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Indiana Veteran's Home

Setup will begin at 1:00 Friday
& continue Saturday morning

Wednesday meeting June 26

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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

- 21JUN02 FRI 1300 Field Day Setup
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 Logansport. Bring proper ID & proof of any elements previously passed. For more info, contact N9EQT.
- 07JUL02 SUN KARSFEST 2002, Kankakee ARS Hamfest, Peotone, IL A/ARRL (karsfest@yahoo.com)
- 09JUL02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 21JUL02 SUN 0800 Fox River Radio League Hamfest, Waubonsee Community College, 5 mile NW of Aurora, commercial dealers, VE Session @ 10AM, overnight camping, free parking, Talk-in 147.21 (103.5/107.2 Hz), \$5.00 (w9cco@arrl.net; www.frll.org/hamfest.html)
- 21JUL02 SUN 0800-1500 Van Wert ARC Hamfest, County Fairgrounds, free outdoor trunk sales, Talk-in 146.85, \$5.00 (barnesrl@bright.net; www.w8fy.com)
- 24JUL02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,
- 27JUL02 SAT 0800-1400 OH-KY-INB ARS Hamfest, Diamond Oaks Career Development Center, 6375 Harrison Road, approximately 1 mile SE of Rybolt Road/Harrison Road Exit from I74, Exit 11, Technical & ARRL Forums, transmitter hunt, DXCC card checking, indoor vendors, outdoor flea market, VE Sessions @ 8AM, free parking, Talk-in 146.67, 146.925, \$6.00 (wd8jaw@arrl.net; www,ihkyin.org)
- 13AUG02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 11AUG02 SAT Kokomo & Grant County ARCs Hamfest, Greentown A/ARRL (www.grantarc.com/greentown.html)
- 11AUG02 SAT Hamfesters Radio Club Hamfest, Peotone, Illinois A/ARRL (wb9wfr@arrl.net)
- 18AUG02 SUN **LAFAYETTE HAMFEST**
ALWAYS 3RD SUNDAY IN AUGUST
- 24AUG02 SAT Wabash River Cyle Club Ride
Check-in with Jeff Stewart to volunteer
- 25AUG02 SUN Vermilion County ARC Hamfest, @ their clubhouse, Woodbury Hill Road, Danville, IL, (KB9REE@YAHOO.COM)
- 28AUG02 WED 1930 Program Meeting,

TARA Meeting May 14, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Darling at 7:30pm.

The minutes of last month's meeting were read by Secretary Jim Haynes. The motion to accept the minutes as read was by Tim Gardner, seconded by Steve VanFrank. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Dave Dull. Total income: \$53.84; Total Disbursements: \$74.00; Beginning Assets: \$9210.41; Ending Assets: \$9190.25. As requested from the last meeting Dave submitted a summary expense report. This year donations have dropped. This is partially due to the fact that we didn't receive a donation from the Tippecanoe Historical Society for our help at the last Feast of the Hunter's Moon. Dave reports that Van has been doing a great job of reducing the cost of publishing the Tattler. The current cost per member is currently \$5.48. Our biggest source of income is still the Hamfest. The Field Day Auction has not been paying for Field Day expenses. The amount per member to meet our basic expenses is \$13.26.

Old Business

Code Classes continue on Sunday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at the Red Cross in the same room as our club meetings.

Secretary's note: We have really hit on a volatile subject lately, that being club dues. The last couple of meetings have been lively and difficult to follow precisely. Since a transcript is not available, once again I will do my best to convey the important points of the discussion. Suggestion for correction can be made at the next meeting. Feel free to replace me if you feel the need.

After Treasurer Dave's report there seemed to be a consensus that it is time to raise club dues. At least there wasn't anyone willing to voice an opposing view. There has been some question as to whether or not a mail in proxy vote is acceptable. Tim Gardner says he has evidence that a proxy was used the last time the dues were raised. With that established the next issue becomes not the amount of dues, but making changes in Section 3 of the by-laws to put in place a procedure to make adjustments that would no longer mean changing the by-law itself. One concern mentioned was what constitutes proper notification. One suggestion was to put a notice in the Tattler. Another was to include a notice with the ballot. That subject has yet to be resolved.

Bruce Stewart pointed out that we have time to work on the dues issue. There is no reason we have to act immediately.

