June 1998 146th Edition T.A.R.A. Tattler

Friday June 26th

Field Day Set-up

starts at 1300

Field Day

Saturday and Sunday

Mike McDonald, N9VCO lost \$24.00 May 12th Jim Davis, WA9LYC lost \$30.00 June 9th

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COMING EVENTS

20JUN98 SAT 0800 Soap Box Derby (see minutes) 24JUN98 WED 1930 TARA Program Meeting 26JUN98 FRI 1300 Field Day setup starts @ the Soldier's Home 26JUN98 FRI Fiddlers Meeting A/742-1419 (Kirk Hallman) 27JUN98 SAT Field Day 27JUN98 SAT Fiddlers Meeting 28JUN98 SUN Field Day 28JUN98 SUN Fiddlers Meeting 2JUL98 THU Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall thru on display 24 hours per day at the (see minutes) 8JUL98 WED Tippecanoe County Amphitheater 11JUL98 SAT 0600-1900 Indianapolis Hamfest, ARRL Central Div. Convention Marion County Fairgrounds, Homebrew contest, Transmitter hunts, License testing 0900-1200, (Appears to be only one day this year) A/N9SBZ 12JUL98 SUN Kankakee ARS 15th Hamfest (new day, new month), Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL, 35 acres-Free parking, Hourly door prizes, 1st prize \$300.00 cash, 2nd prize \$100.00 cash, 3rd prize \$100.00 cash, Cash prize winner need not be present, Talk-in 34/94, \$5.00 14JUL98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting 19JUL98 SUN 0800-1500 11th Van Wert ARC Hamfest, Van Wert County Fairgrounds, US127 South Van Wert, OH, Overnight \$10, Free parking, Talk-in 146.85/25, \$5.00 A/N9SBZ 19JUL98 SUN 0600-1400 36th Zero Beaters ARC Hamfest, Bernie E Hillerman Park, Washington, MO, Commercial vendors, Handmade quilts, Bingo, Our famous sandwiches and brauts, VE exam registration @ 0900, Free parking, Talk-in 147.24+ Free admission A/N9SBZ 22JUL98 WED 1930 TARA Program Meeting, 8 days between meetings 25JUL98 SAT 0700-1600 OH-KY-IN ARS First Hamfest, Diamond Oaks Career Dev. Campus, just off I74 at 6375 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, New equipment dealers, Transmitter Hunt at 1400 with prizes awarded, Forums includlude APRS, Satellites, New Hams, ARRL Happenings, VE Tests at 0800-no walkins, but pre-register & get a free pass to the Hamfest, Talk-in 146.67- & 146.925-, \$5.00 A/N9SBZ 25JUL98 SAT 0700-1300 10th Huntington Hamfest & Computer Show (under new affiliation, Huntington County AR 440 Rptr Group), P.A.L. Club in Huntington, indoors & outdoors,

\$4.00

VE Testing, free parking, Talk-in 443.975+ and 146.685-

A/N9SBZ

TARA BUSINESS MEETING 🐟



June 09, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT FOR JUNE MEETING

WB9BRX	DAYE DULL
KF9CT	JACK FREEMAN
KB9JDE	TIM GARDNER
KB9JDA	MIKE DIENER
K9JWI	CLYDE MAUCK
к9кғ	TOM KUESPERT
KB9LKD	TONY HARDESTY
WB9NIF	STEVE VAN FRANK
KB9RLT	JIM HAYNES
KB9sss	DANA HOGGATT
WD9sWD	CURTIS SHERWIN
KF9UP	JEFF STEWART
WE9Y	GARY REED
W9YA	BOB FINCH
W9YE	BOB MARTIN
WB9YYL	DON MATHESON
KZ9Z	HOWIE KOEHL

Curtis Sherwin, club president, called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

Howie Koehl did not read the minutes from the last meeting as they were unavailable.

Dave Dull gave the treasurer's report (See TATTLER). Bob Martin motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Bob Finch seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

TARA CLUB OFFICERS

PresidentCurtis Sherwin (WD9SWD	1)
Vice PresidentJack Freeman (KF9CT)	•
SecretaryHowie Koehl (KZ9Z)	
TreasurerDave Dull (WB9BRX)	

OLD BUSINESS:

Freeman on Club Field Day was the main topic for this Antennas: Jack said the crane is meeting. OK for the antenna work. After the antennas are assembled, there is a need for an antenna sitter overnight.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack Freeman asked the club to allocate money (\$300) for Dan Steill (KE90V) so that Dan can get the food for Field

Day.

