

Program Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

Computer Antenna Modeling

by Dana (Muck) Hoggart, KB9SSS

do not forget

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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

- 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
(rzanacha@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 SAT 0600 Sangamon Valley RC Hamfest, Springfield, IL, Illinois
State Fairgrounds, Giant covered flea market, indoor
exhibits, Commercial vendors, VE Sessions, Talk-in
146.685, \$5.00
(egaffney@family-net.net)
- 02JUN02 SUN 0600 Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest, Princeton, IL
Free camping, Free parking, Talk-in 146.955 (103.5),
\$7.00
(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
- 09JUN02 SUN 0600-1200 Wabash County ARC Hamfest, Wabash Co. Fairgrounds,
Indoor & Outdoor flea markets, Free overnight camping
with electrical hook-ups, Talk-in 147.03, 442.325, \$6
(wial@netusa1.net)
- 11JUN02 TUE 1930 Business Meeteeting
- 16JUN02 SUN Lake County ARC (Dad's Day Hamfest) A/ARRL
(kf9ex@arrl.net)
- 22JUN02 SAT Field Day
- 23JUN02 SUN Field Day
- 26JUN02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,
- 5JUL02 FRI 1830 VEC Testing, @ EMA building on SR17, 2 mile north of
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TARA minutes April 9, 2002

President Jim Darling called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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

Treasurer's Report

Dave Dull reports this month: Total Income: \$50.84; Disbursements: \$6.80; Beginning Assets: \$9166.37; Ending Assets; \$9210.41.

We received a bill for equipment insurance this month. Dave reports 178 unique hits on our club website and 1491 total hits.

Old Business

The Morse Code classes being taught by Steve VanFrank have begun. Classes are Sunday and Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm. So far Steve has two students. Anyone is welcome. Feel free to join the class whether to learn for the first time or like me, to refresh your memory for code.

Steve VanFrank finally found the correct battery holder for the club's MFJ antenna analyzer. It's an unusual holder for both AA and 9v batteries. Thanks to Steve for being alert to the find and the repair of the analyzer.

New Business

This month's program meeting will feature our very own KB9SSS Dana Hoggatt. Dana, or Muck as his friends refer to him, will demonstrate computer antenna modeling. He is going to model our Field Day antennas and show how various configurations affect radiation patterns.

Vice President Curtis Sherwin announced that several members who were usually present at Field Day have other commitment this year. Therefore, we will need other members who maybe haven't been active at Field Day to fill in the needed manpower this year. One particular position of importance is Chief Cook. Remember, even if your license doesn't allow HF privileges you can operate HF with a properly licensed control operator at the station. This year instead of a Novice station there is a GOTA (Get On The Air) station allowed. This station allows nearly any one with or without a license to operate, again with licensed control operator present. This is a chance to introduce non-hams to the hobby. Curtis says we could operate up to three HF stations this year. Again, manpower will be needed. Let Curt know if you are available to help.

President Jim received an interesting e-mail from N9YNF, David Pifer the Vigo County ARES Emergency Coordinator. The World Hover Craft Championships are coming to Terra Haute September 14-25. They are asking the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association (www.lw9uuu.org) for communication support. On September 14 there will be a cruise up the Wabash River to Lafayette where they will camp overnight and return the next day. David is proposing out two clubs get together to monitor the progress of the cruise at various places along the river. Obviously there will be some details to work out so if we are interested the sooner we can talk to David the better. If you are interested in helping out this event speak up. This could be a valuable exercise for our club in communicating with another organization. If nothing else, it's a good excuse to go out and play.

President Jim brought up two issues he feels need some action. The first, raising club dues. The second, selling older, unused equipment. Some subjects can reduce a meeting to a level of confusion similar to that of the location of an Arab terrorist. I will attempt to accurately and coherently represent the next 45 minutes of the meeting.

The price of membership does not cover the cost of publishing and delivering the Tattler. With every new member we lose more money. Costs will continue to rise. Postage is rising nearly every other year. One idea mentioned was if we have nine thousand dollars in the bank why raise dues? The money the club has now came from years where the Hamfest made a lot more money than it does for us now. The treasury is a limited source and cannot support publication forever. Several suggestions were offered generally suggesting electronic publication with e-mail distribution and /or publication on the website. One issue with raising the dues is that the amount is written into the club by-laws. A change would require a majority vote of the whole membership. When the average attendance at a business meeting is less than fifteen the decision would require a proxy vote. With this one subject, club dues, we have two issues to consider. One is the cost of club operation. The other, making adjustments in the by-laws to ease the process of keeping pace with the rest of the world.

Mark McGregor, KB9KHM, suggested the treasurer submit a report to determine the budget needed to support the basic club operations. Since that was the one idea everyone could agree on President Jim decided we would table this discussion until next month.

I've decided to present the next discussion in a more personal manner than the last. I felt the opinions expressed were important to the future of this club and that anonymity would diminish that importance. That's just my opinion. You're stuck with it for now.

