

B A N Q U E T

Wednesday, January 26, 2000

Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Entertainment at 7:30 P.M.

by a Men's Barbershop Quartet

"Old Country Buffet", same place as last year

WZ9A lost \$6.00 at the January 11th meeting

2-----Drawing February 8 for \$6.00-----0

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President	N9GKE	Bruce Stewart
Vice-Pres	WB9NIF	Steve Van Frank
Secretary	W9YE	Bob Martin
Treasurer	N9ZFG	Major Sherwin
Director	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin
Hamfest	WB9BRX	David Dull

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COMING EVENTS

23JAN00 SUN 0800-1400 Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Hamfest, Chicago Motor Speedway, 3301 South Laramie, flea market, commercial booths, VE sessions, plenty of free parking, Talk-in 145.39, \$7.00 (Editor's note: through the years this has been a large mid-winter hamfest, I note it is at a new location this year, this will make at least the fourth site for this affair.)

26JAN00 WED 1930 Program Meeting, **Banquet**
see pages 1 and 3 for details, don't forget it is open to all, TARA member or not

8FEB00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

23FEB00 WED 1930 Program Meeting

26FEB00 SAT LaPorte ARC Hamfest, LaPorte A/ARRL

14MAR00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

22MAR00 WED 1930 Program Meeting

25MAR00 SAT Columbus ARC Hamfest, Columbus A/ARRL

25MAR00 SAT Michigan City ARC Hamfest, Michigan City A/ARRL

11APR00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

26APR00 WED 1930 Program Meeting

9MAY00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

19MAY00 }

20MAY00 }-- **Dayton Hamvention** (The Ham Event)

21MAY00 }--- hosting the ARRL National Convention

24MAY00 WED 1930 Program Meeting, Field Day Auction

4JUN00 SUN Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest, Princeton, IL A/ARRL

11JUN00 SUN Six Meter Club of Chicago Hamfest, Wheaton, IL A/ARRL

13JUN00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

18JUN00 SUN Lake County ARC Dad's Day Hamfest, Crown Point A/ARRL

28JUN00 WED 1930 Program Meeting

8JUL00 SAT Indianapolis Hamfest Association Hamfest A/ARRL

9JUL00 SUN Kankakee ARS Hamfest, Peotone, IL A/ARRL

11JUL00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

23JUL00 SUN Fox River Radio League Hamfest, Sugar Grove, IL A/ARRL

26JUL00 WED 1930 Program Meeting

6AUG00 SUN Land of Lakes Hamfest, Angola A/ARRL

8AUG00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

13AUG00 SUN Kokomo & Grant County ARCs Hamfest, Greentown A/ARRL

20AUG00 SUN **LAFAYETTE HAMFEST**
ALWAYS 3RD SUNDAY IN AUGUST

23AUG00 WED 1930 Program Meeting

27AUG00 SUN Vermilion County ARA Hamfest, Danville, IL A/ARRL

9SEP00 SAT Owen County ARA Hamfest, Spencer A/ARRL

12SEP00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

16SEP00 SAT Peoria Area ARC, Peoria, IL A/ARRL

17SEP00 SUN Peoria Area ARC, Peoria, IL A/ARRL

23SEP00 SAT Chicago FM Club Hamfest, Grayslake, IL A/ARRL

24SEP00 SUN Chicago FM Club Hamfest, Grayslake, IL A/ARRL

27SEP00 WED 1930 Program Meeting

10OCT00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

TARA BUSINESS MEETING, 1-11-00

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by outgoing President Curtis Sherwin. The last meeting minutes were accepted with the correction of the "services rendered" to a "donation" for the \$500 received from the the Historical Society for our work at the annual "Feast of the Hunter's Moon" this year.

The Treasurer's report was given by Dave Dull and accepted as read. We have a total balance of \$11,859.59. Next the officers for year 2000 were elected. They are as follows; Bruce Stewart, Pres., Steve Van Sant, VP, Major Sherwin, Treas., & Bob Martin, Sect'y. The new Pres. assumed the conduction of the meeting.

The Aug. hamfest was discussed. The Pres. appointed Dave Dull-chairman, Major Sheerwin & family--the refreshment stand, others to be volunteered or appointed as necessary later.

The old generator will be disposed of. Anyone wanting all or part of it can find it at Jack Freeman's house The Pres. suggested that we wait for 1-2 months to see if we can find a new or used one for future FD use.

Shack antennas were discussed. They need to be inventoried and the ones that are to be put back up repaired and readied for installation. Major Sherwin volunteered his services to help but not to be in charge. Pres Stewart will talk to Jeff Stewart to see if he will help in this effort.

