

Program Meeting

Wednesday, February 24th

No. : Tour of the Purdue Veterinary School Multi-Media Lab
Digital Video on Computer .ble
located south of Harrison Street
Enter East End of the Building

KC9LI lost \$12.00 February 9th
2-----Drawing March 12th for \$18.00-----0

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T A A R R A A Vice-Pres KF9CT Jack Freeman
T AAAAA RRRR AAAAA Secretary KZ9Z Howard E Koehl
T A A R R A A Treasurer WB9BRX Dave Dull
T A A R R A A Director W9YE Bob Martin

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## COMING EVENTS

24FEB99 WED 1930 Program Meeting  
 9MAR99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting  
  
 14MAR99 SUN Morgan County Repeater Assoc. Hamfest @ Indianapolis  
  
 21MAR99 SUN 0800-1400 44th Toledo (OH) Mobile Radio Association Hamfest  
 Computer Fair, Lucas County Recreation Center, 2901 Key  
 Street, Maumee, Ohio, free parking, Talk-in 147.27+ or  
 442.85+, \$6.00 A/N9SBZ

24MAR99 WED 1930 Program Meeting  
 13APR99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting  
 28APR99 WED 1930 Program Meeting  
 11MAY99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

14MAY99 }  
 15MAY99 }-- **Dayton Hamvention** (The Ham Event)  
 16MAY99 }

26MAY99 WED 1930 Field Day Auction

6JUN99 SUN 0600 31st Wabash County ARC Hamfest, Wabash County 4-H Fair-  
 grounds, south of US24 on SR13, overnight camping with  
 electric hook-up, prizes (all cash), Talk-in 147.03/63,  
 442.325/447.325, \$6.00 A/N9SBZ

8JUN99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting  
 23JUN99 WED 1930 Program Meeting

26JUN99 SAT Field Day  
 27JUN99 SUN Field Day

10JUL99 SUN Central Division Convention, Indianapolis

13JUL99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting  
 28JUL99 WED 1930 Program Meeting  
 10AUG99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

15AUG99 SUN **LAFAYETTE HAMFEST**  
**ALWAYS 3RD SUNDAY IN AUGUST**

25AUG99 WED 1930 Program Meeting  
 14SEP99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting  
 22SEP99 WED 1930 Program Meeting 8-DAYS

20OCT99 SAT Feast of the Hunters' Moon  
 30OCT99 SUN Feast of the Hunters' Moon

??OCT99 SUN North Central Indiana Hamfest, both hosting clubs have  
 decided that the fat lady has sung

12OCT99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting  
 24OCT99 SUN Boone/Clinton County Hamfest at Lebanon, w/VE Tests  
 27OCT99 WED 1930 Program Meeting  
 9NOV99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

# TARA BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 1935 hours by Curtis Sherwin, (WB9SWD).

The minutes were read by Howie Koehl (KZ9Z) and were approved as read. Dave Dull (WB9BRX) moved to accept as read, Jack Freeman (KF9CT) seconded. A vote was taken and motion passed.

WB9BRX gave the treasurer's report. Jack Ott (K9AHX) moved to accept, Dave McCormick (KE9DV) seconded. A vote as taken and motion passed.

## OLD BUSINESS

Ed Delp (N9YTE) - Program meeting

- a) TV18 unable to do
- b) Joint meeting W/W9YB (Possibility)
- c) Ed unable to do March & August program meetings
  - 1) need Feb., Mar., Apr, and July program meetings filled

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Nomination Committee report - Bruce Stewert (N9GKE)
    - a) Dan Steill KE9OV has accepted nomination for Secretary
    - b) N9GKE nominated KE9OV, K9AHX seconded.
    - c) K9AHX moved to close the nominations, N9GKE seconded
    - d) Vote taken - motion carried to install KE9OV as Secretary
  2. Bob Niewerth (KC9LI) was unable to collect the \$12.00 drawing.
  3. N9GKE moved to adjourn at 1952 hours, K9AHX seconded, motion carried.
- (Minutes recorded by the outgoing Secretary, KZ9Z.

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### Attendance:

Howie Koehl	KZ9Z
Dave Dull	WB9BRX
Ed Delp	N9YTE
Dan Steill	KE9OV
Jim Haynes	KB9RLT
Steve Van Frank	WB9NIF
R Bruce Stewert	N9GKE
J R Ott	K9AHX
Bob Martin	W9YE
Bob Finch	W9YA
Curtis Sherwin	WB9SWD
Jack Freeman	KF9CT

David McCormick KE9DV was not on the attendance sheet, but did second a motion.

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TREASURER'S REPORT  
has not been received for publication.

Does "More" Translate to "Better?"

