

Program Meeting

VIDEO NIGHT

Wednesday, February 28th

20 Towers & Beams  
30KW Generators  
2 Mile of Co-axial Cable  
1 Mile of Rotor Cable  
Two Custom Built Buildings

All for a DX-pedition

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N7DUK lost \$12.00 at the last meeting

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President	W7YE	Bob Martin
Vice-Pres	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin
Secretary	KF9WX	Tim Gennett
Treasurer	WA9TGO	Jim Canarecci
Director	KF9UP	Jeff Stewart

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## COMING EVENTS

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 (See page 1) This video is  
70-minutes, and will probably be projected on a screen  
so we do not have to all share a 13" TV.

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

17MAR96 TUE 1930 Storm Spotter Training, Tippecanoe Co. Extension Office

27MAR96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING

30MAR96 SAT 0800-1400 Michigan City ARC Hamfest, Michigan City HS,  
8466 West Paks Road, \$4.00

30MAR96 SAT 0800-1400 Columbus 13th Annual Hamfest, Bartholomew County  
Fairgrounds, Exit I65, East on SR46 for couple miles,  
then South on SR11 (Old-Old SR31) for less than two  
mile. Held inside, Talk-in 146.79, \$4.00

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 OST

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 Hamvention (The Ham Event)  
19MAY96 }  
Note Change in 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

13JUL96 SAT ARRL Hamfest, Indianapolis, IN A/Jan 96 QST

14JUL96 SUN ARRL Hamfest, Indianapolis, IN A/Jan 96 OST

24JUL96 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING

4AUG96 SUN ARRL Hamfest, Peotone, IL A/Jan 96 QST

13AUG96 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING

## Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association Business Meeting Tuesday, 13 February, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 1930 hrs EST by president Bob Martin, W7YE. Those present included W9BZF, KF9CT, N9GKE, N9JEA, WD9JLN, KB9KUQ, W9NSY, WB9SWD, KF9UP, N9VLW, KF9WX, N9XPZ, N9XTL, W7YE, N9YTE, WB6YLL.

### Reports

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer Jim Canarecci, WA9TGO, provided a summary of recent financial transactions. The balance of all club accounts is \$13,865.30. A complete report will be published in the next edition of the *Tattler*.

W7YE reported on a meeting of the executive committee which had been held just previous to the business meeting. See minutes which follow. There was an error in previous announcements concerning membership of two different antenna committees. The standing committee charged with responsibility for the antennas at the Red Cross is chaired by Dave Azpell, WB9CZC, and also includes Dick Collison, WD9CJS, and Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD. The Field Day antenna committee includes Bob Finch, N6CXB, Dave Roberts, KE9IT, and WB9SWD.

Ed Delp, N9YTE, has agreed to be the chair of the program committee. He will begin with the March program meeting. W7YE will show a videotape at the next program meeting, February 28, on a 1990 Dxpedition to Curacao.

W7YE reported on a program from Buckmaster, which is trying to collect group and individual photos for inclusion in future CD ROM's. For each 10 such photos submitted by TARA, Buckmaster will donate one CD to the club. N9YTE will take photos at April meetings.

Brenda Williams, N9XTL, reported the Indiana Veteran's Home has again offered to host Field Day activities.

Jack Freeman, KF9CT and Bruce Stewart, N9GKE reported on repairs to the generator. They have located a source for a parts manual, which will cost \$60.75. Still looking for a wiring schematic, which may cost that much again. The generator was manufactured for the military in 1968. The generator does not have electric start. Charlie Williams, N9VLW, will investigate other sources for documentation. There was considerable debate on whether to repair this generator, buy a new one, or continue to borrow generators for Field Day. It was finally concluded that additional investigation will be made by KF9CT to try to determine the cost to restore to working condition.

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

Tim Gennett, KF9WX, moved that TARA join AMSAT at a cost of \$30 and make an additional cash donation of \$220 to support the construction and launch of the Phase 3-D satellite. The motion was seconded by N9YTE. The motion passed.

WA9TGO presented a request from N6CXB for reimbursement for \$7.52 to cover repair parts to the Drake tuner. The request was approved.

### Announcements

WB9CZC announced that the Red Cross would be installing a fire and security alarm system. TARA members having keys to the building may need to exchange their keys and will also need to obtain a security code to enter the building.

Jeff Stewart, KF9UP, announced that W9YB (Purdue Amateur Club) is planning a fox hunt for the end of March.

J. B. VanSickle, K9KRE, announced that Gary Howard is home from the hospital and doing well.

The drawing was held for the attendance prize. Hubert Wood, N7DUK was drawn. As he was not in attendance the drawing for the March business meeting will be for \$18.

There being no other business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2013 hrs EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Gennett, KF9WX, Secretary

## **Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, 13 February, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by president Bob Martin, W7YE, at 1845 hrs EST.

