

Program Meeting

Wednesday, July 28th

2-----Drawing July 13th for \$???.00-----0

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T	A A	R R	A A	Vice-Pres KF9CT	Jack Freeman
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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

- 31JUL99 SAT Hamfest at Huntington, IN A/QST
- 1AUG99 SUN 0700-1500 Land of Lakes Hamfest @ Steuben Co. 4-H Fairgrnds,  
Corner of 200W & 200N, Exit 150 off I69, free parking,  
VE Exams, Trunk sales \$2.00, Talk-in 147.18 PL 131.8,  
\$4.00
- 8AUG99 SUN 0600-1430 65th Annual Hamfesters RC at Will County  
Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL, They are providing an air-  
conditioned, fully enclosed pavilion for this event.  
Free overnight parking,  
Talk-in 146.64 (107.2 Hz), 146.52, \$5.00
- 8AUG99 SUN 0800 Kokomo & Grant Count ARCs host Greentown Indiana  
Hamfest at Greentown Lions Club Fairgrounds,  
Talk-in 147.24, \$?.??
- 10AUG99 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 15AUG99 SUN **LAFAYETTE HAMFEST**  
**ALWAYS 3RD SUNDAY IN AUGUST**
- 25AUG99 WED 1930 Program Meeting
- 28AUG99 SAT 0700-1400 La Porte ARC Hamfest, La Porte County Fairgrounds,  
2 mile west of La Porte, Outdoor tailgaiting is free,  
Talk-in 146.52, \$6.00
- 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
- ??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
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Tact is the art of making a point  
without making an enemy.
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Sweater: A garment worn by a child  
when his mother feels chilly.

1999 DAYTON HAMVENTION POSTS SLIGHT ATTENDANCE INCREASE

The 1999 Dayton Hamvention General Chairman, Dick Miller, N8CBU, reports that attendance at the world's largest Amateur Radio gathering rose slightly again this year. The official attendance at the event May 14-16 was 28,176, up from 28,120 in 1998.

The 1999 figure marks the second year in a row that attendance at the Hamvention has gone up and continues a trend of growing attendance. Hamvention officials reported that 28,000 attended in 1997.

Most observers felt the crowd this year was particularly upbeat and in a spending mood. "People seemed chipper and genuinely having fun," said Jeff Reinhardt, AA6JR, who represents Alinco. "It was good to see several new products at the show." Reinhardt also says he perceived a greater interest in HF gear than in previous years.

ICOM's Chris Lougee, N7TJM, said this year's Hamvention "had an interesting feel to it." Judging from the dealers he spoke with, Lougee says, sales were generally up over previous years, possibly a result of the added hours and a crowd more evenly divided between indoors and out. "The Dayton Hamvention had some of the best prices on new gear seen in years," he said, adding that this year's gathering was "a great experience."

"Dayton was great!" enthused Yaesu's Chip Margelli, K7JA. Better weather meant less of a crush inside, Margelli said, echoing Lougee's assessment, and that meant vendors could spend more "quality" time with potential customers. "Sales reflected the improved weather," he said.

Miller, who served as Hamvention general chairman for the past three years instead of the usual two, is stepping down after his extended tour of duty. The 2000 Hamvention General Chairman is Jim Graver, KB8PSO, and the Assistant Chairman is Bill Ervin, KA8WCF. Graver had served as Miller's assistant.

The 2000 Dayton Hamvention also will be the site of the ARRL National Convention. The Hamvention is operated by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association as a separate entity.

For more information about the Dayton Hamvention, visit <http://www.hamvention.org>.

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\* ARRL W9 Incoming QSL Bureau address change: Effective immediately, the new address for the W9 Incoming QSL Bureau is: Northern Illinois DX Assn, W9 Incoming QSL Bureau, PO Box 273, Glenview, IL 60025-0237. For more information, contact Bill Russin, N9BR, n9br@arrl.net.  
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ARRL BOARD ADOPTS NEW LEAGUE IDENTITY

The ARRL Board of Directors unanimously has approved the use of a new identity for the League. Meeting July 16-17 in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, the Board accepted the recommendation of the ARRL Executive Committee to emphasize the initials "ARRL" in conjunction with the tag line "The national association for Amateur Radio." The new identity--which is not a legal name change--will appear on League correspondence and publications. The traditional--and legal--name will be retained but de-emphasized; a new ARRL letterhead design includes "American Radio Relay League" at the bottom.

