'm writing this just prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> and the Indiana QSO Party. Chuck (W9COD) has graciously made his property available for this activity. Part of the plan is to have our communication trailer in use for this activity. I hope several will be able to make a plethora of contacts and enjoy great fellowship.

The weekend of June 25-27 will be Field Day. David (K9THI) is chairman for this year's Field Day. Jesse (KC9ZXO) has secured the United Steelworkers Grounds for us again this year. Be sure to keep this on your calendar. It's always a great time.

We are once again searching for a monthly meeting location. The current location is available for us to use in May and June. We will need to secure another facility beginning with our September meeting. Please contact any member of the Executive Board if you are aware of a possible meeting site.

73 – LeRoy, AC9NF

WVARA Meeting, April 2, 2021



**Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**04-03-2021**

The Hybrid (Zoom and In Person) Meeting of the WVARA was called to order by President LeRoy Sedgwick at 1910 (7:10PM Local) hours.

Members On-Line for the Meeting were: Gary, K9ERE; Kevin, K9HX; Theodore, K9SGL; Gary, W9EEU; Linwood B. Todd Jr, NT4F(of Wilmington, NC)

Members In Attendance for the Meeting were: LeRoy, AC9NF; Matt, AA9XA; Andy, AC9SW; Ray, K9DUR; Jerry, W9GWC; Steve, K9TA; Joe, KC9JAC; Chuck, W9COD; Cathrene, W9IFE; Melanie, KC9JMC ; Steve, KD1DT; David, N9FND; Jim, WA9TGO; Chuck, KD9CIW;

President Sedgwick opened the meeting of the WVARA in due fashion. Also, reminded those logging into the meeting to log in this fashion First Name/Call Sign to ease attendance data gathering.

The Zoom program was first as Matt introduced Paul Stoetzer (N8HM) the Executive VP of AMSAT who conducted a great introduction into Armature Satellite Communication. Questions followed and all present enjoyed the program.

Secretary's Report – Andy (AC9SW) On Line Document Presented for approval - Approved as Red .

Treasurer's Report – Ray (K9DUR) On Line Document Presented – Approved.

Education Report - Ray (K9DUR) Extra Class (Zoom) Registration is ongoing and there are five students enrolled.

VE Report – Jerry (W9GWC) Testing will be Saturday, February 10, 2021 0930 at The Y. The extra class will test on April 20 at 1830 and it is open to anyone wishing to test.

ARES Report – David (K9DWO) No Report

Spring Hamfest – Chuck (W9COD), and Ray Reported that we had a great hamfest.

Indiana QSO Party – Chuck (W9COD), reported that the IN QSO party location will be the ranch in Vermilion Co., his property, which has a lots of space, shelter, and a potty. Come and make some Indiana QSO's.

Unfinished Business:

Field Day 2021 – At present we are waiting on permission to return to the Steel Workers Site.

Storage Trailer – Where does the Storage Trailer Need to Go? Is the Question of the hour. Minor discussion – no decision – inventory needed.

Club Property/Sign – Property looks rough, Chuck (W9COD) indicated that Rose Hill was to bring in equipment to spread out excess fill and Gary (K9ERE) indicated that he would head up the sign removal project. Will need help. Will let us know when to meet to assist.

New Business:

No additional business was heard.

Ray (K9DUR) reported that the \$35. Application fee to be charged by FCC is not yet being applied to new applications as FCC has not taken all necessary actions to process said fee. Looks more like Late June before all actions are in place to accept the fee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2015 (8:15 PM) Local.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andy Whitt/AC9SW

Approved:

# WVARA Board Meeting

## 2021-04-08 Minutes

**Location:** via Zoom

**Scheduled Time:** 7:30 p.m. (Indiana Time)

### **In Attendance:**

Y	President – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF	David Brown, KD9RHM
Y	Vice-President – Matt Tinker, AA9XA	Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL
N	Secretary – Andy Whitt, AC9SW	Jim Canarecci, WA9TGO
Y	Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR	Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD
Y	Trustee – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC	Mike Morrison, K9YPM
Y	Past President – Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC	Gary Wheeler, K9ERE
Y	Past President – Steve Farrington, K9TA	