He presented a list of possible objectives for TARA. He has appointed a steering committee to review these ideas and generate recommendations to direct the future growth of the club. That committee will be chaired by Jeff Stewart, KF9UP, and will include Dave Roberts, KE9IT, Bob Finch, N6CXB, and Bob Losby, K9FOH.

The executive committee discussed the prospect of donating money to AMSAT to support the launch of the Phase 3D satellite. W7YE called AMSAT and learned that the total cost of the project was estimated at \$5 million and would be paid for by hams around the world. The launch alone will cost \$1.5 million. AMSAT has pledged \$300,000 to the project, \$200,000 of which has already been raised, but it must still raise an additional \$100,000. The satellite is the most ambitious amateur satellite project to date. It will be multiband, multimode, high power, high apogee, and open to use by any licensed amateur, including Technicians. Matching funds are no longer available from the ARRL. It should be possible to work the satellite without major investments in equipment. The committee agreed to make a recommendation to the full membership to have TARA join AMSAT and make an additional cash donation for a grand total of \$250.

Membership of the two antenna committees was discussed. There was some confusion last month as to who was on what committee. The club's standing committee will be chaired by Dave Azpell, WB9CZC, and will include vice president Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD, and Dick Collison, WD9CJS. The Field Day antenna committee will include WB9SWD, Dave Roberts, KE9IT, and Bob Finch, N6CXB.

Ed Delp, N9YTE, was present and agreed to chair the program committee beginning with the March program. W7YE will show an hour and ten minute long video tape at the February program meeting on a 1990 Finnish Dxpedition to Curacao. Budget for that expedition was over \$1 Million.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1915 hrs EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Gennett, KF9WX, Secretary

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION  
 TREASURERS REPORT  
 FEBRUARY 13, 1996

DUES RECEIVED:

CHARLES BENDER WB9QQZ	96 DUES	\$ 6.00
DAN PORAT N9VFE	96 DUES	\$ 6.00
TIM MILLER N9DKI	96 DUES	\$ 6.00
NICK MILLER KB9BZV	96 DUES	\$ 6.00
DAVE CHASEY WN9NBT	96 DUES	\$ 6.00
JEFF STEWART KF9UP	96 DUES	\$ 6.00
DEB STEWART N92FJ	96 DUES	\$ 3.00
JIM CANARECCI WA9TGO	96 DUES	\$ 6.00
ROGER AIRGOOD W9NSY	96 DUES	\$ 6.00
TONY HARDESTY KB9LKD	97 DUES	\$ 6.00
LARRY CONNER K9KWJ	96 DUES	\$ 6.00
GENE PHILLIPS WD9HED	96,97 DUES	\$ 12.00
BOB COLLISON KA9EWD	96 DUES	\$ 6.00
BOB NIEWERTH KC9LI	96,97 DUES	\$ 12.00
TOTAL DUES		\$ 93.00

OTHER INCOME RECEIVED:

INTEREST ON CD #5146289	\$ 73.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 166.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

TRAILER LICENSE PLATE	\$ 20.75
TATTLER PRINTING & POSTAGE	\$ 294.35
SEPT '95 thru JAN 2 1996	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 315.10

STARTING CHECKING ACCT BAL 1/9/96	\$ 2399.73
STARTING SAVINGS ACCT BAL 1/9/96	\$ 6006.22
9 MONTH CD #5146289 PURCHASED 11/8/95	\$ 5608.22

CHECKING ACCT BAL 2/12/96	\$ 2084.43
SAVINGS ACCT BAL 2/12/96	\$ 6099.22
CD NOTE #5146289 BAL 2/8/96	\$ 5681.72

TOTAL ASSETS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
 JIM CANARECCI WA9TGO  
 TREASURER 2/12/96

\$ 13865.30

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 Asking dumb questions is easier  
 than correcting dumb mistakes.  
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 DE Journal-Courier.....

Tim Gennett has been named direc-  
 tor of physical facilities for the  
 Division of Housing and Food  
 Services. In his new position,  
 Gennett is responsible for the  
 housing and food services repair  
 and renovation master plan and  
 management of the University  
 Residences Television Antenna  
 Service. He also serves as the  
 liaison between housing and food  
 services and the university-wide  
 physical facilities office.  
 {{{{{We are a couple months late  
 with this information, but is  
 still an impressive "resume", as  
 is his work as Secretary of TARA  
 is also impressive.}}}}}} K9KRE

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 Microwave ovens would save even  
 more time if they could get people  
 to decide what they feel like  
 having for dinner.  
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 de THE FEEDLINE Mar-Apr 1996

**New Repeater Delayed**

The new repeater sponsored by  
 the Tri-Res Amateur Radio Club in  
 Wabash County has been delayed  
 indefinitely. Club president,  
 Steve Wilson, WB9SHY, said the  
 equipment package was not ready on  
 schedule, and the person who was  
 to climb the antenna tower became  
 unavailable.  
 Now because of the bad weather,  
 Wilson says the 146.955 MHz re-  
 peater will probably not be on the  
 air until sometime this spring.  
 But Stay tuned!

