January 2001

T.A.R.A. Tattler 

#### The BANQUET

#### MCL Cafeteria

#### West Lafayette

7:00pm (note earlier time)

Check page to for information on SPECIAL program in February Mark date on your calendar for the February Program

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President N9GKE Bruce Stewart Vice-Pres W9TN Steve Van Frank Secretary W9YE Bob Martin Treasurer N9ZFG Major Sherwin Director WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin Hamfest WB9BRX David Dull www.w9reg.org

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#### COMING EVENTS

- 24JAN01 WED 1900 Program Meeting, Banquet, @ MCL
  Note the change in time!
- 28JAN01 SUN 0800-1300 Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs' Midwinter
  Hamfest, Chicago Motor Speedway, 3301 South Laramie,
  Cicero, IL, flea market tables, commercial booths, VE
  Exams on site, free parking, Talk-in 145.390, \$7.00
- 13FEB01 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 24FEB01 SAT 0700-1300 Chicago time, LPARC Cabin Fever Hamfest, La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge Street, La Porte, IN Talk-in 146.52 and 146.61(-) PL 131.8, \$5.00
- 25FEB01 SUN 0900-1600 Hamilton County ARPSC, Hartwell Recreation Center 59 Caldwell Drive, Cincinnati, OH, Flea market, Commercial dealers, Vendors, VE sessions, Talk-in 145.37, \$6.00
- 28FEB01 WED 1930 Program Meeting, a guest speaker from out-of-town,
  A member of the "Clipperton Island DXpedition, will
  give us the details. The President requests a large
  turn-out (Remember, you do not have to be a member, or
  a licensed amateur to be welcome at your meetings &/or
  become a member. Guest Speaker = Mike Goode, N9NS.
- 13MAR01 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 18MAR01 SUN Toledo Mobile Radio Assoc. Hamfest, Maumee, OH A/ARRL
- 25MAR01 SUN North Shore Radio Club, Grayslake, IL A/ARRL (www.ns9rc.org)
- 28MAR01 WED 1930 Program Meeting
- 7APRO1 SAT Columbus ARAC, Columbus, IN

A/ARRL

- 10APR01 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 25APR01 WED 1930 Program Meeting
- 29APRO1 SUN Moultrie ARK, Arthur, IL

A/ARRL

- 8MAY01 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 18MAY01 }
- 19MAY01 }-- Dayton Hamvention 20MAY01 }

(The Ham Event)

- 23MAY01 WED 1930 Program Meeting, Field Day Auction
- 2JUN01 SAT Sangamon Valley Radio Club, Springfield, IL A/ARRL (www.w9dua.net)
- 3JUN01 SUN Starved Rock Radio Club, Princeton, IL A/ARRL (www.qsl.net/w9mks)
- 10JUN01 SUN Six Meter Club of Chicago, Wheaton, IL (www.cyberconnect.com/orion/smcc.html)
- 12JUN01 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

#### **Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association**

Minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2001.

Members in attendance: N9ZFG, N9LF, KF9CT, KA1LXG, KB9RLT, W9TN, K9KF, N9GKE, KF9UP and WB9SWD. Visiting was former member N9MIH.

The minutes were recorded by N9LF, due to the absence of the Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 19:33 (local) by N9GKE.

Minutes of the December 2000 meeting were read and approved with the following corrections:

- 1. W9TN noted that club property, but not papers were due back in the shack for physical inventory.
- 2. N9YTE is planning to sell, *not donate*, radio equipment to the club or members. He may possibly have some computer equipment to donate.
- 3. Elections were not held in December, because they are due in January.
- 4. N9GKE requested Program meeting volunteers, not *Education meeting volunteers*.

The Treasurers report was read and accepted. Income totaled \$573.60, with no disbursements. Balance as of December 31, 2000 was \$11,388.77.

#### Old Business

The Tippecanoe County Historical Society sent a letter thanking us for our participation in the Feast of the Hunters Moon. Along with the letter, they sent a \$500 donation to the club.

The books were audited and accepted by KF9CT and KF9UP.

The club trailer remains in the possession of KF9CT and has been moved to an outdoor area. WB9SWD is pursuing new tires.

#### **New Business**

None.

#### **Elections**

The nominating committee posted a slate of candidates (all incumbents). Nominations were opened on the floor, but there were none. KF9UP moved and KF9CT seconded that nominations be closed. The slate was unanimously approved. New officers for the

coming year are:

President:

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE Steve Van Frank, W9TN

Secretary:

Vice-President:

Bob Martin, W9YE

Treasurer:

Major Sherwin, N9ZFG

#### **Program Meeting Notes:**

Upcoming program meetings include these fascinating topics:

January, 24 TARA Banquet, MCL Cafeteria, West Lafayette 7:00PM

February 28 Clipperton Island DXpedetion, including guest speaker Mike Goode, N9NS, one of the Clipperton 2000 adventurers.

