

Program Meeting

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A u c t i o n

W e d n e s d a y , M a y 2 6 t h

KB9LKE lost \$30.00 May 11th

2-----Drawing June 8th for \$35.00-----0

TTTTT	AAA	RRRR	AAA	President	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin
T	A A	R R	A A	Vice-Pres	KF9CT	Jack Freeman
T	AAAAA	RRRR	AAAAA	Secretary	KE9OV	Dan Steill
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

- 26MAY99 WED 1930 Field Day Auction
- 30MAY99 SUN 0800-1500 Chicago ARC, DeVry Institute of Technology
Hamfest, 3300 North Campbell, commercial exhibitors,
indoor/outdoor, free parking, Talk-in 147.255, \$5.00
- 5JUN99 SAT 0600-1300 Sangamon Valley RC & Shooting Stars Hamfest,
Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Giant covered
flea market, indoor exhibits, commercial vendors,
VE Sessions, handicapped accessible, free parking,
Talk-in 146.685, \$5.00
- 6JUN99 SUN 0600 31st Wabash County ARC Hamfest, Wabash County 4-H Fair-
grounds, south of US24 on SR13, large indoor flea
market, outside flea market space, major vendors,
overnight camping with electric hook-up, prizes (all
cash), Talk-in 147.03/63, 442.325/447.325, \$6.00
- 6JUN99 SUN 0600-1500 Starved Rock RC Hamfest, Bureau County Fairgrounds
Princeton, IL, free outdoor flea Market, free parking,
free overnight camping, Talk-in 146.955 (103.5 Hz), \$6
- 8JUN99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 20JUN99 SUN 0800 Dad's Day Hamfest and Computer Show, sponsored by Lake
County ARC, Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point, IN,
Commercial vendors, Indoor flea market, Food and
beverages, Walk-in VE testing, Totally indoors,
Talk-in 147.00 repeater, 146.52 simplex, \$5.00
- 23JUN99 WED 1930 Program Meeting
- 26JUN99 SAT Field Day
- 27JUN99 SUN Field Day
- 10JUL99 SUN Central Division Convention, Indianapolis
- 11JUL99 SUN ???? Kankakee Area Radio Society's 16th Annual Hamfest '99,
Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL, 35 acres of free
parking, overnight parking available-\$10 with electric,
Talk-in 146.34/.94, \$5.00
- 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 Meetinging 8-DAYS
- 20OCT99 SAT Feast of the Hunters' Moon
- 30OCT99 SUN Feast of the Hunters' Moon

TARA BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, May 11, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Curtis Sherwin (WB9SWD).

The minutes were read by Dan Steill (KE9OV) and were approved as read/with exceptions:

Steve Van Frank made the motion that Bob Finch be given \$50 for rope and misc. accessories for field day.

Curtis Sherwin moved to accept as read and Tim Gardner seconded.

A vote was taken and motion passed .

Dave Dull (WB9BRX) gave the treasurer's report.

Jim Davis moved to accept, Tim Gardner seconded.

A vote was taken and motion passed .

OLD BUSINESS:

Amsat membership was mailed in and received.

Jack Freeman will approach Indiana Veterans' Home for Field day.

New Business

Tim Gardner will set up auction May 26 at about 7:00 P.M. He asks that, if you have items to contribute to the auction, you bring them between 7 and 7:15 pm.

Tim Gannett will handle Publicity for field day.

At the June business meeting, the logging program will be decided on for field day. Be there to voice your opinion.

Attendance drawing was \$30 for May. KB9LKE, Jenette McDonald was drawn but was not Present. June drawing will be \$35.00

Motion to adjourn by Howie Koehl, Jack freeman seconded motion passed

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

April 1, 1999 through April 30, 1999

Income Received:

Steve Sherer N9QAP 2000 Dues	4/3/99	\$12.00
Rex Thomas W9WQS 2000 Dues	4/3/99	\$12.00
Tony Hardesty KB9LKD 1999 Dues	4/14/99	\$6.00
Charlie Bressler WD9JLN 1999 Dues	4/30/99	\$6.00
Phil Springer KB9SST 1999 Dues	4/30/99	\$6.00
Interest on Saving Account	4/30/99	\$10.72
Total Income:		\$52.72

Disbursements:


AMSAT 1 Year Club Membership	4/30/99	\$50.00
Total Disbursements:		\$50.00

Summary:

Beginning Checking Account Balance	4/1/99	\$274.92
Beginning Saving Account Balance	4/1/99	\$6741.80
Ending Checking Account Balance	4/30/99	\$687.92
Ending Savings Account Balance	4/30/99	\$6352.52
Current Value CD (Mature: 5/8/99)	2/8/99	\$6,597.05
Cash on hand	4/30/99	\$12.00
Total Assets:		\$13,649.49

Public apology to Dave Chasey, WN9NBT

I truly don't recall receiving your membership dues but I do trust in the U.S. Postal Service and apologize for the loss of your check. You may rest assured that if it should surface it will be returned to you immediately. In the future I will endeavor to do better.


