

Business Meeting

ELECTION NIGHT

Tuesday, January 9th

Those recommended by the nominating committee:

- W7YE Bob Martin f/President
- WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin f/Vice-President
- KF9WX Tim Gennett f/Secretary
- WA9TGO Jim Canarecci f/Treasurer

Banquet, Wednesday January 24th

2 W9IMU lost \$54.00 at the last meeting

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T	A A	R R	A A	Vice-Pres	W7YE	Bob Martin
T	AAAAA	RRRR	AAAAA	Secretary	KF9WX	Tim Gennett
T	A A	R R	A A	Treasurer	KF9CT	Jack Freeman
T	A A	R R	A A	Director	K9LYA	Jim Collison

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## COMING EVENTS

- 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  
Nominations can still be made, with permission of the nominee
- 20JAN96 SAT 1330 VE Testing Session at the Red Cross Chapter House
- 24JAN96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING, BANQUET, all persons with an interest in amateur radio are welcome to attend.
- 28JAN96 SUN 0800-1400 Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Hamfest, Odeum Expo Center, Villa Park, IL, Talk-in 145.39, \$8.00
- 6FEB96 TUE K9DUW's Farm Equipment Sale, with sale of telephone equipment & Electronic Stuff to come at a later date. Note to DUW=be sure to give the Tattler sufficient notice. Note to members=He has a lot of stuff, and much more affordable than W9ASX's stuff. (A/Van)
- 13FEB96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 24FEB96 SAT 0800-1300 LaPorte ARC Hamfest, LaPorte Civic Auditorium, Mid-Winter "Cabin Fever" Hamfest, Talk-in 146.41 (131.8Hz), 146.52, A/Jan 96 QST
- 28FEB96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 10MAR96 SUN 0800 Indiana Hamfest & Computer Show, Indiana State Fair-grounds, All indoors, Paved Parking Lots, Forums, over 500 tables, Many Nationally Advertised Commercial Dealers, Flea Market, Talk-in 147.06 Repeater
- 12MAR96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 27MAR96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 31MAR96 SUN ARRL Hamfest, Grayslake, IL A/Jan 96 QST
- 9APR96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 24APR96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 5MAY96 SUN ARRL Hamfest, Wabash, IN A/Jan 96 QST
- 11MAY96 SAT 4-H/FFA Ag Judging (Forestry, Horse & Pony)
- 11MAY96 SAT ARRL Hamfest, Peotone, IL A/Jan 96 QST
- 14MAY96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
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- 17MAY96 )
- 18MAY96 )-- ~~Dayton Hamfest~~ (The Ham Event)
- 19MAY96 )
- Note Change in Dates**
- Bellefontaine Road Clubhouse 276-3855
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| 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 2JUN96 SUN ARRL Hamfest, Princeton, IL A/Jan 96 QST
- 8JUN96 SAT 4-H/FFA Ag Judging (Poultry/Livestock/Dairy)
- 9JUN96 SUN ARRL Hamfest, Willow Springs, IL A/Jan 96 QST
- 11JUN96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 22JUN96 SAT Field Day A/Jan 96 QST
- 23JUN96 SUN Field Day A/Jan 96 QST
- 26JUN96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING
- 9JUL96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING

**T.A.R.A. Business Meeting  
Tuesday, 12 December, 1995**

The meeting was called to order at 1935 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 \$13,356.42. A complete report will be published in the next edition of the *Tattler*. Funds totaling \$118 have been returned to the VE team. The old CD matured last month and had a rate of 5.09%. He has purchased a new 9 month CD at a rate of 5.30%.

KF9CT and Bruce Stewart, N9GKE reported that repairs to the generator were not yet complete. The generator has been relocated to KF9CT's garage for the winter. Discussion was held concerning the need for a trailer for the generator. Jim Collison, K9LYA, indicated the Red Cross may have a trailer available for this purpose.

Bob Martin, W7YE, reported he has purchased rubber stamps, pens, and is yet to buy postage for use by the VE team. He used the \$118 for this. Next VE testing session will be Saturday, 20 January, 1996, 1330 hrs at the Red Cross Chapter House.

Jim Davis, WA9LYC, and Ed Delp, N9YTE, reported that the following club members have agreed to stand for election in January: President, W7YE; Vice President, Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD; Treasurer, Jim Canarecci, WA9TGO; Secretary, Tim Gennett, KF9WX.

Old Business

KF9UP thanked those club members that had assisted with the Christmas Parade on 3 December, 1995.

New Business

None

Announcements

There will be no program meeting in December due to conflict with the holidays. The January program meeting will be the annual banquet, on January 24. Location and time to be announced.

The attendance drawing was held for the \$54 prize. W9IMU was drawn and was not in attendance. The drawing at the January business meeting will be for \$6.