Program meetings were discussed. The Pres. would like a concensus of what we would like to have for programs.

Ham station grounding was suggested and will be one of the topics if we can find an expert to talk on that subject.

OUR YEARLY BANQUET WILL BE HELD AT THE "OLD COUNTRY BUFFET" ON WED, JAN 26 IN THEIR DINING ROOM. ATTENDEES WILL GO THRU THE LINE AND BUY THEIR OWN DINNER. THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE A QUARTET FROM THE BARBERSHOP MEN'S CHORUS. DINNER IS AT 6:30, THE PROGRAM STARTS AT 7:30.

Shack keys will be looked into and arrangements made for key availability. The VP will meet with the Red Cross and take care of changing the key assignment arrangements. All members who have keys now should notify Pres. Bruce Stewart for his inventory.

A drawing was held and Robb Johnson, WZ9A was drawn. He was absent so no prize was given.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15. Respectfully submitted by Bob Martin, Sect'y.

TARA Attendance, 1-11-00

Tim Gardner, KB9JDE
Howard Koehl, KZ9Z
Jim Davis, WA9LYC
Major Sherwin, N9ZFG
Bob Lusby, K9FOH
Jack Freeman, KF9CT

Steve Van Frank, WB9NIF
Dave Dull, WB9BRX
Steve Belter, WB9SGP
Dana Hoggatt, KB9SSS
Tom Kuespert, K9KF
D. C. Aspell, WB9CZC

Jim Haynes, KB9RLT
Bob Niewerth, KC9LI
Bob Martin, W9YE
John Baugher, N9JEA
Bruce Stewart, N9GKE
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

December 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999

Income Received:

James Milligan KE9KA Dues 2001 – 2002	12/18/99	\$12.00
Bob Niewerth KC9LI Dues 2000	12/18/99	\$6.00
Steve & Deborah Belter N9SUD & KB9SGP Dues 2001	12/18/99	\$9.00
Francis Hudlow WA9HKK Dues 2000	12/18/99	\$6.00
Pedro Castillo WB9RVN Dues 2001 – 2002	12/18/99	\$12.00
Rex Thomas W9WQS Dues 2001	12/18/99	\$6.00
Interest on Saving	12/31/99	\$8.25
Total Income:		\$59.25


Disbursements:

USPS -- Postage for Tattler	12/15/99	\$277.96
Total Disbursements:		\$277.96

Summary:

Beginning Checking Account Balance	11/1/99	\$196.15
Beginning Saving Account Balance	11/1/99	\$5069.76
Beginning Cash on Hand	11/1/99	\$6.00
Ending Checking Account Balance	12/31/99	\$224.19
Ending Savings Account Balance	12/31/99	\$4777.97
Current Value CD (Mature: 05/8/00 – Q int. 11/8/99)	8/8/99	\$6806.43
Cash on hand	12/31/99	\$51.00
Total Assets:		\$11859.59

I'd like to thank everyone for the opportunity to be your treasurer during the past two years, it's been a pleasure to help out the club and to serve the fine members of this organization.


David R. Dull WB9BRX
Treasurer

Note: As of January 10, 2000 I have received dues from K9FOH (Bob - 2001), K9FGX (Nellie - 2000) and K9KRE (Van - 2000) which will be passed to the new treasurer for the January report. Additionally, the club trailer registration has been paid for 2000.

ENHANCED AMATEUR ENFORCEMENT
ENTERS A NEW YEAR

As the new year gets under way, FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth hinted he might have to break bad on hard-core offenders this year. He explained that poor or lax FCC enforcement in the past led him to be more forgiving of rulebreakers during his first full calendar year in the enforcement chair. Now, those who persist in operating outside of the stated basis and purpose of Amateur Radio "are beginning to try our patience," he said. "I can't say we're going to be as compassionate this year."

Hollingsworth said he expected to continue his focus on incursions into the 10-meter band by unlicensed operators, especially as propagation gets better, and on equipment certification issues. "We're very concerned about the illegal equipment we see for sale at hamfests," he explained.

Overall, however, malicious interference remains "the basic problem," as he put it. "We're going to use the High-Frequency Direction Finding Center at Laurel [Maryland] more this year" to track down rulebreakers, he said. In addition, Hollingsworth now has enhanced monitoring tools at his Gettysburg office, allowing him access to the HFDF Center's 14 antenna fields plus VHF-UHF "pods" that can be moved around as necessary. "We have dial-in capabilities to all of our antenna fields and to the pods, so we can cover HF, UHF, and VHF anywhere in the country, right here from the Gettysburg office," he explained.

"It's a force multiplier, so to speak," Hollingsworth said of the new capabilities.