Armond Noble, N6WR

There seems to be a move to make entry into Amateur Radio "easier".

Well, no one ever said he thought he would join the Marines because he heard it would be easy. No one ever went to law school because he heard that you didn't have to study very hard. And no one became a nurse because it was nice clean work.

Pilot training isn't "easy". Airborne or Ranger training isn't "easy". A Ph.D. in physics isn't "easy". In fact, every thing in life that gets respect earns that respect because it is difficult. No one ever went into firefighting or police work because it was "easy".

Some say that this is the way the rest of the world is going and use the amateur radio changes in Europe as an example.

What other aspects of European countries should we adopt? Five-dollar-a-gallon gasoline? World's highest suicide rate? World's highest alcoholism rate? World's highest traffic death rate? Not everything in Europe is a good example worth emulating. How about a 70% income tax?

So now we hear that we need more hams. What is never defined is: how many more? We need more: relative to what? Is there a reference or standard we should be meeting?

Can we agree, for example, that a country should have as many hams as physicians? Is that an indication of a country's education and affluence?

Many say make it easier. Recently a business magazine interviewed the human resources director of a giant corporation. The reporter queried that the company was requiring a college degree for positions that didn't

seem all that demanding.. The executive replied that he totally agreed but that was what they had to do in order to get the high school graduate of 20 years ago!

Is there anyone who is proud of what has happened? Is there anyone who thinks it is great that in the international math and science competitions, U. S. high school schoolers rank 25 out of 30 countries?

There is an expression in track, "Raise the bar" which means one can do better than he did before. Another expression we here a lot these days is "dumbing down". Which is really better?

Many say we "have to bring the young people back in." The truth of the matter is that young people participation in photography, tennis, model railroads, and practically everything else is down also. With rare exception, walking around in the mall is preferable to making an effort, and, perish the thought, studying.

Possibly instead of trying to drag into Amateur Radio all the lazy louts we should adopt the slogan of the U. S. Marine Corps. "The few, the proud."

(N6WR is publisher of Worldradio)

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A semi-truck driver stopped at a roadside diner for lunch. He ordered a cheeseburger, coffee and a slice of apple pie. As he was about to eat, three motorcycles pulled up outside. The bikers came in and one grabbed the trucker's cheeseburger and took a bite out of it. The second one drank the trucker's coffee and the third wolfed down his apple pie.

The truck driver didn't say a word. He quietly got up, paid the cashier and left.

When he was gone, one of the motorcyclists said, "He sure isn't much of a fighter, is he?"

"He's not much of a driver, either," the cashier replied. "He just backed his truck over three motorcycles."

Great Lakes Division Convention

Remember the Great Lakes Division Convention (& Computer) this Winter is one week later than usual. It will be the LAST weekend of February (27 and 28) in Cincinnati's Gardens (all indoors).

There will be commercial exhibits, major manufacturers, large indoor flea market, forums, FCC exams, Saturday night banquet, hourly and major door prizes just like always.

Leading the ARRL forum will be First Vice-President Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, and Division Director David Coons, WT8W. Steve will also be the main speaker at the Saturday night banquet, just as he was three years ago.

Free parking, adequate handicapped access, adequate dealer and hamfest set up access is available in the 30,000 square foot facility. For more information, please call (513)791-6300 or E-mail <bobgarfield@juno.com>.

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A man and his wife went to a fair. The husband, being notoriously frugal, was fascinated by an old open cockpit plane & asked the pilot how much a ride would cost.

"\$10 for three minutes," came the reply.

"That's too much," said the cheapskate.

The pilot though for a moment and then said, "I'll make you a deal. If you and your wife ride for three minutes without uttering a sound, the ride will be free. But if you make any sound at all, you'll have to pay \$10."

The man and his wife agreed and went for a wild ride.

After they landed, the pilot said to the man, "I want to congratulate you for not making a sound. You're a brave man."

"Maybe so," the man replied, "but I gotta tell you, I almost screamed when my wife fell out."

from the BY-LAWS

A grace period of 60 days shall be allowed for payment, after which membership terminates.

84 paid up members as of 31DEC98. 41 of those 84 are now delinquent, however that does not take into account any of you that have paid since the first of the year. So, if you have paid in January or February, ignore the listing of your call, otherwise, contact the Treasurer to get yourself back in good standing.