It was noted that today is W7YE's birthday. He is 38.

There being no other business, N9NWO moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 1954 hrs EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Gennett, KF9WX, Secretary

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION  
 TREASURERS REPORT  
 DECEMBER 12, 1995

DUES RECEIVED :

ROBERT MARTIN W7YE 96 DUES	\$ 6.00
JIM PFEIFFER NC 96 DUES	\$ 6.00
PEDRO CASTILLO WB9RVN 96 DUES	\$ 6.00
ROBERT D. SMITH WB9VAL 96 DUES	\$ 6.00
JACK FREEMAN KF9CT 96 & 97 DUES	\$ 12.00
FRAN HUDLOW WA9HKK 96 DUES	\$ 6.00
HOWARD KOEHL KZ9Z 96 DUES	\$ 6.00
CHARLIE BRESSLER WD9JLN 96 DUES	\$ 6.00
CHARLES & BRENDA WILLIAMS N9VLW/N9XTL 96	\$ 9.00
BOB LUSBY K9FOH 96 DUES	\$ 6.00
TOTAL DUES	\$ 69.00

OTHER INCOME RECEIVED...

NONE \$ 00.00

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 69.00

DISBURSMENTS...

ROBERT MARTIN W7YE (VE MONIES RETURN)	\$ 118.00
F. E. M. A. VOLUNTEER FUND	\$ 40.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 158.00

STARTING CHECKING ACCT 11 14/95	\$ 1875.73
STARTING SAVINGS ACCT 11/14/95	\$ 5923.20
F.D. NOTE BAL AS OF 11/14/95	\$ 5533.12

TOTAL IN CHECKING ACCT 12/12/94	\$ 1786.73
TOTAL IN SAVINGS ACCT 12/12/95	\$ 5961.47
NEW CD PURCHASED AT 5.30 APY # 5146289	\$ 5608.22
MATURE DATE 9/MO - 08/08/96	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 13356.42

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
 JACK D. FREEMAN KF9CT  
 TREASURER 12/12/95

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 Did you hear about the guy who just couldn't take it anymore and enrolled in a self-help workshop called "Dealing with Post Self-Realization Depression?"

What it means is "know thyself -----but not to well."  
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NEW MEMBERS

Robert D. Smith Sr. 1408 Kossuth Street Lafayette, IN 47905	WB9VAL 742-6109
Howard E Koehl 2448 Poplar Lane Lafayette, IN 47905	KZ9Z 447-2218

We should also mention that KZ9Z's wife, daughter, and son-in-law are also hams, most (if not all of them) above General Class.

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 If something is confidential, it will be left in the copier machine.  
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D U E S

Through early December, we have 35 members who have pre-paid their dues, 25 thru 96, 6 thru 97, 2 thru 98, and 2 thru 99.

That leave 59 who need to put it on their list of bills to be paid.

Those that have paid only thru 1995, will have their membership expire February 29th, as per the Constitution & By-laws. A last minute reminder will be mailed in late February, but sure saves the Tattler, and the Treasurer, a lot of trouble if you don't wait until the last minute.

**RF light bulbs get approval;  
General Electric to market from ARRL Letter**

The Federal Communications Commission has waived its rules to permit the General Electric Company to begin market an "RF light-bulb." The Commission waived, at GE's request, FCC Rules Part 18 limits on the amount of RF Energy that may be conducted into the electric power lines by RF lighting devices in the band 2.2 to 2.8 MHz.

GE proposed marketing to consumers an unlimited number of RF light bulbs that comply with the conduction limits for nonconsumer RF lighting devices in this band. (FCC rules already permit RF lighting devices used in commercial environments to place this signal level on the AC power lines). The FCC said that there has been "no record of significant interference problems from the use of these devices in commercial environments," and also said that radio operations in the range 2.2 to 2.8 MHz "are not normally employed or intended for reception in residential environments.

GE was granted a waiver for one year, and the FCC reserved the right to revoke it if it determines that RF lighting devices operating under the conditions of the waiver create "severed interference problems."

Three years ago a California company, Intersource Technologies, promoted an RF-powered lightbulb that operated at 13.56 MHz and was designed, according to the company, to keep unintentional radiation to a minimum (a story appeared in August 1992 QST, page 49). a 25-watt RF bulb was said to generate as much visible light as a 100-watt conventional bulb. These bulbs were never marketed.

The ARRL will obtain samples of the GE bulbs for testing as soon

as they are available. ARRL Laboratory Supervisor Ed Hare, KA1CV, said that the new bulbs should not, if properly designed, create any more interference.

