

Business Meeting

Tuesday, December 12th

Progress report from the nominating committee
WA9LYC & N9YTE

Don't forget
Banquet on January 24th

No Program meeting in December

2 KB9LKE lost \$48.00 at the last meeting
Are you going to lose \$54.00 at the next meeting?

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President	KF9UP	Jeff Stewart
Vice-Pres	W7YE	Bob Martin
Secretary	KF9WX	Tim Gennett
Treasurer	KF9CT	Jack Freeman
Director	K9LYA	Jim Collison

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COMING EVENTS

- 10DEC95 SUN 1300 VE Testing by KA9DSA, at the Danville, IL club's "A" frame, bring Photo ID, Original license & copy to go with 610, FEE \$5.90, Walk-in's Welcome (AA9JE of Paris, IL will hold exams on months tests are not held at "A" frame.)
- 12DEC95 TUE 0730 TARA Business Meeting
- 7JAN96 SUN 0800 Michiana Valley Hamfest Assn. Hamfest at Century Center downtown South Bend, \$5.00, Talk-in 145.29 & 146.52
- 9JAN96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING, **ELECTION NIGHT**
- 24JAN96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING, BANQUET, all persons with an interest in amateur radio are welcome to attend.
- 13FEB96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 28FEB96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 12MAR96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 27MAR96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 9APR96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 24APR96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 11MAY96 SAT 4-H/FFA Ag Judging (Forestry, Horse & Pony)
- 14MAY96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
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- 17MAY96 }
 18MAY96 }-- **Dayton Hamvention** (The Ham Event)
 19MAY96 } **Note Change in Dates**
 Bellefontaine Road Clubhouse 276-3855
 General Info 276-6930 Exhibits 276-6931
 Flea Market 276-6932 FAXmail 276-6934
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- 22MAY96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING, **Field Day Auction**
 only 8 days after the previous meeting!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 8JUN96 SAT 4-H/FFA Ag Judging (Poultry/Livestock/Dairy)
- 11JUN96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 26JUN96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 9JUL96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 24JUL96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 13AUG96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 18AUG96 SUN **LAFAYETTE HAMFEST**
ALWAYS 3RD SUNDAY IN AUGUST
- 28AUG96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 10SEP96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 14SEP96 SAT Superfest & ARRL National Convention, Peoria, Illinois
- 15SEP96 SUN Downtown Civic Center, This is a new site this year, located near the dam
- 25SEP96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 8OCT96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 23OCT96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 12NOV96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 27NOV96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING, doubtful, but the Constitution 'Sez Sew'
- 10DEC96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 25DEC96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING, **Wanna Bet**

T.A.R.A. Business Meeting Tuesday, 14 November, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 1931 hrs EST by president Jeff Stewart, KF9UP.

Reports

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer Jack Freeman, KF9CT, provided a summary of recent financial transactions. The balance of all club accounts is \$13,445.42. A complete report will be published in the next edition of the *Tattler*. He also provided a summary of transactions for the VE testing team, which had a net income for the year to date of \$118.00. He moved that these funds be returned to the VE team to be expended or forward to the ARRL, as appropriate. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dave Azpell, WB9CZC, reported that the antennas came through the recent windy weather in good shape.

Bob Finch, N6CXB, reported he is still working on repairs to the antenna tuner.

N6CXB also noted that the 6 meter rig previously loaned to W9YB still needed to be relocated.

KF9CT and Bruce Stewart, N9GKE reported that repairs to the generator were not yet complete.

KF9UP reported there were no plans to work SSB Sweepstakes as a club.

Old Business

KF9UP reported that the club had received a voluntary \$500 donation from the Tippecanoe County Historical Association, in recognition of TARA's work at the Feast of the Hunter's Moon. Emergency Management had expenses associated with the event and KF9UP recommended that TARA donate \$40 to Emergency Management to help cover. Bob Martin, W7YE moved for such a donation. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business

Jim Pfeiffer was introduced as a guest. He hopes to take his first exam in the near future. He expressed an interest in joining TARA. W7YE moved that he be admitted as a member. The motion was seconded and passed. W7YE further noted that the VE team hopes to hold a test session the third or fourth week of January.

KF9UP noted that the Greater Lafayette Christmas Parade would be held Sunday, December 3, and that volunteers would be needed to help with parade management. Duty would start at 1130 hrs EST and should be complete by 0230 or 0300 hrs. A sign-up sheet was distributed; those wishing to help but not at the meeting should contact Jeff.

KF9UP solicited members for the election nominating committee. Jim Davis, WA9LYC, and Ed Delp, N9YTE, agreed to serve. They will prepare a report for the December business meeting, with elections to be held at the January meeting.

Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD, confirmed that there would be no November or December program meetings due to conflicts with the holidays. The annual banquet will be at the January program meeting.

KF9CT reminded all present that club dues were payable in January.

N9GKE announced that the annual business meeting for Western Indiana Radio Emergency Services (WIRES) will be held Monday, December 11, 1900 hrs EST at the Red Cross. Annual dues of \$25 are payable by January 31.

