

Program Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2003

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Primer

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Weather Net

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COMING EVENTS

- 26FEB03 WED 1930 Program Meeting, a primer on weather net operations
- 04MAR03 TUE 1900-2100 Annual Storm Spotter class,
County Office Building @ Third & Columbia(new location)
- 11MAR03 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 15MAR03 SAT 0800-1500 42nd Annual Michigan Crossroads Hamfest,
Southern Michigan ARS & Marshall High School Industrial
Arts Club, Marshall High School, vendors, free parking,
Talk-in 146.66, 146.52, \$5.00
(n8bgm@aol.com)
- 16MAR03 SUN 0730 Sterling-Rock Falls ARS Hamfest, Challand Middle School
Gymnasium, Large indoor flea market, vendors, radio and
electronic items, VE sessions (Walk-ins; CW testing at
8AM & 8:30AM; written exams 9-11AM), self-contained
mobile homes, free parking, Talk-in 146.85 (114.8 Hz),
\$5.00
(lsherman@essex1.com; www.sterlinghamfest.com)
- 22MAR03 SAT 0800-1200 Michigan City ARC Hamfest, Michigan City High
School, Vendors, free parking, Talk-in 146.97 (131.8Hz)
\$5.00
(rstahoviak@adsnet.com: home.attbu,cin/-w9ly)
- 23MAR03 SUN 0800-1400 North Shore RC Hamfest, Lake County Fairgrounds,
Grayslake, IL, Radio, electronics, and computer
swapfest, VE sessions (9AM to Noon), free parking,
Talk-in 147.345 (107.2 Hz), 146.52, \$7.00
- 26MAR03 WED 1930 Program Meeting
- 05APR03 SAT 0800 Lincoln Trail ARC Hamfest, Pritchard Community Center
Elizabethtown, KY, Vendors, forums, VE sessions (regis-
tration 9:30-10AM, testing 10AM to Noon), free coffee,
Talk-in 146.98, \$5.00
(n4tfk@ar1.net; www.qsl.net/ltarc/)
- 08APR03 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 23APR03 WED 1930 Program Meeting
- 27APR03 SUN Moultrie ARK Hamfest A/ARRL
(rzanca@one-eleven.net)
- 13MAY03 TUE 1930 Business MeeMeeting
- 16MAY03 }
17MAY03 }-- **Dayton Hamvention** (The Ham Event)
18MAY03 }
- 28MAY03 WED 1930 Program Meeting, (Field Day Auction?)
- 01JUN03 SUN Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest A/ARRL
(www.qsl.net/w9mks/)(kb9vzh gov@yahoo.com)

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
14 January 2003**

Members in attendance:

Cheryl Runkle, K9HER	Steve Parker, WR9A	Bruce Stewart, N9GKE
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Tom Kuespert, K9KF	Steve Van Frank, W9TN
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Tim Gardner, N9LF	Jack Freeman, KF9CT
John Coy, KC9BPE	Tak Ryuzoji, KC9AMT	

The meeting was called to order by at 19:32 by N9GKE.

The minutes of the January 2003 meeting were read and accepted with the following corrections: An extraneous "meeting adjourned" paragraph mysteriously appeared from the ether (or more likely, sloppy editing by your Secretary). Added a notice that W9YA has volunteered to relinquish the club trusteeship.

The Treasurers report shows \$162.47 in income and \$581.95 in expenses, with a balance of \$8391.68. A motion to accept passed.

N9GKE noted the passing of long time club member Jack Ott, K9AHX on February 6. The club will make a donation in his memory to the Leukemia Society.

N9GKE also mentioned the plaque that hangs in the radio room, honoring the memory of SK club members needs to be brought up to date. N9LF is working on that very issue.

The December meeting minutes were read and accepted with one change. The minutes read at that meeting were from November, not October.

Old Business

KC9BPE stated that we are still waiting for the Red Cross to complete the legal documents mentioned at the January meeting. The two significant documents that we are waiting for are a "hold harmless" agreement and a lease agreement. The agreements, once accepted, will allow club members to again climb the tower and provide a mechanism for TARA to cover the cost of insuring the tower.

W9TN summarized his article to be published in the Tattler that discusses the proposed by law changes. The article will appear in the February and March issues, with a vote to be held at the April business meeting. A pre-addressed and stamped proxy voting card will accompany the March Tattler. The card can be sent by return mail to cast a ballot on this important vote. Members may also vote in person at the meeting on April 8, 2003 (sorry, only one vote per person, with votes cast in person superceding any proxy vote).

