March 2002 186th Edition T.A.R.A. Tattler

Program Meeting

See minutes for details

It is called "OPEN SHACK NIGHT"

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President N9ZND Jim Darling
Vice-Pres WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin
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COMING EVENTS

23MAR02 SAT 0800-1300 CST Michigan City Hamfest, Michigan City HS, 8466 Pahs Road, \$5.00

27MAR02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,

06APR02 SAT Columbus ARC, Columbus, Indiana carc in@yahoo.com)

A/ARRL

09APR02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

14APR02 SUN 0800 Madison Swapfest, sponsored by Madison Area Repeater Association, Mandt Community Center, Stoughton Junior Fair Grounds on South Fourth Street in Stoughton, free parking, Talk-in 147.15, \$5.00 (www.qsl.net/mara/)

24APR02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,

28APR02 SUN 0800-1200 40th Annual Moultrie ARK Hamfest,
Moultrie/Douglas County Fairgrounds, SE edge of Arthur,
Talk-in 146.55, 444.275, \$5.00
(rzancha@one-eleven.net)

03MAY02 FRI 1830 VEC Testing, @ EMA building on SR17, 2 mile north of Logansport. Bring proper ID & proof of any elements previously passed. For more info, contact N9EQT.

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)

02JUN02 SUN Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest, Princeton, IL A/ARRL (kb9vsh_gov@yahoo.com)

09JUN02 SUN 0700 Six Meter Club of Chicago Hamfest, Wheaton, IL, DuPage County Fairgrounds, 3 buildings, Outdoor flea market, Dealer displays, Free parking,
Talk-in 146.37/97 (107.2), 146.52, \$6.00
(cyberconnect.com/orion/hamfest.htm)(wa9fih@arrl.net)

09JUN02 SUN National Trail ARC Hamfest, Effingham, Illinois A/ARRL

11JUN02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

16JUN02 SUN Lake County ARC (Dad's Day Hamfest) A/ARRL (kf9ex@arrl.net)

22JUN02 SAT Field Day 23JUN02 SUN Field Day

TARA Meeting March 12, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Darling at 7:35 pm.

The minutes from last month's meeting were read by Secretary Jim Haynes. Bob Martin motioned to accept the minutes as read seconded by Tim Gardner. The motion was passed.

The Treasurer's report given by Treasurer Dave Dull is as follows: Beginning assets: \$9068.31, Total income: \$124.56, Disbursements: 26.50, Ending assets: \$9166.37. Dave had the club CD rolled over for another term. Flowers were sent to member Scott Rumble, WB9WLU, upon the passing of his father last month. Our sympathies to him and the family.

Old Business:

Pres. Jim told us that when Steve VanFrank returns to town arrangements will be finalized for the Morse Code classes. Stay tuned for further developments.

New Business

Two new members were presented for induction into the club. Vince Koser whose call sign is so new even he didn't know it, and Ned Sutherland N9HER, mailman to our own Bob Martin. Since both had the requisite six bucks Curtis Sherwin made a motion to accept them as members. Bob Martin seconded, and the motion passed.

President Jim has decided that if we have no particular subject for the program meetings we will have "Open Shack Night". This way members will have a chance to use the club equipment and share our knowledge in an actual radio environment.

Jim also suggested as a one-time thing that we send a flier out to all the area hams introducing the club. He thought there might be some hams around that don't know the club exists or how to find us. Tim Gardner suggested we show the James Brooks videotape of the Clipperton Island Dxpedition since we had such a good turnout from the membership last year. Bob Martin added the Northern California DX Club has videotapes for loan free of charge. He thought possibly one of them could be a good subject for the mailer.

Tim Gardner announced the Indiana State QSO Party on Saturday May 4th. As chairman of the organization committee Tim is asking for TARA members' on air support. This is an informal contest from 8am. to midnight. There are certificates to be awarded and there were only 19 logs submitted last year. So, your chances may be good for winning one this year. Tim adds, since state QSO parties are more casual events they are good practice for new operators. See the website at www.hdxcc.org for full information.

Bob Martin told us that Purdue's WBAA is having an open house in a couple of weeks. They have completely remodeled the studios. Call ahead for a time to visit.

Jack Freeman says that the old Landis and Gyr has a tower on the ground with a sign on it that says "free tower", and a phone number. It seems somebody has made off with the two manageable middle sections and left the rest.

Tim G says Dave Bunte is selling his house with a substantial tower on highway 26 west of Klondike Road. Dave might sell the tower with or without the house. Jack suggested that it might take 13 yards of concrete to pour a base for it.

Dave Dull says we have about 13 members who still haven't paid dues for this year.

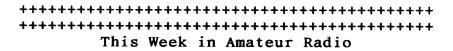
To speed things up Dave kept the drawing bowl away from Bruce this month. Dave McCormick, K9DV was not present to claim this month's drawing for \$18 dollars. This was no loss to Dave because Nancy Koehl, KD9JS was picked this month. Nancy was also not present. April's jackpot will be an estimated \$24.

Bruce Stewart's motion to adjourn came at 8:11. Bob Martin's second followed shortly. The motion was accepted a minute later.