- W5BWN Donald, Kevin
- W9BZF Crowder, Clyde L
- KB9BZV Vavrus, August Robert
- N9DJK Miller, Nick
- N9DKI Stickrod, Edward R
- N7DUK Miller, Timothy J
- K9FOH Wood, Hubert C
- W9IMU Lusby, Bob D
- KB9JDA Vaughn, Clarence I
- KB9JDG Diener, Mike
- KB9JDJ Hall, Bryan
- WD9JLN Rausch, Gene
- KB9JWX Bressler, Charles I
- KE9KA Loveridge, Harold L
- K9KF Milligan, James W
- KB9KUQ Kuespert, Thomas L
- KB9LKD Kueberth, John (Jack)
- KB9LKE Hardesty, Tony
- K9LYA Mc Donald, Jeanette M
- N9MSP Collison, James A
- WN9NBT Leath, John
- WB9NIF Chasey, David A
- KB9OQC Van Frank, Steven Mark
- KE9OV Martin, John
- N9QAP Steill, Daniel
- KB9RLT Scherer, Steven
- N9SBZ Haynes, Jim
- KB9SSS Moffett, David P
- KB9SST Hoggatt, Dana
- WB9SWD Springer, Phil
- WA9TGO Sherwin, Curtis L
- N9UFP Canarecci, James D
- WB9USL King, David C
- WB9VAL Weber, Margret C
- N9VCO Smith Sr, Robert D
- N9WBO Mc Donald, Mike
- W9WQS Taylor, Mike
- N9XPZ Thomas, Rex E
- WB6YYL Brummett, Sam
- N9ZFG Matheson, Don C
- Sherwin, Major W

**Slow Growth: One Problem Facing Amateur Radio**

According to the latest statistics from the FCC, the growth rate of the total number of amateur radio operators has dropped to practically zero.

While the number of hams has doubled over the past twenty years, the rate of yearly increase the past three years was very small. There are now just over 718 thousand licensed hams in the U. S. as of the end of 1998. This would include those hams whose licenses may have expired but are still within the two year grace period for renewal.

There was an apparent growth for a five year period from 1989 through 1993, but this may have been misleading. During this time, license terms increased from five to ten years so it was impossible to identify those licensees who were not going to renew. Licensees which would otherwise have been dropped were carried for a longer period.

**By the numbers**

Twenty years ago, two-thirds of all amateurs were General Class or higher. Today 57% of all amateurs hold "5 WPM" or "no-code" tickets. The growth appears to come only at the no-code technician level license. In the last three years, there have been less high speed (13 to 20 WPM) operators each year than the year before.

Here are some totals for Indiana. At the beginning of 1998, there were 15,695 amateurs. At the end of the year, the count was 15,676. Here are Hoosier comparisons for the beginning to the end of 1998 for each license class.

	1/1/98	12/31/98
Extra	1556	1575
Advanced	2327	2288
General	2702	2661
Tech Plus	3571	3496

At the end of 1998, there were just over 718 thousand amateurs licensed the U. S. and its possessions. California again led the way with the most hams, 110 thousand. The state with the fewest licensed hams was Delaware with a count of 1501.

Some view the decline as a problem while others say quality is more important than quantity. But there is strength in numbers when it comes to keeping privileges and frequencies we have.

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At any given time, 50 percent of the golfers in this country are cheating-----the other half aren't keeping score.

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de THE FEEDLINE Jan-Feb 1999

**ARRL : Your QST Is Going To Shrink**

Future issued of QST are going to be smaller. In a memo to Section Managers, ARRL Field Section Manager, Rick Palm, K1CE, cited declining ARRL membership and waning advertising revenues as reasons for cutting back the League's magazine.

The memo was made public in a recent issue of W5YI Report and said the editor of QST "has been forced to cut editorial content from the magazine." The memo said that many areas of the magazine have been cut back including about 16% of the space allotted for Section News.

In the memo, Palm cited indicators that amateur radio is contracting: the declining number of new licensees, the number of dealers who have closed doors in the past three years, and the number of manufacturers and publishers that are out of business.

ARRL membership has dropped 14,000 since march, 1997.

The Banquet

January 27, 1999

Twenty-seven members and guests attended. They were entertained by 6 performers from the 'Society of Young Magicians', a performance arranged for by our President. It was reported as a "great show."

Those in attendance were:

- WA9HKK Fran Hudlow
- WB9BZF Gus Vavrus
- KE9OV Dan Steill
- WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin & Guest
- W9IMU Clarence Vaughn & Guest
- W9YE Bob & Pat Martin
- KF9CT Jack & Pam Freeman
- KF9UP Jeff Stewart
- KA9ZFJ Debbie Stewart
- WB9BRX Dave Dull
- KZ9Z Howie Koehl
- KD9JS Nancy Koehl
- N9VCO Mike McDonald
- Connie Jackson
- KA9VXS Kevin Crow
- WN9NBT Dave Chasey
- K9WX Tim Gennett
- N9ZFG Major Sherwin
- KB9JDE Tim Gardner
- K9AHX Jack Ott
- W9YA Bob Finch

de GEARVAKf BULLETIN Vol. 29 #1

Two friars opened a flower shop in a small town, but they did so without a license. The village fathers assumed the friars would obtain one, but they never bothered. When politely asked to do so, the friars told the inspector to get lost.

