

P r o g r a m M e e t i n g

Wednesday, October 23, 2002

See information on the last page.

REMEMBER:

November & December issues normally appear prior to the December and January Business meeting, due to Thanksgiving & Christmas tending to severely limiting attendance at the Wednesday meetings.

Officer election in January

Banquet in January

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President N9ZND Jim Darling  
 Vice-Pres WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin  
 Secretary KB9RLT Jim Haynes  
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 Hamfest WB9BRX David Dull  
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COMING EVENTS

23OCT02 WED 1930 Program Meeting, SEE THE LAST PAGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1NOV02 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.

3NOV02 SUN 0800-1200 Blossomland ARA, Playland Bingo Hall, 1034 Nickerson Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI, Talk-in 146.82, \$4.00 (comdac@comdac.com, www.comdac.com/bara) -----(This used to be, and possibly still is, an excellent place to find info on, parts for, and complete Heathkits A/K9KRE)-----

12NOV02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

16NOV02 SAT 0900-1600 30th Annual Fort Wayne Hamfest sponsored by Allen

17NOV02 SUN 0900-1500 County AR Technical Society, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Exposition Center, over 1000 commercial and flea market tables, forums & meetings, special guest speaker Riley Hollingsworth FCC Special Council for AR Enforcement, VE Sessions (Saturday). Talk-in 146.88, \$5.00 (jboyer@aol.com, www.fortwaynehamfest.com)

27NOV02 WED 1930 Program Meeting, due to Thanksgiving being the next day, you may not see anyone else there

30NOV02 SAT 0800-1400 EARS and The Ham Station sponsor the Hamfest held at Vanderburgh County 4-H Fairgrounds Auditorium, 5 mile South of I64 on US41, at 201 East Boonville-New Harmony Road, indoor flea market, free tailgating (with admission ticket, weather permitting, commercial vendors, VE session (noon), Talk-in 145.15, 146.925, 443.925, 145.11 (107.2 on all frequencies), \$5.00 (ears@w9ear.org, w9ear.org/hamfest.htm)

08DEC02 SUN 0800-1400 HARCfest, Greenfield Central HS, 810 N Broadway Greenfield, VE Session, Talk-in 145.33, \$5.00 (kb9vzl@msn.com, www.w9atg.org)

10DEC02 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

25DEC02 WED 1930 Program Meeting, do you really believe anyone will show up for this meeting

07JAN03 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

22JAN03 WED 1930 Program Meeting, Annual Banquet

16MAY03 }  
17MAY03 }-- Dayton Hamvention (The Ham Event)  
18MAY03 }

21JUN03 SAT Field Day

22JUN03 SUN Field Day

17AUG03 SUN LAFAYETTE HAMFEST

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting  
10 September 2002**

*The minutes were recorded by N9LF, as Secretary Jim is now working second shift and could not attend.*

**Members in attendance:**

Tim Gardner, N9LF	Major Sherwin, N9ZFG	Jack Freeman, KF9CT
Jeff Stewart, KF9UP	Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Bob Martin, W9YE
Steve Parker, WR9A	Cheryl Runkle, K9HER	John Welsh, KC9AFE
Bob Finch, W9YA	Tom Kuespert, K9KF	Steve Van Frank, W9TN
Keith Hood, KC9CDQ	Dave Dull, WB9BRX	

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Curtis at 19:30.

The minutes from the August meeting were read. W9YA made a motion to accept the minutes as read and KF9CT seconded. Motion carried. KF9CT kindly filled in for N9GKE by voting NAY on the motion.

Treasurer Dave reported on the hamfest income and expenses. We made a small profit.

Dave then read the Treasurers report. W9YA moved to accept and W9YE seconded. Motion carried. CT again covered for GKE.

**Old Business**

W9YA presented a lengthy report on the tower grounding situation.

N9LF continued the tower grounding saga.

At this point, each leg of the tower is grounded. Two legs have extensions outward from the tower leg to another ground rod (the third leg cannot be so extended due to the parking lot pavement). One of the runs is also connected to the building ground and two additional rods at the tower base.

N9LF requested reimbursement for expenses incurred (50 ft #4 ground wire, ground rods, clamps) in the amount of \$79.46. W9TN moved to approve payment, K9HER seconded. Motion carried.

WB9SWD recommended sending the rotator out for overhaul/repair.

**New Business**

KF9UP reminded us that the Feast of the Hunters Moon is October 5-6, 2002. Our assistance with traffic control has again been requested. Jeff passed around a signup sheet. If you want to help, contact Jeff ([kf9up@arrl.net](mailto:kf9up@arrl.net)) for details.

**TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

Treasurer's Report

August 1, 2002 through August 31, 2002

**Income Received:**

Hamfest Gate Receipts	8/18/02	\$1200.00
Hamfest Donations (tables etc.)	8/18/02	\$33.00
Hamfest Deposit & Tax - Table Rental from Midwest Rental	8/19/02	\$22.87
Keith Hood - KC9CDQ Dues 2003	8/13/02	\$6.00
Interest on Bond	8/8/02	\$46.37
Interest on Saving	8/31/02	\$3.11
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<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>\$1311.35</b>

**Disbursements:**

ARRL Insurance supplemental payment	8/14/02	\$25.00
Icom 746 Repair (Jim Haynes, KB9RLT)	8/13/02	\$85.70
U.S. Postal Service - Tattler postage	8/13/02	\$272.70
Field Day Supplies (Mike Kantz, KB9VZD)	8/13/02	\$22.41
Hamfest Prizes from Amateur Accessories	8/13/02	\$173.00
Hamfest Grand Prize from Burk Electronics	8/18/02	\$189.00
Hamfest Notification Cards from U.S. Postal Service	8/14/02	\$122.80
Hamfest Table Rental (6) from Midwest Rental	8/17/02	\$80.29
Hamfest Postage to deliver Grand Prize	8/19/02	\$7.15
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<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$978.05</b>

**Summary:**

Beginning Value of CD	5/8/02	\$7572.10
Beginning Checking Account Balance	7/31/02	\$336.35
Beginning Saving Account Balance	7/31/02	\$116.17
Beginning Cash on Hand	7/31/02	0
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<b>Beginning Assets:</b>		<b>\$8024.62</b>
Ending Value of CD (Matured: 8/8/02 @ \$7618.47)	8/9/02	\$0
Ending Checking Account Balance	8/31/02	\$183.92
Ending Saving Account Balance	8/31/02	\$8158.28
Cash on hand	8/31/02	\$15.72
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<b>Ending Assets:</b>		<b>\$8357.92</b>

- Hamfest concessions: Net \$102.25 received from Major Sherwin, N9ZFG, on 9/4/02.

David R. Dull WB9BRX  
Treasurer

### Reflections

Gerd Schrick, WB8IFM

Coming from Germany I arrived in Dayton in mid April of 1964. One morning, driving around Huber Heights in preparation for my Ohio Drivers License Exam and practicing the much feared backwards parking, I saw a beam antenna in my rear view mirror. I knew this was a ham antenna and I decided to come back after work to say hello.

It turned out to be Tom Nisbet, W8KRM, who invited me in and soon we had an interesting discussion going. Tom introduced me to a number of local activities and was of great help to me the newcomer to the area. Before I left, he reminded me of the upcoming Dayton Hamvention, last weekend in April. "You have to see that", he said.

Friday night of the Hamvention weekend, I drove out to Hara Arena. At that time you could pull and park a few feet away from the door. There was free coffee and doughnuts; a few dealers had set up already. Others were in the process. There was lots of space available. In those years, 60s and 70s, you could still get off the premises during the day and come back later without much delay. So, we usually went out to lunch to a nice restaurant to relax, talk and get away for an hour or so. I remember Karl, DJ8RR, who would come often during those years. He had a birthday around that time and he would get a big kick when we arranged to have the waitresses sing "Happy Birthday" for him.

The flea market was, of course, a lot smaller, giving you the feeling not to miss much, and it was not yet paved over. And, hard to believe, it never rained on Hamvention weekend. I remember though, it rained once the night

before which caused a lot of wheels to spin the next day on the soft ground. If you purchased some heavy goodies, and there was a lot more heavy stuff then, you were permitted to drive your car in and pick it up.

Those were the "good old days". Now Hamvention starts Friday and there is some activity as early as Thursday night. And, of course, one you are on the premises, you don't leave until it closes in the evening. It's different but it's still a grand show of ham radio and will be with us for many more years. -----{He forgot to mention that you could set up your camper in what is now part of the flea market. A/K9KRE}-----

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de RF-Carrier Vol. XLVI #8 MAY02

(The following is an excerpt)

### de G8IFF

Nigel Gun, G8IFF

All clubs have 3 types of members: those that do, those that don't but are happy to watch the other and just let the world go by, and those that complain and bitch that the doers are not doing it properly. Now I know the club isn't composed entirely of apathetic cabbages and there are a few that work extremely hard for the benefit of the majority so PLEASE can we have a few more members contributing to the activities of the club so that us that are trying at least feel we're doing something worth-while

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de THE FEEDLINE Winter 2001

A flashlight is just another name for a container with dead batteries.