President Jim presented the subject of selling older unused equipment, specifically the Ten-Tech Corsair and the Yeasu 726. The proceeds could then be used to buy another Icom 746. This would give the club two similar radios. The advantage is having less equipment to be familiar with in an emergency situation. He then asks, "What is this club for?" One purpose obviously is emergency communication. That is our obligation to the Red Cross. Another reason for the club to exist is to give the members a place to operate. If someone doesn't have their own equipment available or if there is an on-air club event the shack is available. Jim would like to hear other opinions.

Vice president Curtis offered the following: The old radios aren't losing value where they are. A new radio loses value as soon as you open the box. New features such as DSP, are evolving quickly. The next generation of features is due to be released in less than two years and we should wait. When Curtis asked if there was any equipment we needed to fulfill our Red Cross obligations? The consensus was a rather resigned "no".

Muck, KB9SSS, (see above) told us that the club had exposed him to a variety of activities that he would never have experienced on his own. He also observed that newer hams seemed to like newer equipment with more features while the older hams preferred the older equipment with simpler more basic features.

Mark, KB9KHM has his own satellite equipment and would like to see an ATV repeater in the area. It could support emergency communication and is receivable by anyone with a television set at zero additional investment.

Steve VanFrank feels that any club ought to be what the active club members want it to be. This club is a static group where 90% of the members don't participate. That means the active 10% should define what the club should be. We have the resources to make it anything we want. Most clubs don't. There will always be a newer, better model in the future. In the mean time we have equipment sitting unused.

With the discussion nearing exhaustion Muck made a motion to sell the 726, just the 726 and just to sell it. He also stipulates that the vote be taken next month. Mike Kantz, KB9VZD seconded. The motion is tabled until May.

Moving right along:

Since the club now has a nice computer Muck made a motion to buy two BUX Comm interfaces, one for the ICOM 746, and the other for the Yaesu 847. These will allow us to do PSK 31. Jim Haynes seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Muck, at this time the only one left with a voice, wanted to let us know he participated in the CQWPX contest last weekend from the club station. He managed 199 contacts in his solo effort. He also noted that the club has no logging software. He suggested appointing a committee to make a recommendation.

Tim Gardner again wants to remind everyone of the Indiana State QSO Part on Saturday May 4th. Tim is the chairman of the organization committee. He would appreciate our on air support. See the website at www.hdwcc.org for full information.

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Expired memberships:

KB9JPT Irving Wynn	AA9LL George H Stine	WE9Y Gary K Reed
N9KT David Spoelstra	N9VCO Mike Mc Donald	KE5ZY Robert L Perdiue D.P.M.
KB9LKE Jeanette M Mc Donald	KB9WKV Chuck Welborne	Kevin Mc Donald

This month's drawing was awarded to Jim Darling N9ZND. Jim received 24 big ones. I suggested he take the prize in dues before the price went up. He declined my idea. Next month we start over at six dollars.

Charlie Williams, N9VLW made the motion to adjourn as it was getting near his curfew. Curtis Sherwin seconded, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

A note to Brenda: Charlie was with us the whole time. We wouldn't let him go right away so that's why he was home later than 8:55.

Submitted by Recording Secretary Jim Haynes

Attendance for April

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| 1 | Jim Haynes | KB9RLT |
| 2 | Jim Darling | N9ZND |
| 3 | Mike Kantz | KB9VZD |
| 4 | Dana Hoggatt | KB9SSS |
| 5 | Charles Williams | N9VLW |
| 6 | Curtis Sherwin | WB9SWD |
| 7 | Tim Gardner | N9LF |
| 8 | Major Sherwin | N9ZFG |
| 9 | Dave Dull | WB9BRX |
| 10 | Clyde Mauck | K9JWI |
| 11 | George Stine | AA9LL |
| 12 | Vince Koser | KC9BHH |
| 13 | Mark McGregor | KB9KHM |
| 14 | Steve VanFrank | W9TN |

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 NEW MEMBER(S)

Ned Sutherland G N9HER
 709 South 27th Street
 Lafayette, Indiana 47904
 447-4526 nedds@juno.com

Vincent R Koser T KB9BHH
 1220 Wells Street
 Lafayette, Indiana 47905
 (Home) 471-8112 vince@koser.org
 (Work) 464-8288

PAST MEMBER RE-JOINING US

Glen Ward T N9MIH
 P. O. Box 385
 Otterbein, Indiana 47970
 583-0558 glennw1@insightbb.com

CHANGES for current member(s)

KC9AMT is General Class

KB9KHM kb9khm@screaminet.com

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 DO YOU NEED A MANUAL

If you need manuals for any of the following, contact K9KRE, he knows where they might be available for free:.....
 Drake QX'ER Notch Filter
 Drake TR-22C Transceiver
 Drake L4B Linear Amplifier
 Drake AA-10 Amplifier
 Drake 2NT CW Transceiver
 Drake 2C Receiver
 Drake T4XB Transmitter
 Drake R4C Receiver
 Drake MN7 Matching Network
 Drake TR4 Transceiver

