

Banquet

January 23, 2002

MCL Cafeteria

6:30 P. M.

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Note the new officers, listed below

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President	N9ZND	Jim Darling
Vice-Pres	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin
Secretary	KB9RLT	Jim Haynes
Treasurer	WB9BRX	Dave Dull
Director	N9GKE	Bruce Stewart
Hamfest	WB9BRX	David Dull

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COMING EVENTS

- 19JAN02 SAT VE Testing, contact KF9UP (Jeff Stewart) for details
- 23JAN02 WED 1830 Program Meeting, Annual Banquet, MCL
(Note early start for the meeting)
- 27JAN02 SUN 0800-1300 Wheaton (IL) Community Radio Amateurs Hamfest,
Hawthorne Race Track, 3501 South Laramie, Stickney,
located between Laramie & Cicero Avenues, 35th Street.
flea market, commercial booths, VE sessions, free
parking, Talk-in 145.39, \$8.00
(email;info@wheatonhamfest.org; www.wheatonhamfest.org)
- 12FEB02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 23FEB02 SAT La Porte Hamfest
(nstraub@worldkey.net)
- 27FEB02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,
- 12MAR02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 16MAR02 SAT Southern Michigan ARS & Marshall HS Industrial Arts
Club Hamfest, Marshall, Michigan A/ARRL
(n8bgm@aol.com)
- 17MAR02 SUN 0730-1500 Sterling-Rock Falls ARS Hamfest, Challand Middle
School Gym, Large indoor flea market, vendors, radio &
electronics items, computers, antennas, VE sessions,
accommodations for self-contained campers, free parking

Talk-in 146.85 (114.8Hz), \$5.00
(ksgernab@essex1.com; www.sterlinghamfest.com)
- 27MAR02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,
- 06APR02 SAT Columbus ARC, Columbus, Indiana A/ARRL
(carc in@yahoo.com)
- 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
- 01JUN02 SUN Sangamon Valley RC Hamfest, Springfield, IL A/ARRL
(egaffney@family-net.net)

TARA meeting minutes for January 8, 2002

Meeting called to order by outgoing president Bruce Stewart, N9GKE, at 7:30 pm.

Minutes from last month's meeting were read by retiring vice president Steve Van Frank. No corrections were offered. Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was submitted by outgoing treasurer Major Sherwin, N9ZFG. December's income was \$76.08, and Ending Assets total \$9,476.70.

Major has a summary of last year's expenditures if anyone wants to see it. He mentioned that one month the checking account fell below the minimum balance for no monthly fees. He then suggested that when the CD comes due for renewal we might want to adjust the CD and checking account balances to prevent another monthly fee.

President Stewart asked for volunteers to review the books for the transition to the new Treasurer. Dave Dull, WB9BRY, and Tim Gardner, N9LF, answered the call.

Old Business:

The website registration notice received a couple months ago was determined to be bogus. The expected bill from Wintech for \$25 has recently arrived. A motion to pay the bill was made by Dave Dull and seconded by Tim Gardner. The motion was passed.

New Business:

The South Bend Hamfest is Sunday, January 13, 2002. J.B. Vansickle, K9KRE, acquired four tickets. If anyone is interested in them contact Bruce Stewart.

AMSAT sent a request for donations. This was not a membership renewal just a donation. There was no interest expressed in sending any reply.

VE testing is scheduled for Saturday, January 19th. Arrangements were made by Jeff Stewart, KF9UP. (No relation to Bruce)

President Stewart thanked all the outgoing officers for a job well done and announced the slate of volunteers to be elected as new officers.

For President: N9ZND Jim Darling. Jim recently turned 38 years old, is the father of four, has a dog and a cat, all of whom are female, as is his wife.

Vice President: WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin. Curtis is a former president and is especially interested in Field Day. His wife and daughter are both female.

Treasurer: WB9BRY Dave Dull. Dave is also a past officer and will repeat his role as Treasurer. He is retired from the Army and currently works at Purdue. Dave also is the man in charge of August's Hamfest. While I'm not aware of a special woman in his life I'm sure that Dave's mom was female.

Secretary: KB9RLT Jim Haynes. Perhaps the least qualified of all the volunteers. Despite several years of membership he will need the assistance of the members to maintain accuracy regarding names and call signs during the meetings. If your tolerance level for him is breached feel free to volunteer to replace him.

Jim's mom, sisters, girlfriend and cat are all female.

There were no serious additional nominations made and no thoughts were voiced over any female influence upon the candidates. Jeff Stewart motioned to close nominations seconded by Jack Freeman, KF9CT. Jeff then motioned to elect the slate as presented again, with a Jack Freeman second. Both motions passed and the new officers are in place.

Old president Bruce Stewart turned over the meeting to new president Jim Darling.

President Jim reminds us that the Annual Banquet will be Wednesday January 23rd, at 6:30 pm at the MCL Cafeteria. He also requested that the former officers continue coming to the meetings in order to help the new officers acclimate.

Anna Rumble, KA9NYW was selected in this month's drawing for \$6. She was not present to win. Next month's drawing will be worth double digits, \$12.

