May 1995

110th Edition

T.A.R.A. Tattler

Wednesday May 24th

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Traditionally this is where we raise money for the Field Day operation, with money left over used for other operating events.

Approach this event as a fun affair, and with the attitude that you are making a donation. If you can pick up something you really need, that's great. Or maybe you can send someone else home with something they do not want. Slices of Frisch's Strawberry Pie have gone as high as \$40.00 But then it was a hot night.

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COMING EVENTS

21MAY95 SUN Hamfest, Peotone, Illinois 21MAY95 SUN Hamfest, Wabash, Indiana 24MAY95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting, Field Day Auction Time to get your "JUNQUE" 3JUN95 SAT 4-H/FFA Ag Judging (Poultry/Livestock/Dairy) 4JUN95 SUN Hamfest, Princeton, Illinois 4JUN95 SUN 1300 VE Testing by KA9DSA, at the Danville, Il club's "A" frame, bring Photo ID, Original license & copy to go with 610 (AA9JE of Paris, IL will hold exams on months tests are not held at "A" frame.) Hamfest, Willow Springs, Illinois (Santa Fe Park) 11JUN95 SUN 13JUN95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting 18JUN95 SUN 0800 Lake County ARC Dad's Day Hamfest, Lake County Fairgrounds Industrial Building, Crown Point, walk-in VE Testing, free parking, \$4.00 -24JUN95 SAT Field Day 25JUN95 SUN Field Day 28JUN95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting 8JUL95 SAT 0600 Central Division Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana 9JUL95 SUN 0700 Central Division Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana Overnight camping available, Forums, Homebrew contest, Commercial Exhibits, Transmitter Hunts, at the Marion County Fairgrounds, 1465 & 174 11JUL95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting 16JUL95 SUN Hamfest, Van Wert, Ohio 26JUL95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting Hamfest, Valparaiso, Indiana 5AUG95 SAT CAUG95 SUN 0600 HamHamfesters Hamfest, Peotone, Illinois, 61st annual, six covered pavilions for flea market, Commercial exhibits open at 0800 in A/C Building, 35 acres of free parking, No alcohol to brought onto Fairgrounds [but they will sell you beer starting at Noon], 35 acres of free parking, Talk-in 146.52, 146.64(-), 146.94(-), \$5.00 SAUGOS TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting 20AUG95 SUN LAFAYETTE HAMFEST ALWAYS BRD SUNDAY IN AUGUST 23AUG95 WED 0730 TARA Program Meeting W9MUL 20th annual Hamfest & Computer Show, UAW Civic 27AUG95 SUN Center, Free Overnight Parking (no hookups), Grand Prize drawing at 2PM-HT Radio, Air Conditioned indoors, VE Tests, Talk-in 22/82, \$3/2 f/\$5 12SEP95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting ICSEP95 SAT 0600 Illinois State Convention, Peoria, Illinois 17SEP95 SUN 0600 Illinois State Convention, Peoria, Illinois 60,000 Feet of exhibit space, 5 building, commercial buildings open at 0800, held at Expo Gardens, northern part of Peoria, \$5.00 17SEP95 SUN Hamfest, Cincinnati, Ohio 23SEP95 SAT Hamfest, Grayslake, Illinois

TARA Business Meeting May 9, 1995

Meeting called to order at 7:36 by KF9UP.

Bill Martin, W9YMT, David Hoppes and Mike Budzynski introduced themselves to the Club. David and Mike were intersted in membership. A motion was made to accept them, which was seconded and passed.

A correction to the April minutes: The cost of repair for the FT 726R should have read \$114. Otherwise, the minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Jack Freeman, KF9CT read the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

Antenna Committee report: KF9UP removed the dipole last Saturday (with assistance from WB9CZC) and made repairs to it, but had difficulty hoisting it back into position. The rope apparently jammed at the pulley near the top of the tower and will need to be fixed. KF9CT will donate 100ft of nylon rope to replace the existing rope.

KF9CT reported that taxes and insurance were paid in the last month.

W7YE reported Field Day equipment expenses from Dayton.

W7YE requested assistance from club members for the testing session on the 13th.

N9GKE reported on his efforts to secure a site for the 95 Lafayette Hamfest. The amplitheather site was unsuitable due to the inability to control entry/exit to the fest area and the lack of electric power. It was also pointed out that flyers/cards/etc that have already gone out have the location for this year as the fairgrounds. After discussion, it was decided that it was not worth the extra expense to rent the new building at the fairgrounds, so the club will request the same building (sheep barn) and surrounding grass area as was used last year.

