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Business Meeting

December 11, 2001

Last Business Meeting before the ELECTION

None of our present officers can continue to serve in their offices. (Consult the Constitution)

Time to step forward and take your turn. It would be nice for the electors to have a choice to vote for.

It's not as bad a job to have as some seem to think.

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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 WB9BRX David Dull Hamfest www.w9reg.org

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COMING EVENTS

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09DEC01 SUN
                 Greenfield Hamfest.
                 (kb9vz1@excite.com)
11DEC01 TUE 1930 Business Meeting, Need Complete New Slate for Next
                                   Year, as this years officers are not
                                   eligible to run for the same office
                                   next year.
26DEC01 WED 1930 Program Meeting, don't expect many to show up
08JAN02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting, E 1 e
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13JAN02 SUN
                 Michiana Valley Hamfest Association Hamfest
                                                                  A/ARRL
                 (This is the one that had to be canceled last year)
23JAN02 WED 1930 Program Meeting, Annual Banquet
12FEB02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
27FEB02 WED 1930 Program Meeting.
12MAR02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
27MAR02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,
09APR02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
24APR02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,
28APR02 SUN
                Moultrie ARK Hamfest, Arthur, IL
                                                                  A/ARRL
                 (rzancha@one-eleven.net)
14MAY02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
17MAY02 }
18MAY02
        }-- Dayton Hamvention
                                                       (The Ham Event)
19MAY02 }
22MAY02 WED 1930 Program Meeting, only 8 days between meetings
                                  Field Day Auction
09JUN02 SUN
                 Six Meter Club of Chicago Hamfest, Wheaton, IL
                                                                 A/ARRL
                 (cyberconnect.com/orion/hamfest.htm)
11JUN02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
22JUN02 SAT
                Field Day
23JUN02 SUN
                Field Day
26JUN02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,
09JUL02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
24JUL02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,
13AUG02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
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ALWAYS 3RD SUNDAY IN AUGUST

LAFAYETTE HAMFEST

18AUG02 SUN

Minutes for 11/13/01 Business Meeting

In the absence of the Secretary, minutes were taken by the Vice President. The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by the President. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the previous meeting as published in the newsletter (N9LF/K9WX). The motion passed. The Treasurer reviewed the October financial report. The Field Day expense is a reimbursement to W9TN for the IC-746 CW filters, the RS-422 converters, and the dipole antennas purchased at Dayton (all approved at the May business meeting). The financial report was accepted.

Old Business

- 1. Field Day results are in the December QST. We did very well, placing 18th of 350 in class 3A. We were the top 3A in Indiana (yes, there were other 3As in Indiana), and 4th among the 3As from the Midwest.
- 2. The handout from the October program meeting, "Getting Started with PSK31" by N9KT will be sent to Van for publication in the newsletter.
- 3. The President reminded everyone to be thinking about officers for next year. The present officers cannot serve again in their current positions, and some of the officers have indicated they will not be running for other positions. We need volunteers to step forward and lead the club through another year. The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Contact any current officer if you are interested.

New Business

- 1. The President noted that William Potter, ex-W8HSH sent him email indicating he has some old equipment and QST magazines, etc. available for the asking. Contact William at W_Potter@compuserve.com or at 463-7561 if interested.
- 2. The first bill for our domain name (w9reg.org) arrived, and the Treasurer will contact Steve Belter N9IP just to make sure it is correct, since Steve handled the domain registration.
- 3. We discussed the potential availability of a surplus computer from Purdue for the club station, and Ernie Poland KC9AFF is looking into it. It would not be a donation, but the price would be reasonable.
- 4. Several members will be participating in the ARRL November Sweepstakes phone contest the weekend of November 17.
- 5. Dues for next year are being accepted by the Treasurer. Please renew your membership. It's just \$6.

We held the drawing, and Gus Vavrus W9BZF won, but was not present to collect. A motion was made to adjourn (N9LF/K9WX) and we did.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Van Frank W9TN, V.P.

