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The Wednesday meeting will convene

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At the Field Day Site, the Veteran's Home

Kevin Mc Donald lost \$30.00 at the June 10th meeting 2-----Drawing for \$36.00 July 3th-----0

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COMING EVENTS

25JUN97 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING. HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL Field Day Operations "Prep" at the Field Day Site 27JUN97 FRI same location as last year, at the Veteran's Home 27JUN97 FRI Also SAT & SUN 25th Fiddlers' Gathering 28JUN97 SAT Field Day A/JAN OST 29JUN97 SUN Field Day A/JAN QST 8JUL97 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING 11JUL97 FRI 1830 VE Tests at Cass County EMA building, 2 mile north of Logansport on SR17, no pre-registration required. 12JUL97 SAT Ø6ØØ-17ØØ Central Division Convention, Indianapolis, IN 13JUL97 SUN Ø7ØØ-13ØØ Central Division Convention, Indianapolis, IN Overnight camping, homebrew contest, transmitter hunts. forums, commercial exhibits 13JUL97 SUN Ø8ØØ Fox River Radio League's Hamfest, Waubonsee Community College, 5 mile NW of Aurora, IL, free parking, VE Exams at 1000, Talk-in 147.21 PL 103.4/107.2, \$5.00 16JUL97 WED 1830 & 1930 VE Testing, Indianapolis Power & Light Building 34th & Arlington Avenue, Contact: Tom Donaldson at 317-326-3168, Testing is by Appointment only. 20JUL97 SUN 0800-1500 Van Wert Ohio ARC Hamfest, Van Wert County Fairgrounds, free parking, Talk-in 146.85, \$4.00 23JUL97 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING, digital signal processing by Ed Delp, N9YTE 26JUL97 SAT Ø9ØØ VE Tests, sponsored by Clinton & Boone County ARCs, Frankfort Public Library, 1 block west of the Court House on the south side, Talk-in 146.61, Walk-ins are welcomed. 3AUG97 SUN Ø7ØØ-14ØØ Annual Land of Lakes, Angola Hamfest, sponsored by L/L ARC, Steuben County 4-H Fairgrounds, Crooked Lake, VE Testing, free parking, swimming, amusement park, outlet shopping malls nearby, Talk-in 147.18, 444.35Ø (131.8PL), 444.9ØØ (1ØØ.ØPL), 224.94, 54.Ø5Ø, 145.090 packet, \$4.00 A/N9SBZ 3AUG97 SUN Ø6ØØ-15ØØ Hamfesters Hamfest (an old-fashioned hamfest) (62nd annual), Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL, exhibits open at 0800, free flea market, 35 acres free parking, Talk-in 146.52, 146.64 (107.2 PL), 146.94. \$5.00 A/N9SBZ 8AUG97 FRI 1830 VE Tests at Cass County EMA building, 2 mile north of

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9AUG97 SAT Ø8ØØ Porter County Hamfest, sponsored by Porter County ARC, Porter County Expo Center, VE Testing 9-11, Walk-ins welcome, free parking, Talk-in 146.52, or 146.776 (131.8 PL), \$5.00

TARA BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, June 10, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by club president Bob Martin (W9YE). Those in attendance are as follows:

WB9CZC, WA9HKK, KB9JDE, KB9KUQ, KB9LKD, N9NWO, WB9SWD, WA9TGO, KF9UP, WE9Y, W9YA, W9YE, KZ9Z

1. Howie Koehl, KZ9Z, read the minutes from the last meeting which were approved as read with one exception:

Mike Diener (KD9JDA), not Gary Reed (WE9Y), was the member that made the comment during the antenna discussion that a crane may not be needed to do the job and will check it out.

- 2. Jim Canarecci (WA9TGO) gave the treasurer's report covering items such as:
 - a. Dues received
 - b. Total income
 - c. A disbursement of \$100.00 for the Lafayette Limo bus trip to Dayton
 - d. Checking account balance being \$463.84
 - e. Certificate of Deposit
 - f. Total Assets equal \$13,709.42

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Discussed was a bill for Henriott Insurance for \$200. Jim Canarecci is to make one final check with Bruce Stewart (N9GKE) for confirmation of amount and coverage.
- 2. It was reported that our other insurance had expired.

