

Program Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2003

Originally Scheduled Program Postponed

Program for this meeting is not yet determined

REMEMBER, Field Day Auction in May

Come, Bring Money, Sense of Humor

Traditionally this has been the affair to support Field Day, and we spent only what we had, and made do with the money raised.

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President N9GKE Bruce Stewart
 Vice-Pres WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin
 Secretary N9LF Tim Gardner
 Treasurer WB9BRX Dave Dull
 Director W9TN Steve Van Frank
 Hamfest WB9BRX David Dull
www.w9reg.org

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COMING EVENTS

- 23APR03 WED 1930 Program Meeting, TBA
- 27APR03 SUN 0800-1200 41st Moultrie ARK Hamfest, Moultrie/Douglas County Fairgrounds, SE edge of Arthur, IL, Talk-in 146.655 (162.2 Hz), 444.275 (103.5 Hz), \$5.00 (rzanca@one-eleven.net)
- 4MAY03 SUN 0700-1200 Cecois ARC Hamfest, Decatur, IL, Richland Community College, free flea market, VE Sessions @ 10AM (Walk-ins only), Talk-in 147.1, 442.25 (103.5Hz), \$5.00 (n9lvwq@msn.com; www.cenois.com)
- 4MAY03 SUN 0800-1300 Kishwaukee ARC Hamfest, Sandwich IL Fairgrounds Flea market, commercial vendors, free tailgating, overnight camping, free parking, Talk-in 146.73 (100 Hz), 146.52, \$6.00 (w9icu@arrl.net; www.qsl.net/wa9cjn)
- 13MAY03 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 16MAY03 }
17MAY03 }-- **Dayton Hamvention** (The Ham Event)
18MAY03 }
- 18MAY03 SUN 0800-1700 Illinois Valley ARC Hamfest, Beardstown (near Springfield), free tailgating with paid admission, VE sessions, Talk-in 146.715 (103.5Hz), \$3.00 (w9hci@yahoo.com)
- 25MAY03 SUN 0800-1300 Chicago ARC @ DeVry University, Vendors, tailgating, free paved parking \$6.00 (www.chicagoarc.com)
- 28MAY03 WED 1930 Program Meeting, (Field Day Auction)
Please Come, bring money & sense of humor
- 31MAY03 SAT 0800 Sangamon Valley RC Hamfest, Illinois State Fairgrounds Cooperative Extension Building, giant covered flea market (no additional charge for space), commercial exhibits, vendors, dealers, VE sessions (9AM, walk-ins accepted until 10AM), Talk-in 146.685, \$5.00 (egaffney@family-net.net)
- 01JUN03 SUN 0800 Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL, flea market, dealer displays, vendors, excellent parking, Talk-in 146.955 (103.5 Hz), \$7.00 (www.qsl.net/w9mks/)(kb9vzh_gov@yahoo.com)
- 08JUN03 SUN 0600 35th Annual Wabash County ARC Hamfest, Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, indoor floor space, free overnight camping, Talk-in 147.03, 442.325, \$6.00 (jknetro@kconline.com)
- 08JUN03 SUN 0700 Six Meter Club of Chicago Hamfest 45th Hamfest,

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
08 April 2003**

Members in attendance:

Cheryl Runkle, K9HER	Steve Parker, WR9A	Bruce Stewart, N9GKE
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Bob Martin, W9YE	Steve Van Frank, W9TN
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Tim Gardner, N9LF	Alex Younts, KC9CYK
Jeff Stewart, KF9UP	John Coy, KC9BPE	Jay Welsh, KC9AFE
Michael Kantz, KC9VZD		

The meeting was called to order by at 19:30 by N9GKE.

The minutes of the March 2003 meeting were read by the Secretary. WR9A moved to accept and W9TN seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurers report shows a balance of \$8577.91 with only minor income (interest and dues) and expenses (postage) for the month. WB9SWD moved to accept the report and KB9VZD accepted. Motion passed.

Old Business

A roll call vote on the proposed by-law changes was conducted. In addition to those present, many members voted by proxy. Article VII of the club constitution requires a majority vote by the membership to enact changes to the by-laws. As of April 8, 2003, there are 71 members of the club, thus requiring 36 'yeas' to approve. The vote tally is 53 in favor with none opposed, and thus, the by-law changes are approved.

WB9BRX reported that the work necessary to reinstate the club as an Indiana corporation is underway. The first phase is now complete and he is working on the second phase.

We received the annual AMSAT renewal notice. W9TN moved and WB9SWD seconded a motion that we pay the \$50 fee. Motion passed.

The FCC has completed the license change for the club trusteeship. N9GKE is now officially the club trustee. The license document and CORES letter have been received.

We received a thank-you note from the Leukemia/Lymphoma society, acknowledging our donation in memory of Jack Ott, K9AHX.

N9LF spoke on behalf of Senate Bill 109, now pending a floor vote in the Indiana House of Representatives.

New Business

N9GKE asked that anyone with reservations about him holding the club trusteeship to please speak up. He is happy to relinquish it to anyone willing to accept the responsibility.

N9GKE reminded everyone that the Field Day auction is scheduled for May 28.

N9VLW has donated some equipment to the club, including a cooler, tent, SAM Callbook and other items.

KC9BPE reported that the Red Cross is awaiting our incorporation reinstatement before they can proceed with the lease and hold-harmless agreements.

Field Day

WB9SWD is seeking Field Day volunteers. Contact Curtis if you can help. He reported that they are planning to operate two HF stations (Class 2A) plus a GOTA and VHF station. The question of location (Red Cross or Veteran's Home) remains an open question.

