



The **BANDSPREAD**

Summer 2021



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From the Club President:

Golf Romeo Echo Echo Tango India November Golf Sierra,

The Summer is passing much too quickly. I'm seeing communication on our ListServe that indicates many operators are taking advantage of the great Indiana summertime to begin and complete long awaited projects.

Our main summer activity of ARRL Field Day 2021 was a great success. A huge shoutout to this year's chairman, David Brown (K9THI), and all who participated for a successful weekend. We received great local television coverage in addition to the radio contacts. Plan to join us again next June.

September will begin both our monthly meetings and the Technician License Class. Our September meeting will be September 10. Be sure to check w9uuu.org for information about where we will meet in September. Beginning in October we have a new home for our monthly meetings. The Salvation Army in Terre Haute has graciously invited us to use their facility. Thanks to Matt Tinker (AA9XA) for making the initial contact.

Congratulations to our new Brentlinger Award recipients: Kevin Berlen, K9HX; Jim Canarecci, WA9TGO; Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC; Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD; Gary Wheeler, K9ERE. This group put in endless hours planning and working on our communication trailer. Their efforts will be a benefit to the WVARA for many years to come.

Enjoy the remaining days of Summer. See you in September.

73 – LeRoy, AC9NF

September Meeting

HCJB Engineer

Shortwave Station located in Quito Ecuador

Via ZOOM

Location and/or Zoom details will follow via the WVARA website

What is going on?

WVARA picnic is cancelled.

WVARA September meeting, September 10, 2021 Speaker, John Back, HCJB Engineer

Field Day 2021 Report available on website

FIELD DAY 2021 IMAGES





Brentlinger Award 2021



WVARA Board Meeting 2021-05-13 Minutes

Location: via Zoom

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

In Attendance:

Y	President – LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF	Chuck Procarione, W9COD
Y	Vice-President – Matt Tinker, AA9XA	Kevin Berlen, K9HX
N	Secretary – Andy Whitt, AC9SW	Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD
Y	Treasurer – Ray Andrews, K9DUR	Mike Morrison, K9YPM
Y	Trustee – Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC	Gary Wheeler, K9ERE
Y	Past President – Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC	Marcus Wood, KC9LDJ
N	Past President – Steve Farrington, K9TA	

Call to Order – 7:35 p.m.

May Board Meeting Minutes – Presented and Accepted

Interim Treasurer’s Report (Ray, K9DUR) – Presented and Accepted

Reports

New Members (Matt, AA9XA) – Marcus Wood, KC9LDJ

Education Committee (Ray, K9DUR) – Technician class will begin the Tuesday following Labor Day.

VE Committee (Jerry, W9GWC) – No one tested this past session.

Background Checks (Matt, AA9XA/Jerry, W9GWC) – One additional background was completed. No issues.

Field Day – David Brown (K9THI)/Ray (K9DUR) – Proceeding on schedule.

Monthly Programs (Matt, AA9XA) – Set through September. Kevin (K9HX) suggested a possible program idea to Matt. Matt will get the contact information from Kevin.

Unfinished Business

Triathlon – May 15, 2021; Set and ready to go.

Pending Activities – New Ham Camp – Saturday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in one of the Terre Haute parks; CW Class – On hold; Inventory – May 22nd @ 10:00 a.m.

Club Website –Assistant Webmaster – Still open. Ray will talk with David Brown.

Hamfests – Our dates are on the Clay County 4-H calendar.

Indiana QSO Party – Ray (K9DUR) need the logs from Chuck (W9COD)

New Business

Brentlinger Award Presentation – Saturday, June 19, 2021; MCL Cafeteria; Gathering, 5:30 p.m.; Program, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location – Check with Dave Ofsansky (K9DWO) on his Board room. It may possibly be too small.; Dave Littlejohn (N9FMD) offered to check with Hulman Regional Airport.

New Course Idea – Matt (AA9XA) – DX101 course for newer operators. Idea presented with no action taken.

Upcoming Activities

Triathlon – May 15, 2021

WVARA Monthly Meeting – Friday, June 4, 2021; 7:00 p.m.; Berean Baptist Church

Next Meeting Date/Location – Thursday, June 10, 2021; 7:30 p.m.; via Zoom

Adjournment – 8:21 p.m. (Indiana Time)

**WVARA (Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association)
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2021**

President Sedgwick called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Roll Call of all attendees. A quorum was present. 21 current members

Kay (KWOLF SK Mass of remembrance will occur on June 16th at St. Margaret Mary Church at 7:00 PM.
Ray (K9DUR) will post on club website.

Leroy announced that the meeting location for October, November, and December 2021 will be at the Terre Haute Airport.

The September meeting location is still pending. Matt will contact the Salvation Army about a meeting location. Leroy requested members contact him for other possible locations.

Leroy announced that the Brentlinger Award dinner will be June 19, 2021 at MCL Cafeteria. Go through the line at 5:30 PM

Leroy mentioned the request from the Wabash Valley Y about conducting a class for Technician Licensing.

Presentation: Barry Monnett presented on Novice radio equipment and boat anchors.

Business meeting: Treasurers report presented by Ray K9DUR. K9DUR moved, Matt AA9XA seconded, APPROVED

Secretary report: April report moved approval by Kevin K9HX, seconded by Dave K9THI, APPROVED

May report presented, moved approval by Steve, seconded by KC9JAC, APPROVED

VE report by Jerry W9GWC, no activity

ARES report None

Field Day report by Dave K9THI. Set up Friday, KC9ZXO Jesse has facility key. Equipment pick up at trailer, 12:30 PM. Food?

N9FMD suggested that the club create a library of license manuals. Where do we put these?

Matt AA9XA mentioned future meeting topics: September tour of Channel Two and a ZOOM presentation by DX Engineering.

Board meeting scheduled for June 17, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc
Treasurer's Report – June 2021

Account & Fund Balances as of 06/30/2021

Accounts

Checking	\$530.00
Savings	\$5,173.17
PayPal	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$5,703.17

Designated Funds

Sinking Fund	\$300.00
Life Member Fund	\$2,845.00
Background Check Fund	\$203.00
General Fund	\$2,355.17

Income & Expenses

Receipts

Donations Received	\$30.00
Savings Account Interest	\$0.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$30.00

Expenditures

Background Checks	\$42.00
Brentlinger Awards	\$349.50
Donations Made	\$100.00
Filed Day Food	\$163.17
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$654.67

OVERALL INCREASE/DECREASE **-\$624.67**



Dr. Elmer

Submitted by Dave, N9FMD

Dear Dr. Elmer,

Q. When several of us are physically near one another, using different radios and working through through a repeater, I can almost always hear the distant station but often cannot hear the stations I am standing next to. This seems to be more common when we are using mobile radios close together, say in a parking lot, than when we are using portables, and it seems to go away when we get further apart. What is going on?

A. The nearby transmitter is desensitizing your receiver. In simple terms, the nearby transmitter is over-loading your receiver and can occur even when the nearby transmitter is operating on a different frequency than the radio you are listening to. The solution to the problem is to avoid that overload, either by increasing the distance between you and another radio, or by asking the other station to use the least amount of power that still allows the communication to be reliable.

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?

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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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