Further discussion of any possible new name for the League has been deferred until the Board meets again in January.

What is going on?

The June issue was ready to be printed when we received a call from WB9NIF, inquiring if it was too late to get something into print. We told him we would accommodate. He sent it by email, we transferred it to the word processor, at which point it was two pages long, many mis-spelled words, some lines had one word on them, other lines in dis-array. In straightening that out, it ended up with two mis-spelled words. Those were not Steve's, & if I had re-typed his submission rather than let the machine do it, they would not have occurred. I don't know what happened, and it being the first missive that I had transferred to the word processor, I was at a loss, and as a result did retype the minutes, which were submitted after WB9NIF's were, and caused more frustration.

By the way, there were apparently three errors in the minutes, they were not mine, the most obvious the statement that Bob Martin insisting that smoking be done around the equipment he would loan for Field Day. Now maybe that was what he wanted, but that is not the Bob I know. Trust the minutes were corrected at the July meeting, but that meeting is another subject.

The computer had just undergone major changes, so far that one e-mail-to-word processor has been the only one to mess up, and still messes up when we transfer it, but that other 30+ e-mails have transferred without problems. We were going to publish our e-mail address, but after KB9NIF's exchange we would prefer to continue receiving it the old fashioned way for a little longer.

Please note for future reference, the format is 3.4" or 7.2" in width left & right justified, and page length is 9-1/2". K9KRE

& What Else Is New

You possibly have noticed from another page(s), that the:

PRESIDENT

has not come forth with information on a program, or prodded the program chairman into the same.

VICE-PRESIDENT

has not come forward with a report on Field Day, not even what he sent into the ARRL (we hope he did that anyway)

SECRETARY

has not come forward with the minutes

TREASURER

has not come forward with his report for the past two months (he usually forwarded via the secretary and maybe will have to change that

As one member put it to me recently, "If they have nothing to hide, there is no problem in informing the members of what is going on." At least that is the gist of what he said.

The club has approximately 80 members, with as near as we can tell 15% being in attendance at the meetings (have not received a list of attendees recently.) I would like to be at more meetings, but have to sort my priorities and attend appropriately. Others have the same problem, and others just want to know that the club is doing.

It has been increasingly hard to pry information from those in the know, for what reason(s) we are not sure. It makes one appreciate the work of N9GKE, W9IMU, WA9TGO, KF9UP, W9YE, W9YIP, KZ9Z, and others.

-K9KRE

**Minutes for the July 14, 1999 Meeting**

**Treasurer's Report for the June 9, 1999 Meeting**

**Treasurer's Report for the July 14, 1999 Meeting**

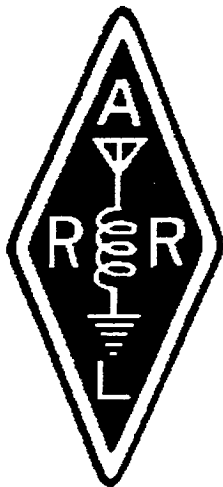
**Report on Field Day activities June 1999**

# The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual LAFAYETTE HAMFEST

**An Electronic Flea Market**

Sunday, August 15, 1999

TIPPECANOE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
Lafayette, Indiana



W9REG TALK-IN  
147.135/443.775

License Exams - Forums - Major Prize  
No charge for table or tailgate space  
ARRL Sanctioned

THIS CARD WORTH 50¢ OFF REGULAR TICKET

**LAFAYETTE HAMFEST**

*Located at  
Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds  
Lafayette, Indiana*

*Inside & Outside  
Flea Market,  
Refreshments*

☞ 3rd Sunday in August ☜