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de ShortSkip Vol XLIII #12; Dec95

**FCC Sets VE Test Fees For Reimbursement from ARRL Letter**

Effective January 1, 1996, the maximum allowable reimbursement fee for an amateur operator license examination will be \$6.07. The FCC set this amount based on the Consumer Price Index between September 1994 and September 1995 and it will be an increase from the current \$5.90.

Volunteer examiners and volunteer examiner coordinators may charge examinees for out of pocket expenses incurred in preparing, processing, administering, or coordinating reexaminations for amateur operator licenses. The amount of any such reimbursement fee from any one examinee for any one examination session, regardless of the number of elements administered, must not exceed the maximum allowable fee.

Beginning January 1 the ARRL/VEC will charge \$6.05 to each applicant (other than candidates taking Novice Class elements 1A or 2).

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de CQ de W9MJL Dec 1995

If you are planning on being in the Phoenix area during the Super Bowl affair you can write to The Arizona Repeater Association, PO Box 35758, Phoenix, AZ 85069-5758 and get a complete listing of the 20 repeaters around the area along with phone patch and PL information. Please send along a #10 SASE.

### Tri-Res Repeater On The Air Soon

The area's newest two-meter repeater is expected to be on the air around the time you receive this edition of The Feedline. The repeater is sponsored by the Tri-Res Repeater Association and will operate from antenna located near the top of a broadcast tower in Southern Wabash County. The 146.955 MHz repeater is expected to have hand-held coverage over several counties including Cass.

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de THE FEEDLINE Jan-Feb 1996

"You must learn from mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.

Sam Levenson

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de THE FEEDLINE Jan-Feb 1996

For the home that has everything comes the "Fish Club Virtual Aquarium." NEC Corp. recently introduced this full size water-filled fish tank which is really a high definition TV that shows incredibly realistic laser disc video of gold fish!

NEC says the fish don't need feeding, don't die, and don't need the water changed! Tired of gold fish? Then just press a button to select any of ten other species.

Over a thousand "fish machines" have been sold in Japan in the past six months with a price tag of \$15,000.

(from W5YI Report)

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"What am I supposed to do with this?" grumbled the motorist as the police clerk handed him a receipt for his traffic fine.

"keep it," the clerk advised. "When you collect four of them, you get a bicycle."

{{Note from K9KRE: This is an excerpt from the minutes of the November 10th meeting. It's being printed here to remind us that free is not necessarily free, and the expenses involved that we sometimes do not appreciate.}}

Dave N9OQW reports that the tower from Bill Ingram's business can be donated to the club since we are a not-for-profit club. Bill KA9DSA reports that the business he contacted to take the tower down wants \$600 an hour at a minimum of 8 hours to do the job. The club cannot afford that amount so looking for someone cheaper. Also Terry KA9DGS was contacted by the city parks, Doug Arns. In order to take down the tower and put it up at the A-Frame the club would have to have a million dollar insurance policy. Work would probably have to be done by bonded workers and set up at A-Frame according to city codes. This has to go before the city zoning board and the club would also have to sign a paper relieving the city of all liability. Gary KA9SKS has sent a letter to the IRS checking on our Federal tax number and Kathy is checking on insurance rates. At present time the so called tower project is in a state of limbo.

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This brings back two memories from past years. The tower that was donated to W9YB, and brought to the ground by the donor. Then W9YB found out how much it was going to cost them to have it erected, and decided they did not even have the funds to remove it from the donors property. Some of the local hams did pitch in and get it moved, but it never went back up.

And then the tower at the Red Cross Chapter House.....Maybe you can ascertain from the above why it came to be donated to the Red Cross, not TARA. K9KRE

Local CB operator spends night in jail  
By Jim Nies WX8F

Hams watching the news the night of December 9 sure took notice when the lead story involved a local CBER who was arrested for interfering with public service, a third degree felony, an offense for which there is no bond. While those charges were dropped the following Monday, the operator spent two nights in jail, apparently disposed of his equipment, has retained counsel, and is facing other charges.

Meanwhile, reports indicate law directors from other municipalities are interested in Moraine's "solution" to the interference problem. Ron Moorefield, WBILC, DARA's RFI committee chair, contacted ARRL Legal Counsel to apprise them of the situation. In addition, Montgomery County Sheriff Gary Haines contacted Moorefield to seek accurate information for local police chiefs and sheriff's dispatchers.

While a superficial understanding of FCC regulations and appropriate Federal law would seem to indicate that such enforcement is out of bounds for local officials, that doesn't help the immediate situation. If an amateur has interference problems, he or she should contact Ron at 667-0001 as soon as possible to try to alleviate the situation, or at least to educate the public officials.

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==[[[Editor's note: Do we have a similar law in this area?]]]======  
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"I wouldn't cry like that if I were you," said a passerby to little Bobby.