Two members of the town's police force arrived on the scene one day, and they, too, were told to get out of the shop. What's a village manager to do?

He got mean Sheriff Hugh from the next county on the phone and told him of his problem. Sheriff Hugh said he would handle it.

Pulling up in his squad car, Sheriff Hugh entered the friar's florist shop and five minutes later the two of them skedaddled for high country, taking their belongings with them.

Elated, the village manager asked the sheriff how he could do what no one else could manage. The sheriff replied, "Well, you know, only Hugh can prevent florist friars."

A farmer watching teenagers dancing: "If that won't bring rain, nothing will."

"White Noise" Opposed by EEOC

Use of the term "white noise" to describe the production of signals over a wide range of frequencies by the cosmos, atmospheric, electrical disturbances, and radio circuitry, has been condemned by the Equal Electrical Opportunity Commission (EEOC) as discriminatory.

EEOC spokesperson, Bruce Gweemset, said use of the term is considered derogatory because it attributes either negative or positive characteristics of such signals to a particular color. "If the connotation is negative," he

explained, "then Americans of the light-skinned persuasion may be offended. On the other hand, if the connotation is positive, Americans of other, darker varieties of skin shading may take offense."

Gweemser said that the EEOC strongly recommends the abandonment of the term "white noise" and replacement with another, more descriptive one. "Perhaps 'electrical noise of mixed frequencies' or 'electrical-American noise' might be more appropriate," Gweemser suggested. --W8LCZ, et al.

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The obituary does not need much more added. But we do need to say he was a member of TARA for about 10 years before moving to Bluffton as his health began to fail.

I will also note that his son, William, is W9PPG, and his grandson held license as KA9EFU.
de Journal and Courier 2FEB99

GOOD SAMARITANS: Our thank you to four great guys who shoveled our walks, our driveway, cleaned off the car and kept coming back each time we got more. And it was freezing cold. We want them to know we appreciate their thoughtfulness. Thank you to: Craig Howard, Kevin Crow, Tim Gardner and Bruce Stewart. Thanks again.

Fran & Donna Hudlow
Lafayette

If you did not notice, all four of the above are 'Hams'. We see Fran about every Tuesday morning (a meeting at Olivero's Southland from 0730 to 0900, open to all) and he really did appreciate the kindness.

--K9KRE

de THE FEEDLINE

Jan-Feb 1999

Hamfest Era Ends For CCARC

After a six-year run, the Cass County Amateur Radio Club has decided that the 1998 North Central Indiana Hamfest will be the last. Club members voted at the December meeting to not attempt a hamfest for 1999.

The Miami Amateur Radio Club, co-sponsor of the event had already gone on record as not wishing to continue.

Members of both clubs could not escape the fact that the trend is away from small hamfests, and too few club members were willing to put forth the effort needed to bring in vendors and attendees.

The difference between a smart person and a wise one is that a smart person knows what to say, but a wise person knows whether or not to say it.

John V. Weinhardt, 91

John V. Weinhardt, 91, formerly of 1220 Wells St., died at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in Caylor-Nickel Medical Center, Bluffton.

Mr. Weinhardt served as a member of the Lafayette Police Department in all ranks from 1935, until retiring on Dec. 1, 1958, after four years as Chief of Police. He had previously worked as captain of the records and the identification division for 10 years and as secretary of the Police Board.



Weinhardt

Born Sept. 13, 1907, in Neuburg, Germany, he attended school in Schwabach, Germany. He became a naturalized citizen in 1930, after moving to Lafayette in 1925. He attended Purdue University and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Washington D.C. in 1937.

He married Eleanor D. Bauer, R.N. in 1936, in Lafayette, and she preceded him in death on July 18, 1982.

Mr. Weinhardt was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Philippines and in Okinawa. He served on the Tippecanoe County Selective Service Board during the Korean War and was Tippecanoe County Civil Defense Director for four years.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lafayette Voiture 364 40 & 8, and the American Legion Post 11 Past Commanders Club. He was a life member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Arman Lodge 49, and Elks Lodge 143. He was a 60-year member of Tippecanoe Masonic Lodge 492 and the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis.

Mr. Weinhardt was an amateur radio operator since 1963, calling as WA9IAL. He was a member of the Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Club, the American Radio Relay League and the DX Century Club.

Surviving is a son, William J. Weinhardt of Bluffton.