

Tuesday December 9th
Business Meeting

Wednesday December 24th.....
Christmas Eve

Tuesday January 13th
Election Night

Wednesday January 28th
Banquet, same place as last year

Steve Critser KF9VA lost \$12 October 14th
Tim Miller N9DKI lost \$17 November 11th

2-----Drawing for \$24.00 December 9th-----0

TTTTT	AAA	RRRR	AAA	President	W9YE	Bob Martin
T	A A	R R	A A	Vice-Pres	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin
T	AAAAA	RRRR	AAAAA	Secretary	KZ9Z	Howard E Koehl
T	A A	R R	A A	Treasurer	WA9TGO	Jim Canarecci
T	A A	R R	A A	Director	N9GKE	R Bruce Stewart

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COMING EVENTS

- 7DEC97 SUN 1300 VE testing in Danville, IL, at the Veteran's Administration, 1900 East Main Street, Building 98, Room C-104 (2nd floor), Bill Wright 217-442-3916
- 9DEC97 TUE 1930 TARA BUSINESS MEETING
- 12DEC97 FRI 1830 VE Tests at Cass County EMA building, 2 mile north of Logansport on SR17, no pre-registration required.
- 24DEC97 WED 1930 TARA PROGRAM MEETING, **Wanna Bet**
- 4JAN98 SUN 0800-1500 Michiana Valley Hamfest Assn., Century Center, US31-33 Business, North at Jefferson, Talk-in 145.29, \$5.00
- 13JAN98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting, **ELECTION NIGHT**
- 28JAN98 WED 1983 TARA Program Meeting, **BANQUET**
- 10FEB98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting
- 25FEB98 WED 1983 TARA Program Meeting
- 8MAR98 SUN Hamfest, Morgan County Repeater Assn., Indpls, IN /ARRL
- 10MAR98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting
- 25MAR98 WED 1983 TARA Program Meeting
- 14APR98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting
- 22APR98 WED 1983 TARA Program Meeting, 8 days between meetings
- 12MAY98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting
- 15MAY98 }
- 16MAY98 }-- **Dayton Hamvention** (The Ham Event)
- 17MAY98 }
- 26MAY98 WED 1983 TARA Program Meeting
- 9JUN98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting
- 24JUN98 WED 1983 TARA Program Meeting
- 26JUN98 FRI Fiddlers Meeting
- 27JUN98 SAT Fiddlers Meeting
- 28JUN98 SUN Fiddlers Meeting
- 14JUL98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting
- 22JUL98 WED 1983 TARA Program Meeting, 8 days between meetings
- 11AUG98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting

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 The tests in Danville, Illinois are given at the club's "A" frame, from 1300 to 1600, walk-ins accepted. Bring Photo ID, Original license AND copy (copy to go in with 610), and money for the FEE. Contact Bill Wright, K, KA9DSA. {AA9JE of Paris, IL will hold exams on months not held at "A" frame}

The tests in Lebanon are at the Cable TV Office (in back of Preston Safeway on SR39), from 1PM to 3PM...generally in the Odd-numbered months
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 A lawyer had just won a damage suit for his injured client and presented his bill for one-half the award. The client thumped and jumped and hollered.

Finally, the lawyer announced, "I furnished the skill, the eloquence and the legal learning to win your case. After all, anybody can fall down a manhole!"

TARA BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday, October 14, 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:

WB9BRX	KB9JDE	WB9SWD
WA9TGO	KF9UP	WE9Y
W9YE	N9YTE	KZ9Z

1. Howie Koehl, KZ9Z, read the minutes from the last meeting which were approved as read.
2. Jim Canarecci, WA9TGO, gave the treasurer's report:
 - a. No income for month
 - b. \$25 expense to the American Red Cross
 - c. Ordered AES Comet Antenna (3 Band Whip) @ \$254.85
 - d. Ordered Force 12 HF Antenna @ \$648.45
 - e. Checking account balance - \$638.84
 - f. Savings account balance - \$5845.16
 - g. Certificate Of Deposit - \$6129.99
 - h. Total Assets of \$12,613.99

