



The **BANDSPREAD**

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December Club Meeting

December 3, 2021 (Friday)

Salvation Army Headquarters + ZOOM

Terre Haute, 234 South 8th Street across from the new Terre Haute Police Station (Old Tribune-Star building) Parking in the rear of the building

7:00 PM

Program: TBA

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

WVARA Christmas Party

December 17, 2021 (FRIDAY)

MCL Cafeteria, Meadows Center Terre Haute

Go through the serving line at 5:30 PM

Dirty Santa (Bring a Maximum \$5.00 gift to exchange)

Golf Romeo Echo Echo Tango India November Golf Sierra,

It's great to be back home. Thanks to all who stepped forward and kept our club moving forward. It appears that the club was in better hands with my absence. Monthly meetings, Board meetings, and preparations for TurkeyFest moved forward without a hitch. This is part of what makes the WVARA such a great organization. We have a membership that is competent and engaged in more than an ability to get on the air.

This year is winding to its conclusion very quickly. TurkeyFest, December General Meeting, December Board Meeting, and our Christmas Gathering at MCL. A very busy and fun month of December.

I hope that we all take this Holiday Season to give thanks for the many blessings we each have. Many in our society try to divide, but the words of Max Ehrmann in Desiderata seem fitting to me: "And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy."

Enjoy your celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah, or whatever is appropriate for your personal faith. I look forward to seeing everyone at our December General Meeting.

73 – LeRoy, AC9NF

TurkeyFest 2021 Preliminary Report

A preliminary look at the numbers shows that we had 112 paid attendees for a total of \$784 collected at the gate plus \$9 cash donations at the gate. Also we had \$114.75 in food sales. Our overall profit was \$583.75 minus the cost of the food.

As soon as Andy gets me the receipts for the food purchases, I will issue the final report.

73, Ray Andrews, K9DUR
WVARA Treasurer

TURKEY FEST 2021





On Saturday October 30th, members of Vigo County ARES participated in a Tri-State Simulated Emergency Test (SET). The exercise was comprised of stations from Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky and involved traffic and message handling on VHF/UHF, HF, and various digital modes. Some groups set specific goals for the event although it was conducted primarily to test the ability to send radio traffic between the three states.

Emergency Coordinators (EC's) in Indiana were tasked with conducting local net operations and relaying the results to a Winlink message handler who, in turn, sent the net results up the chain. W9EEU (Gary Adams) volunteered to serve as the Winlink handler for our area (District 7).

Additionally, Net Control Operators were tasked with attempting to send one message to all districts across and one message to the Illinois, and Kentucky Sections. This net control operator attempted contacts on HF and VHF bands to no avail.

Below are the results for our district courtesy of Gary, W9EEU

Vigo QNI 11 9 Vigo 1 Clay 1 Knox 15 minutes
Verm QNI 8 3 Verm 3 Vigo 1 Knox 1 Warren 30 minutes
Putnam QNI 5 3 Putnam 1 Owen 1 Knox 11 minutes
Clay QNI 10 6 Clay 2 Vigo 2 Owen
Owen QNI 7 6 Owen 1 non Owen 7 minutes
Greene QNI 14 4 Greene 10 Others No time reported

I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who took time to participate in the event!

David, K9DWO

Preliminary

WVARA Board Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Vice President Matt AA9XA, Trustee Gerry W9GWC, Past President Steve K9TA, Past President Joe KC9JAC.

Guests : Gary K9ERE, Dave N9FMB, Jim WA9TGO, Chuck W9COD, Kevin K9HX, Bob K3ACK.

Meeting called to Order at 7:05 p.m. by VP Matt AA9XA

Secretary's Report : Matt AA9XA - Board approved minutes from October 2021

Treasurer's Report : Matt AA9XA - Board approved report from October 2021

Old Business:

Nominateing Committee: Gary K9ERE - Gary reported that a complete list of 2022 candidates was ready for vote at the December Meeting.

TurkeyFest : All was ready for the TurkeFest and everyone is encouraged to be there at 6:00 a.m. for set up and stay for clean up.

Christmas Party : After discussion MCL was chosen as the site, and we will have dirty Santa gift exchange. Dates looking at are 12-11 or 12-18. Stay tuned for more information as to final plans.

TH North HS Equipment: Matt AA9XA reported that he has not at this time been able to contact Mr. Hammers. Matt will be talking to HS principle to gain entrance and remove the equipment for inventory.

Inventory : Jerry W9GWC reported that a date will be set for completion of the inventory. Jerry will need some assistance, please help if you are called.