Tim Gardner volunteered to pick up the soft drinks for the setup crew.

A lengthy discussion was held by the attending members concerning Field Day issues. Some of the topics covered were antennas, radio stations, logging, logging software, type and number of computers that will be needed, etc.

One item in particular was who would get the word out about Field Day. Curtis Sherwin said that Tim Gennett (K9WX) volunteered to handle the publicity. Tim Gardner will contact Steve Stombaugh (N9DHH) requesting that he place a reminder on the repeater about Field Day. How much and whether this will happen depends on the pre-programmed words the repeater contains.

Field Day setup starts after 1 PM on Friday the 26th at the Soldier's Home...

Jeff Stewart will loan the club a couple of laptops for Field Day use. Bob Finch said they would need at least 5 (laptops or desktops) to do the necessary logging, etc.

Curtis Sherwin will transport the club trailer to the site and Jeff Stewart offered to get another one. Field Day setup starts after 1 PM on Friday the 26th at the Soldier's Home.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.....

Don Matheson asked for volunteers for the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall that will be displayed at the Tippecanoe County Amphitheater 24 hours per day from July 2nd to July 8th. They need a total of 10 volunteers to cover 4 hour watches to provide communications. Please call Don at 477-1680 with your name, telephone number and when you can help. Radios will be supplied so you won't need your ham rigs.

Jeff Stewart called for volunteers for the Soap Box Derby being held at Slayter Hill on June 20th starting at 8 AM. Communications are needed from the top to the bottom of the hill. They need 2 people for about 2 hours. Contact Jeff at home (474-6528) or work (496-8274) or e-mail <u>jws@purdue.edu</u>.

ANYONE FOR BREAKFAST??? Jack Freeman invited us to attend a breakfast with the Boy Scouts on Saturday June 20th at 7 AM to 9:30 AM sponsored by the Battle Ground Masonic Temple 313 (above the bank). Donations are accepted to the Boy Scouts of America.



Bob Finch motioned to accept Mr. Dana Hoggatt (KB9SSS) of West Lafayette, IN as a new member seconded by Tim Gardner. Dana's e-mail address is muck@mdbs.com. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Also, Mike Diener II (KB9JDA) was reinstated as a member of the club. Mike resides in Dana, IN and has an e-mail address of kb9jda@ccsdana.net.



The drawing for \$30 was won by Jim Davis (WA9LYC) who was not there to collect it.

It was moved by Howie Koehl and seconded by Tom Kuespert that we adjourn at 2049 hours. A vote was taken and motion carried.

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The Dictionary of Reality

Charlie KA800F

Transformer -- an amateur showing a major change of mood after nailing that rare one.

Trap-- an antenna part that grabs an outgoing signal so it won't escape; especially effective when attempting to work DX.

Triode-- diode, on sale 3 for 79 cents.

"Ugly" Construction-- method resulting from the attitude that "no one else will ever see this thing."

Vertical Antenna-- one that has not seen its first big windstorm yet.

VOX-- equipment which allows other amateurs to hear what you say when you don't want them to.

Waves, forward and reverse-- clockwise and counterclockwise around-the-stadium fan activity at a sporting event.

Zurich sunspot numbers-- propagation information especially helpful to amateurs living in Switzerland.

5/8 wave-- a wire length in inches mistakenly cut to the same number of centimeters.

Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting, May 12, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 19:39 hours, by President Curtis Sherwin. In the absence of Secretary Howie Koehl, the minutes were recorded by Tim Gardner.

Jeff Stewart announced that the Soap Box Derby has again requested our help. This year,

we are need on June 6 and on June 20. Contact Jeffif you can assist.

Curtis Sherwin will deliver the club trailer to the site, and asked for volunteers to assist

with the antenna work, beginning at 13:00 Friday.

Don Matheson announced that the Vietnam Veterans "Moving Wall" will make a stop at

the Amphitheater, July 2-8, 1998. The organizers are expecting about 100,000 visitors

over the seven day period. They are requesting our help with on-site communications

In attendance were:

Curtis Sherwin	Don Matheson	Gary Reed	Steve Van Frank	
WB9SWD KR9TDE	WB6YYL	WE9Y	WB9NIF	
Jack Freeman Jim Havnes	Jim Davis	Jeff Stewart	Clyde Mauck	Dave Dull
KF9CT KB9RLT	WA9LYC	KF9UP	K9JWI	WB9BRX

The reading of the April meeting minutes was postponed, as no copy was available.