**Call to Order – 7:30 p.m.**

**Board Meeting Minutes (Andy, AC9SW) – Unanimous Approval**

**Interim Treasurer’s Report (Ray, K9DUR) – The monthly report approved at the General Membership Meeting had incorrect totals for the Account Balances. The corrected report was unanimously approved.**

### Reports

**New Members/Induction (Matt, AA9XA) – No new members the past month**

**Education Committee (Ray, K9DUR) – The Amateur Extra class is concluding this month. The final class session will be license testing. The testing will be at the Vigo YMCA on April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Indiana time.**

**VE Committee (Jerry, W9GWC) – There is testing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Indiana time this Saturday, April 10 at the Vigo YMCA. There are currently 2 who have pre-registered from the Indianapolis area.**

**Background Checks (Matt, AA9XA/Jerry, W9GWC) – We still have a few background checks to complete.**

**Brentlinger Award – The committee is scheduled to meet. Their decision should be available this month.**

### Unfinished Business

**Club Property – Signage: Gary (K9ERE) will meet Matt (AA9XA), Jerry (W9GWC), Joe (KC9JAC), and LeRoy (AC9NF) the Monday to remove and dispose of the damaged sign.**

**Dumping of Topsoil: Chuck (W9COD) is checking with Rosehill Landscaping on their plans to dump soil and level the area.**

**Indiana QSO Party – May 1, 2021 – Chuck (W9COD) has agreed to chair this activity.**

**Triathlon – May 15, 2021; 19 Volunteers Needed – Gary (K9ERE) has his letters prepared to send to previous volunteers. He is in the process of mailing these.**

**Field Day Chairman – Ray (K9DUR) recommended appointing David (KD9RHM) as Field Day Chairman. Ray, also, agreed to serve as a mentor for this year’s Field Day Chairman. David accepted to serve a Chairman. He and Ray will meet and begin the planning and preparation.**

**New Ham Camp – Date/Location/Promotion – Jerry (W9GWC) and David (KD9RHM) will look at possible Saturday dates that the church would be available.**

**CW Class – Date/Location/Promotion – Matt (AA9XA) is considering resuming the class in September. This is depending on interest and Covid-19 protocols.**

**Storage Trailer and Old Communication Trailer Status – April 24 is a possible date for inventorying our storage trailer. There is a partial inventory in our stored file cabinet. We will need to establish the replacement costs to insure with ARRL. The inventory is in the “Member Only” area of our website. Our usage of each of these trailers can be determined following the completion of our inventory. There may also be a need for a couple of dual-band radios for the new communication trailer.**

#### **New Business**

**Club Website – Calendar/Assistant Webmaster – Ray (K9DUR) will investigate possible calendar options prior to next month’s Board meeting. Anyone to help as an Assistant Webmaster should be familiar with HTML and PHP. Mike (K9YPM) and David (KD9RHM) will talk with Ray on their availability.**

**Monthly Meetings – Zoom, In-person, Hybrid – The consensus from our discussion is to continue with the Hybrid meetings.**

**Other**

#### **Upcoming Activities**

**Indiana QSO Party – May 1, 2021**

**WVARA Monthly Meeting – May 7, 2021**

**Triathlon – May 15, 2021**

**WVARA Field Day – June 26-27, 2021**

**Next Meeting Date/Location – Thursday, May 13, 2021; 7:30 p.m.; via Zoom**

**Meeting Adjourned**

# Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc

## Treasurer's Report – April 2021

### Account & Fund Balances as of 04/30/2021

#### Accounts

Checking	\$924.67
Savings	\$5,372.77
PayPal	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,297.44</b>

#### Designated Funds

Sinking Fund	\$300.00
Life Member Fund	\$2,845.00
Background Check Fund	\$185.00
General Fund	\$2,967.44

### Income & Expenses

#### Receipts

Donations Received	\$30.00
Membership Dues	\$60.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

#### Expenditures

IT Expenses (Calendar)	\$67.41
Property Tax	\$10.82
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$78.23</b>

<b>OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE</b>	<b>\$11.77</b>
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**Enjoy this front page from the May 2009 Bandspread**

REGULAR EVENTS	
Friday May 1	General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th St., just east of the main Glas-Col building; talk-in - 146.685 RPT; PL 151.4 Hz. The Board meeting immediately follows the General meeting. Visitors are welcome.
Every Thursday	The Club Station is open, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M., Downstairs, Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS	
INDIANA QSO PARTY (BISON STAMPEDE)...	May 2
DAYTON HAMVENTION BUS .....	May 16
TERRE HAUTE TRIATHLON .....	May 30



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**W9COD IS 2009 BRENTLINGER RECIPIENT**

Chuck has been instrumental in the success of the WVARA in many ways over the past several years.