NEW BUSINESS MARNH (WRYE)

1. Bob Finch (WOYA) passed out a list of Field Day (FD) jobs and volunteers were called for:

a.	Gasoline and Generators	Jack Kueberth (KB9KUQ) will check with
		Emergency Management and Greg Dean
		(N9NWO) will check with the National Guard
		on loaner generators.
b.	Food Service	Bruce Stewart will take care of the food.
c.	Port-a-pots and Trash Control	Bob Finch will take care of obtaining the
		port-a-pots.
d.	Antennas	Curtis Sherwin (WD9SWD)
e.	Novice Table and Antennas	Tim Gardner (KB9JDE)
f.	Satellite Communication	
g.	SCM Msg. and ARRL Msg. Copy	Bob Finch (secondary)
h.	Equipment and Set Up	Bob Martin (W9YE) and Jeff Stewart
		(KF9UP) will bring some equipment.
i.	Trailers	Curtis Sherwin will bring a little trailer. Jeff
		Stewart making a call for another.
j.	Grounding and Safety Concerns	In trailer with the generators

k.	Computers and Logs; Contest Entry to ARRL	Curtis Sherwin, Jeff Stewart, and Dave Azpell (WB9CZC) will handle some of the computer needs while Bob Finch will supply the software and training on that software on Friday before FD.
I.	Publicity and Guest Registration, Greeting, TV Station, etc.	Bob Martin will contact the Veteran's Home people.

- 2. Bob Martin passed to the attending members a copy of the 1997 FD Rules.
- 3. The next item for discussion was the funds that were netted at the FD auction (\$267). The amount was short of what we had last year and because of this shortfall, it was felt that we would not be able to have the same type of food as then. Suggestions are as follows:

 - a. Hamburgers and no steaks (or maybe small steaks).
 b. Food should be left up to the food service volunteer.

 - c. Need to make the food attractive enough to get people to come out to FD site.d. Ask for donations to subsidize auction funds from those not doing work at FD or not contributing at auction.
 - Tim Gardner questioned that the club could subsidize the auction funds for food. Put up a donation can at the FD site.

 - Bob Finch motioned to continue with the same type of meal as last year. Fran Hudlow (WA9HKK) seconded and the motion carried.
 - h. It was moved (by Jim Canarecci) and seconded to put a can out for donations at the FD site. Motion carried.
 - FD location is the Veterans Home (same as last year).
 - Why such low Interest in FD Auction?
- Dave Azpell informed and/or suggested to everyone:
 - a. That the Red Cross building remodeling has begun.
 - b. The meeting room will be carpeted since it will be used as a classroom.
 - c. Motioned that the club fund a piece of carpeting for the Ham Shack to be done at the same time the classroom is carpeted. He suggested it might be approximately \$450. Tim Gardner seconded. After discussion, some considered the tile floor is in OK shape and was worried about static buildup with the carpet the Red Cross might purchase. Also, carpet for the Ham Shack may be considered at a future time. Motion did not carry.
 - d. Rug in Ham Shack be removed because it has an odor and that the tile floor be given some attention (cleaning and wax). Carpet was removed after the meeting.
- 5. Jeff Stewart asked for volunteers to help out at the Soap Box Derby at Purdue. He will be there but needs 2 more people to help with communications. The Derby starts Saturday the 14th at 8 am. Bob Finch and Bob Martin said they would help.
- 6. Curtis Sherwin reported on the antenna status. He is waiting on information from some vendors. Also, we need to get this done before fall season. Regardless, the antennas that are up there will be pulled down.
- 7. Greg Dean asked about the number of dues paying members. Jim Canarecci said that we have approximately 70 dues paying members. Greg wondered 1) why there is only 70 out of approximately 450 hams in this community that are members; 2) why so apathetic?
- 8. Tim Gardner would like to compile a list of e-mail addresses for area hams to be published in the Tattler. Please send yours to him if you have one. His e-mail address is: tgardner@glcc.com.
- The drawing was won by Kevin McDonald, who was not there to collect his \$30.
- 10. It was moved by Greg Dean and seconded by Tony Hardesty (KB9LKD) that we adjourn.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED JIM CANARECCI WA9TGO TREASURER

