

See page 2 for Field Day Schedule

Program Night

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

N9NWO won \$6.00 June 13th

2-----Drawing July 11th 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

23JUN00 FRI 1300 FIELD DAY setup, @ Indiana Veterans Home

24JUN00 FRI 0800 FIELD DAY setup, @ Indiana Veterans Home

24JUN00 SAT 1300 FIELD DAY, operations begin for 245 hours

25JUN00 SUN 1300 FIELD DAY, tear down, until about 1700

{{{{{ See last months issue for additional information on FIELD DAY}}}}}

28JUN00 WED 1930 Program Meeting, Field Day post mortem

8JUL00 SAT Indianapolis Hamfest Association Hamfest A/ARRL

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

11JUL00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

18JUL00 TUE 1830 ARRL/VEC, Walk-ins allowed, UAW Local 1166,
2760 North 50 East, Kokomo, IN 46902,
contact: Terry L Miller, 765-457-2449 A/ARRL.ORG

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

26JUL00 WED 1930 Program Meeting, tentatively a presentation on
antenna modeling software

29JUL00 SAT 0900 ARRL/VEC, Walk-ins allowed, sponsored by Clinton County
ARC, Frankfort Public Library, Courthouse Square,
208 West Clinton Street, Frankfort,
contact: Samuel F Paul, 765-659-1720 A/ARRL.ORG

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 (re-scheduled from April)
by J. B. Van Sickle, K9KRE, a review of standing
motions and other issues, so of which appear to be
adhered to (& are not), others that need modified,
and some that need rescinded, should be particularly
of interest to new members over the last twenty or so
years.....

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, N9YTE, Ed Delp, on ALS and GPS

10OCT00 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

TARA Meeting, 6-13-00

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Pres. Bruce Stewart.

Old Business:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer, Major Sherwin, then read his report and that was accepted as read. Total money on hand is \$11,994.67. Jack Freeman reported that he has approval by the Purdue Warehouses that we can keep our trailer and misc. material at the Purdue Warehouses. The antenna committee reports that they soon plan to get the cross-arm and two vertical antennas replaced on the club (Red Cross) tower. Bruce Stewart will look after this. It was approved that Major Sherwin will be reimbursed \$34.24 for the Van Sickle flowers that he sent after the death of J. P. Van Sickle's father. Also, Dave Dull is to be reimbursed for wire he bought and paid for at Dayton. The Porta-Johns will cost about \$150 this year as they are equipped with hand-washing facilities. Curtis Sherwin will be submitting a bill for antenna/FD wire and miscellaneous parts for antennas that he bought for the Club at Dayton. Steve Van Frank bought 3 tents to be used at FD and will submit a bill at the next meeting.

New Business:

Jeff Stewart informed us that the soap-box Derby is to be held this coming week-end and he asked for volunteers to help with communications for it. Steve Belter showed us a screw-in ground anchor that he bought for \$1.99 at Menards. He will use them (4) at the satellite station to hold down antenna supports, etc. Steve Van Frank has a donation of 2 deep-cycle 12 v. batteries donated to us by Delco-Remy. They will be used for power supplies for field day.

Two new members were voted into the club; Chuck Welborne, KB9WKV, and Steve Bruhne, KV9DPL.

The drawing was won by N9NWO, Greg Dean

At this point the regular meeting ended at 8:15, but a post-meeting was held by Steve Van Frank on FD topics and will be reported separately on by him in the TATTLER.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Martin, Secretary.

Attendance List:

Bob Martin, W9YE; Tim Gennett, K9WX; Major Sherwin, N9ZFG; Jack Kueberth, KB9KLQ; Marty Lynch, KA1LXG; Jim Haynes, KB9RLT; Clyde Mauck, K9JW!; Bob Lusby, K9FOH; Sam Brummet, N9XPZ; Tim Gardner, KB9JO; Bruce Stewart, N9GKE; Steve Van Frank, W9TN; Dana Goggatt, KB9SSS; Jeff Stewart, KF9UP; Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD; Greg Dean, N9NWO; Steve Belter, WB9SCP. Jack Freeman, KF9CT; Chuck Welborne, LB9WKL; Steve Bruhn, KB9BPL;

TARA meeting on Wednesday, 24 May 00

The group got together for the annual FD auction. Attendance was not taken but about 20 members attended. A large amount of old equipment had been donated for the auction, most of it small stuff. (in dollar amounts). Nevertheless the total auction came out to about \$450.00 It will be all used for the expenses for FD 2000. The weather was dry and warm, and the auction was held in the Red Cross car garage and just in front of the open garage doors.. It moved right along as two auctioneer teams took turns holding up items for sale. Also, at times, due to reluctant bidding, 2 & 3 items would be thrown together and sold together at one price.