**D \_ U \_ E \_ S  
ARE OVERDUE**

According to records the following listed had their dues expire at the end of December 1995, with membership terminating 60 days later. They should also find a 'red' sheet of paper enclosed in this issue to help remind them that they are overdue.

WD9CJS	KB9KNP	WB9USL
KG9CK	AA9LH	N9VCO
N9DJK	KB9LKE	WB9WLU
WD6DSJ	AA9LL	WZ9X
N7DUK	K9LYA	N9XTM
WD9GON	N9MIH	N9XTN
KB9HGD	N9NWO	N9YAW
WA9IAL	KA9NYW	N9YTB
W9IMU	AD9OS	N9ZFF
KB9JDJ	KE9OV	N9ZND
KB9JPT	WB9SBV	N9ZVM
KB9JPU	WB9TIB	
KB9KCH	N9UFP	

David Hoppes                      Kevin Mc Donald

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 Never ask a question you really don't want to know the answer to.  
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 The following is being reprinted as food for thought. Maybe TARA needs to have a similar committee.

de RF-CARRIER;                      XL # 5 Jan 96

**DARA offers to help**

Unfortunately, every so often you hear of some unscrupulous hams taking advantage of a bereaved widow, offering to take the equipment off her hands for a "reasonable" price, then bragging about how little they paid for late model equipment. In light of that unfortunate situation the DARA Board wishes to note:

In case of a silent key, the club suggests interested parties contact Jim Bolin KB8NN, 845-0943, who will help dispose of equipment fairly, and advertise that equipment in the Carrier.

Gerry Howard, KA9JYY. former Club member now residing in Ocala Florida, received a Liver transplant in an operation started on January 21st, and ending in the pre-dawn hours of January 22nd, lasting about 15 hours. He just recently was released from the hospital to return to his residence, and considering everything he has been through, is recovering satisfactorily.

KA9JYY was a Lafayette police officer until he retired to Florida, serving many years as a Detective, and assistant Chief at the end of his career. He also worked for the local Motorola MSS at the same time, putting in about 20-years there, and was a very capable & knowledgeable 2-way radio technician.

Contact WA9HKK for updates.

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 de CQ de W9MJL                      Feb 1996

Bill KA9DSA reports that the new controller for the repeater has arrived and is with Larry KB9ANE. We are waiting on the 50 watt amp that has been donated. When Larry gets everything together to do the job, the repeater will be shut down for about a week. When all done Bill KA9DSA reports that we will have a much better system.

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 Heads should be weighed, not counted.  
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 de CQ de W9MJL                      Feb 1996

I don't know where the rest of mine is but Wall Street Journal only 14% of homes with income under 30,000 have computers but when you hit 50,000 then the homes with computers reads as 50%.  
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 They claim that only 7% of all PC owners have back up system and use them. 93% seem to-just let er fly

## Tippecanoe County Warning Sirens

There are currently 28 warning sirens located in Tippecanoe County as indicated in the box to the right. These sirens can be used to alert the public to a wide range of threatening conditions or disasters. This includes events like severe weather, tornadoes, flash floods, and chemical spills. The Tippecanoe County Emergency Management Agency, TEMA, is in charge of setting off those sirens in the case of such an emergency.

TEMA performs siren tests once a month, on the first Saturday of the month, at 11:00am (unless there is severe weather in the area). These siren tests are a way to 1) inform the public of how the sirens might be used in an emergency, and 2) check that the sirens are functioning properly.

To assure that each siren is functioning properly, TEMA collects reports on siren operation. These reports come from TEMA volunteers, amateur radio operators and through telephone calls to some of the sites.

In addition to the sirens already installed, 9 new sirens have been purchased and will be installed soon. The additional sirens will provide better coverage within the county, but will make it more difficult to cover the sirens during tests. That's where you come in; you could help check out a siren.

If you're available to check out a siren, get on the radio the morning of a test. Sometime after 10:30am, someone from TEMA should be available on the WIRES repeater. If you have a siren you'd like to check, let them know. Otherwise, they can assign you a siren to check. By checking in ahead of time, they can avoid having multiple people checking the same siren and get the maximum benefit from those helping.