((((Due to some of the subject matter covered
We might assume that these are the
February 2003 Minutes))))))))))

At the January meeting, W9YA volunteered to collect the mail-in proxy cards. WR9A pointed out that this is one of the prescribed duties of the Secretary. Motion to address proxy cards to the Secretary passed.

N9LF asked about accepting votes via email. WB9SWD expressed some concern about the security of such a vote (too easy to "stuff the ballot box" with fraudulent votes. After some discussion, it was agreed that we will accept votes by email, but will verify such votes by telephone or personal contact if the vote tally is close enough such that email votes could alter the final outcome.

New Business

KC9BPE asked about using online means to distribute the Tattler to members rather than postal mail, at the members option. WB9BRX agreed to place PDF (Adobe Acrobat) copies of the Tattler on the W9REG web page (www.w9reg.org). He will place the most recent Tattler there as an initial experiment. A final decision will be made at a future date.

K9HER proposed changing the club license trustee, as W9YA volunteered to relinquish this responsibility at the January meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that since W9YA was not present, no action will be taken immediately.

N9GKE has reviewed the duties of the President and proposed that the "ARC Liason Committee" be limited to the President. Much discussion followed, and it was agreed that the President should be the primary contact with the Red Cross, but that any officer wishing to attend any given ARC meeting is welcome to do so.

KC9BPE mentioned that members of the Board of the Red Cross are interested in a brief tour of the radio room and a demonstration of our communications abilities. N9GKE and KC9BPE will coordinate.

The February program meeting is scheduled to be a primer on weather net operations.

W9YA and W9TN met with WB9BRX to conduct the annual audit of the books. They report that all was found to be in good order.

The annual Storm Spotters class is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 7-9pm at the County Office building at Third and Columbia (*note the new location*).

The Feast of the Hunter's Moon has changed the date for the 2003 event. It was previously announced that the Feast would be held at the end of October, but that has been changed to Sep 13-14, 2003.

N9GKE summarized the Field Day 2003 rule changes. A new class ("F") has been introduced for those wishing to operate from an Emergency Operations Center. Class F stations must work with EOC officials, not simply set up at or near the EOC location. This would allow TARA to conduct Field Day at the Red Cross chapter house, using the regular station antenna and equipment. Something to think about.

A bill has been introduced in the Indiana Senate that would restrict local governments from restricting antenna structures under 75 feet in height. The text of the bill is available at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2003/IN/IN0109.1.html> General information about the legislature is available at <http://www.state.in.us>.

KB9OQC was not present to claim the drawing for \$6 (it's a long drive from Florida).

Meeting adjourned at 21:00

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A local business was looking for office help. The owner put a sign in the window saying: "Help wanted. Must be able to type, must be good with a computer and must be bilingual. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

A short time later, a dog trotted up to the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it and whined.

Getting the idea, the receptionist got the office manager. The office manager looked at the dog and was surprised, to say the least. However, the dog looked determined, so he led him into the office.

Inside, the dog jumped on the chair and stared at the manager. The manager said, "I can't hire you. The sign says you have to be able to type."

The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to type out a perfect letter. He took out the page and trotted over to the manager and gave it to him, then jumped back onto the chair.

The manager was stunned, then told the dog: "The sign says you have to be good with a computer."

The dog jumped down again and went to the computer. He proceeded to demonstrate his expertise with various programs and produced a sample spreadsheet and database and presented them to the manager.

By this time the manager was totally dumbfounded! He looked at the dog and said, "I realize that you are a very intelligent dog and have some interesting abilities. However, I still can't give you the job!

The dog jumped down and went to a copy of the sign and put his paw on the part about being an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The manager said, "Yes, but the sign also says that you must be bilingual."

The dog looked him straight in the face and responded: "Meow."