Others (dates not firm)

E911 center

FAA Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) Indianapolis

Packet Radio

AO40 (and/or other Amateur satellites)

Amateur Television (ATV)

#### **Product Demo**

Jeff Stewart showed a headset with boom mic that he recently acquired. This unit is sold by Warren Gregoire & Associates. If you're interested in a low cost boom headset, ask Jeff about this device.

#### Drawing

Jon Wiggins, WD6DSJ, was drawn but not present to win. The drawing fund for February is \$12.

Meeting adjourned at 20:04 (local).

K9KF Tom Kuespert N9GKE Bruce Stewart KF9UP Jeff Stewart

WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin

Submitted by Tim Gardner, N9LF In Attendance 9JAN01 A man at a party approached a psychiatrist and said, "Doctor, I understand that N9ZFG Major W Sherwin you can tell whether a person is intelligent N9LF Tim Gardner or not by asking some very simple questions. KF9CT Jack D Freeman Is that true?" KA1LXG Martin Lynch KB9RLT Jim Haynes "Yes, a very simple question." the doctor "For example, Captain Cook W9TN Steve Van Frank N9MIH Glen Ward three voyages around the world and died on

one of them. Which one?"

"Aw Doc," the man said. "You know I'm not very good at history."

## Major W. Sherwin N9ZFG Treasurer

# Disbursements:

Total Disbursements:

### Income Received: Steve Van Frank W9TN Dues 2001 Curtis Sherwin WB9SWD Dues 2001 Bruce Stewart N9GKE Dues 2002 - 2003 Club keys for 1 member Pedro Castillo WB9RVN Dues 2003 Ed Delp N9YTE Dues 2002 - 2003 Jack Freeman KF9CT Dues 2001 TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION December 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 reasurer's Report

Tippecanoe County Historical Association - Feast 2/12/00 2/12/00

\$500.00

\$3.00

\$5.60

Total Income:

\$573.60

Steve Belter N9IP Dues 2002

Debbie Stewart N9ZFJ Dues 2001

Jeff Stewart KF9UP Dues 2001

Deborah Belter N9SUD Dues 2002

Interest on Savings

12/12/00 12/12/00 12/12/00 12/12/00 12/12/00 12/12/00 12/12/00 12/12/00

\$2.00 \$12.00 \$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00

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\$7,118.89 \$3,648.56 \$621.32

**Ending Cash on Hand** 

**Ending Assets:** 

\$11,388.77

Current Value of CD (Matures 2/8/01) **Ending Savings Account Balance Ending Checking Account Balance**  Beginning Value of CD (Issued 11/08/95, APR 4.20%)

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\$8.00

12/1/00

\$621.32 \$3,066.96 \$7,118.89

**Beginning Assets:** 

\$10,815.17

12/31/00 12/31/00 12/31/00

**Beginning Savings Account Balance Beginning Checking Account Balance** 

Beginning Cash on Hand

More updates to the list published 

**NEW MEMBERS** None

CHANGES for current member Phil Springer KB9SST Route 1, Box 23 New Richmond, Indiana 47967-9739 Home Telephone ???-???? ++++++++++++++++++++++++ +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ Did you ever notice that there in an eggplant, no ham and neither apple hamburger pine in a pineapple.

#### +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ Are Dues Due

There are 36 members out there who have had their dues expire on the o f December. Perez Banquet would be a convenient time renew. On the other had we have several members paid up:

- thru 2001
- thru 2002 thru 2003
- thru 2004
- thru 2005
- thru 2008

will be publishing an updated membership in about a month, would nice to list you on the list of current members. A/K9KRE CANADA PROPOSES REDUCED MORSE REQUIREMENT

Industry Canada--the Canadian equivalent of the FCC--has proposed to discontinue that country's 12 WPM Morse code requirement in favor of a 5 WPM requirement for full HF operating privileges. Radio Amateurs of Canada sought the action last year, urging IC to drop the 12 WPM requirement. IC says it has received "a number of petitions" from those who contend there's no longer any justification for a 12 WPM Morse requirement.