New Business:

N6CXB requested an additional \$75 for Field Day supplies. Moved and seconded - motion passed.

KF9UP passed out forms for ARES for a statewide database of emergency communication capabilities and equipment.

KF9CT made some comments about repeater etiquette. He stressed the need to allow breaks in QSOs so other stations can break in, and to not monopolize the repeater during the morning and afternoon drive time.

KF9UP passed around some ideas for club shirts from KF9WX for Field Day. The T-shirts will be about \$5.50 and golf shirts for \$13. Enough interest was expressed to pursue the matter further. Club members who want shirts should order them at the next business meeting so they can be made in time for Field Day.

KF9UP sought volunteers for the FFA judging at Purdue on the 13th.

The next program meeting will be the annual Field Day auction.

N9XTN announced the next foxhunt will be held on the 27th of May at 1pm.

The monthly drawing was held and Tim Miller, N9DKI, was drawn. Since he was not in attendance, the prize increases from \$12 to \$18.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Conner - N9XTN

Another Transmitter Hunt

The next transmitter hunt will be on Saturday, May 27th at 1pm. The meeting point is the parking lot north of Hardee's in the Purdue West shopping center (SR 26 and Airport Rd). The fox will transmit on 147.500 MHz and the hunters will use the 146.76 repeater for coordination.

The hunt boundaries will be the same as last time - basically the west-central part of the county. Maps will be provided at the hunt. If you don't have any direction-finding equipment of your own, Jack K9AHX has one or two extra Handi-Finders that he normally brings. Also, it's more effective for hunters to work as pairs, with one driving and one working the equipment, so people without equipment are welcome to come out and help other hunters.

If you have questions, please call me at 448-6444 evenings, or leave me a message on packet at N9XTN@W9YB.IN.USA.NOAM or on Internet at mconner@rain.atms.purdue.edu. More hunts will be held later in the summer, so watch for packet/Internet messages and for announcements on the 147.135 Thursday night net. Also, if you plan to attend, please let me know so I have an idea of how many maps to print up.

73 de Mark N9XTN

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The following are some of the publications that we reprint articles for the IARA TATTLER, and in some cases exchange newsletters with them. On the left is the name of the publications, on the right is the geographic location from whence the publication comes.

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de THE BISON
                          24JUN99
do GEARVAKE BULLETIN
                       Vol. 29 #1
de GEARVAKE BULLETIN
                      Spring 1987
do The ARRL Latter
                          29N0V94
de WESTLINK Report, #687, 31JAN95:
de CQ de WOMUL
                   October 1994
de RE-CARRIER;
                XXXIX # 2 Oct 94
de BEACON, Vol. 9, #3
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do THE FEEDLINE
                     Nov-Dec 1994
do QRM (BC ARC)
                   April-May,1990
do ARRL FIELD FORUM
                     July 1992
do CHAPTER NEWS V
                   2 #3 Summar 91
de WOYB News
                       April 1991
do ShortSkip Vol XXXXII #10; Oct94
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Indiana Radio Club Council Ohio Ohio

Now out of Business
Danville, Illinois
Dayton, Ohio, DARA
*Indianapolis Repeater Assoc.

Cass County *Boone-Clinton ARC

Lafayette American Red Cross

*Purdue University Lake County

As you can probably deduce, it has been some time since we have used information from some of the newsletters, some, such as GEARVAKF, or currently on histus. You might want to save this page for future reference, along with Membership Lists (when published) and 'Page 2'

*We are not currently receiving these publications. If any of you know who I could contact to get back on an exchange basis, please inform ${\sf K9KRE}$.

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Maintain Your Mag Mount

Lots of hams use mag mount antennas on their vehicles. They can work very well but do require some maintenance to keep peak performance.

Remember that moisture often collects between the antenna and the body of the vehicle, even when it is not raining. Get in the habit of wiping off the bottom of the antenna as well as the vehicle body where the antenna is attached. You might be surprised how much moisture collects just from dew.

So when it rains or even when it doesn't, wipe down the mag mount and vehicle body regularly. Your signal might improve! (Taken from Worldradio.)