Tim Gardner introduced Phil Springer, KB9SST and moved that Phil be accepted as a new

club member. Dave Dull seconded and the motion passed

At 20:26, Jim Davis moved for adjournment. Gary Reed seconded and the motion passed.

The drawing was held, and Mike McDonald, N9VCO lost \$24.

moved and Gary Reed seconded, that we make this a formal club activity. Motion passed.

Contact Don if you can volunteer some time.

during this time. Discussion ensued, and the point was raised that this might be a way to

generate some positive media coverage for the club and for Amateur Radio. Dave Dull

Treasurer Dave Dull read the financial report. Gary Reed moved and Jim Davis seconded that the report be accepted as read. The motion passed.

Old Business

Jack Freeman provided a copy of proof of insurance from the crane company. Curtis indicated that the tower work would recommence shortly, now that decent weather has returned.

New Business

Jim Davis asked if anyone from the club has considered the possible impact of a lawsuit the City of Lafayette has filed against a CB enthusiast. Jim and others suggested that if the city wins the case, it could have a negative impact on Amateur Radio. A number of suggestions were made, including that we speak with the defendant's attorney and that we try to generate some positive media coverage of Amateur Radio. No consensus was reached, and no formal motions were made.

Curtis Sherwin asked if ARRL, CQ and '73 Magazine had been contacted about publicity for the hamfest. It was confirmed by Jim Davis that ARRL had been notified, but no one in attendance had any information about the other magazines.

Field Day 1998 runs Friday June 26 through Sunday June 28. The 1998 rules were passed out to all in attendance. Curtis Sherwin reviewed the items that generate bonus points, and the rule changes for this year. Curtis asked for a volunteer to make arrangements for a publicity booth. It was suggested that we could pick up some flyers from the ARRL booth at the Dayton Hamvention.

TEMA has agreed to loan us the "big" generator and their command trailer, as they did last year. Jack Freeman will request the use of the Veterans Home site, and will make the arrangements for a Porta-John.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Our Treasurer has put together a list of current members. He would appreciate you looking it over, particularly as it applies to you, and send him any corrections, additions, what-ever.

We do note a couple of differences between his list and ours, but the Post Office has not sent those Tattler's back as undeliverable, but then what does that prove?

Some of you had the list hand delivered to you.

The rest of you will receive it attached to the Tattler over the next two or three months, so as to avoid additional postage.

K9KRE

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report April 1, 1998 through April 30, 1998

4/14/98 \$6.00 Interest on CD 5/8/98 4/14/98 \$6.00 Dues 98 Phil Springer KB9SST \$/12/98 4/29/98 \$6.00 Field Day Auction \$/30/98 4/30/98 \$10.90 Interest Saving Acct. \$/29/98	\$28.90 Total Income:	Disbursements: 4/17/98 \$34.25 MBE – Membership Rosters & Stamps 5/14/98 \$50.00 McKinney's Flowers Flowers Bob Finch's Father. 5/30/98	sements: \$84.25 Total Disbursements:	Summary: Summary: 4/1/98 \$245.37 Beginning Checking Account Balance 5/1/98 4/1/98 \$5,302.33 Beginning Saving Account Balance 5/1/98	4/30/98 \$185.12 Ending Checking Account Balance 5/31/98 4/30/98 \$5,313.23 Ending Savings Account Balance (Note transfer \$500 to Chk) 5/31/98 2/8/98 \$6,287.02 Current Value CD (Mature: 11/8/98: \$6287.02) 5/8/98 4/30/98 \$6.00	Assets: \$\$11,791.37 \$\$12,229.61
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+++++++++++++++ ++++++++++++++ WALLET: device that permits you lose a11 your valuables at the same time. +++++++++++++ ++++++++++++++ Just when you get to the point that menu prices don't matter--calories do. +++++++++++++ +++++++++++++ The trouble with being a good sport is that you have to lose prove it. +++++++++++++ +++++++++++++ The best device for clearing driveway of snow а kid wants to use the car. +++++++++++++ ++++++++++++ Worry is like a rocking chair ---It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere. +++++++++++++ +++++++++++++ good example slow motion watching dieter get ready step on the scale. +++++++++++++ +++++++++++++ secret to catching fish is to go yesterday the fish were biting. +++++++++++++

David R. Dull WB9BRX

Treasurer

The last we heard from the Boone County ARC, they have not found any operators (that is zero) to operate Field Day. Last year that had eons of equipment, and while not enough to operate them all, they did operate the station. We should remember that it does take participation to keep a club going. We have been fortunate to always have people show up Field Day week-end, and while at times we could have use more operators, we do keep going. I will admit to a few years the few that were there toward the end wondered why, but that's for another time.