The much anticipated motion to adjourn was made by Bob Martin, seconded by the ousted Bruce Stewart and was approved at approximately 8:00 pm.

Thanks to all who attended. Corrections and comments may be presented at the February meeting.

Recording Secretary,
Jim Haynes KB9RLT

TARA Meeting attendance for January 8, 2002

Major SherwinN9ZFG
Tim Gardner.....N9LF
Dave Dull.....WB9BRY
Jim Darling.....N9ZND
Michael Kantz.....KB9VZD
Jim Haynes.....KB9RLT
John Welsh.....KC9AFE
Bob Martin.....W9YE
Jack FreemanKF9CT
Scott StambaughN9LJX
Curtis SherwinWB9SWD
Jeff StewartKF9UP
Steve Van Frank.....W9TN
R. Bruce StewartN9GKE
Mark McGregorKB9KHM

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* Correction: The antenna system for WLW (AM 700 kHz) in Cincinnati was described incorrectly in an article "FCC Asks Broadcaster, Power Company to Help Cure Weird Interference" in The ARRL Letter, Vol 21, No 1 (Jan 4, 2002). ARRL Michigan Section Technical Coordinator David Smith, W8YZ, points out that the WLW antenna is 189.3 electrical degrees tall--somewhat taller than one-half wavelength. "Both it and WSM (Nashville) were originally 5/8 radiators, but a secondary lobe caused sky to groundwave interference about 300 to 400 miles from the stations," he explained. "Shortening the towers to approximately a 9/16 wavelength radiator lowered groundwave strength slightly but eliminated the secondary lobe skywave problem." Smith also noted that WLW's tower is not top-loaded.

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

December 1, 2001 though December 31, 2001

Income Received:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Steve Bruhn - KB9UPL - Dues 2002	12/8/2001	\$6.00
Curt Sherwin - WB9SWD - Dues 2002	12/16/2001	\$6.00
Margret Weber - WB9USL - Dues 2002	12/16/2001	\$6.00
Jim Davis - WA9LYC - Dues 2002	12/16/2001	\$6.00
Clarence Vaughn - W9IMU - Dues 2002	12/16/2001	\$6.00
Marty Mlynarik - K9ICQ - Dues 2002	12/16/2001	\$6.00
Dave Dull - WB9BRX - Dues 2002	12/27/2001	\$6.00
Dave Harsha - KB9KNO - Dues 2002 - 2004	12/31/2001	\$18.00
Michael Brown - K9MAB - Dues 2002	12/31/2001	\$6.00
JB & Nellie Van Sickle - K9KRE & K9FGX - Dues 2002	12/31/2001	\$9.00
Interest on Savings	12/31/2001	\$1.08

Total Income: \$76.08

Disbursements:

Total Disbursements: \$0.00

Summary:

Beginning Checking Account Balance	12/1/2001	\$225.88
Beginning Savings Account Balance	12/1/2001	\$1,693.05
Beginning Value of CD (Issued 11/08/95)	12/1/2001	\$7,481.69
Beginning Cash on Hand	12/1/2001	\$0.00

Beginning Assets: \$9,400.62

Ending Checking Account Balance	12/31/2001	\$261.88
Ending Savings Account Balance	12/31/2001	\$1,694.13
Current Value of CD (Matures 8/8/02)	12/31/2001	\$7,481.69
Ending Cash on Hand	12/31/2001	\$39.00

Ending Assets: \$9,476.70



Major W. Sherwin N9ZFG
Treasurer

==>FCC ASKS BROADCASTER,
POWER COMPANY TO HELP
CURE WEIRD INTERFERENCE

The FCC has written a Cincinnati AM radio station and the electric utility serving that region to help resolve an unusual and long-standing interference situation affecting local amateurs. Sharon Bowers of the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau in December wrote Clear Channel-owned WLW and Cinergy Corp citing numerous reports of apparently spurious signals associated with WLW transmissions that have been monitored over a wide area and frequency range.

"Many of these reports indicate that, although the noise is associated with WLW transmissions, the strongest signals appear to be originating some distance from the WLW transmitter site, possibly on a high-voltage tower owned by Cinergy Corp," Bowers wrote. The FCC said the circumstances suggest that multiple sources of interference are involved. According to the FCC Database, WLW operates on 700 kHz with 50,000 W into a single, top-loaded half-wave vertical tower.

One of the amateurs affected--Bob Reiff, WA8ULW, of Mason, where WLW's tower is sited--said that while the noise is most noticeable on 160 meters, it's showing up elsewhere. "It is pervasive in the spectrum," Reiff told ARRL, "and, we suspect, it is causing us problems even on our 2-meter repeater."

The FCC said that Reiff and the other complainants attempted unsuccessfully for the past two years to work with WLW and Cinergy.

Bowers noted that WLW and Cinergy already have "expended considera-

ble efforts" to locate the noise source and cause, but the noise remained "as strong as ever according to recent reports." She noted that the noise became intermittent after some recent work done on a Cinergy high-voltage tower, and she expressed the FCC's appreciation for the cooperation to date. But, Bowers admonished, the FCC expects the responsible party to address any reports causing harmful interference to a licensed radio service.