Bob Finch made a proposal to change Section 3 to read:

Annual dues shall be decided by majority vote of the members present at two consecutive business meetings. There shall be two distinct votes resulting in two concurring decisions. Only one vote shall be taken per each meeting. Dues shall be changed no more than once per calendar year. Dues shall be paid upon election to membership prorated to the end of the calendar year. Thereafter they shall be paid for a yearly amount or multiples thereof in advance. A grace period of 60 days shall be allowed for payment, after which membership expires.

President Jim decided to postpone the vote on this motion and to table this subject until next month.

New Business

We had four people presented for new membership; Cheryl Runkle, KC9BTO; Stephen Parker, WR9A; John Cox, KC9BPE; and Arnie Dunn, N0DLN. Vince Koser made the motion to accept them as members. Jim Darling checked them all for six bucks and seconded the motion. The motion carried. Thanks to the new members for their bravery and patience while sitting through the din preceding their induction.

Last month the Red Cross and therefore we took a lightning strike. The Red Cross had several problems with their phone system and computers. Our tri-band vertical antenna appears to be shot. The rotor on the Force 12 rotates but doesn't read back to the controller. The Icom 746 won't power on and has been sent to Icom for repair. Steve VanFrank suggested this would be a good time to evaluate our antenna needs. Bob Finch motioned to select new antennas. Steve VanFrank seconded. The motion passed. Bob also suggested we form a committee to choose antennas and report on the costs.

Vice President Curtis Sherwin requested the club purchase a vertical antenna for Field Day. He pointed out that in case of an emergency we might not have trees around to support the antennas we have now. He suggests a ground mount vertical for 40 meters and up such as an R7 or R8. The estimated price range is from \$150 to \$300. Bob Finch motioned to approve such a purchase. Dana Hoggat seconded. The motion passed. Curtis will report further next month.

Curtis asked that he be allotted \$100 to purchase rope for Field Day. Bob Finch motioned to approve. Steve VanFrank seconded. The motion passed. Be careful Curtis they've given you enough rope.

Finally, this month's drawing awarded Ernie Poland, KC9AFF six whole dollars.

The motion to adjourn was made by Secretary Jim Haynes whose hand had cramped into a useless claw from all the writing. Nearly everyone in the room seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm. A record for a business meeting perhaps?

Submitted by Secretary Jim Haynes

Attendance

Vince Koser	KC9BHH	* new members
Cheryl Runkle *	KC9BTO	\$ drawing winner
Dana Hoggatt	KB9SSS	# knuckle head
Stephen Parker *	WR9A	
Michael Kantz	KB9VZO	
Glenn Ward	N9MIH	
Tim Gardner	N9LF	
Steve VanFrank	W9TN	
Jim Haynes#	KB9RLT	
John Cox *	KC9BPE	
Jim Darling	N9ZND	
Major Sherwin	N9ZFG	
Bob Finch	W9YA	
Bob Martin	W9YE	
Bruce Stewart	N9GKE	
Bob Lusby	K9FOH	
Ned Sutherland	N9HER	
Dave Dull	WB9BRX	
Arnie Dunn *	N0DLN	
Curtis Sherwin	WB9SWD	
Ernie Poland \$	KC9AFF	

From The President

For the last few months we have been discussing raising club dues. It's becoming clear that the income the club had in the past is no longer. The Field Day Auction does not fully cover Field Day expenses. Our largest source of income is still the Hamfest but it doesn't generate the kind of money it used to. In addition it is becoming more expensive to produce. All the expenses for running the club have increased. You can read in the minutes this month that the dues we pay now were last increased 42 years ago. Imagine living on the wages you made then. If you have been following the Treasurer's Report closely you can see how the treasury has been slipping away. While we have added new equipment in the last few years it is the month-to-month expenses that continue to whittle away at our bottom line.

There are two issues to be considered. The first is should we raise dues and by how much? The second is the process used to make the change. Our by-laws don't have language to directly allow us to change the price of dues. If there were we could adjust the dues without assembling the entire membership. Our voting process is governed by Robert's Rules of Order. Robert's doesn't provide for a proxy vote, which is what we need. We have around 80 members. It is rare to get 20 together for a business meeting. Some members haven't been to a meeting in several years. That's ok. Attendance is not mandatory for membership. It does, however, make voting on changes to the constitution or by-laws difficult when a majority of the membership is required to attend. Forty-two years ago there were only 24 members and some of them had to be contacted individually to get their vote

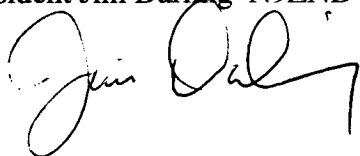
In this month's minutes Tim Gardner presents us with evidence that in 1960, the last time dues were raised, there was a form of proxy vote taken. While it does establish precedent there is some concern that it may not be proper. The majority of opinion seems to feel that a proxy vote is acceptable.