In Attendance:
N9ZFG Major Sherwin
N9LF Tim Gardner
K9KF Tom Kuespert
K9WX Tim Gennett
W9TN Steve Van Frank
KC9AFF Ernie Poland
N9GKE Bruce Stewart
KB9RLT Jim Haynes
WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report October 1, 2001 though October 31, 2001

Income Received:	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
Rent Deposit refund from Tippecanoe Co. Fairgrounds	10/9/2001	\$275.00		
Scott Stembaugh - N9??? - Dues 2001	10/9/2001	\$6.00		
Ernest Poland - KC9AFF - Dues 2001-2002	10/9/2001	\$9.00		
John Welsh - KC9AFE - Dues 2001-2002	10/9/2001	\$9.00		
Dave Harsha - KB9KNO - Dues 2001	10/9/2001	\$6.00		
Steve Van Frank - W9TN - Field Day Auction	10/9/2001	\$12.00		
Interest on Savings	10/31/2001	\$ 1. 5 9		
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Disbursements: Reversal of mumbership dues from ????? August	10/9/2001	\$6.00		
Steve Van Frank - W9TN - Field Day Supplies	10/10/2001	\$763.07		
US Postal Service - Feb 01 to Mar 01	10/22/2001	\$84.83		
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Total Dis	bursements:	\$853.90		
Summary:				
Beginning Checking Account Balance	10/1/2001	\$256.78		
Beginning Checking Account Balance	10/1/2001	\$2,190.35		
Beginning Savings 7,000 and 5 and 11/08/95, APR 4.86%)	10/1/2001	\$7,387.66		
Beginning Cash on Hand	10/1/2001	\$6.00		
Beginnir	Beginning Assets:			
Ending Checking Account Balance	10/31/2001	\$225.88		
Ending Savings Account Balance	10/31/2001	\$1,691.94		
Current Value of CD (Matures 11/8/01)	10/31/2001	\$7,387.66		
Ending Cash on Hand	10/31/2001	\$0.00		
Ending /	Assets:	\$9,305.48		

My N D Major W. Sherwin N9ZFG Treasurer

Bob and his mule were walking down the

road when one of Bob's friends drive up and offered him a ride to town. Bob got into the truck while his mule ran along behind. The mule was right in back of them as they reached 55, and stayed with them as they

reached 55, and stayed with them as they sped up to 70.

"I'm worried about your mule," said the driver. "His tongue is hanging out."

"Which way?" asked Bob.

"Left," his friend said.'

"Well, stay in this lane - he's about to pass."

Hamvention Jim Graver, KB8PSO

The 2002 Hamvention Committee is working hard on plans for our next show. the emphases is on reducing expenses while maintaining the show's quality.

Most of you know that Hamvention is no longer a hamfest, it is a trade show. In fact, unofficially, our show rates within the top trade shows, based on attendance, in the US.

The ARRL recognizes Hamvention as having "cutting edge technological forums" and our "ability to attract national exhibitors is unparalleled". Statements that should make us all proud.

The "new" Hamvention website debuted around the first of October. Now using frames, it provides better navigation for our visitors and we have added an awards nomination form which will make it easier to nominate amateurs for our three Hamvention awards. We have plans to add more options to the site.

New for 2002 is our "combo admission ticket". General admission tickets purchased in advance sell for \$17.00 each. Or park-nrice bus tickets sell at the show for \$2.00 per day, per person or \$5.00 for riding all weekend. The "combo" ticket will sell for \$20.00 in advance and be good for admission and riding the park-nride buses all weekend.

Sadly, because of recent world events it appears that doing Hamvention business as we have done, will change. The impact and nature of these changes is still unknown.

I want to welcome Jim Trangenstein, KB80UO, as Hamvention's 2002 Assistant General Chairman. Jim is well known for his DARA Van activities. To us on the committee, he is lovingly referred to as "JT.:)

More info will be forthcoming in the meantime, I want everyone to know that the feedback from our vendors and attendees is positive. The Committee is feeling positive about next year's show, too. I want to encourage us all the come our next year and show our support of the largest amateur radio gathering in the world!

