

ELECTION NIGHT

THE SLATE AS OF NOW IS:::::::::::

President KF9UP Jeff Stewart
 Vice-President W7YE Bob Martin
 WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin
 Secretary KF9WX Tim Gennett
 Treasurer KF9CT Jack Freeman
 Director
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Nominations will be accepted until we start voting on the the various offices. If you plan on nominating someone please have their permission before you nominate them, & if they are not present, have their acceptance in writing.

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President KF9UP Jeff Stewart
 Vice-Pres W7YE Bob Martin
 Secretary N9MIH Glenn Ward
 Treasurer KF9CT Jack Freeman
 Director K9LYA Jim Collison

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COMING EVENTS

- 8JAN95 SUN 0800 18th Annual South Bend Hamfest & Computer Expo, Century to Center Convention Hall, Downtown South Bend, Enlarged 1500 this year, Commercial Amateur Radio Dealers, Expanded Flea Market, Talk-in .52, 39, 09, 145.29
- 10JAN95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting, **ELECTION NIGHT**
- 13JAN95 FRI 1830 Cass County ARC License Tests @ EMA, Logansport
- 21JAN95 SAT 0900 Northwest Missouri Winter Hamfest, Ramada Inn, Saint Joseph Missouri, Free Parking, close to Shopping Centers, FCC Exams, Talk-in 146.85 & 444.925, \$3.00
- 25JAN95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting, BANQUET, read the next edition of the T.A.R.A. Tattler for details
- 28JAN95 SAT 1300 VE Testing at W9REG
- 10FEB95 FRI 1830 Cass County ARC License Tests @ EMA, Logansport
- 14FEB95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting
- 22FEB95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting, only 8 days after Tuesday meeting
- 25FEB95 SAT 0830 ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention, at Cincinnati Gardens Exposition Center, 2250 Seymour Avenue at Langton Farm Road, large indoor exhibit, commercial vendors and flea market, quality forums and ARRL activities and ARRL booth with officials. VE exams Saturday morning. Attendance about 3000. \$8.00
- AND
- 26FEB95 SUN 0830
- 10MAR95 FRI 1830 Cass County ARC License Tests @ EMA, Logansport
- 12MAR95 SUN 0800 Indiana Hamfest & Computer Show, State Fairgrounds, All indoors, Forums, Over 500 Tables, Many Nationally advertised Commercial Dealers, Flea Market, Talk-in 147.060 Repeater (N9AJS)
- 14MAR95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting
- 22MAR95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting, only 8 days after Tuesday meeting
- 26MAR95 SUN Hamfest, Grayslake, Illinois
- 11APR95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting
- 26APR95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting
- 28APR95)
- 29APR95)-- ~~Dayton Hamvention~~ (The Ham Event)
- 30APR95)
- 9MAY95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting
- 13MAY95 SAT 4-H/FFA Ag Judging (Forestry & Horse)
- 13MAY95 SAT ARRL National Exam Day
- 13MAY95 SAT VE Testing at W9REG
- 21MAY95 SUN Hamfest, Peotone, Illinois
- 21MAY95 SUN Hamfest, Wabash, Indiana
- 24MAY95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting, Field Day Auction
- 3JUN95 SAT 4-H/FFA Ag Judging (Poultry/Livestock/Dairy)
- 4JUN95 SUN Hamfest, Princeton, Illinois
- 11JUN95 SUN Hamfest, Willow Springs, Illinois (Santa Fe Park)
- 13JUN95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting
- 24JUN95 SAT Field Day
- 25JUN95 SUN Field Day
- 28JUN95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting
- 8JUL95 SAT Central Division Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 9JUL95 SUN Central Division Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 11JUL95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting
- 16JUL95 SUN Hamfest, Van Wert, Ohio
- 26JUL95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting
- 5AUG95 SAT Hamfest, Valparaiso, Indiana

**T.A.R.A. Business Meeting
Tuesday December 13, 1994**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Jeff Stewart, KF9UP.

The minutes from last month were not available.

Jack Freeman - KF9CT, read the Treasurer's Report. See the Treasurer's Report (printed elsewhere) for details.