You are all encouraged to view our web site for more info on club business and on FD news.

Respectively submitted, Bob Martin, Sect'y

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report
May 1, 2000 through May 31, 2000

Income Received:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Marty Lynch KA1LXG Dues 2000	5/9/00	\$6.00
Jim Haynes KB9RLT Dues 2001 - 2005	5/9/00	\$30.00
Interest on CD	5/9/00	\$70.20
Various member - TARA 2000 shirts	5/13/00	\$110.25
Bob Martin W9YE Battery Donation	5/24/00	\$10.00
John Kueberth KB9KUQ Battery Donation	5/24/00	\$10.00
Erik Modiesett KB9EES Dues 2000	5/24/00	\$6.00
Field Day Auction	5/24/00	\$406.50
Interest on Savings	5/31/00	\$7.75
Total Income:		\$656.70

Disbursements:

Jim Haynes KB9RLT Business meeting door prize	5/9/00	\$30.00
Tippecanoe County Treasurer - Not-for-profit filing fee	5/14/00	\$2.00
Nancy Waiss - 500 ft of 9913 cable @ .40/FT	5/16/00	\$200.00
Tim Gennett K9WX TARA 2000 shirts (\$14.37 profit)	5/24/00	\$317.38
Total Disbursements:		\$549.38

Summary:

Beginning Checking Account Balance	5/1/00	\$175.60
Beginning Savings Account Balance	5/1/00	\$4,608.30
Beginning Value of CD (Issued 11/08/95, APR 4.20%)	5/1/00	\$6,877.45
Beginning Cash on Hand	5/1/00	\$226.00
Beginning Assets:		\$11,887.35
Ending Checking Account Balance	5/31/00	\$430.97
Ending Savings Account Balance	5/31/00	\$4,616.05
Current Value of CD (Matures 2/8/01)	5/31/00	\$6,947.65
Ending Cash on Hand	5/31/00	\$0.00
Ending Assets:		\$11,994.67



Major W. Sherwin N9ZFG
Treasurer

HAMS REMEMBER BIG BAND LEADER "TEX" BENEKE, KOHWY, SK

Big band singer and saxophonist Gordon L. "Tex" Beneke, KOHWY, of Santa Ana, California, died at a rest home in Costa Mesa May 30, reportedly of respiratory arrest. He was 86.

Beneke took over the Glenn Miller Orchestra in 1946 after Miller's death during World War II, and he continued to capitalize on the Miller sound throughout his career. He later broke with the Miller estate and formed his own band, billing it as "Tex Beneke and His Orchestra: Playing the Music Made Famous by Glenn Miller."

A native of Forth Worth, Texas, Beneke joined Miller's orchestra in 1938. His southern-style vocals helped make hits out of Miller's "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," among others.

Fred Mason, W5SLT, recalls that Beneke operated 10 meters from his hotel room during his travels around the country, using a wire hanging out the window. Mason also remembers running phone patches in the early 1950s, so Beneke could talk with his parents in Fort Worth.

Tim La Marca, N6RNK--a younger-generation big band leader--says he met Beneke in the early 1990s--first on the air and later in person. A mutual acquaintance had told Beneke about the young musician, so Beneke gave him a call on the local repeater. "Imagine my surprise when one evening, just as I was about to turn off my radio, there was a voice I had not heard on the repeater before."

A few months later, La Marca got to meet Beneke when his band was performing in Pasadena. "After the performance, we went backstage to meet Tex--one of the highlights of my life," he said.

"You can't mention the Big Band Era without the name of Tex Beneke coming to mind," La Marca said. "Even though his key is silent, we still have the recordings of his wonderful music to remember him by."