Hamvention is the BEST, thanks to you.

* Dayton Hamvention picks emergency communications theme: The theme of the 2002 Dayton Hamvention will be emergency communications and preparedness, the Hamvention Committee announced this week in a letter to vendors and exhibitors. Hamvention said it's expecting "record attendance for 2002" at its 51st show, May 17-19, 2002. The annual event draws upwards of 30,000. "Hamvention expresses deep concern for the tragic events that occurred September 11, 2001, and the world events since." the letter said. "In order to show our support for Amateur Radio, we are going to emphasize emergency communications and preparedness as our theme for Hamvention 2002." The committee said it anticipates new Amateur Radio-related exhibitors as a result and would "limit the number of computer exhibitors at the show to only those who are related to Amateur Radio."

It's not over yet. On November 3 we received from the United States Postal "SERVICE", a postcard that we had mailed on July 18th. It seems that they were unable to deliver it to an address in Lafayette. Do not know how much of that time was in their decision making process, and how much was 'in transit' time.

A/K9KRE

Harcfest 2001 Sunday December 9,2001

The Hancock Amateur Radio Club will be having a hamfest in Greenfield, Indiana at the Greenfield Central High School pavilion.

Doors open at 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bring your wives or your girlfriend to see craft and collectibles at the inside flea market.

An HT an Hour will be given away. You must be present to win the hourly drawn. A grand prize will be drawn at the end of the show. You do not have to be present to win grand prize.

Admission is \$5.00 at the door. For advanced table sales/admission or information please email Brad Hewson, KB9VZL at: kb9vzl@excite.com

A local business was looking for office help. The owner put a sign in the window saying: "Help wanted. Must be able to type, must be good with a computer and must be bilingual. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

A short time later, a dog trotted up to the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it and whined.

Getting the idea, the receptionist got the office manager. The office manager looked at the dog and was surprised, to say the least. However, the dog looked determined, so he led him into the office.

Inside, the dog jumped on the chair and stared at the manager. The manager said, "I can't hire you. The sign says you have to be able to type."

The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to type out a perfect letter. He took out the page and trotted over to the manager and gave it to him, then jumped back onto the chair.

The manager was stunned, then told the dog: "The sign says you have to be good with a computer."

The dog jumped down again and went to the computer. He proceeded to demonstrate his expertise with various programs and produced a sample spreadsheet and database and presented them to the manager.

By this time the manager was totally dumbfounded! He looked at the dog and said, "I realize that you are a very intelligent dog and have some interesting abilities. However, I still can't give you the job!

The dog jumped down and went to a copy of the sign and put his paw on the part about being an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The manager said, "Yes, but the sign also says that you must be bilingual."

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Copyright Explained:

In the often confusing and contentious realm of copyright law, there exists so much ambiguity that I thought the chorus would benefit from a little clarification.

When you write copy you have the right to copyright the copy you write, if the copy is right.

If however, your copy falls over, you must right your copy.

If you write religious services you write rite, and have the right to copyright the rite you write.

Very conservative people write right copy, and have the right to copy right the right copy they write.

A right wing cleric would write right rite, and has the right to copyright the right rite he has the right to write.

His editor has the job of making the right rite copy right before the copyright can be right.

Should Larry Wright decide to write right rite, then Wright would write right rite, which Wright has the right to copyright.

Duplicating that rite would copy Wright right rite, and violate copyright, which Wright would have the right to right?

Right?