Jim Collison, K9LYA, asked all members using the club station to check in with any Red Cross staff in the building prior to going to the station. KF9CT also reminded that station equipment should not be operated Sunday mornings between 0900 hrs and 1200 hrs EST to avoid interference with the PA system at the Unitarian Church.

N9YTE reminded that W9YB still plans to hold a license class next spring, prior to the April National Exam Day.

The attendance drawing was held for the \$48 prize. KB9LKE was drawn; as she was not in attendance the drawing at the December business meeting will be for \$54.

There being no other business, N9GKE moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 2005 hrs EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Gennett, KF9WX, Secretary

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de GEARVAKF BULLETIN Spring 1987

PACKETS MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS

The GEARVAKF Gift Shop will be open this year during the entire GEARVAKF AmateuRadioVention for the convenience of GEARVAKF members and friends who may want to remember their visit with a special gift. Gift Shop manager, Olda Haag, suggests radio packets, available in a wide variety of lengths (up to 256 bits). All are gift-wrapped & come complete with header stating donor's call & digi path. Packets may be stored in a cool, dark place almost indefinitely, and may be transmitted on any appropriate occasion. The Gift Shop also has a variety of connect messages and beacon texts, moderately priced. For the adventuresome, there are also reject-frames, numbered or unnumbered, for the do-it-yourselfer. --N8JR

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You know, Samson had the right idea when it came to advertising.

He took two columns and brought the house down.

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The bathtub was invented in 1850 and the telephone in 1875. If you had been living in 1850, you could have sat in the tub for 25 years without the phone ringing once.

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de WESTLINK Report, #685, 30NOV94:

**What's All This
About Hamgun Control?
by Burt Fisher, K10IK
with apologies to Gilda Radner**

What is all this I see on packet about gun control? Are we to have the big guns controlled? Are they working too much DX? Will the Brady Bill affect the DX contests? I see where multiple transmitter DX stations are being regulated OUT (no more assault stations). I see where some communities are offering \$50-100 for a gun. (Is a gun like a DX-40 or a QRP transmitter?)

Those trying to control guns think they operate on bands I never heard of: 22, .45 and a real strange band 30-30. Have the ARRL and NRA gotten together to promote big guns?

I guess hams do need big guns because from what I hear, their XYLs are always complaining about pee shoots.

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At the last Senate investigating session, a man who was to be questioned took his oath and sat down. The chairman inquired, "Have you a lawyer?"

The man declared, "No, sir. I've decided to tell the truth."

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
 TREASURERS REPORT
 NOVEMBER 14, 1995

DUES RECEIVED :

MIKE DIENER KB9JDA 96 & 97 \$ 12.00
 ED DELP N9YTE 96 & 97 \$ 12.00
 JAMES MILLIGAN KE9KA 95 & 96 \$ 12.00
 REX THOMAS W9WQS 96 \$ 6.00

TOTAL DUES \$ 42.00

OTHER INCOME RECEIVED...

TIPPECANOE HISTORICAL ASS'N (FEAST) \$ 500.00

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 542.00

DISBURSMENTS...

\$ 00.00

STARTING CHECKING ACCT 10/10/95 \$ 1875.73
 STARTING SAVINGS ACCT 10/10/95 \$ 5923.20
 C.D. NOTE BAL AS OF 10/10/95 \$ 5533.12

TOTAL IN CHECKING ACCT 11/14/94 \$ 1875.73
 TOTAL IN SAVINGS ACCT 11/14/95 \$ 5961.47

CD PURCHASED # 51-44948-1 YEAR 5.09 APY \$ 5533.12
 NOVEMBER 1, 1995 MATURE

CASHED OUT 11/08/95 MATURED AT \$ 5608.22
 NEW CD PURCHASED AT 5.30 APY # 5146289 \$ 5608.22
 MATURE DATE 9/MO - 08/08/96

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 13445.42

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
 JACK D. FREEMAN KF9CT
 TREASURER 11/14/95

VE TESTING ACCOUNTING TO T.A.R.A. NOVEMBER 14, 1995

	PAY OUT	PAY BACK
APRIL 12 VE START UP (BOB MARTIN)	\$ 150.00 - 94	
MAY 15 ARRL VEC FEE	\$ 12.25 - 94	
AUG 22 ARRL VEC FEE	\$ 19.25 - 94	
OCT 31 ARRL VEC FEE	\$ 19.25 - 94	
JAN 28 ARRL VEC FEE	\$ 15.20 - 95	
TOTAL OUT LAY -----	\$ 215.95	
MAY 21 VE TESTING - 94		\$ 40.25
AUG. VE TESTING (HAMEEST) - 94		& 63.25
OCT. 31 VE TESTING - 94		\$ 63.25
JAN. 28 VE TESTING AT RED CROSS - 95		\$ 47.20
MAY 13 VE TESTING - 95		\$ 56.00
AUG. VE TESTING - 95		\$ 48.00
SEPT. VE TESTING FROM AUG. - 95		\$ 16.00
TOTAL TAKEN IN -----		\$ 333.95

PAID OUT \$ 215.95
 TAKEN IN \$ 333.95
 DIFFERENCE = \$ 118.00

J.D. FREEMAN KF9CT
 NOVEMBER 14, 1995

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DISASTERS — GETTING READY FOR THE BIG ONE