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You know you are too reliant on technology when you have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.

## Reflections

Gerd Schrick, WB8IFM

Recently there has been a lot of talk about ham radio: where is it heading, what is its purpose, how can we attract new hams. Most of us got into ham radio at a very early age and most of us stayed with it for good; sometimes ham radio would take a back seat for the benefit of family or career. But in the end it was still there, and when the kids left the house and we eventually retired there was ham radio to fall back on. At the time, we got started there was not a whole lot of equipment one could buy and inevitably home brewing was a major part of the hobby. I can remember periods of many months spent on building some new transmitter or other piece and being off the air during that time. Short periods of try-out would follow, then it was back to the drawing board. For some reason our attention span was close to infinite, no deficit there. Nowadays, home brewing and the satisfaction that comes with it has taken a backseat and unfortunately a large contingent of recent hams assumes the only way to play the game is by plunking down \$\$\$, plugging in the equipment, stringing a piece of wire (there are now build-in tuners) and calling CQ. By the way, this is similar with a lot of other youth activities. Just think about all the toys that to-day's kids have with no other effort to show than just being a kid.

We may have swollen our ranks with this easy access, but those hams are different in two major aspects. Since they do not build, they do not get that feeling of satisfaction and they show very little perseverance and have low ambitions. Of course, one immediately thinks of contests. But this is another story. There is ambition involved, all right, but

it is not kind I have in mind. The new hams may memorized an awful lot about electronics, but they have a lack of understanding that come from "hands on" experience. What got most of these hams into it was the walky talky and the repeaters. Nowadays where every Dick, Tom and Harry has a cellular phone, this incentive fell by the wayside. Another incentive that didn't work was the dropping and watering down of the Morse code. We should stress the exclusiveness of knowing Morse, being able to communicate with a "secret" code with other hams around the world, promoting it like a foreign language. Just today I read in the paper that "sign language classes" have been increasing their ranks. So there you have something to get kids hooked.

The build your own station situation became clear to me when I recently got involved with a group of hams that were putting together portable microwave stations. I felt like my high school days had come back. A true feeling of achievement was felt and every extra mile bridged added to the delight. You see, in microwaves, ready built equipment is hard to come by. So you have to put together your own. This results in hardly any two stations being the same. Immediately there is the pride of your own creation. Of course, there are parts available, as oscillators, mixers, filters, coax relays, dish antennas and many more items. But the market is not big enough to justify mass production as is done with the short wave and FM radios. Parts have gotten so much smaller and assembling them is more difficult but with youthful eyes and a steady hand one can do an awful lot. Going back to the basic would help: like handling and soldering components, designing and building printed circuit boards and so on. [Gerd, WB8IFM]  
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TARA's October Program Meeting.

For: All local hams with an interest in ARES  
Topic: ARES Readiness Drill  
Date: Wed, Oct 23  
Time: 7:30pm (prep starts at 6:00pm, see below)  
By: Dana Hoggatt, KB9SSS  
Where: Basement of the Red Cross Building  
111 S. 7th St.  
Lafayette, IN

Normally, we do not do much locally for the October SET (Simulated Emergency Test) due to conflicts with the Feast. So, instead, we'll stage a readiness drill to coincide with the TARA program meeting.

EVERYONE should try to show up at the Red Cross building packed and ready for emergency deployment. The details of what we are deploying for won't be announced till 6:00pm that night, giving people just over an hour to get their act together and show up.

Once at the Red Cross building, we'll compare notes and critique each others equipment lists.

I expect we'll learn a lot ... particularly me!

All hams with an ARES interest are welcome to participate. So pass the word.

If you have questions, you're welcome to contact me.

Thanks. Hope to see you there.

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"If ignorance of the law is no excuse, why post speed limits?"  
- R. K. Muck

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NEW MEMBER(S)

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October Business Meeting

There was a non-meeting. We were one member short of a quorum so we did not conduct any business.  
A/WB9BRX

PRINTING THE T.A.R.A. TATTLER

For the past few years roughly half the pages of the newsletter have been printed 'in house', the only expense the club being the paper, which I purchase when there is a really good price on it.

This is the first issue in some time that has been entirely printed 'in house'.

We wish to thank WB9BRX and KB9SSS for they cooperation in making this possible.  
A/K9KRE