Hollingsworth also says he's upbeat about the future of ham radio and the FCC's Amateur Radio restructuring plan announced December 30. "I'm really optimistic about it," he said this week. "I think that it's a good idea to simplify things a little bit as far as the number of license classes," he added, referring to the new three-tiered system.

Hollingsworth said he believes Amateur Radio needs more young blood to keep it going in the future, and he thinks the new licensing system that becomes effective April 15 might help in that regard. He declined, however, to comment further on the specific policies and rules the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau laid down in its Report and Order, saying it would not be appropriate.

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The trouble with being an expert is that you can't turn to anybody else for advice.

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de The ARRL Letter V19 #02 14JAN00

* FCC shifts license color: The ARRL has learned that the FCC's Gettysburg office has begun issuing new Amateur Radio license documents on blue paper instead of the beige stock that hams have become accustomed to for many years. Wireless Telecommunications Bureau personnel say the new licenses are printed on whatever color "safety paper" stock they have available. "Our policy/procedure is to print all licenses on safety paper, so they can be easily identified as our official documents, but we don't have a requirement as to the color," an FCC spokesperson told the ARRL. "When the last shipment was received they were blue." The change apparently has nothing to do with the recently announced FCC license restructuring.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS,
CONFUSION FOLLOW IN FCC's WAKE

(Second Paragraph)

More than half of those responding to an informal poll on the ARRL Web site indicate they plan to upgrade during 2000. Demand for study materials in the past week suggests many amateurs will be hitting the books in the coming weeks.

He who hesitates is lost, but he may not find another chance to get off the freeway for quite a distance.

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Question Pool Committee Eyes
February 1 Release Date

A revised Amateur Radio question pool that reflects the April 15, 2000, restructuring rules could be out by February 1. Chairman Ray Adams, W4CPA, of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators' Question Pool Committee says workable question pools for the new Technician, General and Amateur Extra written exams will be made public by February 1 or 'very shortly thereafter.'

Adams says that a Technician class syllabus already has been drafted and approved. The various QPC members have been keeping in touch by telephone and e-mail since the FCC announced the restructuring rules December 30.

Adams says that the QPC plans to further refine and update the newly configured pools in the future, after it has an opportunity to meet and formulate a plan. He said the revised question pools will follow the established format.

ARRL PURCHASES
COMMUNICATIONS QUARTERLY

The ARRL has purchased the Amateur Radio technical journal Communications Quarterly from CQ Communications and will merge the publication with the League's technical journal QEX. The change becomes effective for subscribers starting with the March/April issue of QEX. The new combined publication initially will serve a joint readership of more than 7000. The magazine will bear the legend, "QEX, incorporating Communications Quarterly."

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.

de The ARRL Letter V18 #48 10DEC99

* FCC warns against nonamateur use of modified gear: The FCC has told the ARRL that police, public safety agencies, and others may not legally use equipment--such as modified Amateur Radio gear--that has not been FCC certified to transmit in services requiring FCC-certified equipment. The use of a modified Amateur Radio transceiver on police frequencies would be contrary to Part 90 of the rules because the equipment would not be FCC certified, an FCC official explained. In 1996, the FCC reminded manufacturers and users that transmitters intended for operation on frequencies allocated to any FCC-authorized radio service except the Amateur Service must be type-accepted (now called FCC certified) for the particular radio service prior to marketing and use. The use of such equipment could subject the licensee and user to penalties and forfeitures, as appropriate. The FCC said anyone selling such equipment also risks FCC sanctions.

Joe's Place

Joe Phillips, K8QOE

(From The Ohio Section Journal, Ron Griffin,
NSAEH, Findlay, editor)

Hamfests; Where Gridlock Is No Longer A Problem

Come on, admit it; you do it. I do it. All ham radio operators entering a hamfest do it. You arrive at an event, look around to judge the crowd size; see what commercial dealers made the show and whether your favorite flea market vendor is attending. Then within thirty seconds, you've decided - this hamfest is successful or it is not.

In the late 1990s, making these judgments has been very interesting. Not so previously. In the 70s and 80s, all hamfests always exceed past performances. Nothing to judge - always bigger and bigger. But now, not anymore.

A hamfest within driving distance used to be once a month until the 80s when each week had a close event; some weeks - two or more. This is beginning to change as well. Fading attendance and low commercial dealer turnout at some shows (but not all in Ohio) will change the amateur radio hamfest calendar in the 2000s.

In QST (November, 1999; pages 53-56), Don Gagnon, WB8HQS, of Fort Wayne, gave us 63 reasons that the Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo in November is so successful. The four paged article is a handy cook book approach on how anyone else can do the same. The tips are valuable and required reading for anyone involved in the hamfest business - veteran or rookie.