OLD BUSINESS

1. AES Comet Antenna
 - a. Forbes came to put it up but it didn't get there yet.
 - b. Antenna was not cut correctly.
 - c. Curtis Sherwin (WD9SWD) said they had insufficient time to check it out.
2. Force 12 Antenna
 - a. Not here yet but is on order.
3. Satellite Antenna
 - a. Not built yet.
4. Wires Antenna Relocation
 - a. WIRES moving antenna on TV18 tower and need donations to offset some of cost.
 - b. Contact Bruce Stewart (N9GKE) @ 742-2367 to donate.
5. AMSAT Satellite
 - a. Was set to launch around 1st of October.
 - b. Did not happen.
 - c. Ham unit not ready to go yet.
 - d. If not ready at launch time, satellite will go with equal weight concrete in place of ham unit.
6. Insurance Policy
 - a. No information on insurance agent for presentation to club on policy coverage. Bob Martin (W9YE) to follow up.
 - b. We have copy of policy.
7. Feast Of Hunter's Moon
 - a. No report as yet.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of officers
 - a. Bob Martin will put together a nominating committee.
 - b. President and Treasurer need to be filled.
2. October Program Meeting Presentation Tour (suggestions) - Decision will be in Tattler.
 - a. Ritron Radio Manufacturing (Indianapolis)
 - b. TV Cable Company
 - c. Cinergy_{PSI} (Noise Interference Problems)
 - d. 911 Center @ Police Station
 - e. WLF1-TV 18
 - f. Local Cellular phone company
 - g. Purdue Computer Center
3. Ken Adam's (silent key) Tower
 - a. Jim Canarecci informed the club that the tower was donated to the club for us to sell.
 - b. 57' - 60' fold-over w/o base.
 - c. Contact Jim at (765) 474-6570.
4. '98 Hamfest (HF)
 - a. Is it on for '98? Yes....
 - b. Tim Gardner (KB9JDE) will get flyers printed and deliver some to the Lebanon HF.
5. Member Nomination
 - a. Dave Dull (WB9BRX) was nominated for membership. Vote taken and was unanimous.
6. Antenna Analyzer(s)
 - a. Discussion on the club purchase of antenna analyzer(s) for HF ^{and/or} VHF/UHF. Cost would be approximately \$240.
 - b. Ed Delp (N9YTE) motioned to authorize Curtis Sherwin no more than \$556.00 to purchase the analyzer(s). Tim Gardner seconded.
7. The drawing of \$12 was won by Steve Critser (KF9VA), who was not there to collect.
8. A motion was made @ 2030 hours by Howie Koehl (KZ9Z) that we adjourn. Gary Reed (WE9Y) seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Howie Koehl, Secretary, KZ9Z

FOLD OVER TOWER FOR SALE

Ken Adam's tower has been donated to TARA for us to sell and keep the revenue. It is about 57 feet high and folds in the center with a winch and a counter balance leg. The tower is in very good condition, but the winch is rusted & needs repair/replacement. The legs are about 1" x 1/16" heavy gauge steel, set 11.25" apart. The cross bracing is 5/16" dia. 2 bar with 16" steps. There is also an Alliance HD73, 6 wire rotator but no control box. This would be a great tower for VHF antenna experimenting. For more information contact Jim Canarecci, WA9TGO at (765) 474-6570, or jimcana@aol.com.

TARA BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday, November 11, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1937 hours by club president Bob Martin (W9YE). Those in attendance are as follows:

WZ9A	WE9Y
WB9BRX	W9YE
WB9SWD	KZ9Z
WA9TGO	

1. Howie Koehl (KZ9Z) read the minutes from the last meeting which were approved as read with the following exception:
 - a. The offices up for election are for President, Vice-President, and Treasurer
2. Jim Canarecci, WA9TGO, gave the treasurer's report....see insert in Tattler
 - a. Corrected last month's checking account balance — \$639.11
 - b. Corrected last month's total assets — \$12,614.26