Jeff expressed his thanks to everyone that helped with the Christmas Parade.

For the Antenna Committee, Dave Azpell, reports that they need to bring down the dipole and are looking for someone to climb the tower.

The Hamfest Chairman, Bruce Stewart, is still looking for a chairman of concessions. No volunteers stepped forward.

Tim Gennett, KF9WX, reported on the results of the Nominating committee and presented the following list of candidates: President: Jeff Stewart, KF9UP; Vice President: Bob Martin, W7YE; Secretary: Tim Gennett, KF9WX; and Treasurer: Jack Freeman, KF9CT. The list was accepted by the membership and Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD, was added as a candidate for Vice President.

Debbie Stewart, N9ZFJ, introduced herself to the Club. It was moved and seconded that she be accepted to membership. Motion passed.

J. B. Van Sickle, K9KRE, complimented Jeff on his Presidency and his help in publishing the *Tattler*.

After some discussion, Saturday, January 28th was selected as the next VE testing date. Testing to start at 1:00 pm.

The bill for the Club trailer license plate, \$21.50, is due. A motion was made and passed that the new plate be purchased.

Bob Finch volunteered to donate a balun and copperweld antenna wire for the antenna repairs.

Banquet plans were discussed — Ryan's, Sirloin Stockade and MCL were mentioned. The banquet is planned for January 25th. More details will be published as plans are finalized.

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE, suggested we provide some equipment to help support the W9YB Packet system. With a show of support from the members present, Jeff will contact Tim Miller to see what equipment might be useful and report to the Club at a future meeting.

In this month's drawing, for \$30, John Edwards, W9YIP was drawn. In his absence, the money remains in the treasury. Next month's drawing, the first for 1995, will be for \$6.

Jim Collison, K9LYA, requested that we not park in front of the garage as the Red Cross needs clear access.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Martin, Vice President

Business Meeting Attendance – December 13

K9AHX	John Ott	WD9CJS	Dick Collison
KF9CT	Jack Freeman	N6CXB	Bob Finch
WB9CZC	Dave Azpell	K9FOH	Bob Lusby
N9GKE	Bruce Stewart	N9JEA	John Baugher
WD9JLN	Charles Bressler	K9KF	Tom Kuespert
K9KRE	J B Van Sickle	KC9LI	Bob Niewerth
K9LYA	Jim Collison	W9NSY	Roger Airgood
KD9SF	Brad Lovett	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin
KF9UP	Jeff Stewart	KA9VXS	Kevin Crow
KF9WX	Tim Gennett	N9XTM	Mike Kaiser
N9XTN	Mark Conner	W7YE	Bob Martin
N9YTE	Ed Delp	N9ZFJ	Debbie Stewart
-	Dave Ferguson		

Presidents Column

As this is the last column I'll be writing in 1994, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped out over the past year. I wish I could name everyone, but I'm afraid I'd fill this column and still miss someone.

Instead, I'll recap the events (and I'll probably miss one of those, too). Thanks to all those who participated in the FFA/4H Judging, Field Day weekend, the Lafayette Hamfest, the special event station for the National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Feast of the Hunters' Moon, and the Christmas Parade.

And naturally, thanks to those who participate in the severe weather nets and especially those who helped out after the tornado.

Also, thanks to those who have helped with the VE Testing. Several new hams have received their tickets and several others have upgraded at the local testing sessions.

And finally, thanks to all those who attend the Club meetings. Keep in mind that elections are coming up at the next meeting. If you are interested in running for an office or know of someone who would like to run, please contact Tim Gennett, KF9WX or myself. Nominations will remain open until the election so it's not too late to throw your hat into the ring, but time is running out.

Enjoy the Holidays and I hope to see you at the elections.



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The psychiatrist asked what the patient had dreamt the previous night.

"I didn't dream at all," replied the patient.

"How do you expect me to help you," chided the doctor, "if you don't do your homework?"