Curiously, Beneke's role was omitted from the movie, "The Glenn Miller Story." Beneke himself appeared in films such as "Sun Valley Serenade" in 1941 and "Orchestra Wives" in 1942.

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* W1AW exposed! Fast-moving, violent thunderstorms June 11 certainly made their presence felt around W1AW. Large branches from the two trees nearest the rear entrance came down onto the station, exposing the once leaf-shrouded side that faces ARRL Headquarters. While there was severe tree damage in the neighborhood, W1AW and its antennas came through it all unscathed. The storm did result in a power outage, however. A number of branches ended up resting right against the windows, however, and Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, promptly removed them in the interests of safety. He then enlisted the help of Building Manager Greg Kwasowski to cut down the badly damaged trees. Although hindered by the inclement weather, Brennan Price, N4QX--on hand over the weekend to put W1AW on the air for the ARRL June VHF sweepstakes--made 129 QSOs (with 37 grids) total on the 50, 144, 222 & 432 MHz bands combined, using CW, SSB & FM.

ARRL-VEC PROCESSING BOTTLENECK EASES

The ARRL-VEC reports further substantial progress in clearing the logjam of applications resulting from Amateur Radio license restructuring. Most new and upgrade candidates now are waiting four weeks between test session and license grant. The wait could be longer or shorter in some cases, however, depending upon when the VE team's test session paperwork arrived at ARRL-VEC.

As of June 15, the ARRL-VEC was processing applications received May 24. ARRL-VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, reports that paperwork for another 300 test sessions--with 2350 applications--remains in the queue. He says that represents a potential 500 Tech licenses, 1200 General licenses and 650 Extra licenses.

Once applications are received by the FCC, they generally are processed overnight. Jahnke said the ARRL-VEC expects to cut its backlog to two weeks or less within a week. Last week he reported that the initial surge of applications already had been processed, and fewer applications remained in the pipeline.

ARRL-VEC staff members and volunteers have been working nights and weekends to clear the influx of applications. Seven VEC staff members, two temporary employees, and a half-dozen or more HQ staff volunteers from other departments have been whittling down the stacks.

Jahnke reminded applicants that the best license grant information is available from the FCC's Universal Licensing System site, <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls> (click on "License Search"). He noted that typical Web call sign servers are at least 24 hours behind the FCC in updating license data.

Test session processing status continues to be available on the ARRL-VEC Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/status.html>.

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* ULS registration can protect your license record: Registering now on the FCC's Universal Licensing System can be a big benefit even if you don't have any plans to file an application anytime soon. The FCC's Steve Linn, N4CAK, told those on hand for the Dayton FCC Forum that ULS registration "protects your call sign within the system" and could prevent it from inadvertently being deleted or reissued due to a filing error. He also pointed out that amateurs wishing to make a change of address should file an "administrative update" (AU) and not request a "modification." The ULS will not renew an amateur's license unless it is within the 90-day window of expiration (or within the two-year grace period after expiration). The same applies for those upgrading their tickets under restructuring. Linn said the FCC continues to work out the bugs in the ULS. He said that support for the Mac platform and other browsers, such as Internet Explorer, would be coming along soon. The FCC in late April opened the ULS to Web filing. Linn advised filers to use the on-line system whenever possible, since it helps users to avoid errors that will not get trapped when filing on paper and could lead to delays or errors in your FCC record. Visit <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls> for more information or to access the ULS.

* Anti-virus software may impair ULS access: Dennis Faist, WB8TUU, reports he had problems during recent attempts to log on to the FCC's Universal Licensing System using direct dialup. He suggests that individuals running into difficulty during the Netscape Navigator 4.73 logon/encryption procedure disable McAfee anti-virus software. Faist says running McAfee in the background inhibited his system's ability to download Java applets necessary for filing an application via the ULS. "I was running McAfee anti-virus software initially in the background. Disabling the McAfee software, re-logging onto the FCC ULS site, and letting the four FCC applets--ClientUtil.jar, jaguar.jar, jconnect.jar, and powerj.jar--download and function cured the problem," he says.--Dennis Faist, WB8TUU