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bob Martin (W9YE)
 - a. Stated we now have some analyzers and are for club use. To better keep track of where they are, they need to be signed for when someone borrows them.
 - b. The P3 satellite was fired. Unfortunately the Ham unit was not on board.
 - 1) There should be a better chance for it to go the next time as the software bugs were exterminated.
 - 2) The club made 2 donations totaling approximately \$500 for this shot.
 - a) Hams may have to come up with a similar amount for next one.
 - c. Election is in January.
 - 1) The club still needs a nominating committee.
 - 2) Names can be submitted for nomination in December and January (before vote).
 - 3) Be sure to first get approval from the person you are nominating.
2. Curtis Sherwin (WD9SWD)
 - a. Has spent some time on the tower.
 - b. Need more help.
 - c. Received a piece of coax that was defective or incorrectly marked. Another piece on order.
3. Rob Johnston (WZ9A)
 - a. November sweepstakes (phone) is this weekend.
 - 1) Starts 4 p.m. Saturday and ends 4 a.m. Monday
4. The drawing was won by Tim Miller (N9DKI) who was not present to receive his \$18.
5. It was moved at 2012 hours by Howie Koehl and seconded by Curtis Sherwin that we adjourn. So voted, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Howie Koehl, Secretary, KZ9Z

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
TREASURERS REPORT
NOVEMBER 11, 1997

INCOME RECEIVED:

DAVE DULL WB9BRX	97,98	DUES	\$ 8.00
SAVINGS ACCT. INTEREST	JULY, AUG, SEPT		\$ 38.34
	TOTAL INCOME		\$ 46.34

DISBURSEMENTS:

AES, MFJ 259 & 219N SWR ANALYZERS + DIP COILS			\$ 374.65
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 374.65

STARTING CHECKING ACCT BAL 10/16/97			\$ 639.11
STARTING SAVINGS ACCT BAL 10/16/97			\$ 5845.16
CHECKING ACCT BAL 11/11/97			\$ 264.46
SAVINGS ACCT BAL 11/11/97			\$ 5883.50
CD NOTE #5146289 BAL 8/8/97			\$ 6129.99
CASH AND CHECKS ON HAND			\$ 8.00
	TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 12285.95

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
JIM CANARECCI WA9TGO
TREASURER

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
TREASURERS REPORT
OCTOBER 16, 1997

DUES RECEIVED:			\$ 0.00
	TOTAL INCOME		\$ 0.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

RED CROSS, RUTH COLLISON MEMORIUM			\$ 25.00
AES, COMET GP15 ANTENNA & TRIPLEXER			\$ 254.85
FORCE 12, C3D HF BEAM & BALUN			\$ 648.45
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 928.30

STARTING CHECKING ACCT BAL 9/10/97			\$ 1567.41
STARTING SAVINGS ACCT BAL 9/10/97			\$ 5845.16
CHECKING ACCT BAL 10/16/97			\$ 639.11
SAVINGS ACCT BAL 10/16/97			\$ 5845.16
CD NOTE #5146289 BAL 8/8/97			\$ 6129.99
CASH AND CHECKS ON HAND			\$ 0.00
	TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 12614.26

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
JIM CANARECCI WA9TGO
TREASURER

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The Dictionary of Reality

Charlie KASQF

Capacitance-- quantity usually measured by how serious the electronic problem is and how much it's going to cost to fix (see Homebrew).

code-- the illness that stuffs up your node.

Computer program checksum-- a figure which, if ever discovered by your spouse, could lead to divorce proceedings.

Digital communications-- those signals, given by hand, to the idiot who just cut you off on the highway.

Distortion-- the difference between what the person on the other end of the contact said and what you thought they said.

Dummy load-- what you thought was a bargain in the flea market, as you try to haul it half a mile to your car by yourself.

Duplex-- a bad house for a ham to live in; the neighbor invariably claims your radios are interfering with everything including his toilet.

Fax-- what your spouse expects when you try to explain why you bought another boat anchor.

FCC-- hard-working dedicated public servants or lazy no-good bums with nothing better to do, depending on whether they are the local repeater jammer or you.

Feedback-- the phone call from next door that occurs when you switch on the amplifier.

Field Day-- that time of the year when you get to do with a radio in a tent what your spouse won't let you do in the house.

Filter-- paper item for the coffee maker that you always run out of during the big DX contest.