FEEDLINE May-Jun-Jul 1997

Jammer Blocks Elkhart Repeater

Someone has been purposely blocking the input signals to one of Elkhart's 2-meter amateur repeaters. With the jamming signal present, the 145.430 MHz repeater becomes unusable.

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So far five different portable transmitters have been discovered which had been placed at strategic locations so as to cause interference to the repeater's receiver on 144.830 MHz. Each of the jamming transmitters was set up so as to cause severe problems when the repeater was being used on behalf of the Elkhart County Emergency Management Agency.

The jammer reportedly went so far as to purchase a TV set from a local discount store and install a jamming transmitter inside of the case. The transmitter was set up so it would transmit on the Elkhart repeater's input frequency when ever the TV set as turned off. He then boxed up the set and returned it to the store. He was careful to open the fox from the bottom so the carton would lock unopened. careful to open the lox from the bottom so the carton would lock unopened.

When the set was then legitimately sold to an elderly customer, the TV began to jam the Elkhart 145.430 system.

Last Tuesday's meeting was devoted mostly to FD topics. For those of you who were not there should know the

following:

Our FD auction only netted about \$240 which is not enough to cover our expenses. We discussed our options and decided to ask those who attend and who did not contribute to the auction moneys to donate to the fund if they want to eat with If we are still short we will use treasury money to subsidize the costs.

We have the permission of Mr. Hawkins, the Vet's Home administrator to conduct our FD at

our usual site at the Home.

We have a large generator offered for our use 3. that is mounted on wheels and has 2 large 1000 watt lights on it. The only disadvantage of this is that it will burn a lot of gasoline!

4. I am trying to get hold of Charlie Williams to see if we can get the large Army tent that we had last year to use in case of rain and for a

kitchen and eating area.

Most of last year's managers will do their same job this Some of us will be out there Friday evening, June 27 to begin setting up. Monitor 7.135 on the 2 meter repeater to get the latest news that day or that week.

Bob

de Journal Courier

Lafayette Leader

DEATHS

Robert C. Collison, 75

Robert C. Collison, 75, of 1522 Franklin St., died unexpectedly at 3 a.m. Saturday, June 14, in Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born Nov. 6, 1921, in Cheboygan, Mich., he graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1939 and at-



tended Western Michigan University for two years. He married Ruth E. Knutson on Aug. 21, 1940 in Grand Haven, Mich. He was a resident Lafayette for most

of his life. He lived in Fennville, Mich., for five years

before returning to Lafayette in 1996.

He worked 35 years as a district executive for the Boy Scouts of America, retiring in 1982.

An Army veteran of & World War II, he was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, a

member of the Lions Club and he was an amateur radio operator. He enjoyed golf.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, James A. Collison and Richard D. Collison, both of Lafayette; a daughter, Mrs. Douglas (Mary) Strohl of Indianapolis; two brothers, William Collison of Springfield, Mo., and Glenn Collison of Muskegon, Mich.; a sister, Lorraine Dalman of DeLand, Fla.; and six grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

Service June 18 in Hippensteel Chapel, the Rev. David R. French officiating. Interment Rest Haven Memorial Park.

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Mr. Collison was active in the early days of the Lafayette Hamfest driving over from Illinois to work for TARA.

He was the Father of K9LYA and WD9CJS, Grandfather οf KA9IHB, Father-in-Law of WB9WLL. All five either are, or have been members of TARA over the years, with Mr. Collison joining the club after his retirement.