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
 TREASURERS REPORT
 DECEMBER 13, 1994

DUES RECEIVED :

DAVID ROBERTS KE9IT - 95 DUES	\$ 6.00
CHARLES BRESSLER WD9JLN - 95 DUES	\$ 6.00
PEDRO CASTILLO WB9RVN - 95 DUES	\$ 6.00
BOB MARTIN W7YE - 95 DUES	\$ 6.00
HUBERT WOOD N7DUK - 95 DUES	\$ 6.00
BRET PENNINGTON NO CALL - 95 DUES N9ZFF	\$ 6.00
SAM BRUMMETT N9XPZ - 95 DUES	\$ 6.00
JACK FREEMAN KF9CT - 95 DUES	\$ 6.00

TOTAL DUES \$ 48.00

OTHER INCOME

TIPPECANOE CTY HISTORICAL ASSN \$ 500.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 548.00

DISBURSEMENTS

NONE \$ 00.00

STARTING CHECKING ACCT 11/30/94 \$ 1283.02
 STARTING SAVINGS ACCT 11/30/94 \$ 5791.79
 C.D. NOTE BAL AS OF 11/30/94 \$ 5287.55

TOTAL IN CHECKING ACCT 12/13/94 \$ 1831.02
 TOTAL IN SAVINGS ACCT 12/13/94 \$ 5791.79
 NEW CD PURCHASED # 51-44948-1 YEAR 5.09 APY
 NOVEMBER 1, 1995 MATURE DATE ON NEW CD. \$ 5331.25

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 12,954.06

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
 JACK D. FREEMAN KF9CT
 TREASURER 12/13/94

de THE FEEDLINE

Jan-Feb 1994

IRC: Follow
 Bandplan

The Indiana Repeater Council has gone on record to discourage the increased use of what it terms "non-standard frequencies" on the FM bands. At a recent meeting of the IRC, it was noted there is growing use of frequencies as close as +/-5kHz to operational frequencies outlined in the standard bandplan.

The IRC noted that new licensees may not be aware of the bandplans that older hams take for granted. It stressed that there is a need for local radio clubs to train new hams and encourage proper frequency usage to avoid possible unnecessary interference to others.

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 Reality is the leading cause of stress among those who are in touch with it.

de THE FEEDLINE

Jan-Feb 1994

Over One
 With One
 CCARC

The count for the amateur radio license testing program conducted by the Cass County Amateur Radio Club has topped 118 for the first eleven months of 1994. CCARC testing coordinator, Bill Wells, WABHSU, tallied the number of new licensees at 35, confirmed by FCC forms 610 submitted to Volunteer Examination Coordinator, W5YI VEC. 51 people upgraded to a higher license class. In total, 172 elements were administered with 98 passed.

Wells called the testing program very successful, due in part to the fact that very few organizations offer testing on a monthly basis as the CCARC does. Wells thought that his goal of 125 for the calendar was obtainable. Almost \$275.00 has been raised for the club.

**FCC FINES
SCANNER CO.**

An Indiana company has been issued a Notice of Apparent Liability by the FCC for marketing illegal scanner radios. Ace Communications of Fishers was issued the NAL for \$20,000 after Ace advertised two different unauthorized scanners in several radio magazines. both models cover cellular telephone frequencies.

The FCC based the fine on Ace's apparent ignoring of warning letters from the Commission and called the violation "intentional".

(via Worldradio from the ARRL Letters)

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de WESTLINK Report, #683, 27OCT94:

Brando a Ham

Marlon Brando is a ham. For years it has been rumored that the academy award winner was also a licensed radio amateur, but it was not until Brando was interviewed by CNN's Larry King on October 7 that the world knew for sure.

Brando said that he was an amateur radio operator and the thing he likes most about the hobby was the anonymity that it offers. He also said that he was in the process of updating his license. The actor was very supportive of amateur radio but stopped short of revealing his call sign.

Modern communications appears to be an important part of Brando's life. He told King that he sees the new international information superhighway as quickly coming to us. Brando adds that he is already a part of it through his participation in America Online, but not under his real name. Tnx Newsline

Andrew Huddleston, G3WZZ, and his wife Lissa Ladefoged are the brains and the sound behind "Seek You." This is a new album by a group calling itself "the Ham Band" and performing original music primarily made up of Country and Western songs (with a bit of Reggae and Boogie-Woogie thrown in) written especially for and about radio amateurs. Song titles include "Always on the Air," "on the Monday Evening Gray Line," "It's Great to QSO in Morse Again" and "Out Into The Wild Blue Yonder" to mention only four of the fourteen album cuts.