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* How to get the W1AW Field Day bulletin: Field Day participants can earn 100 bonus points by copying the W1AW Field Day bulletin. This bulletin will be transmitted on the regular W1AW frequencies. CW: Saturday, June 24, 0000 UTC, 0300 UTC, 1400 UTC; Sunday, June 25, 0000 UTC, 1400 UTC. SSB: Saturday, June 24, 0145 UTC, 1500 UTC; Sunday June 25, 0145 UTC; 1500 UTC; RTTY: Saturday June 24, 0100 UTC; Sunday, June 25, 0100 UTC. The Field Day bulletin must be copied over the air for credit. It is not posted at the ARRL Web site, nor will it be available on the Internet. Remember too that a new bonus of 100 points can be earned by setting up a demonstration of a nontraditional mode of Amateur Radio communication--including APRS, ATV or SSTV. This bonus is not available for demonstrating modes for which QSO credit can be earned, such as packet, PSK31 or other digital modes. Good luck in FD 2000!

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* You're never too old to upgrade: Volunteer Examiner John Creel, WB3GXW, of Maryland's Laurel VEC, reports a heartwarming experience at a VE session Sunday, March 26, at the Greater Baltimore Hamboree and Computerfest. During the session, the team tested 148 applicants who took 205 elements, including several upgrades to Extra. "The highlight was when Charles A. Earp Jr, W3DKT, came through the door," Creel relates. "He had in his possession his 1933-issued license. At 83 years and one month he upgraded to a grand Extra by passing Elements 4B and 1C. His CSCE was signed by all 23 VEs who worked the session. What a day!" The team's next test date is April 15.--John Creel, WB3GXW

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* ARRL Division, Section electronic newsletters now available to members: Effective this week, ARRL members who have registered for the Members Only Web Site will be able to receive ARRL Division and Section news in electronic form. Initially, those ARRL members who previously opted to receive The ARRL Letter or ARRL bulletins have been signed up for Division/Section news. New users will be offered Division/Section news as well as the other options currently available. Section Managers may send newsletters or announcements for their sections to Mary Lau, N7IAL (n7ial@arrl.org). Submissions will be remailed as received, and each message will have a brief note appended telling members how they can opt out of receiving further mailings if desired. Users may change their e-mail delivery options at any time via the "Member Data Page" under "What's available here?" on the Members Only home page.

Late Braking News! 13 & 20 WPM Code Reinstated!

The new 5 wpm credit for General, Advanced, and Extra Class upgrades has been rescinded! Hams who successfully passed VE exams under the 5 wpm rule must be re-tested at 13 or 20 wpm before 2003 or revert to their previous class of license.

Because of international treaty obligations, the new, reduced speed 5 wpm code test requirement for General, Advanced, and Extra amateur radio licenses has been rescinded until further notice. The previous 13 and 20 wpm code tests will be reinstated for those classes of licenses. Novice and Technician licenses will retain the 5 wpm code requirement. The FCC expects to announce the details by June 2000. Meanwhile, those amateurs who successfully passed the new VE exams, received code test credit, and upgraded and under the 5 wpm rule should expect to be re-tested sometime before 2003, when the entire new structure should be in place. Those who choose not to take the 13 or 20 wpm code tests will revert to their previous class of license. This latest change is the result of a minor oversight by the FCC's legal department.

N8JR & GEARNEWSf via the Internet
TRAP: <http://w3.gwis.com/~joelr/gearpix.htm>

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Super Extra Class License?

Now that changes in FCC rules have eliminated the Advance, Tech Plus, and Novice licenses, the only classes left are Technician, General, and Extra, pretty much the same as it was in the days before Incentive Licensing. since almost everybody upgraded to Extra Class during the pre-April 15 loophole period, there is a call from many hams for a new Super Extra Class license to create a new division of hams to recognize those who are better than most of run-of-the-mill hams. To qualify for the license, the candidate would be required to pass a 35 to 50 WPM code test, a written exam on electronic theory and subjective electrodigital reasoning, and machine shop procedures. Minority status (any minority is eligible, i.e., everybody in America), physical beauty, secondary sexual characteristics, and absence of objectionable body odor would also be taken into consideration. The League of Radio Relaying Americans is petitioning the FCC for authority to select candidates for the Super Extra Superior Class license class if the FCC adopts it.

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