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 Drake TR6 6 Meter Transceiver
 Kantronics DVR2-2
 CDE AR-22R Roter & Control Box
 Hallicrafters "Littlefone" 152-174
 Mhz HT 22-LDS, HT22LWS, HT,
 HT22HWS
 Simpson VTVM Model 303
 Yaesu FT902DM Transceiver
 Hammarlund HQ160 Receiver
 Commodore Computer VIC 20
 Icom 2A/AT/E 2 meter Transceiver
 Realistic Scanner PRO-2006

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

March 1, 2002 through March 31, 2002

Income Received:

Sam Brummett – N9XPZ – Dues 2002	3/6/02	\$6.00
Mark McGregor – KB9KHM – Dues 2002	3/13/02	\$6.00
Ned Sutherland – N9HER – Dues 2002	3/13/02	\$6.00
Vincent Koser – KC9BHH – Dues 2002	3/13/02	\$6.00
Glen Ward – N9MIH – Dues 2002	3/13/02	\$6.00
Jules Lertzak – WB9SBV – Dues 2002 – 2003	3/15/02	\$12.00
Dave Azpell – WB9CZC – Dues 2002	3/23/02	\$6.00
Jim Haynes – KB9RLT – Club Key Payment	3/13/02	\$2.00
Interest on Saving	3/31/02	\$.84
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Total Income:		\$50.84

Disbursements:

Dave Dull – Stamps for TARA Postage	3/15/02	\$6.80
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Total Disbursements:		\$6.80

Summary:

Beginning Value of CD	2/8/02	\$7527.50
Beginning Checking Account Balance	2/28/02	\$301.06
Beginning Saving Account Balance	2/28/02	\$1295.81
Beginning Cash on Hand	2/28/02	\$42.00
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Beginning Assets:		\$9166.37
Ending Value of CD (Mature: 8/8/02)	2/8/02	\$7527.50
Ending Checking Account Balance	3/31/02	\$301.06
Ending Saving Account Balance	3/31/02	\$1363.85
Cash on hand	3/31/02	\$18.00
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Ending Assets:		\$9210.41


 David R. Dull WB9BRX
 Treasurer

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 Silent Keys, Et Cetra

Dwight Valentine, W9EJJ, (noted in QST), as I remember he was a transmitter engineer for WBAA. Wife was (or is) WA9ILD, lived near Darlington, were active on two-meters.

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 And a new ham:
 Randall J Young KC9BFS
 8949 Tyler Road
 Battleground, Indiana 47920-9741

Steven E. Dixon, WD9IRQ, died April 4, first wife was KA9CHU. Their daughter, Heather, attended Cole Elementary, and was a very talented youngster.

Hamvention

Jim Graver, KB8PSO

Here it is April already. Seems like Hamvention just ended! Where does the time go?

In 2002 Hamvention will be celebrating its 50th anniversary and its 51st show. The theme of this year's show is Emergency Communication and Preparedness.

International attendee interest is very high for this year's show. We are hopeful that the State Department is prompt in approving travel visas so our international amateur radio friends may attend.

We will be using the Salem Mall parking lot this year for all park-n-ride parking. The space allocated to Hamvention has been increased so we will not need Forest Park. Buses will run between Hamvention and Salem Mall, as in past years. The bus fee will be the same as last year, \$2.00 per day, per person. this year we are offering an advanced sale combo ticket. It is the admission price of \$17.00 plus a \$3.00 bus fee, good all weekend. Showing this advanced sale ticket will allow the user to ride the park-n-ride buses for a one-time fee. Advanced sale tickets are available until May 16.

Alternate activities for the none-ham include on-site bingo and transportation to several local activities, a quilt show, the Air Force Museum or the Dayton Art Institute. One bus will travel the route to the offsite activities. the bus is free to general admission ticket holders or riders pay a \$5.00 fee, per day, per person.

Programs will be on sale for \$3.00 each. this is the only publication available for 2002.

Security at Hamvention will be more vigilant; however the majority of attendees will not experience any difference from prior years.

Check our website for the latest show information.

I hope you have made your plans to attend this year. Your continued support of the world's largest amateur radio trade show is deeply appreciated!

See you at Hamvention 2002, May 17-19.

Jim Graver, KB8PSO
2002 Hamvention General Chairman
<http://www.hamvention.org>

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We note in the minutes that the discussion is up to change the Constitution &/or Bylaws. It needs to be again noted that Robert's Rules of Order state: ABSENTEE VOTING. It is a fundamental principle of parliamentary law that the right o vote is limited to the members of an organization who are actually present the time the vote is taken in a legal meeting. Exception to this rule must be expressly stated in the bylaws. Such possible exceptions include: (a) voting by mail, and (b) proxy voting.

When this issue came up a couple decades ago, an opinion was received from an attorney that our set-up did not permit any absentee voting in these cases. WA9SMO spent considerable time gathering the necessary plurality to attend a regular meeting so that the matter could be voted. So it can be done (legally). A/K9KRE

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Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape. If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving is NOT FOR YOU.