

Program Meeting

Wednesday, June 23, 1999 at 7:30PM

Getting Ready for Field Day

- Logging software demo and training
- Computer configuration
- Review the setup plan

2-----Drawing July 13th for \$42.00-----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

- 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
- 25JUN99 FRI 27th Indiana Fiddler's Gathering
 26JUN99 SAT 27th Indiana Fiddler's Gathering
 27JUN99 SUN 27th Indiana Fiddler's Gathering
- 26JUN99 SAT Field Day
 27JUN99 SUN Field Day
- 10JUL99 SUN Central Division Convention, Indianapolis
- 11JUL99 SUN 0600 Kankakee Area Radio Society's 16th Annual Hamfest '99, Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL, air-conditioned buildings for commercial vendors, 35 acres of free parking, overnight parking available-\$10 with electric, Talk-in 146.34/.94, \$5.00
- 13JUL99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 18JUL99 SUN 0800-1500 Van Wert ARC (OH) Hamfest, Van Wert County Fairgrounds, free parking, overnight parking (\$10.00), Talk-in 146.85, \$5.00
- 28JUL99 WED 1930 Program Meeting
- 31JUL99 SAT Hamfest at Huntington, IN A/QST
 1AUG99 SUN Hamfest at Angola, IN A/QST
- 8AUG99 SUN 0600-1430 Hamfesters RC at Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL, Talk-in 146.64 (107.2 Hz), 146.52, \$5.00
- 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
- 30OCT99 SUN 0600 38th Annual Hoosier Hills Hamfest, Lawrence County Fairgrounds, Bedford, IN, Amateur license testing at Noon (register 11-12), FREE Bingo available on Sunday, Grand Prize drawing @ 1500, Saturday night camping available @ \$15.00 per vehicle, Talk-in 146.73 w/CTCSS 107.2, \$6.00

Minutes of the TARA business meeting
June 8, 1999

The minutes were taken by KB9JDE, due to the absence of Secretary KE9OV. President WB9SWD called the meeting to order at 1932 hours.

Minutes

Minutes from the May meeting were not available.

Treasurer's Report

Field Day Auction took in \$330.25. Money was given to K9KRE to cover postage and printing costs of the Tattler.

WB9BRX noted that the annual invoice for the club's liability insurance is due. It was the general consensus that a vote to approve payment was unnecessary, and that the invoice should be paid.

The portable toilet for Field Day has been prepaid and will be set up several days before we arrive at the site. This allowed the club to save some expense, as the rental company was able to deliver it on their regular delivery run and not have to schedule a special trip specifically for us. W9YA moved to approve the payment, W9YE seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

W9YA noted that he did not buy new rope at Dayton because his usual vendor was not present. He also did not receive an advance payment, so no refund is due.

We have officially received permission to use the Veterans Home for Field Day again this year. KF9CT has sent a letter to the Home inviting staff and residents to visit us during the event.

New Business

Field Day is June 26-27.

TEMA will again provide the big generator and command trailer for our use at no cost to us.

KB9KUQ reiterated that TARA must request permission before making modifications to TEMA (or anyone's) property.

Much discussion followed regarding the requirement for an air conditioner for the CW shack. Some people want to modify the TEMA trailer to accept a small window air conditioner, similar to the unit that was provided last year. KB9KUQ suggested that two club members speak with TEMA officials and request permission make the necessary modifications. W9YE volunteered to accompany KB9KUQ for this purpose.

The long heavy cables that we typically use to run from the generator to the shacks have been donated to TEMA with the understanding that TARA shall have access to them. The cables now remain with the generator.

W9YE suggested that TARA should consider purchasing our own generator. General consensus was that we should wait until next year, when an abundance of generators are expected to be on the market.

KF9CT will supply a backup generator (useful as a backup in case of a failure to the big unit, but can also be used to provide power when the big unit requires refueling).

KB9KUQ will take care of all electrical supply and electrical grounding.

W9YA noted that he wants ground rods in the HF shacks in order to ground the antennas in the event of stormy weather. These grounds shall not be connected to the trailer frame or electrical supply. A general discussion on various grounding issues (RF &

electrical ensued).

KF9CT will bring three grounds rods for our use.

Field Day Jobs

Media: K9WX will issue a press release to the media, similar to what he has done the past several years. He will be out of town during Field Day (and the week prior). He suggests that someone make contact with the media a few days before the big event.

Electrical: As previously noted, KB9KUQ will handle the electrical systems.

Antennas: In general, the plans are to do pretty much the same as in the past few years. WB9NIF, KF9CT & W9YA will visit the site before FD and make some preliminary plans for the overall layout.

Signs: KB9KUQ suggested that we label each operating position in terms that the public would likely understand.

Co-ordinators: WB9NIF will act as co-ordinator for setup and operations. KB9JDE will co-ordinate the chase for bonus points. [This is something we haven't tried before. Please contact WB9NIF either before FD or when you arrive on site. He will put together a schedule for all operators in an attempt to make sure that everyone has a chance to operate the stations].

Rigs:

W9YE will provide a Yeasu FT920 for the CW shack, and an Icom IC821 for the satellite station. Note: To protect his property, he specifically requests that we not keep all smoking materials and drinks away from his radios.