Andrew and Lissa are not newcomers to the country music scene. With seven previous albums behind them, they are popular artists worldwide with regular performance tours throughout Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Andrew, who also holds the call signs OZIXJ and 3D2AH, is an avid contester and DXer with a world class station in Denmark.

The album features fifteen of the best Country and Western musicians in the United States. It was recorded at the famed Cinderella Sound studio in Nashville, with overdubs and mastering at Air Play Studio in Aarhus, Denmark. "Seek You" is being priced at \$15 for the compact disk or \$10 for cassette tape (plus \$2.50 s/h) by mail order only from Bonneville Music Co., P. O. Box 8521, Moscow, ID 83843; (800) 721-4077.

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de The ARRL Letter 12NOV94

Effective January 1, 1995, the FCC's maximum allowable reimbursement fee for an amateur operator license will be \$5.92, up from the current \$5.75. The ARRL VEC will charge \$5.90 to each applicant (other than applicants taking only Elements 1A or 2).

There are only two kinds of people who fail: those who listen to nobody, and those who listen to everybody.

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de The ARRL Letter 27OCT94

Faster licensing: FCC sets date for electronic filing

On October 24 the FCC released a 7-page Order amending its amateur rules, effective December 20, 1994, to reflect what the Commission calls "nonsubstantive procedural changes":

*To permit electronically filed data from VECs (paper applications also will still be accepted);

*To authorize operation as soon as the new license data appears in the amateur service licensee data base, rather than (as now) when the license document has been delivered (details of how the new licensee can determine his call sign will be announced later);

*To add a new rules section, "Examinee Conduct," to emphasize that an examinee must comply with the instructions given by the administering VEs;

*To treat "Technician Plus" as a license class;

*And to provide for a "renewal short form," which the FCC says will be mailed to licensees in advance of their expiration date beginning sometime in 1995. The FCC added that renewal applications would be accepted no more than 90 days before the expiration date.

Because of the nature of these rule amendments, there is no notice or comment period required by federal law. Again, these changes do not take effect until December 20, 1994.

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Benjamin Franklin may have discovered electricity, but it was the person who invented the meter who made the money.

My power level is Q-R-Oh-Oh by Jeanette Demario, K8PYN

I'd like to know if any other ham has a transmitter as powerful as mine. One of my neighbors claims:

1. I have caused her sewer to plug, so she can't flush her toilet.
2. I've caused her iron to get so hot it burns all her clothes.
3. I've ruined her alarm clock; it won't ring anymore.
4. Her refrigerator "clicks."
5. Her hot dogs are "charged" when she cooks them. (Does that make them spicy?)
6. I'm causing her children to get pimples. (RF rash?)
7. I'm causing the rust spots on her metal porch roof.
8. Her city water is charged, and so is her telephone. (She pulled the ground wire off the telephone.)
9. My radio burned down another neighbor's garage.

That's pretty impressive for 150 Watts don't you think?

from March-April '94 "YL Harmonics," via the May '94 Richardson Wireless Klub (Texas) "The Chawed Rag" -Charlie Shaffer, NSADH, Editor

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Otto and his wife were equally fond of their mangy, mean-tempered cat. "Otto," demanded his wife, late one night. "Did you put out the car?"

"Yes, I did," maintained her husband.

"I don't believe you," the wife countered.

"Well," said Otto angrily, "if you don't believe me, get up and put the cat out yourself!"

Born Again Conelrad?

The Federal Communications Commission has adopted a new emergency broadcast system for TV, radio, and for the first time, cable television systems. The network, which is to provide TV viewers and radio listeners with warnings on everything from approaching tornadoes and flooding to chemical spills, will be more advanced than the current system, which is more than 40 years old, the FCC said.

Thousands of broadcast stations and most, if not all, on the nation's 11,000 cable systems, must have the new system in place by 1996 and 1997 respectively, said the FCC's Emergency Broadcast chief, Helena Mitchell. To do so, they will have to install new equipment.