"Well," replied the distraught youngster between sobs, "you can cry any way you like, but this is my way."

Food for Thought.....  
A Twist on the Elmer Idea

(There) is the Ham who has some gray whiskers and has lost half a step, and would like to make some adjustments around the shack to ease the arthritis and aches and pains that accompany such activity, but no reverse Elmer wants to volunteer his young muscles and enthusiasm.

Have we forgotten the help and understanding we got from our Elmer? Maybe it's time for a Young Elmer task force, who will reach the same plateau and experience the same problems some day.

Think about it!  
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There is no job so simple that it cannot be done wrong.  
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If anything is used to its full potential, it will break.

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de RF-CARRIER; XL # 5 Jan 96

N6TX to be featured at Hamvention Banquet

This year's Hamvention banquet speaker will be Dr. Paul Shuch, N6TX, executive director of SETI League, a non-profit group originally set up to support the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

Shuch's article "Searching for Life Among the Stars," appeared in the August, 1995 QST. According to several reports, he was also an entertaining speaker at this summer's Midstates VHF/UHF conference in Colorado Springs.

Interested hams are urged to get tickets early, as space is a bit limited this year due to other, non-Hamvention, activities at the Convention Center.

## President's Column

de RF-CARRIER; XXXIX # 6 Feb 95

### Devil's DX Dictionary

By Garry Shapiro, NI6T

Ambrose Bierce, a misanthropic 19th century writer who disappeared in Mexico in 1913, is remembered for stories of the dark side of human experience. His Devil's Dictionary contained biting satiric definitions. In that vein:

**DXers** n. A group of like-minded optimists separated from their senses and by great distances, who employ hoary technology to exchange superficial pleasantries more efficiently accomplished by other means.

**DX net** n. An on-the-air seance in which DX stations are reputedly contacted through a conductor or medium called a "net control. Only the medium can certify the contact, since the two stations cannot hear each other.

**Flea market** n. An event for the ritualistic transfer of electronic junk between participants' garages

**PacketCluster(TM)** n. An electronic means of contacting DX stations without ever having to actually tune for them (often using software to eliminate all need for operating skills.)

**Contesting** n. A "Social" activity in which adults withdraw from the world for up to two days to "communicate" via radio \_ in short, arcane utterances\_\_\_\_\_ with as many participants as possible.

**QRM** n. All stations in a pileup other than the successful candidate; i.e., what you were in the pileup before the DX station came back to you.

**Hamvention** n. A large tribal gathering of Radio Amateurs, identifiable by such artifacts as rubber antennae attached to funny hats. Participants often communicate via small radios, even when in close proximity, while engaging in such rituals as exchanging junk. (See "Flea market.")

**160 meters** n. A spectral region wherein gather two or more hopeful fools for the purpose of listening to static crashes.

**6 meters** n. A spectral region wherein gather two or more hopeful fools for the purpose of listening to white noise.

From the June '94 Northern California DX Club "DXer" -- Garry Shapiro, NI6T, Editor, via ARNS.

Happy Holidays. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays — if only they didn't go by so quickly. It's time to start a new year and with it comes new leadership.

**Elections** - Club elections will be held at the January business meeting. The candidates are Bob Martin, W7YE, for President; Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD, for Vice President; Jim Canarecci, WA9TGO, for Treasurer; Tim Gennett, KF9WX, for Secretary. Additional nominations may be made before the elections at the January meeting. Otherwise, these will be the Club officers for 1996.

**Banquet** - The January program meeting will be the Club banquet. I'm planning on reserving the same room we had last year at the Sirloin Stockade. Mark your calendars for January the 24th at 7:30 and watch for the next issue of the *Tattler* for the final details.

**Dues** - Just another reminder that Club dues are due in January.

Best wishes for the new year and I'll see you in '96,



KF9UP

Business Meeting - Dec 12			
KF9CT	Jack Freeman	K9FOH	Bob Lusby
N9GKE	Bruce Stewart	K9LYA	Jim Collison
WA9LYC	Jim Davis	N9MIH	Glenn Ward
W9NSY	Roger Airgood	N9NWO	Greg Dean
KD9SF	Brad Lovett	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin
WA9TGO	Jim Canarecci	KF9UP	Jeff Stewart
KF9WX	Tim Gennett	W7YE	Bob Martin
WB9YPG	Mike Osborn	N9YTE	Ed Delp

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We rushed the President a little this month, so, in part, his short contribution is due to me. He was hoping to have all the final arrangements done for the Banquet.

As we write this, January 1, we are anticipating a significant snowfall tomorrow, so (as some of the oldtimers remember 3 banquets that we left to open shelters,) maybe we are safe for an enjoyable banquet in '96. /K9KRE