By Ernie Hudson, K180 EC Montgomery Cnty
(Ed: Ohio)

Thoughts of winter and the severe weather it could bring, always takes me back to January 25, 1978. On that night and during the following day, a massive blizzard settled in on the whole Midwest. Below zero temperatures and a large snowfall coupled with high winds caused roads to be closed and power lines to come down. The Highway Patrol ordered all vehicles to stay off all roads unless they had 4-wheel drive. Stores quickly ran out of essentials if they were able to open at all. The Red Cross had to set up shelters in schools for the victims of power outages. Farms, where oil was a main source of heat, were at risk of losing everything. Hospitals were short of doctors and nurses and the sick and injured were delayed in getting to the hospital. Most residents were somewhat closed up in their homes. To sum it all up, life was pretty miserable for several days.

The ham operators did several relief tasks for the Red Cross and police agencies. Doctors and nurses stayed on for 2nd and 3rd shifts at the hospital while 4-wheel drive vehicles strained to get their replacements to the hospitals. Kidney dialysis patients who were much over due were also shuttled in by the 4-wheelers. Of course all of these vehicles carried a radio person, either CB or ham, (CB was big then) so that their progress could be tracked and new assignments made.

OK, so this was over 17 years ago, what's the big deal? The answer is that it could happen tomorrow just as easily as it happened then. Our best bet is to

be somewhat prepared for it. Here is a list of some of the things you can do to be ready.

1. Prepare now by stocking pantry shelves with canned and dried foods. Keep an eye on the milk and bread supply so you won't run out the first day you're closed in.

2. If you heat with oil, arrange to have your tank kept at least half full.

3. Think of the special needs of all members of your household for food and medications. Also consider the welfare of neighbors who may have special needs and may need your help just to survive.

4. Keep extra cash on hand and plenty of gas in the car so that when you can get out, you can go somewhere and buy what you need. The front wheel drive cars that many of us have today will do better on the roads than the cars of '78.

5. If you lose power, prepare to evacuate to a shelter in your area. Turn off the main water valve and drain the pipes. Empty as much water out of toilets as possible.

6. Stay off the telephone as much as possible to help keep the system from being overloaded with non-emergency calls.

The good preparation of your household ahead of time may mean that you can leave your family on their own sooner in order to come out and help with your radio as a ham. If you are going out to help as a ham, be prepared by having lined gloves, and a warm coat with large pockets. Layered clothing such as long underwear, sweaters, and insulated vests are a good idea too. You should wear hightop rubber boots or work shoes and

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take along extra socks. I can't say enough about spare batteries for your HT.

If you only use your HT occasionally and have had it a while, you may not have noticed how close your original batteries are to failing. Buying two new battery packs now might be a good idea for you. Also, the alkaline battery cases that you can buy for most HT's are a great investment because the life of alkalines is good and replacements would be easier to get than charged nicads during the emergency. If you have rapid charger for your nicads, bring it along. A quarter wave magmount and a cigarette lighter power cord might also be nice to have.

If we do have a blizzard this year, remember, I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

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de ShortSkip Vol XLIII #11; Nov95

What is CW?

* It is a unique, intimate, concise and effective communications skill still employed throughout the world.

* It is the most efficient mode in terms of power required for long-distance communication, least susceptible to interference, and conserving of the radio frequency spectrum

* It involves no accent or pronunciation problems, therefore providing a widely understood international language.

* It employs simpler, more reliable and easily maintained equipment than any other communications mode.

* It is an equalizer, negating age, speech impediments and dialectical difference; it provides for ready acceptance of youngsters in an adult environment.

* It is the ONLY radio communications mode that is understood readily by both man and machine.

* Please note: the above article was submitted for packet by NINCS as a reminder that it is a serious and viable means of communication. Any responses may be sent to me WA1HVD@KA1IAZ.RI.US

de CQ de W9MJL

December 1994

HEARD ON THE PARTY LINE

Old rigs never die, they just trade away.

To get a dipole up an oak tree, you must either climb a tree or wire an acorn.

Alimony is like making payments on a linear after its tubes go soft.

Philosophy is what you know nothing about, but must pass as traffic.

During the rainy season, some raise umbrellas, the XYL raises tomatoes, and I raise antennas.as.

The same ham who shouldn't have been on AM now shouldn't be on packet.

by Charlie Vorderbery - ARNS
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If you have to "take it or leave it"---leave it.
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de ShortSkip Vol XLIII #11; Nov95

Automatic Transmission from Mobile Office, Nov 1995

Popular Mechanics reports that Ford's 1995 Lincoln Continental boasts a state-of-the-art, cellular-based emergency alert system.

Two buttons -- one with a tow-truck icon, the other with an ambulance symbol -- are built into the car's overhead console. Press one of the buttons and the car's Global Positioning System determines the latitude and longitude of the vehicle and relays the coordinates, via cellular phone, to an emergency call clearing-house. This alerts the appropriate authorities.

The system, called RESCU (Remote Emergency Satellite Cellular Unit) may soon be available in other cars.