David R. Dull WB9BRX
Treasurer

- N9ZFG Major Sherwin
- KE9OV Dan Steill
- WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin
- KF9CT Jack Freeman
- WB9BRX Dave Dull
- WA9LYC Jim Davis
- KZ9Z Howie Koehl
- WA9HKK Fran Hudlow
- KB9JDE Tim Gardner

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The Rettysnitch

A bit of amateur radio history

The Rettysnitch is a close cousin to the Wouff-Hong. While at first glance they appear to be two tools for the same job, there is a fine line between their purposes. The Wouff-Hong is used to enforce law and order, whereas The Rettysnitch is used to enforce decency.

Both The Wouff-Hong and The Rettysnitch were originated (or at least popularized) by none other than the founder of the American Radio Relay League, Hiram W1AW Percy Maxim, also known as "The Old Man" or simply "T.O.M." Both instruments were first described in 1917.

In 1921, the Washington DC Radio Club presented The Rettysnitch to the league's traffic manager. According to legend, the club received The Rettysnitch specimen from "The Old Man" himself. It was ordered to be displayed by its mate, The Wouff-Hong. These legendary instruments can be seen today at the ARRL museum in Newington, CT.

L. B. Cebik, W4RNL, wrote in the September 1996 QST, "In 1930 The ARRL Handbook had pictures of both instruments of enforcement. By 1936, only the Wouff-Hong appeared. By 1947 the Handbook had deleted both photos." Cebik said of The Rettysnitch, "Even at its first public appearance, two of its teeth were missing, suggesting a long history of necessary and effective use. However, to the day, The Rettysnitch has lost no further teeth."

Many of us can remember when P&H Electronics manufactured some top of the line amateur radio equipment right here in Lafayette, at one time on Columbia Street in downtown Lafayette. You can check with Jim Collison, K9LYA, among others, as some of the local hams that worked there.

If you can remember a little further back (we barely remember seeing some of their ads in some ham magazines, prior to 1955) the following article that appeared in the Lafayette Journal/Courier on 23APR99 might bring back memories. For the rest of us, it will be educational.

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Great people of Greater Lafayette
Walter E. Doolittle

W. E. Doolittle was born and raised in Lafayette. He was educated at Purdue University and worked for many years at the Western Union Telegraph Co. and various telephone companies. His early experiences made him well adapted for his late business ventures.

Doolittle founded the Sterling Electric Co. in Chicago in 1898. The company grew quickly, and to avoid labor problems and to increase capacity, Doolittle reorganized and enlarged the firm and moved it to Lafayette late in 1899. At the time of its move to Lafayette, the company, which made telephones and switchboards, employed 75 people.

Considered one of the best institutions in Lafayette at the time, Sterling Electric went from 30,000 square feet of space to about 125,000 square feet, and eventually employed 500 at its three-story building on Second and Mechanics streets. Doolittle served as president and treasurer, and officers included Thomas Duncan, Brown Brockenbrough and R. B. Wallace. Sterling Electric was recognized around the nation as a leader in its field.

It was a successful trip for K9KRE, spent less money but brought home more goodies than ever before, saying a lot since we have only missed 2 of these events since 1957. For example, found a 10-channel synthesized Regency scanner for \$5.00, and it works. Also brought home 25 new Liquid-tite conduit fittings for \$0.47 per, about 10% of their value. I had to make several trips back to truck, to much weight for this aging man to carry around.

People seemed to think the attendance was down. I think they were judging mostly on Saturday's turn-out, Friday was very busy, and Sunday (early) seemed about normal. If you really want to get the inside vendors ear, try Sunday morning between opening at 8, and about 11AM.

Some perennial exhibitors were missing, the one I noticed most were Motron, and R. L. Drake. I have heard that Drake had an event at the factory at Miamisburg, just a short drive south.

Bus service was excellent, seldom had to wait for one, and when you did, it was only 4 or 5 minutes. They had at least 8 busses on the route to the Salem Mall, and two stops in the mall, one on each side of the parking area.

The down-side are the alternate activities, mainly for the XYL-s. Not sure if the wife will be going back with me next year, or maybe she will be looking for a ride over on Saturday to join me--HINT. She & I are not the only one to have expressed our dis-pleasure with the HamVention folks on this.

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A good friend is one who remembers your birthday, but forgets the year.

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Swallowing angry words is a lot easier that having to eat them.

ARRL NAME CHANGE COULD BE

ON PAPER ONLY

In lieu of a legal name change, the ARRL Executive Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors to emphasize the abbreviation "ARRL" in conjunction with the tag line "The National Association for Amateur Radio." The action came at the Committee's meeting May 1 in Irving, Texas. The move, if accepted by the full Board, would not actually change the name of the organization, but the "ARRL" moniker and tag line would appear on all League correspondence and publications instead of the full name.

In other Committee actions, the EC voted to reaffirm the League's position that the FCC continue to issue a paper license document to amateur licensees. The Committee also was advised that the League will not seek FCC reconsideration of its petition to expand the special events call sign program. The FCC turned down the request last month but invited the League to revisit the issue later.

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An Education @ the HamVention

In walking through the flea-market, I noticed a booth selling a lot of speakers. They advertised them as English, German, French, Et Cetra. Now I know why, when I turn the alternate audio channel on my TV on, why I can not understand the Spanish being used.

I realize that electronics has become more complicated, and highly specialized, but the fact that you needed different speakers for different languages had completely escaped my attention.

Could this be a subject for an upcoming program meeting? -K9KRE-