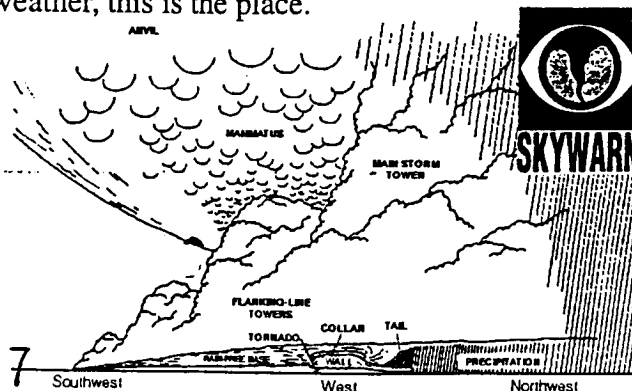
In order to identify a non-working siren, it is *very* important that siren reports correctly identify the siren being heard. You don't need to be sitting directly under the siren (that'll hurt your ears), but you should be close enough to be sure you hear the siren you're reporting and not some other siren in the distance. After the sirens have been set off, make your report to the TEMA representative and by 11:05 you'll be on your way knowing you've helped the community.

<b>Lafayette</b>
Lafayette City Hall 13th and Ball Greenbush and Creasy Fire Station (Greenbush and Elmwood) Fire Station (Five Points) Fire Station (Wabash Avenue) 18th and Manitou Wabash National
<b>West Lafayette</b>
West Lafayette City Hall West Lafayette High School Cumberland School Ball Field
<b>Purdue University</b>
Pharmacy Building Hawkins Graduate House Earhart Residence Hall Married Student Apt Bldg 214 Halsey Drive
<b>Tippecanoe County</b>
Tippecanoe County Law Enforcement Building Elston (SR 231 S and SR 25) 38 and Creasy Lane (Andrews Oldsmobile) Indiana Veteran's Home (Pyle Hall) Battle Ground Middle School Battle Ground Town Hall Clarks Hill Dayton Fire Station Montmorenci (Scherer Auction) McCutcheon High School Otterbein Town Hall Shadeland West Point Fire Station

## Storm Spotter Training

Storm Spotter training will be held Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM at the Tippecanoe County Extension Office.

If you're interested in becoming a storm spotter, renewing your storm spotter training or just learning more about what to look for during severe weather, this is the place.



**From the Pres's Corner:**

Welcome to the new TARA year! Thanks to all of you who attended our first meeting of 1996. It was a good startup meeting and was preceded by a Executive Board mt'g before the regular meeting started. Most of the board members felt that the pre-meeting was a good thing and we plan to continue them for now. Nothing is secret in these meeting and you are all welcome to attend if you so wish. By getting some of the routine housekeeping chores done early and getting organized, we may be able to get things done a little smoother.

There is lots to do. Elsewhere in this issue you can read the names of the committee members. Those of you who have been asked to serve on a committee have been already been asked your permission for the assignment.

I have been a member of a radio club before that only had one meeting per month and they took a full 60-90 minutes for routine admin. chores. There was then no time for the speaker or entertainment and the membership dwindled. We have the advantage of 2 separate meetings but even so, it would be nice to perhaps have a short program during the business meeting whan possible.

The Steering/Advisory Committee has a big and important job. We need to plan for the future and growth of the club. We need input about equipment needed, especially for the new modes (Satellite) and the new technician members we should be attracting. The club membership can grow with the VE testing program, by attracting old members to be more active and attending meetings, and by getting out the word that we are a friendly club with informative meetings and friendly guys.

We voted to give \$250 to AMSAT to help in defraying their heavy expenses with the "P3D" project. At present, AMSAT is short \$100,000 of their \$300,000 contribution due for just the cost of the launch. Our money will help. The ham satellite is a huge part of the future of Ham Radio.

Ed Delp is the new program chairman but will be mostly out of the country for the next month. Our program on Feb. 20 is a VCR tape describing the Radio Finteam's PJ9W contest effort on CURACAO in 1990. They spent over \$1 million dollars on that contest station and it is amazing to see their video. We should have their help on FD !

COME to the program meeting on the 20th. You will be entertained and impressed !

73, Bob Martin

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de THE FEEDLINE Mar-Apr 1996

**ATV Will Not "Do Dayton"**

Due to the high cost, "poor" facilities, and the date change, there will be no ATV meeting and no ATV Quarterly booth at the Dayton Hamvention. Henry Ruh, KB9FO, group head, says he will "see how it goes" this year, then make a decision about 1997.

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**Useless ? Information**

In compiling a list of amateurs in the 7 contiguous (to Tippecanoe) counties, it appears that the 350+ hams in those counties more or less equals those in Tippecanoe, depending on wether or not you count the Purdue students. --K9KRE

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A sure sign of teenage years is when your children stop asking you where they came from and start refusing to tell you where they're going.  
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de THE FEEDLINE Mar-Apr 1996

**Hamfest Date Announced**

The next scheduled North Central Indiana Hamfest has been set for October 5, 1996. The decision to hold the fifth annual event was reached after each of the sponsoring organizations, the Miami County Amateur Radio Club, and the Cass County Amateur Radio Club, each decided that there was enough interest to sponsor the event this year.