What I would like to do is finalize the changes to Section 3 and use a proxy vote. It will likely be some sort of mail-in. Once we have a process established we can go about revising the dues.

Raising dues is necessary for the long-term well being of the club. Changing the language in Section 3 will address the difficulty we are currently facing to do so. While there is not an immediate need, this process should be finished by the end of the year so we can improve the economic situation beginning next year.

As always, if you have ideas to contribute please let me know.

President Jim Darling N9ZND

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Darling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

TARA Meeting June 11th 2002

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

The minutes from last month's meeting were read by Secretary Jim Haynes sans levity in order to speed things up a bit. The motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Tim Gardner seconded by Bob Martin. The motion carried.

Dave Dull presented the Treasurer's report. There must have been a black hole, a gravity well or some other time distorting event near Dave this month as his report covers May 1st through April 31st 2002. Uncle Albert will be proud of Dave for his efforts in the face of such unusual circumstances. Total income for the month- \$341.25; Total Disbursements- \$604.62; Beginning Assets--\$9190.25; Ending Assets- \$8926.88. See the attached report for the details. Dave also presented a worksheet detailing the dues vs. expenses topic. Good work Dave. Let us know how that time thing works. I've got an idea involving a Lotto Ticket. Bruce Stewart made the motion to accept seconded by Tim Gardner. The motion carried.

Sadly we announce the passing of one of our members. Last month Deb Stewart N9ZFJ became a Silent Key. Deb was the wife of Jeff Stewart KF9UP. This has been a rough year for Deb's family. Her father passed earlier this year. Our condolences to Jeff and the rest of the family.

Old Business

Since there was no Tattler this month President Jim decided to skip discussion of the Dues issue with one exception. Tim Gardner read to us from club minutes from 1960 to substantiate the position for a proxy vote.

First, a little background. Early in 1960 withdrawal from club membership required written notice. Since there were members who hadn't paid their dues in quite a while there was the problem of defining membership. During the April 27, 1960 meeting: "Bob Mann made a motion that the amendment to the constitution and by-laws be approved and records maintained for voting so that absent members could be polled." Bob Mann later motioned to change section 3 of the by-laws to drop the written notice and provide for automatic termination of membership. At the September 28, 1960 meeting "Secretary announced that a poll of the members of approving amendment to the constitution and by-law shows 18 of 24 members approved and none disapprove. The President declared the amendments to the constitution and by-laws as approved. Copies of the corrected constitution and by-laws were distributed to those present." The argument in favor of a proxy vote says that this establishes the precedent of proxy vote. There was no mention as to how this poll was conducted, only that a record be kept. Further discussion will wait another month.

Secretary Jim reminded the group that there was still a motion on the table to sell the Yeasu 726. Bob Finch motioned to delay the vote another month. Curtis Sherwin seconded. The motion failed 5 to 8, as there were those present who wanted to proceed with this issue. The motion to sell the 726 passed 8 to 5. Then came the discussion to set

a price. The consensus arrived at \$400. Further discussion established that we would first offer the sale to club members. If by the September meeting no member buys the rig then efforts would begin to list the sale on E-Bay.

Last month it was decided to form a committee to suggest replacement antennas. This month Vince Koser, Steve Parker and Bob Finch volunteered for the job.

Tim Gardner asked if there was any interest in helping with the hovercraft trip in September. A few members said they were interested so Tim said he would contact Don Pfeiffer with the Terra Haute club. If you remember the World Hovercraft Championship is being held in Terra Haute September 14th through the 25th. On the 14th there will be a cruise up the Wabash to Lafayette for an overnight campout. We would be working with the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association (www.w9uuu.org) to monitor the progress of the cruise. This could be a valuable exercise for us. If we aren't careful we might even have some fun. A volunteer for coordinator would be helpful. Hopefully it's not a life and death situation so volunteer, stretch your limits, learn something about yourself.