I also note by their newsletter (QRU), that they have already received reservations for 10 tables for their Hamfest. Since there has been little discussion on the LAFAYETTE HAMFEST, that should mean everything is on schedule.

Don't forget to add KB9SSS to your membership list that you were handed &/or will receive with the Tattler. As soon as we get the complete info from WB9BRX, it will be included in the Tattler.

We should repeat, that in order to get things into the Tattler, wether you are asking for help, or informing other so that they may attend, the information should be in BY THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF THE EVENT.

DE April 1988
GEARVAKE BULLETIN

Field Day AuctionSummary May 27, 1998

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<u>Call</u>	<u>Rcvd</u>	<u>Due In</u>	Donation	
K9AHX	\$17.00	\$17.00		
WB9BRX	\$5.00 pd			
W9BZF	\$15.00 pd		\$14.00	
KF9CT	\$20.00 pd		\$17.00	
WB9CZC	\$39.00	\$39.00		
K9FOH	\$40.00 pd		\$2.00	
N9GKE	\$44.00 pd		\$3.00	
WA9HKK	\$27.00 pd			
KB9JDE	\$15.00 pd		\$3.00	
K9KF	\$12.00 pd			
WA9LYC	\$9.00 pd			
N9NWO	\$2.50	\$2.50		
KE9OV	\$6.00 pd			•
KB9QEI	\$5.00 pd			
KB9SST	\$25.00 pd			
WB9SWD	\$53.00 pd		7	Гotal \$118 less adj.
WA9TGO	\$31.00 pd			For antenna parts
KF9UP	\$6.00 pd			•
WE9Y	\$12.00 pd			
W9YE	\$45.00 pd			:
KZ9Z	\$10.00 pd		\$10.00	
Anonymous	\$16.00 pd		\$16.00	
Total	\$454.50		\$49.00	
Rcvd	\$396.00 & d	eposited		
Due in		\$58.50		
Rcvd 6/2/98				
K9JWI	\$20.00 pd		\$20.00	

RF-TIGHT WALL PLANNED BY KHADAFFI

Tripoli, Libya (GNS)--According to a somewhat reliable double agent inside Libya, Colonel Mohmmar Khadaffi is preparing to build an RF-tight wall around that country. Construction costs will be paid with "Green Stamps" sent to Libyan hams by American DXers after the Libyan QSL card supply had nearly dried up. A possibility exists that some cards may be exchanged for hostages with the residue earmarked for certain rebel groupls in Central America. Colonel Khadaffi ws available for not comment. --WASIWZ ++++++++++++++++++ ++++++++++++++++++ Never answer an anonymous letter.

anonymous letter.
.....Yogi Berra

Dull Notes ddull@compuserve.com

Membership List

TARA has 79 members in good standing. The list has been fairly stable for the past couple of months so now is a good time to distribute copies to the members. Please check to ensure your information is correct. Let me know if there are corrections. This is a moving target and I already have a couple of changes that didn't make the printer. **KB9JDG**'s address is 643 <u>not</u> 64B; **WA9LYC**'s zip is 47904-1739; and **N9MIH**'s phone # is 583-2935. Also welcome our newest member Phil, **WB9SST**, whose information should be stuck to the end of your list. With summer band openings and field day approaching this should help us stay in touch. **REMEMBER**, this is sensitive information, not to be distributed outside the club!

Survey Says

Thank You to all those that responded to the membership survey. We had an impressive 47% (37 members) response. We'd still like to hear from the rest of you. So far there are 20 **ARRL** members in the club. We need to double that number for consideration as an **ARRL Affiliate Club**.

The club has a **LOT** of emergency communication and power capabilities. That's very comforting with the tornado season upon us. Also, the wide range of interests of the club membership suggests that you won't have to go far to find answers or someone with similar interest. Not only do we have experience in practically any facet of amateur radio, but there the range of interests extends to boating, cars & motorcycles, coin collecting, computers music and more.

There weren't very many comments submitted but a special thanks to those who took the time to offer suggestions and encouragement. Here are a couple. How about inter-club contests? How about some technical classes on any of the new ham technologies?

Veteran Issues

Don, WB6YYL, is looking for some help with communication while the 'Moving Wall' is in town between 2 and 8 July. This half scale replica of the monument in Washington is a moving and popular tribute to all Vietnam veterans. Crowds will be especially large since the stop occurs during the 4th of July holiday. This is a worthy cause, please help if you can. Don can be reached at 477-1680 (H) or 771-3424 (W).