Hamfest

WB9BRX stated that we needed to print some flyers (for Dayton and other hamfests). N9GKE reviewed last year's income and expenses.

KB9KNO was not present to claim the drawing for \$18.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30 on a motion by W9YE and a second by KC9BPE.

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Dayton Hamvention
now being called "Hamvention)

For those that are planning on parking at the Salem Mall and taking the busses to Hara Arena, there is some doubt that DARA can use that location this year. It might be wise to check before you leave for Dayton, actually it is held in Trotwood, due to change of city limits. A/K9KRE (www.hamvention.org)

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Always remember: Pillage BEFORE you burn.

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A Covington Repeater?

We have seen a report that a Will Hollycross (sic) of Williamsport, appeared before Fountain County officials requesting permission to use one of the antennas on the water tower of the City of Covington that is no longer being used by the Sheriff's Department since installation of a new radio system. They are taking it under consideration, and noted that he would also have to get permission from the City. (His call may be K9ILQ, but we have not verified that. A/K9KRE)

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

March 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003

Income Received:

David McCormick – K9DV – Dues 2003	3/5/03	\$6.00
Bob Smith – WB9VAL – Dues 2003	3/5/03	\$6.00
Sam Brummett – N9XPZ – Dues 2003	3/10/03	\$6.00
Jim Collison – K9LYA – Dues 2003	2/11/03	\$6.00
Alexander Younts – KC9CYK – Dues 2003-2004	2/11/03	\$6.00
Margret Weber – WB9USL – Dues 2003	3/18/03	\$6.00
William Rumble – WB9WLU – Dues 2003	3/20/03	\$6.00
Anna Rumble – KA9NYW – Dues 2003	3/20/03	\$3.00
Jim Milligan – KE9KA – Dues 2003-2005	3/29/03	\$18.00
Interest on Saving	3/31/03	\$3.48
Total Income:		\$66.48

Disbursements:

Dave Dull – WB9BRX Postcards & Postage for Bylaws Vote	3/31/03	\$38.09
Total Disbursements:		\$38.09

Summary:

Beginning Value of CD		0
Beginning Checking Account Balance	2/28/03	\$286.18
Beginning Saving Account Balance	2/28/03	\$8182.34
Beginning Cash on Hand	2/28/03	\$81.00
Beginning Assets:		\$8549.52

Ending Value of CD		0
Ending Checking Account Balance	3/31/03	\$359.09
Ending Saving Account Balance	3/31/03	\$8185.82
Cash on hand	3/31/03	\$33.00
Ending Assets:		\$8577.91

Dues received after EOM March:

Jeff Stewart - KF9UP

Reclassified to student status and extended membership:

John Welch - KC9AFE extended to 2004

Alexander Younts – KC9CYK extended to 2004 (Corrected name error shown
on business meeting version)

David R. Dull WB9BRX
Treasurer

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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.

TOP 10 REASONS TO DO FIELD DAY

In the spirit of David Letterman, Arkansas ARRL PIC Bill McEntire, KC5ECB, passes along an ARRL Field Day Top 10 list of his own:

Number 10: Catch up on your microphone keying techniques--20 contacts with left hand keying, 20 contacts with your right, and repeat. Feel the (RF) burn! After 100 contacts, take a break by barbecue grill for the rest of the hour.

Number 9: Two words: barbecued brisket.

Number 8: Practice your untangling techniques with coax that has been boxed up since 1999 Field Day.

Number 7: Go by the ham using the Collins tube rig and say, "I wonder if this is how bug lights were invented".

Number 6: Remember just how much fun you can have on 80 meters at 3 AM with no sleep.

Number 5: Remind your teenager that your laptop computer he borrowed to do "homework" still has that working logging program on it.

Number 4: Rotate old cans of insect repellent spray with the cans you'd left in the deer camp trailer last season.

Number 3: Stop by the CW position and nod your head with the operator as if you can also copy his traffic at 30 words per minute.

Number 2: Debate with other hams on the Field Day antenna setup crew just what formula to use to calculate thunder vs lighting distance.

And the Number 1 reason to go to Field Day: With all that time you spent studying for your ticket, you've earned it!--Bill McEntire, KC5ECB

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de The New GEARVAKf BULLETIN

Volume 31 Number 1 Newsletter of GEARFAKf April 1995

Hams to Pay Bill for FCC Cleanup of 2 Meter Band Explosion and 20 Meter Band Fire.

The Federal Communications Commission intend to collect money from hams to defray expenses incurred in cleaning up after the 20 meter band fire of 1979 and the massive explosion of 2 meters in 1989. According to FCC spokesman Ralph R. Spiffee, the cleanup of the two ham bands was "very expensive and led to a large deficit in the FCC budget." Spiffee told the GEARVAKf Bulletin that the cost of clearing debris from the damaged ham bands was in excess of \$630 million. "That means that each ham owes us at least \$1,000, and we intend to collect," he said. All licensed amateur radio operators are liable for the assessment. Bills will be sent out on December 25, 1995, and payment must be made by April 15, 1996. We asked Mr. Spiffee why the cost of the cleanup was so high. "We had to buy special RF resistant equipment to scoop up the damaged frequencies," he said. "Some of the shovels cost us \$3,000 apiece, so it's no wonder we had a big bill. Anyway, that's not bad when you consider the Air Force pays \$500 for a hammer and \$10,000 for a potty." According to the rule, hams who fail to pay the \$1,000 will be found guilty and imprisoned for 10 years without bail. There is no appeal.

--FCC