Small cable systems may not be required to adopt the new warning system, Mitchell said. The system will have a louder warning tone and text in large letters for those who can't see or hear well, Mitchell said.

Stations and cable outlets using the new system will also have the capability of providing warnings in a variety of languages. For the first time, the warning system will permit stations and cable outlets to send as well as receive alert information.
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de CQ de W9MJL December 1994

Think you have trouble with language. foreign exchange students are in shock. Just consider the following. The meaning of each is??????

air-err-heir bight, bite, byte
gild,guild palate, palette,pallet
one,won peak, peek rack,wrack
sailer, sailor sleight, slight
tack,tach taught, taut
vail,veil,vale Try to explain
the meaning of each although the
pronunciation is almost the same.

Commission Considers Tower Rule Changes

A plan is circulating through the Federal Communications Commission that would shift the primary burden of tower maintenance from radio services which use the tower to the tower owners. A team of FCC officials studying the issue is developing a formal rule-making proposal that could be released for public comment as early as January, according to FCC FM Branch Assistant Chief, Robert Greenberg.

Presently, there are no FCC regulations on the books that hold tower owners separately accountable for tower violations, such as painting or lighting, and tower owners are not required to file with the FCC. The Commission's only recourse has been to penalize those who rent tower space. In some cases, stations paid thousands of dollars in fines while tower owners paid nothing, said John Marina, an engineer for the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB).

One proposed rule could make the tower owners primarily responsible for maintaining antenna towers and other users secondarily responsible, which would still give the FCC a way to enforce tower regulations if owners can not be contacted. Most significantly, proposed rule changes would reduce the desk-cluttering, time-consuming paper work by consolidating tower applications down to about one tenth the current number. (edited from Radio World)

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A little boy, playing hooky from school, met a friend on his way home. His friend saw that he was carrying a fishing pole, and asked, "Did you catch anything?"

"Naw," said the boy, "I ain't been home yet."

This story via the long path--- from the Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chronicle to the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club to Radio Amateurs of Canada News Bulletin via the Internet (whew). According to the Canadian Press (a wire service), electromagnetic interference from the North Pole knocked out voice transmissions by both radio and satellite telephone from both the Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Louis St Laurent and the US Coast Guard icebreaker Polar Sea, both of which had reached the Pole.

So what, you say? "For most of Monday," the report said, "the only communications with the two ships was by morse code...A Canadian Press reporter managed to receive a barely decipherable voice transmission...but could not make himself heard."

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 de WESTLINK Report, #686, 16DEC94:

Vanity Delayed

Do not look for any action on vanity ham radio call signs until the second quarter of 1995. K06AN reports via packet radio that he personally called the FCC about the pending issue a month ago. At that time, Jerry says, he was told that the issue is still under consideration and that they expected something out in the spring. Translate that to mean the Commission will probably announce its decision that last weekend in April. Making such announcements at the Dayton Hamvention Forum has become sort of a tradition with the FCC. Jerry adds that he thinks that the vanity call sign program will be enacted, adding: "how can the government turn down a money maker?"

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 Better trip with the feet than with the tongue.

Plans are still up in the air, but it is still supposed to happen. Come to the Election Night meeting and you can help decide where it will be held, among other things.

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 PUBLICATION DATES

This edition is a little early to beat the postage hikes, saves about \$3.00.

The next edition is due out before the Wednesday (January) meeting. But don't wait for it before you mark your calendar for the Banquet
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 de WESTLINK Report, #686, 16DEC94:

ARRL Spring and Fall National Exam Days Set for 1995

Be sure to mark you calendar with the ARRL spring and fall 1995 National Exam Day dates. The spring date is set for Saturday, May 13, and the fall date is set for Saturday, September 30. Also since the Dayton Hamvention has moved its date in 1996 to the second weekend of May, the last weekend of April has opened up. Therefore, the League has tentatively set its 1996 Spring National Exam Day date as Saturday, April 17, 1996.

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 NEW MEMBERS

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 (Welcome back!)

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 Honeymoon: The period between "I do" and "You'd better."