Kenwood Ecology Minded

Despite the fact that consumers are attracted to brightly colored packages, Kenwood recently made a marketing move designed to help the environment. New Kenwood radios are now packaged in plain brown boxes with appropriately placed cardboard fillers to support the units and accessories.

Gone is the Styrofoam which is totally non bio-degradable, and the multi-colored package finishes which require many chemical processes to achieve this look. Brown paper in its naturally produced state contains no dyes or carcinogens which Kenwood ways will help the environment.

FCC data on Internet From ARRL Bulletins

The Federal Communications Commission is now offering the complete amateur service database on the Internet, via the FCC's file transfer protocol (ftp) This new service marks the beginning of electronic granting of licenses at the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. soon as the data for a new license appears in the database, license is effective and all privileges of that license may be exercised by the licensee.

Licensees will no longer need to wait to receive a license document in the mail; they may use the database as proof of licensing and go on the air immediately.

The database will be updated every Monday by noon (Eastern Time),

Information may be retrieved using the following procedure:

Access: anonymous ptp.fcc.gov Directory: pub/XFS AlphaTest/ amateur Documentation: readme.txt

The FCC's Consumer Staff in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, can answer questions at 800-322-1117 or 717-337-1212.

(p/o the <u>President's Opinion</u> column)

Curt, from Radio Shack, was at the meeting and reports that Radio Shack is trying to get more amateur gear. He says they are trying to have a better relationship with the amateur community. It sure would be nice to have an equipment dealer closer than Indy. As I have said before, Radio Shack is going to set up at our hamfest this year and have specials through out the day.

Back Home Again in Indiana Gentlemen start your engines

It's May -- It's Indiana -- It's time for the Indianapolis 500!

Going to the track? Take along the scanner or HT with full coverage and tune in some of these frequencies. remember, realy cars make noise so bring along an earphone or better yet noise canceling headphones.

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Membership.....
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Will report on recent new members next month as we do not have addresses on 2/3'rds of them at this time.

We have, as of this issue, dropped the following 22 "former" members from the mailing list as their dues are overdue. Feel free to check with them to see if it is an oversight on their part, or if they wish to be dropped. All have received at least 2 notices via the T. A. R. A. Tattler.

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KB9AFC
        Jack Connelly
WA9CGN
        Fred Stembaugh
WE8F
        Chad Neiferd
KB9GLD
        Don Bauschke
 N9JYE
        Charles A Lewis
KE9KA
        James W Milligan
 N9MIH
       Glenn A Ward
 N9MSY
        John A Dormer
KA9NOH
       Eugene Glover
 N9PNA
        Dan Fleek
 N9QAT
        Clark W Grady
 N9RRL
       Ed Hirschinger
 N9RRP
       David Heisler
 N9RRO
       Darryl Zackmire
KD9SF
        Brad L Lovett
KA9SFM
       Clarence Goddard----SK
 N9VFE
       Dan Porat
       William E Blum
 N9VLS
KA9VXS Kevin Craw
 N9XNH
       John Schanlaub
WB9YPG Michael W Osborn
WB9YXN James L McMurry
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Current total of paid up members=

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Bight - Bite - Byte
Prays - Preys - Praise
Burrows - Burros - Boroughs
Sights - Sites - Cites
Maine - Mane - Main
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THE KANKAKEE AREA RADIO SOCIETY'S 12th ANNUAL

HAMFEST

AMATEUR RADIO - ELECTRONICS - COMPUTERS

SUNDAY, MAY 21 **WILL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

PEOTONE, ILLINOIS

Easy to reach I-57 to Peotone Exit 327 (East) 35 ACRES -- FREE PARKING

TICKETS

Double Stub

Advance....\$4.00

Sinale Stub

Gate......\$5.00

Reserved Indoor

Commercial Tables..\$7.00

Children under 12 FREE



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Hourly Door Prizes

\$ CASH PRIZES \$

First Prize \$300.00 Second Prize \$100.00

Third Prize

\$100.00

(Cash prize Winner need not be Present)

SET-UP

Indoor...Saturday, 6-8 PM Indoor & Fleamarket

Sunday, 6:00 AM



INFORMATION

For Reserved Tables and Advanced Tickets, send check (payable to KARS) and S.A.S.E. to:

> Willis Bowser, K91FO 1210 N. Riverside Drive Momence, IL 60954 Phone: (815) 472-2079



TALK-IN 146.94V



Overnight parking available - No services or hook-up GOOD FOOD and DRINK AVAILABLE for Breakfast and Lunch

No Alcohol brought on grounds - Beer available at noon

President's Column

Busy, busy, busy. A lot has happened and there's more to come.