N9ZFG will provide a Yeasu FT847 for the VHF/UHF station. KB9JDE will bring a backup rig.

KB9JDA will provide both an HF and a 10m rig for the Novice station.

General Discussion

There is some disagreement about the rules regarding simultaneous operation of the satellite station and the VHF/UHF station. Careful reading of the rules reveals an ambiguity. KF9UP will contact ARRL for a clarification.

The question of whether FD is an emergency preparedness exercise or a operating contest was raised by WB9NIF. After a short discussion, it was agreed that while it has aspects of both, when the two objectives conflict, the exercise takes precedence.

It was noted that the ARRL is (for the first time) offering Field Day pins to participants. The cost is five dollars each. The League suggests that Club groups send a single order.

Computers for logging will be provided by KF9UP, KB9JDE, WB9SWD and perhaps others. After some discussion, it was agreed that we will use "TR" for all logging. WB9NIF will secure the software. On Wednesday, June 23 (what would normally be the club program meeting night) we will gather at the club shack to set up the computers and provide TR training for anyone interested.

The idea of the club purchasing a screen canopy (basically a dining fly with screen walls) was raised by KB9JDE. After some discussion, no motion was put forth.

The drawing was help, and there was no winner (but the acting secretary neglected to note either the amount or the potential winner).

Motion to close the meeting was made by K9JWI at 2115. W9YA seconded and the motion passed.

THE KANKAKEE AREA RADIO SOCIETY'S

16th ANNUAL

HAMFEST '99

AMATEUR RADIO • ELECTRONICS • COMPUTERS

— AIR CONDITIONED BUILDING —

SUNDAY, JULY 11th

WILL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

PEOTONE, ILLINOIS

Easy to reach I-57 to Peotone Exit 327 (East) • 35 Acres – Free Parking

TICKETS

DOUBLE STUB	
Advance	\$4.00
SINGLE STUB	
Gate	\$5.00
RESERVED INDOOR TABLES	\$7.00
— Children under 12 FREE —	



INFORMATION

For Reserved Tables and Advanced Tickets, send check (payable to KARS) and S.A.S.E. to:

CHIP MOORE, K9IOC
289 S. Euclid Ave.
Bradley, IL 60915
E-mail: chipm@megsinet.net

OR
BILL DESALVO, W9OQW
403 Birch Dr.
Shorewood, IL 60431
815-744-5099

SET-UP

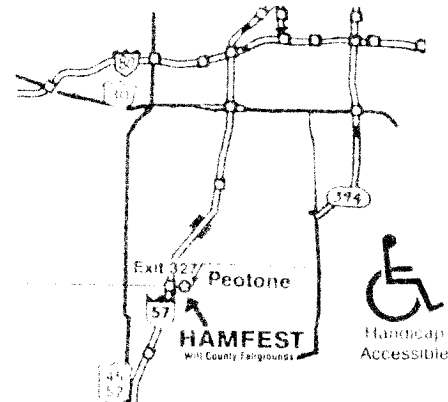
INDOOR Saturday, 6-8:00 PM
INDOOR & FLEAMARKET
Sunday, 6:00 AM



\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$

First Prize — \$300.00
Second Prize — \$100.00
Third Prize — \$100.00
(Cash Prize Winner Need Not Be Present)

TALK-IN
146.94↓



OVERNIGHT PARKING AVAILABLE — \$10 WITH ELECTRIC
GOOD FOOD and DRINK AVAILABLE FOR BREAKFAST and LUNCH

FOR GENERAL HAMFEST INFO

Contact: Billie Kerouac, KF9IF at 815-939-7548 or dkbk@megsinet.net
HAMFEST INFO ON KARS WEBSITE: <http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/hangar/5711>

FIELD DAY 1999

Location

Once again, we are on the grounds of the Soldiers Home in West Lafayette. The best way to get to the Field Day site from US52 is to go north on Soldiers Home Road past the S-curve and the cemetery and take a right into the back entrance. We are at the far side of the large open area you will see on your left.

Schedule

Setup begins at 1:00pm on Friday, June 25 and continues until dark.

Setup continues Saturday morning, June 26, starting around 8:30am.

Operations begin at 1:00pm Saturday and go for 24 hours.

Teardown begins at 1:00pm on Sunday, June 27.

Plans for This Year

Due in part to the very generous equipment loans from a few club members and local organizations, we are going to have five stations set up this year:

- HF Phone
- HF CW
- HF Novice/Tech+/Tech
- VHF (6m)
- Satellite

In an effort to keep these stations on the air for as many hours as possible, Steve Van Frank, WB9NIF, is serving as coordinator for the operators. We want to encourage anyone who wants to operate any of the stations to come out to the site and look for him. Or, contact Steve at 448-6262 or wb9nif@arrl.net to get on the schedule before Field Day.

As an emergency preparedness exercise, Field day is an opportunity to test your operating skills, try a different mode or learn something new. We encourage all area hams to come out and make a few contacts or stay up all night with us, its up to you.

Come on Out

We can always use help setting up, operating, or tearing down. You don't have to be a TARA member to participate. We hope to see your there!

A/WB9NIF

The Treasurer's Report has not yet been received for publication.
Maybe next month.

A/K9KRE