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2002 through January 31, 2002

Income Received:

Tim Gardner – N9LF – Dues 2003	1/14/03	\$6.00
Steve Van Frank – W9TN – Dues 2003	1/14/03	\$6.00
Steve Belter – N9IP – Dues 2004	1/14/03	\$6.00
Deborah Belter – N9SUD – Dues 2004	1/14/03	\$3.00
Bob Finch – W9YA – Dues 2003-2004	1/14/03	\$12.00
Steve Parker – WR9A – Dues 2003-2004	1/14/03	\$12.00
Cheryl Runkle – K9HER – Dues 2004	1/14/03	\$3.00
Greg Dean – N9NWO – Dues 2005	1/14/03	\$6.00
Jim Davis – WA9LYC – Dues 2003-2004	1/18/03	\$12.00
John Welch – KC9AFE – Dues 2003	1/18/03	\$6.00
Francis Hudlow – WA9HKK – Dues 2003-2004	1/19/03	\$12.00
J.B. VanSickle – K9KRE – Dues 2003	1/21/03	\$6.00
Nellie VanSickle – K9FGX – Dues 2003	1/21/03	\$3.00
Dave Chasey – WN9NBT – Dues 2003	1/22/03	\$6.00
Bob Martin – W9YE – Dues 2003	1/22/03	\$6.00
Rex Thomas – W9WQS – Dues 2003	1/22/03	\$6.00
Clarence Vaughn – W9IMU – Dues 2003	1/22/03	\$6.00
Gus Vavrus – W9BZF – Dues 2003	1/22/03	\$6.00
Hubert Wood – N7DUK – Dues 2003	1/22/03	\$6.00
Steve Stombaugh – N9DHH – Dues 2003-2007	1/24/03	\$30.00
Interest on Saving	1/31/03	\$3.47
Total Income:		\$162.47

Disbursements:

Greg Dean – N9NWO – Drawing Winner (to dues)	1/14/03	\$6.00
United Postal Service – Tattler Postage	1/31/03	\$218.45
Wintek – web site domain renewal	1/12/03	\$25.00
Red Cross – Tower Maintenance	1/31/03	\$332.50
Total Disbursements:		\$581.95

Summary:

Beginning Value of CD		0
Beginning Checking Account Balance	12/31/02	\$275.43
Beginning Saving Account Balance	12/31/02	\$8175.73
Beginning Cash on Hand	12/31/02	\$360.00
Beginning Assets:		\$8811.16
Ending Value of CD		0
Ending Checking Account Balance	1/31/03	\$146.48
Ending Saving Account Balance	1/31/03	\$8179.20
Cash on hand	1/31/03	\$66.00
Ending Assets:		\$8391.68

((((And here we might consider
that this is the report for
January 2003)))))))))

David R. Dull WB9BRX
Treasurer

James McGuire, WB9JXX, came to town, married into the Sleeper family and resided on Sleeper Road, southwest of Lafayette, in what is now the largest town in Indiana, namely Shadeland. He had a huge 'barn', probably 50 x 100 foot, heated, where he worked on his cars. He left town to return to the west coast. He knew Les Paul (also a ham) and visited him at his home on several occasions.

Jack Ott, K9AHX, we first became to know him at the Lafayette Radio store back in the 60-s. He was a co-founder of the Lafayette Hamfest, a pioneer locally in an Auto-Start RTTY network, worked Florida on 2-meters FM, while at ALCOA fabricated a dozen or so telescoping masts, which when coupled with a 2-meter 5/8-wave antenna, guy cable, stakes, coax, etc. occupied an area 4" by 6" diameter in your trunk (we still have ours, remember this is before repeaters, and allowed us to set up at a hospital, or anywhere else and have good communications. He as into computers early (Radio Shack TRS-80), and did many things to help his fellow hams in and around Lafayette.

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 As of February 19, 2003
 the following appear to
 in areas on their dues.

- Danny L. McDaniel
 KC9AFF Ernest Poland
 KC9BHH Vincent R. Koser
 KC9BPD Kevin Mc Donald
 KC9CDQ Keith Hood
 WB9CZC David C. Azpell
 WA9DTT Woodrow Tarver
 K9DV David M. McCormick
 N9HER Ned Sutherland
 N9HGA Harold Miller
 KE9KA James W. Milligan
 KB9KHM Mark McGregor
 KC9LI Robert F. Niewerth
 N9LJX Scott Stambaugh
 K9LYA James A. Collison
 K9MAB Michael Brown
 N9MIH Glenn Ward
 KA9NYW Anna L. Rumble
 N9QAP Steven Scherer
 WA9TGO James D. Canarecci
 N9UFP David C. King
 KF9UP Jeff Stewart
 KB9UPL Steve Bruhn
 WB9USL Margret C. Weber
 WB9VAL Robert D. Smith Sr.
 WB9WLU William Rumble
 K9WX Tim Gennett
 N9XPZ Sam Brummett
 KB9YZT George Bittles

If you disagree, contact
 contact the Treasurer.