Thanks to those who helped with the Habitat for Humanity Hike & Bike. It was a chilly day threatening rain, but Mike Kaiser, N9XTM, Mark Conner, N9XTN, Tom Melville, N9YTB, and Tim Gennett, KF9WX showed up to help me with communications for this event. Thank you.

Then, while several of you were enjoying your-selves at Dayton, Mike and Mark, the XT twins, and I helped with the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon on a beautiful sunny day. Thanks again.

Now it's May. On the 13th, it was a very busy day with VE testing and FFA/4H judging. Several people showed up to take tests this time (look for an announcement at the next business meeting). On the other side of the river, Greg Dean, N9NWO, Mike Kaiser, N9XTM, Mark Conner, N9XTN, Debbie Stewart, N9ZFJ, and I were kept busy with the FFA/4H judging. Thanks to everyone who helped that day, too.

Now, Field Day is almost upon us. This Wednesday is the Field Day auction. It's that time of year again to get rid of that stuff you don't need and make room for the bargains that await you at this year's auction. Bring your old equipment to donate to this worthy cause, Field Day food (and equipment if there's anything left). Bring cash, bring checks, bring your sense of humor. If you don't see anything you need, buy something for someone else.

We still need help for the FFA/4H judging on Saturday, June 3rd. If you can help out, let Greg Dean or I know as soon as you can. We were a little thin last time and could use 3 or 4 more people to cover the slots and fill in a schedule.

I guess that's it for now. See you at the auction!

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Program Meeting - March 22							
K9AHX KB9BJW WB9CZC N9DJK WD6DSJ KE9IT KB9JDJ KB9JPU K9KRE N9RRL	John Ott Ken Adams Dave Azpell Ed Stickrod Jonathan Wiggins Dave Roberts Gene Rausch Ben Stickrod J.B. VanSickle Ed Hirschinger	KD9SF WB9SWD WA9TGO KF9WX N9XPZ N9XTM N9XTN W7YE N9ZVM	Brad Lovett Curtis Sherwin Jim Canarecci Tim Gennett Sam Brummett Mike Kaiser Mark Conner Bob Martin Adam Rausch				

Business Meeting - April 11							
K9AHX	John Ott	KF9CT	Jack Freeman				
N6CXB	Bob Finch	K9FOH	Bob Lusby				
N9GKE	Bruce Stewart	W9IMU	Clarence Vaughn				
KE9IT	Dave Roberts	WD9JLN	Charles Bressler				
N9NWO	Greg Dean	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin				
KP9UP	Jeff Stewart	WA9TGO	Jim Canarecci				
N9XPZ	Sam Brummett	N9XTM	Mike Kaiser				
N9XTN	Mark Conner	W7YE	Bob Martin				
N9YTB	Tom Melville		Bradley Clayton				

Business Meeting - May 9							
K9AHX	John Ott	KF9CT	Jack Freeman				
N6CXB	Bob Finch	WB9CZC	Dave Azpell				
K9FOH	Bob Lusby	N9GKE	Bruce Stewart				
WD9HED	Gene Phillips	WD9JLN	Charles Bressler				
KB9JPU	Ben Stickrod	K9KF	Tom Kuespert				
K9LYA	Jim Collison	WA9LYC	Jim Davis				
WONSY	Roger Airgood	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin				
WA9TGO	Jim Canarecci	KF9UP	Jeff Stewart				
N9XPZ	Sam Brummett	N9XTM	Mike Kaiser				
N9XTN	Mark Conner	W7YE	Bob Martin				
KB9KCH	Bradley Clayton	W9YMT	Bill Martin				
-	Dave Hoppes	•	Mike Budzynski				

14 persons examined

8 new licenses earned

Total of 20 elements were passed. Five elements were failed. Seven new codeless Technicians. One upgraded to Advanced.

Those assisting were: Extra W7YE Robert D Martin Extra AA9LL George H Stine Extra KOFOH Robert D Lusby Extra KOJWI Clyde B Mauck Extra WOWQS Rex E Thomas Advanced KEDIT Dave Roberts Advanced WEDSWD Curtis Sherwin Novice