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\* Slain Texas police officer was amateur: An Irving, Texas, police officer shot and killed after answering a robbery call was an Amateur Radio operator. Aubrey W. Hawkins, KC5USI, a Technician licensee, died on Christmas Eve while responding a robbery-inprogress call. He was 29. Hawkins had been a police officer in Irving since October 1999. Police said this week that seven escaped prison inmates wanted in connection with the killing remain at large. An Eagle Scout, Hawkins was active in RACES and SKYWARN. Marv Kontak, N5MK, reports that more than 2000 attended Hawkins' funeral December 28. Hawkins' wife and a nine-year-old son survive.--Marv Kontak, N5MK

NEW FCC SYSTEM MEANS OUICK LICENSE GRANTS

The FCC's new system to handle batch-filed amateur applications from Volunteer Examiner Coordinators has cut processing time from hours to minutes. The FCC inaugurated the more rapid amateur license application processing system December 28--slightly ahead of its original schedule.

"Way to go, FCC!" said an enthusiastic ARRL-VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, after his office fed its first batch of license applications into the system. Jahnke says five dozen ARRL-VEC applications resulted in license grants about 52 minutes later. The W4VEC in North Carolina and Central America VEC also took advantage of the new system for the first time.

Except for a two-hour window right after midnight each day, the speedy new system looks for VEC submissions each hour on the half hour. With FCC license grant processing now measured in terms of hours instead of days, the major factor now determining the time from exam to license grant is how quickly VE teams get their test results to their VECs.

The FCC has been estimating a processing window of up to 90 minutes, depending on volume and arrival time. License grant results should be available immediately on the Universal Licensing System Web site, http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls, using the license search option.

Applications processed by the FCC one day will appear in the public update ("zip") files the following morning. Public call sign servers on the Internet should be able to update within 24 hours after FCC action—rather than the 48 hours that's been typical.

On-line filings from individuals, weekend filings and FCC-manually processed applications put into the hopper during weekdays at Gettysburg will continue to be handled as have been. These are batched for midnight processing, and weekend filings will not queue up until Monday midnight.

### A History of the Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association (Part Five)

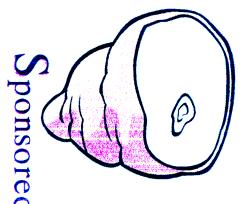
- 12SEP89 K9LYA reported on the last meeting he attended at which to Chapter House remodeling was discussed. It looks like we will be having a room in the basement, 15 by 18 or larger, outside entrance, 60-AMP service and we will wire the area to our needs, 2-3" conduits from the tower to the room, Telephone & Intercomm, we furnish the walls & ceiling. Tentative ground breaking in April 1990, finished in September 1990. Discussion followed during which we will ask for a conduit thru the roof, a ground rod through the basement floor, and a conduit to the parking lot wall for emermergency power (AC generator &/or 12VDC from car battery.
- 12DEC89 Update presented on new room planning
- 10JAN90 Club has \$4725.00 to put forward to the new radio room.
- 13FEB90 Red Cross remodeling job given to Prairie Builders
  Motion made and passed: That the club purchase and donate to
  the Tippecanoe County Public Library a 1990 radio handbook, and
  the five license class manuals with the cost not to exceed \$60.
- 13MAR90 Bruce Stewart reported the Fauber Construction Company would be willing to come down to the Red Cross and take the tower down for service and then come back and reinstall it for us a week later at no cost. We will take the tower down on March 24th and put it back up on March 31st.
- 10APR90 K9LYA reported that he was going to fill out a pledge card to the Red Cross from T.A.R.A. for the amount of \$3500.00 to be donated in July when the building fund comes due.
- 10JUL90 Dave Roberts related that W9REG took first place in the CW Sweepstakes. The station was manned by K9JWI, KA9NOH, KE9IT, WB9TOW and K9IFH.
- 12FEB91 N9GKE asked KA9NOH & WB9TOW to inventory all the club equipment.
  - MAR91 ----Not published
  - APR91 ----Not published
  - MAY91 ----Not published
- 10SEP91 K9KRE said that Glen Rogers, W9ASX, has already donated a KW Amp and would like to add an all band transceiver but he had to do some trading to do so and he needs a mobile mounting bracket for FT227 rig. Motion made and passed: That we find a bracket for a FT227 and give it to Glen.
  - OCT91 ----Not published
  - NOV91 ----Not published
- 10DEC91 WB9TIB loaned a complete Heathkit Low-band station, with phone-patch, and several other accessories.

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- 11FEB92 No Quorum
  - JUN95 ----Not published
- 100CT95 Motorola 6-meter station transferred from W9YB to N6CXB's for storage.

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There were meetings where no minutes were taken, and other meetings where minutes could not be located, although taken.



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## Banquet

MCL Cafeteria

Wednesday the 24th

7:00 P. M.