And if all goes as planned, there will be a new Membership List
 published next month, will you be on it?
 A/K9KRE

DEATHS

James C. McGuire, 87

SHADELAND — James C. "Mac" McGuire, 87, of Sequim, Wash., formerly of Shadeland, died at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, in Barringer (Wash.) Health and Rehabilitation Center after an extended illness.



McGuire

Born May 31, 1915, in Douglas Island, Ala., he had also lived in Port Angeles, Wash., and Fairbanks, Ala.

Mr. McGuire worked in heavy construction in Alaska, in a music store in Port Angeles and retired from the maintenance department of General Foods.

He was a member of Alaskan Pioneers and Lafayette Antique Auto Club. His hobbies were antique car and music machine restoration.

Surviving are two daughters, Estella Morgan of Otterbein and Erin C. McGuire of Lafayette; four sons, James P. McGuire of Hillsboro, Lawrence J. McGuire of San Diego, Hugh N. McGuire of West Point and Patrick F. McGuire of Lafayette.

Services are Saturday in Sequim.

John R. Ott, 75

John R. Ott, 75, of 2319 Dakota Drive, died at 2:58 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, in St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born March 18, 1927, in Orlando, Fla., he attended Bloomfield (Ind.) High School. He married Mary Norman on April 12, 1953, in Lafayette, and she survives.

Mr. Ott worked at Alcoa for 36 years, retiring in 1980. He worked in the tool and dye department. He served in the Air Force from Aug. 23, 1946, to Aug. 12, 1950.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge 492, Cloud Jockeys, Alcoa 25-Year Club and Tippacaw Emergency Amateur Radio Association.

Surviving with his wife is a daughter, Barbara Kreezmeier of Naples, Fla.

OTT, John R.

Visitation 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Soles-Baker Lafayette Funeral Home, 400 Twyckenham Blvd., with service at 5 p.m. J. William Overbay officiating. Private Entombment Tippacaw Memory Gardens. Three grandchildren: Jennifer, Nicholas and Jacob Ott survive. A son, Michael Ott, died Nov. 1, 2001. Memorials to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Indiana Chapter, 921-205 E. 66th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240 or charity of choice.

Why are we trying to change the club bylaws?

Steve Van Frank W9TN

This article is being printed in two consecutive issues of the Tattler.

At the May 2002 business meeting (see the May-June 2002 Tattler) we tabled a vote on a proposed bylaws change which would allow the club to more easily set the amount of the annual dues. The dues issue is more important than ever now with the increasing costs involved in leasing and maintaining the tower. Even without the tower expenses, the dues do not cover the annual cost of operating the club. This is clear from our treasurer's analysis presented at the May 2002 meeting. So, without getting into what the amount should be, how can we change the dues? Currently, the section of the club bylaws covering dues (Section 3) reads as follows:

Annual dues shall be \$6.00, except that for grade, high school, and undergraduate college students' dues shall be \$3.00. Additional memberships in the same family household shall be \$3.00 and paid concurrently with the primary family membership. Dues shall be paid upon election to membership, prorated to the next March or September first. Thereafter they shall be paid for a six-month period, or multiple thereof, in advance. A grace period of 60 days shall be allowed for payment, after which membership terminates.

As you can see, the amount is fixed, and no method of changing the amount is specified. Unfortunately, this means that changing the amount means changing the club bylaws. According to the club constitution, a bylaws change may be accomplished as follows (from Article VII):

The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted at a regular meeting, but they may not be voted on until the next regular meeting, during which time the Secretary shall notify in writing all members of the proposed action.

Clearly, we don't want to have to go through a bylaws change that requires a majority vote of the membership every time we need to change the dues. This is one reason the dues have not been changed in over thirty years. In order to give the club the flexibility it needs to be responsive to changes in our operating costs, we should establish a procedure for changing the amount of the dues. *Even if we decide not to change the amount now*, we should fix the bylaws so that we *can* change the amount in the future. At the May 2002 meeting, the following language was proposed which would replace Section 3 of the bylaws:

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.

This proposed change to the bylaws makes it easier to change the dues, but still makes it difficult by requiring two meetings to do it. And, the dues may not be changed more often than once per calendar year.