Final Amplifier Tube-- the one that blows and finally convinces you to go all solid-state.

Fundamental frequency-- how many cups of coffee you can drink while operating before you really need a break.

Generator-- device producing electricity and receiver noise simultaneously.

Gigahertz-- physical pains produced by intense laughter.

Ground-- where you stand, gazing up at your antenna trying to figure out why it won't work.

Guy Wire-- a convenient place for neighborhood kids to hang their kites.

Harmonic Distortion-- excessive racket caused by your children, usually occurring just when the rare DX gets down the list to you.

Headphones-- marvelous items for eliminating harmonic distortion.

Hertz-- what your hand does after you short out the power supply with a screwdriver.

History (Amateur Radio)-- usually considered to have been made the day the card that qualifies you for the Honor Roll arrives in the mail.

Homebrew-- medicinal liquid of therapeutic and sedative qualities, usually administered for electronic reasons (see -- Final Amplifier Tube).

Horizontal Antenna-- a vertical after a bad windstorm.

Kilohertz-- level of injury when you short out a power supply with your tongue.

Lightning, protection from-- similar to "IRS, Protection From", when it's you they want, there's nowhere to run to, nowhere to hide.

Logic-- a quality most 3rd world instruction manuals are short on.

Long path-- the only one not through your neighbor's TV aerials.

Matching-- a lot easier with paint colors than it is with some antennas.

Memory, direct access-- something that's very difficult after 12 hours of contesting.

Microprocessors-- not big sellers, as they only hold a teaspoon of food at a time.

Multiplex-- the building you find yourself standing in front of, choosing a movie to watch because "them damn contesters are on again."

Mutual Coupling-- a full explanation on this subject is available from the author on receipt of a SASE and proof of age (over 21).

Node-- that big think on your face that gets stuffed up when you have a code.

Novice-- a potential radio club officer before reality sets in.

President's Address

Gary Des Combes, NSEMO

This month I would like to share with you some information regarding issues DARA and the officers are facing. Of course I can not give complete details on all of them in one issue but I will focus on the most pressing issues. First is the Antenna Team and it's efforts to install new antennas and repair existing antennas. Just before the last meeting I received word from our insurance carrier that basically we can not climb and repair our own towers. What this translates into is if a member with the best of intentions were to climb any DARA tower and would be injured in a fall they would not find relief through our insurance and that the club itself and the officers would face liability. This same problem faces many clubs across the country not just DARA. I am sure all of you are aware of what has happened and is happening in our country today when it comes to liability issues. One example come to mind of spilled hot coffee at a McDonald's which resulted in a Multi million dollar award. No matter how absurd we may feel this was the fact remains we also could potentially face such problems. I can assure you that I have not simply rolled over and thrown my hands up. I have conveyed the message back to our insurance carrier this situation is not acceptable to me and we must have an alternative solution. Unfortunately we have not found a solution yet so the Antenna team can climb our towers. Therefore it is with deep sadness I must direct for the present time no one may climb the towers for any reason. Please remember DARA belongs to each and every member. Anyone who ignores this directive could effectively destroy DARA as we know it today.

Our year is drawing to a close and we will be electing new club officers in January. I would like you all to be thinking about who you want for new officers.

Jeff Stewart has agreed to chair the nominating committee so you need to communicate to him your preferences. The nominating committee will give its' report to the club in January, at which time the meeting will be open for nominations from the floor and the election will be held. Please consult with your prospective officer and be sure he is willing to serve.

There will be no Dec. program meeting as that falls on Christmas eve night!

The Jan. business meeting will be the election and any other business that comes up. Curtis has had several problems getting up the antennas but is still working on the problems and may be calling on you for help.

The Jan. program meeting on Jan 28 will be at 6:30 at the meeting room in the "Country Buffet" restaurant out on highway 38 ----- the same place we were last year. I am looking for some kind of short (cheap) entertainment but so far have not found any.

73, Bob
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 A light year is a year with half the calories.
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 We note here the passing of Helen F. Davis Joseph, mother of K9QCE, Dave Joseph. While not a member of TARA, he is known by many of us as he has been active in the Lafayette area for many years, and also active in the TIOGA ARC.