New Business :

Winter Field Day/Illinois and Indiana QSO Parties : Open discussion as to funding these events in the yearly budget. After much discussion the Board will continue to evaluate these activities for yearly funding.

Salvation Army Team Emergency Network : Open discussion was held as to the viability of becoming involved as a ARRL Club. This discussion will continue and all Club Members are welcome to comment on this program.

Radio Exchange for the Comm. Trailer: Dave N9FMB discussed the exchange of the Yeasu 2m rig for a IC-2200 to match the other 2m rigs in the trailer. This will be brought before the General Membership at the Dec. 2021 meeting.

Nest meeting will be December 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army.

Dr. Elmer

Submitted by Dave, N9FMD



Dear Dr. Elmer,

Q. What does “kerchunk” mean?

A. This is more of a “slang” term than a technical term and usually is used to describe the transmission of a short burst, usually on a repeater, with no audio or even station id. It’s not really legal to do this, but it’s been around for a long time.

On HF, common practice is to call “CQ” if you want to talk and wait for someone to call you back. On VHF/UHF the practice has become simply to announce or “drop” your call. So people have become accustomed to using a kerchunk when they do not want to start a conversation.

Sometimes stations want to find out if their station is working, and set correctly or they want to find out if the repeater is working. Or maybe someone is driving down the highway, finds a repeater pair listed in the repeater handbook, and wants to know if that repeater is actually working. In the case of bad weather maybe the operator wants to know if the “WX” is turned on. All of these excuses have been used to transmit a kerchunk.

However FCC rules 97.119(a) states, in part “...No station may transmit unidentified communications or signals..” So, whatever the excuse, the kerchunk remains outside the rules.

From December 2007

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday Dec. 7 General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Mo. 7th & Idaho, just south of the main Glas-Col building. Talk-in - 146.685 RPT; PL 151.4
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

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY Sat., Dec. 15:
• It's a pitch-in; meat and drink provided; you bring the rest!
• Also, bring a \$5 wrapped gift for the "Dirty Gift Exchange."
BRENTLINGER NOMINATIONS DUE Tues., Jan 15:
Mail or give a sealed letter to the president with "Brentlinger Nominee" in lower left corner by the above date.



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REMOTE RECEIVER SITE PROGRESSES

This evening, Chuck, W9COD, Wayne, KA9YNB and I began the process of installing the antenna system for the first remote receiver site on the K9IKQ repeater. This site is at the ISU College of Education building, and will provide improved coverage for our repeater for both mobiles and HT's in Terre Haute and Vigo County. Daylight ran out on us this evening, but we will be back at it the following Tuesday night, and we should have the antenna system complete that evening. We are installing a Diamond receive antenna for 2-meters, and a UHF yagi antenna for the 440MHz link to the repeater site. The receiver should be operational around the first of the year.

73, Kevin, K9HX



Terre Haute sunset from high atop SIU School of Business. TNX N9YNF for pix.

Nominations Committee Reports 2008 Slate

The Nominations Committee consisting of David Pifer, N9YNF (Chair), Mary Pifer, KB9NLJ and Bette Young, KC9GWT, submit the following candidates for office for the 2008 WVARA Board of Directors.

- President - Gary Adams, W9EEU
- Vice-President - Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC
- Secretary - Bette Young, KC9GWT
- Treasurer - Nick Vinardi, KC9JSY
- Trustee - Kevin Berlen, K9HX

The Committee wishes to extend a special thanks for their dedicated service to Chuck Procarione, W9COD (outgoing Treasurer) and Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR (outgoing Secretary). Both of whom have decided to step down from the Board for now.

The committee was challenged with the fact that we had no volunteers from the membership for any position. While it would be ideal to have two people running for each position, we don't.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the time of election in December however. Because our bylaws require a ballot vote, if you know you are willing to run for a position prior to the election please let me know so that we can have you on the ballots.

David L. Pifer - N9YNF

Local Nets

Tuesday Evening	8:00 P.M. ET
Parke Co. Em. Svs. Net	146.745/R
Wednesday Evening	9:00 P.M. CT
Clark Co. ARES Net	146.520/S
Thursday Evening	9:00 P.M. ET
CAARLA Net	146.685/R
Sunday Morning	8:20 A.M. ET
Vigo Co. ARES NET	146.685/R
Sunday Evening	9:00 P.M. ET
WVARA Net	146.685/R*

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

This Month's Program

Election of officers to the 2008 WVARA Board of Directors and Junque Auction!

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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Board of Directors:

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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