But if you're looking for this article to reverse the current BEAR marked in hamfest attendance and dealer turnout some of our Ohio shows are experiencing, I tend to doubt it will happen.

Putting The Dayton Hamvention in a league by itself (and if you're inclined not to do this, give me a call - I'd love to hear from you), we tend to

categorize other hamfests as either MAJOR events or small hamfests. These designations will change in the 2000s as well when some grow and some continue to decline. At the beginning of this decade, the Cincinnati Reds were big market winners (world champions) and Cleveland Indians were small market losers. Unless you just arrived in Ohio from Mars, you know the past four years these baseball teams have dramatically reversed places. Past big hamfests have been and will continue to change places with small shows in the same way.

Let's look at this for a second. Big events had major dealers and even manufacturers (ICOM, Kenwood, Yaesu, etc.) attending during the hamfest bull market. Then dealers began to see dramatic sales results from those 800 number long distance telephone lines. Right at the same time, the number of shows they were invited to attend seemed to double. More hamfests just at a time when they seem to need to attend none at all for big radio sales - except for The Dayton Hamvention, of course.

So with manufacturers and major dealers attending less and less hamfests, smaller dealers and computer companies were courted by all hamfests to make up the difference. I need not tell you it has not always worked.

I will not mention names: that simply isn't fair. But there are Ohio events used to selling in excess of 2,500 tickets now not doing half that number. I know a recent major show where the trustees were thrilled that attendance fell 3 per cent from the previous year. They had been worried the drop in percentage would be in double digits. Even The Dayton Hamvention, as large and powerful as it is, hasn't been completely immune to the new hamfests economics.

Actually observing events throughout Ohio the past year, it has been obvious that the most SECURE shows have been the small hamfests - those who continue to serve their base audience both in ticket sales and vendors.

For others, it is just now getting interesting.

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== IF YOU HAVE LOANED OR DONATED ==
== EQUIPMENT TO THE CLUB, PLEASE READ ==
== THIS! ==
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== We are resuming our effort to dispose ==
== of surplus equipment. Some of the ==
== surplus equipment was loaned or donated ==
== to us. We want to give the original owners ==
== the chance to reclaim any surplus equipment ==
== before we dispose of it. We will be making ==
== this announcement several times as well as ==
== reviewing old records to determine, if possible, ==
== the original equipment owners. If you have loaned ==
== or donated equipment to the club or you know ==
== someone who has, please contact Steve Van Frank ==
== WB9NIF at 448-6262 or wb9nif@arrl.net. ==
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Some Notes :

A good turn-out at the January Tuesday meeting, 18 on the attendance sheet.

Thanks to the Vice-President, Secretary, the Treasurer, and Dave Dull for timely submittal of items for this issue.

There were 38 members with membership paid only through December 31, 1999, as of the last report from the Treasurer. (One member is paid through December 31, 2009, talk about planning ahead)

After a few more bring their dues up to date, we will publish a new list of members.

KB9LKD Hardesty, Tony
 KB9JDA Diener, Mike
 KB9OQC Martin, John
 KB9RLT Haynes, Jim
 W5BWN Crowder, Clyde L
 N9ZFG Sherwin, Major W
 KB9SST Springer, Phil
 KB9SSS Hoggatt, Dana
 Pelton, Malcolm

Following is a list of those who need to bring their status up to date.....

N9KWJ Conner, Larry
 WB9BRX Dull, David R
 W9BZF Vavrus, August Robert
 W9IMU Vaughn, Clarence I
 WD9JLN Bressler, Charles I
 K9JWI Mauck, Clyde B
 K9LYA Collison, James A
 WB9NIF Van Frank, Steven Mark
 WB9QQZ Bender, Charles R (Dick)
 WB9SBV Lertzak, Jules J
 WB9SWD Sherwin, Curtis L
 WA9TGO Canarecci, James D
 WB9USL Weber, Margret C
 WB9VAL Smith Sr, Robert D
 W9YIP Edwards, John P
 WB9WLU Rumble, William Scott
 KA9NYW Rumble, Anna L
 KE9OV Steill, Daniel
 N9JEA Baugher, John L
 N9NWO Dean, Greg A
 WZ9A Johnston, Robb R
 N7DUK Wood, Hubert C
 W9YE Martin, Robert D
 N9MIH Ward, Glenn A
 K9DV McCormick, David M
 KF9VA Critser, Steve
 AA9LL Stine, George H
 N9UFP King, David C
 N9XTN Conner, Mark D
 N9XPZ Brummett, Sam