Through personal contacts he secured the use of the Shrine Hill for Field Day for the past two years. Also, many times, at his own expense, Chuck brings items that we need in the setup and operation of the event. When you look across the operation during our setup, Chuck can be seen, with sweat evident, at the center of whatever is being done at the moment. Whether it's up on the tower to fasten beams, struggling through briars to pull wire antenna supports up into trees, hooking up rigs in the shelter, rigging up tarps and plastic to shield operations from the rain, Chuck is always hard at work. During operation, He can be seen at the mic or on the logging system in support of other operators. He always encourages new operators to get on the air and offers his support in whatever capacity will get them to operate. In the wee hours of the early morning when many have gone for much-needed sleep, Chuck will be found making contacts and piling up points for the WVARA. And finally, when it's time to tear down, Chuck is there until the last items are loaded and the Field Day site has been restored to its original clean condition.

Chuck has served the WVARA on the board of directors, first as an elected Board Member at Large and then as club treasurer and most recently, once again as an elected Board Member at Large. And Chuck always brings an optimistic attitude to the board meetings.

Chuck encouraged the WVARA to apply for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status and



**Chuck Procarione receives award from President Gary Adams, W9EEU.**

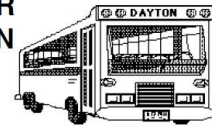
served as a sounding board as the application process proceeded. After the WVARA was granted tax exempt status, Chuck was, and is, tireless in his efforts to solicit funds or donations for the WVARA. He has spent hours completing applications for grants on behalf of the club. This past year, he worked to secure the donation of the tower being removed from the city building. When he was notified that it was coming down that

day, Chuck quickly rounded up help and equipment to take the tower apart and haul it to a secure site.

Chuck has encouraged and helped to organize WVARA participation in various operating events such as the Indiana QSO Party, the Illinois QSO Party and the WVARA operation of the Bison Stampede bonus station.

Chuck's smile, his enthusiasm and his optimism are contagious at club meetings and events. He does not seek recognition for his efforts but is always promoting ham radio in the Wabash Valley. His tireless efforts to promote the WVARA and ham radio in the Wabash Valley make him a very deserving recipient.

**DAYTON IS PRACTICALLY HERE! FILL OUT THE RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 9 AND SEND IT IN NOW TO ASSURE YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS!**



**This Month's Program**

**Digital Modes - Audio Interfaces. This begins a series of discussions on how to operate Digital modes. All modes have to connect to the computer somehow, and starting with the foundations of a simple and most cost effective way is to use software and an audio Interface. Come out and learn some of the basics of connecting up your computer to the air waves.**

**Local Nets**

Tuesday Evening Parke Co. Em. Svs. Net	8:00 P.M. ET 146.745/R
Wednesday Evening Clark Co. ARES Net	9:00 P.M. ET 146.595/S
Thursday Evening CAARLA Net	9:00 P.M. ET 146.685/R
Sunday Morning Vigo Co. ARES NET	8:20 A.M. ET 146.685/R
Sunday Evening WVARA Net	9:00 P.M. ET 146.685/R

\* First Sunday of the month is Simplex night. The WVARA Net meets that night on 146.595/S



Please complete the following information to update the Club's records and allow more notifications and communications, and to determine new activities for 2021 and beyond.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Years Licensed \_\_\_\_\_ QCWA Member \_\_\_\_\_

(Yes or No)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

WVARA Member in 2020 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member in 2020 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to any other ARRL or Amateur Radio groups?

What programs and activities would you like to see in 2021?

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What would you think of having fund raising campaign for the Club, or would you just like to donate \$25.00 directly to the club? What do you think would be good fundraisers for the Club?

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**Sunday Night Net Manager:** John VanSandt - N9YRX

**Dues**

**2021-2022**

**\$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. 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](mailto:WB9ZHC@yahoo.com)