Submitted by: Jim Haynes, Recording Secretary

Attendance for March

Jim Haynes	KB9RLT
Bob Martin	W9YE
Tim Gardner	N9LF
Jim Darling	N9ZND
Mark McGregor	KB9KHM
Jack Freeman	KF9CT
Ned Sutherland	N9HER
J Welsh	KC9AFE
Vince Koser	
Curtis Sherwin	WB9SWD
Tak Ryuzoji	KC9AMT
Bruce Stewart	N9GKE
Dave Dull	WBOBRX



As of press time we do not have complete information on the two new members voted in at the Tuesday meeting. They are Ned Sutherland N9HER, and Vince Koser. We hope to include full information in the next T.A.R.A. Tattler.

Take Tim up on the offer. I know of two TARA members who have trophies from the

Indiana Radio Club Council because they were the only two people to submit logs. A cheap win, but who remembers now?

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report February 1,2002 through February 28, 2002

Income Received:		
Woody Tarver – WA9DTT – Dues 2002	2/2/02	\$6.00
Jim Collison – K9LYA – Dues 2002	2/5/02	\$6.00
Scott Rumble – WB9WLU – Dues 2002	2/11/02	\$6.00
Anna Rumble – KA9NYW – Dues 2002	2/11/02	\$3.00
Jim Canarecci – WA9TGO – Dues 2002	2/11/02	\$6.00
Steve Belter – N9IP – Dues 2003	2/12/02	\$6.00
Deborah Belter – N9SUD – Dues 2003	2/12/02	\$3.00
Danny McDaniel – Dues 2002	2/12/02	\$6.00
George Bittles – KB9YZT – Dues 2002	2/20/02	\$6.00
Clyde Mauck – K9JWI – Dues 2002 – 2004	2/22/02	\$18.00
John Baugher – N9JEA – Dues 2002 – 2003	2/25/02	\$12.00
Interest on CD	2/8/02	\$45.81
Interest on Saving	2/28/02	\$.75
Total Inc	come:	\$124.56
Disbursements:		
Rustic Bouquet – Plant, Scott Rumble's Father	2/25/02	\$26.50
Total Disbursen	nents:	\$26.50
Summary:		
Beginning Value of CD	11/8/02	\$7481.69
Beginning Saving Account Balance	2/1/02	\$261.56
Beginning Checking Account Balance	2/1/02	\$1295.06
Beginning Cash on Hand	2/1/02	\$30.00
Beginning A	Assets:	\$9068.31
Ending Value of CD (Mature: 8/8/02)	2/8/01	\$7527.50
Ending Savings Account Balance	2/28/02	\$301.06
Ending Checking Account Balance	2/28/02	\$1295.81
Cash on hand	2/28/02	\$42.00
Ending A	Assets:	\$9166.37

Note: 2002 dues received, Sam Brummett – N9XPZ on 3/6/02, will reflect in March posting.

David R. Dull WB9BRX

Treasurer

From: John Martin <kb9oqc@insightbb.com> Date: Sunday, March 17, 2002 4:39 PM

Every month I will be getting information from around the Lafayette area for publishing in the Tattler. If you know of an event in the area, please let me know. Even if you don't have the full story, let me know and I'll see what else I can dig up. You can call me at 765-463-0009 or email me at kb9oqc@insightbb.com.

March saw a focus on severe weather awareness. The National Weather Service held storm spotter training in Lafayette on 3/5 where 53 people were in attendance. 18 of the 53 attendees were hams. There was also a statewide tornado test on 3/6. The Lafayette net had 17 check-ins. On a related topic, remember the monthly siren test the first Saturday of every month at 11:00 am. You can give your report on the 147.135 WIRES repeater. You can either report on a siren near you or if you have the opportunity, you can ask to be assigned a siren. Asking to be assigned a siren will help eliminate duplicate coverage and get more sirens checked.

Every Thursday at 7:30pm there is the ARES Hamtivity Net. Be sure to check in. It is also on the 147.135 repeater. They are always looking for new net control operators. Check in and tell them you are interested in it.

WB9RVN, Pedro, puts a calendar together each month with all this information on it. You can find it at http://www.w9reg.org/Files/Pedros_Calendar.htm. It lists siren test dates, Net Control Operators for the net, birthdays, TARA meeting dates and much more.

The Purdue Amateur Radio Club, W9YB, is holding VE testing the second Saturday of every month. The next session is on April 13th. For more information see http://expert.cc.purdue.edu/~radio/. The Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association (W9REG) will also be holding a testing session on April 27th. Contact KF9UP for more information. His phone number is listed on the calendar link above. If you were planning on upgrading, it looks like April is a good time to do it!

John KB9OQC

NEW MEMBER(S) just can not win.) Michael Kantz KB9VZD P. O. BOX 5513 Jim Canarecci WA9TGO Lafayette, Indiana 47903-5513 jimcana@aol.com kb9vzd@hotmail.com Change E-mail & USPS Address CHANGES for current member(s) Dave McCormick K9DV 2186 Ulen Lane Change E-mail Lafayette, Indiana 47904-1668 Jim Collison K9LYA dmccorm1@gte.net k91ya@insightbb.com (Received info on this one about 8 If you have trouble getting your hours after I received the T. A. children's attention, just R. A. Tattler in the mail. down and look comfortable.