"While the Commission recognizes that this is an unusual case, and the source could turn out to be something unexpected," Bowers wrote, "the Commission is turning to the radio station and electric utility company, asking for your help and cooperation in finding the source of the noise."

Ohio ARRL Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, credited the activities of the Greater Cincinnati Local Interference Committee with helping to bring the interference case to the FCC's attention.

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Netscape: When a fish maneuvers out of reach.

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de The ARRL Letter V21 #01 04JAN02

* Question pools to remain valid for four years: The Question Pool Committee of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators has announced that starting with the new Amateur Extra (Element 4) question pool released November 30 and going into effect this July 1, all question pools will be valid for four years. QPC Chairman Scotty Neustadter, W4WW, says the shift from a three to a four-year schedule will enable the QPC to do a better job in developing syllabi and pools for the various examination elements and allow more opportunities for public input.

NEW MEMBER(S)
None

CHANGES for current member(s)
We recently received information from the out-going Treasurer of the following differences in email addresses from the most recently published:

KC9AFF Poland, Ernest
efpoland@purdue.edu

N9LF Gardner, Tim
tgardner@glcc.com

N9LXJ Stambaugh, Scott
N9LXJ@aol.com

W9YE Martin, Robert D
w9ye@wcic.org

KB9YZT Bittles, George F.
gbittles@ivy.tec.in.us

We will be publishing a complete membership in the February or March issue. If you have made any changes in your information, or notice any errors, this would be a good time to inform this editor &/or the Treasurer of the changes that need to be made. (I know that the Constitution says that the Secretary is suppose to keep track of this information, but for decades it has been the Treasurer that had the most correct list. Ooops!

In reference to one page in the December issue. Many, of not most, of you received it in good condition. Many of you did not. We usually check the first and last pages after they have been copied (for quality), and the bad pages fell in the middle. But I understand they were readable, just not nice. Sorry! A/K9KRE
There would be fewer problems with children if they had to chop wood to keep the television set going.

Treasurer's Note

Forget the Hasty, unkind word;
Forget the slander you have heard;
Forget the quarrel and the cause;
Forget the whole affair, because,
Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the storm of yesterday.
Forget the knocker, & the squeak
Forget the bad day of the week.
Forget you're not a millionaire;
Forget the grey streaks in your hair;
Forget to even get the blues-
**But don't forget
To Pay Your Dues!**

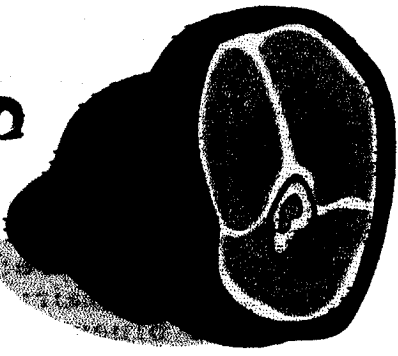
Unless you have paid your dues in the past few weeks, the following appear to be delinquent. If you are, pay up, if not, consult with the new Treasurer:

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| KF9CT | KB9LKE | KB9WKV |
| WB9CZC | AA9LL | WB9WLU |
| WA9DTT | KA1LXG | N9XPZ |
| N7DUK | K9LYA | N9XTL |
| WA9HKK | KA9NYW | WE9Y |
| N9JEA | WB9SBV | KB9YZT |
| KB9JPT | WA9TGO | N9ZFJ |
| K9JWI | W9TN | KE5ZY |
| KB9KHM | KF9UP | & Kevin |
| N9KT | N9VCO | Mc Donald |

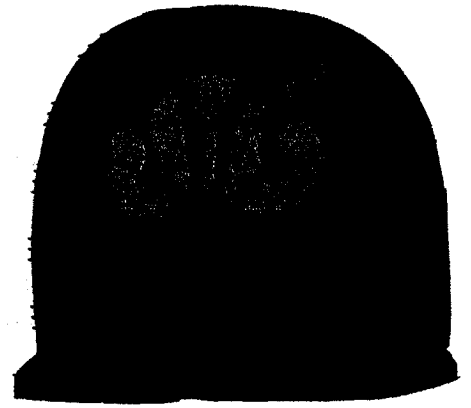
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* DARA announces 2002 scholarships: The Dayton Amateur Radio Association <<http://www.dara-w8bi.com>> has announced the availability of scholarships for the 2002-2003 academic year. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors in 2002 & hold an FCC Amateur Radio license of any class. DARA grants scholarship awards of up to \$2000, as determined by the scholarship committee, toward tuition at an institution of higher education--as outlined in the application. To obtain an application, send a SASE to DARA Scholarships, ATTN: DARA Scholarship Committee Chairman Gary Des Combes, N8EMO, 9873 Lower Valley Pike, Medway, OH 45341, or via e-mail to Gary Des Combes, n8emote@msn.com. Completed applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2002.

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