30th ANNUAL MIDWINTER

Ham Radio, Computer, Electronics

SWAPFEST

SATURDAY

JANUARY 5, 2002 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WAUKESHA COUNTY EXPO CENTER FORUM WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

ADMISSION: \$4.00 Advance - \$5.00 at Door

RESERVED TABLES: \$12.00 per 8 foot table - \$14.00 at Door (if available)

ELECTRICAL OUTLET: \$14.00 (advance only)

AMATEUR EXAMS: (Location - AMF Waukesha Lanes, across from Expo)

Bring your original license with photocopy, CSCEs

with 2 photocopies and two IDs (one must be photo ID)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Dec. 30, 2001 (early reservations suggested)

THE WEST ALLIS RADIO AMATEUR CLUB

Midwinter Swapfest · WI QSO Party · WARAC Memorial Scholarship · Worked All WI Counties Award 4/425-3649 or visit www.warac.org

For more information please call Phil, W9NAW, 414
Advance Registration Form
Admission Tickets \$4.00 @ \$4.00 = Table Reservations \$12.00 for each 8 feet (table reservation does not include admission) @ \$12.00 = Electrical Outlet \$14.00 (advance only) @ \$14.00 = Total Enclosed \$
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WARAC SWAPFEST

MILWAUKEE, WI 53201

Waukesha County **Expo Center** Location

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	Northview Rd. C. T. H. "FT"	Pewar	NORTH

J. Michael Ott, 43

John Michael Ott, 43, of Lafayette, died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Ott had been a registered nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis for the past seven years.

Born Oct. 23,1958, in Lafayette, he was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1977 and Purdue University School of Nursing in 1991.

He married Carol A. Byers on May 10, 1997, in Tennessee, and she survives.

Mr. Ott served in the Marine Corps from 1981 to 1985.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Jennifer L. Ott, two sons, Nicholas D. Ott and Jacob M. Ott, and his parents, John and Mary Ott, all of Lafayette; and a sister, Barbara K. Kretzmeier of Naples, Fla.

OTT, J. Michael

Friends may call 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2001, at Soller-Baker Lafayette Funeral Home, 400 Twyckenham Blvd. Service at 5 p.m. Sunday in Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel, the Rev. Clayton Kendall officiating. **Entombment Tippecanoe Memory** Gardens Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 8645 Guion Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

NEW MEMBER(S) None

CHANGES for current member(s) Steve Stombaugh N9DHH Change e-mail address to: steve@stombaugh.com

Clyde Mauck K9JWI Change of address, add e-mail, Tx stays the same 50 McIntosh Court Lafayette, Indiana 47905-4429 k9jwi@arrl.net

Scott Stembaugh K9LJX His Call sign (if you missed it earlier)

And that brings the membership list up to date (again), I hope. This group is like all others, they keep moving K9KRE

Mike Ott, certainly unexpected, much too soon. He was well respected, sounds like most of that worked with him attended the funeral. Mike received the patients as the came out of surgery and tended to them in the critical recovery unit. Son of K9AHX, and frequent visitor to my swimming pool during his teenage years. W9ZY

Bruce B Woodward, ARRL Indiana Section Manager for several years, 20 years ago, passed away this He was in attendance at our hamfest 15 times from 1973 through 2001. He and TARA did not always see eye-to-eye, but he will be remember by all that have met him.

Robert S Hiatt

Do not remember him by a ham (believe he had a Believe it or not, Lafayette son who was one.) once had a store where you could by ham gear. you don't believe it, ask K9AHX, who worked part time there for several years. It was located on North Street, between 4th & 5th streets.

Robert S. Hiatt, 83

Robert S. Hiatt, 83, of 3915 S. Orchard Court, died at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2001, in St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mr. Hiatt was the co-owner of



Lafayette Radio supply and Graham Electronics before retiring in 1986.

Born June 13, 1918, in Darlington, he had lived in Lafayette since 1947, coming from Indianapo-

lis. He married Helen M. Rogers on Oct. 13, 1941, in Franklin, and she survives.

Mr. Hiatt was a member of Congress Street United Methodist Church, Rotary Club, Elks County Club, Barbershoppers Chorus and Tonsil Klackers Quartet and a 50-year member of American Legion Post 11. His hobbies were boating and fishing.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Robert H. Hiatt (wife: Karen) of Plantation, Fla., and a daughter, DeReatha Olssen (husband:

Lance) of Newburg.