New Business

We received a letter for permission to hold Field Day at the Veteran's Home again this year. Thanks to Jack Freeman for his efforts.

Saturday June 15th is the annual Soapbox Derby is going to be on Grant Street in front of West Lafayette High School. Our own Jeff Stewart will be assisting with communication again this year and can use some help. If you can't talk to Jeff ahead of time just show up and volunteer. If you miss the Derby, on August 24th the Wabash River Cycle Club Ride takes place. This is another chance for you to participate. Let Jeff know you can help.

Dave Dull now has the club constitution on the website.

Field Day plans by Vice President Curtis Sherwin.

First, we still have no one to take care of cooking duties. Our options at this time include bring your own, cater, or setup a gas grill so everyone can cook their own. Bob Finch suggests that we at least provide liquids for the weekend. He liked the fruits we had one year. He also suggested some place like McDonalds might provide large coolers. Curtis thanked Bob for volunteering to take care of the fluids. Bob quickly corrected Curtis's misunderstanding the volunteer thing.

Second, the final arrangement for radios is in limbo. The 746 may not be back from repair in time. We have the Corsair, the 847 and Major Sherwin will be volunteering his 847 again this year. Curt is planning a 2A class this year with 2 HF, a GOTA and a VHF station. The GOTA station is limited to 400 contacts. PSK contacts count double.

We have the two multi band antennas and the big loop. The old 'H's' may become building material for another dipole.

Setup will begin at 1:00 on Friday June 21st and will continue Saturday morning. Strong backs with weak minds are needed. Please let Curt know you can help.

This month's drawing was worth \$6. Next month's will be \$12 since N9QAP Steve Scherer was not present.

Bruce Stewart motioned to adjourn. Everyone else seconded making the actual vote a moot point. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.

Attendance

- 1 Jim Haynes KB9RLT
- 2 Michael Kantz KB9VZD
- 3 Bob Finch W9YA
- 4 Jim Darling N9ZND
- 5 Bruce Stewart N9GKE
- 6 Stephen Parker WR9A
- 7 Jack Freeman KP9CT
- 8 Cheryl Runkle KC9BTO
- 9 Tim Gardner N9LF
- 10 Clyde Mauck K9JWI
- 11 Bob Lusby K9FOH
- 12 Steve VanFrank W9IN
- 13 Vince Koser KC9BHH
- 14 Dave Dull WB9BRX
- 15 Curtis Sherwin WB9SWD
- 16 Bob Martin W9YE

TARA DUES WORKSHEET

Number of Members	Fixed Expenses:	Variable Expenses:	Totals	Fixed Expense Dues	Additional Fund raising/ Income Includes T-Shirt sales and donations for helping at Feast of the Hunter's Moon
100	\$200.00	\$4.00	\$204.00	\$18.24	\$12.00
90	\$180.00	\$3.60	\$183.60	\$16.38	\$10.80
80	\$160.00	\$3.20	\$163.20	\$14.56	\$9.60
70	\$140.00	\$2.80	\$142.80	\$12.74	\$8.40
60	\$120.00	\$2.40	\$122.40	\$10.92	\$7.20
50	\$100.00	\$2.00	\$102.00	\$9.10	\$6.00
40	\$80.00	\$1.60	\$81.60	\$7.28	\$4.80
30	\$60.00	\$1.20	\$61.20	\$5.46	\$3.60
20	\$40.00	\$0.80	\$40.80	\$3.64	\$2.40
10	\$20.00	\$0.40	\$20.40	\$1.82	\$1.20
0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Income:
 Field Day \$900.00
 Interest \$878.00
 Expenditures:
 Field Day (Loss Auction) \$900.00
 Funds for Equipment etc: \$878.00

This worksheet assumes that membership dues cover the fixed operating expenses of the club. New equipment and other expenses are covered by club fund raising activities. An additional surcharge could be added to supplement these expenses.

Hamvention

Jim Graver, KB8PSO

Another Hamvention has come and gone. In spite of the economy and world events, Hamvention was well-attended this year. Though early attendance numbers suggest fewer attendees, the crowd was upbeat and happy to spend money for their treasures.

Forums were crowded as speakers talked about this year's show theme, emergency communications & preparedness. The DX Forum was attended by two amateurs from Kuwait. They shared a story about what their country did to show its support of the USA after the September 11 attack. The Kuwait government suspended all amateur radio callsigns for two weeks. In their place all Kuwait hams would use the callsign (k2USA. Over 20,000 contacts were made in those two weeks. with each Kuwaiti ham sharing their sympathy for the attacks and support for the USA.

Security was in place for this year's show. More Trotwood PD officers were placed in strategic areas. We also brought in bomb sniffing dogs as a preventive measure. their visibility helped to assure a safe place for all.

Prize donations were over \$70,000, with Yaesu being the #1 donor this year. We can't say "thank you" too often to all who donated prizes. And speaking of that, Charlie Cotterman, KA8OQF, suggested to me that we give away a fantastic prize at the Sunday drawing: 3 on-lot parking places near the main entrance to HARA. The winners would each get a parking space all weekend for the 2003 show. Everyone who knows what it's like to park at Hamvention, knows how valuable the parking passes are (maybe they should have been in the Top Prizes?). Three winners were drawn and could not have been happier with their prizes. Next year they will be the first attendees to have reserved parking spaces at Hamvention. Thanks to Charlie for a wonderful idea!

Hamvention celebrated its 51st show and 50th anniversary this year. Some trivia you might enjoy includes:

- 64,000 pounds of trash was removed over HV weekend

- 14,000 gallons of solid waste (lovingly called 'product') was "donated" and removed

- 15,803 prize stubs were dropped in the prize drum (16,700 in 2001) [[[That is only a little over 50%, at Lafayette Hamfest we run about 95% in the drum. A/K9KRE]]]

A controversy surrounded the sale of our HV Program for \$5.00 each. Many felt this was "pure greed". In reality, Hamvention's revenue for advertising was down over \$22,000 (this is a market trend around the USA, not just for HV advertisers). Costs to print the Program could not be recovered. The Committee had two choices, charge for the program or raise ticket prices. As with bus expenses, we chose to charge those who wished to have a program. The market is already telling us our ticket price is "topped out". We sold around 3100 Programs which came close to breaking even.

Certain Hotel/motel Association members sponsored local bus routes to specific stops this year. The buses were well-utilized, making it easier to attend the show. I thank the sponsoring properties for their support!

We did not sell out the show as we had hoped; however, it was closer than it looked in April. We are glad that interest peaked as the show neared. thanks to all inside and outside vendors for their support this year.

And of course, a THANK YOU to all who volunteered their time to work at Hamvention. and to the Committee, THANK YOU for all your support, the hours of commitment to the show's success and for your support of Hamvention's leadership. Hamvention is a huge project to prepare for, to setup, to deliver to our customers, then take down until next year. Many times folks would come up to me and say "Thanks for another great show. Please thank all who make the show happen. I really love Hamvention!" That is why we put so much of ourselves into the show.

Final Hamvention news will be available after all income and invoices have been received and tallied. Until then, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

73,

Jim Graver KB8PSO

Hamvention General Chairman

<http://www.hamvention.org>

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Set-Up

INDOOR VENDOR Saturday, 6-8:00 PM
Sunday, 6-8:00 AM

FLEAMARKET..... Sunday, 6:00 AM

Indoor Vendor Sales Begin on
Sunday at 8:00 AM

E-MAIL questions to K9IOC
karsfest@yahoo.com
Vendors E-Mail or Phone: (815) 933-1323

\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$

First Prize	-	\$300.00
Second Prize	-	\$100.00
Third Prize	-	\$100.00

(Cash Prize Winners Need Not Be Present)

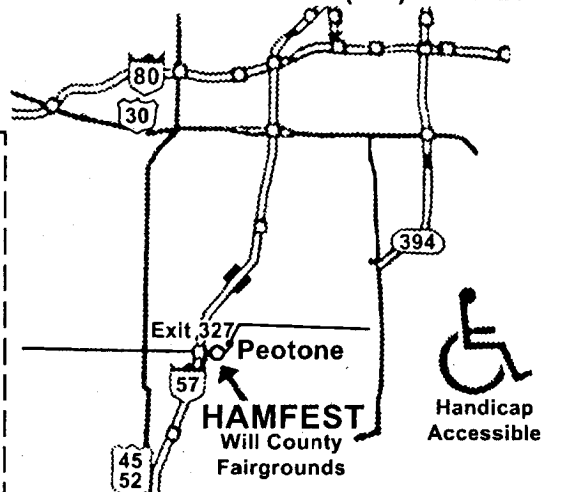
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