May 2003

198th Edition

T.A.R.A. Tattler

rogram Meeting Wednesday, May 28, 2003

Field Day Auction

This meeting will start ONE HOUR EARLY (6:30 p.m.)

Come, Bring Money, Sense of Humor

Traditional 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

- 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 0600 Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL, flea market, dealer displays, vendors, buildings open at 0800, 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 46th Hamfest,
 DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL,
 3 buildings, large outdoor flea market, free parking,
 no extra charge for space in outdoor flea market,
 ARRL, AMSAT, vendor displays,
 VE Testing 9-11AM, Talk-in 146.52, 146.37/97 (107.2),
 \$6.00
 (wa9rji@mc.net)(www.qsl.net/k9ona)

08JUN03 SUN Effingham, Illinois Hamfest

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- 10JUN03 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 15JUN03 SUN 0800 Dad's Day Hamfest, sponsored by Lake County ARC, Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point, IN, totally indoors, Talk-in 147.00 (131.8), 146.52, \$?.?? (leeraue@msn.com or paris156@yahoo.com)
- 25JUN03 WED 1930 Program Me Meeting (moved to Field Day?)

28JUN03 SAT Field Day 29JUN03 SUN Field Day

06JUL03 SUN Kankakee Area Radio Society Hamfest A/ARRL (w9az.com) (karsfest@yahoo.com)

08JUL03 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

12JUL03 SAT 0600 33rd Annual Indianapolis Hamfest, Camp Sertoma at US52 & German Church Road (((Note: NEW LOCATION))), Talk-in 146.76, \$7.00 (www.indyhamfest.com, hamfest hotline 317-261-6658)

23JUL03 WED 1930 Program Meeting

Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting 13 May 2003

Members in attendance:

Clyde Mauck, K9JWI

Cheryl Runkle, K9HER Steve Parker, WR9A
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD Tom Kuespert, K9KF
Dave Dull, WB9BRX Tim Gardner, N9LF
Jack Freeman, KF9CT John Coy, KC9BPE

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE Steve Van Frank, W9TN Alex Younts, KC9CYK Jay Welsh, KC9AFE

The meeting was called to order by at 19:37 by N9GKE.

The minutes of the April 2003 meeting were read and accepted on a motion by KC9AFE and second by WB9BRX.

The Treasurers report shows a balance of \$8363. Income of \$33 and expenses of \$247 (equipment insurance, AMSAT renewal, Secretary of State fees). WR9A moved to accept the report and KF9CT seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

N9LF reported that Senate Bill 109 has passed the Indiana legislature, and the governor has signed the bill. The new law takes effect on July 1, 2003. The new law incorporates the federal PRB-1 exemption into state law, effectively blocking local governments from imposing undue restrictions on towers for Amateur use (with exceptions for historical districts). The original bill called for a limit of 75 feet (meaning towers 75 feet or less in height could not be locally regulated), but this was removed in the final bill.

WB9BRX printed 1000 Hamfest flyers for distribution at Dayton. If anyone will be attending other hamfests this summer, contact Dave and he will give you a stack of flyers to distribute.

New Business

KC9BPE announced that the Red Cross was seeking advice on how help prevent unauthorized access to the tower (i.e., keep neighborhood kids from climbing the tower). Several ideas were offered, and John said he would take the information back to the Board.

N9GKE reminded everyone that the Field Day auction is scheduled for May 28. N9LF will contact the ARC about using the garage.

Field Day

WB9SWD is seeking Field Day volunteers. Contact Curtis if you can help. There was no other new information.

K9LYA was not present to claim the drawing for \$24. Meeting adjourned at 20:14.

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report April 1, 2003 through April 30, 2003

Income Received:	in to grade the		
Jeff Stewart - KF9UP - Dues 2003	4/5/03	\$6.00	
Jules Lerzak – WB9SBV – Dues 2004-5	4/8/03	\$12.00	
Bob Martin - W9YE - Dues 2004	4/8/03	\$6.00	
Mike Brown - K9MAB - Dues 2003		4/20/03	\$6.00
Interest on Saving		3/31/03	\$3.06
	Total Income:		\$33.06
Disbursements:			
AMSAT – Annual Dues	4/13/03	\$50.00	
Marsh Affinity Group - ARRL Equipment	4/13/03	\$107.00	
Indiana Secretary of State - Incorporation	4/22/03	\$90.00	
T	otal Disbursements:		\$247.00
Summary:			
Beginning Value of CD			0
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Beginning Saving Account Balance		3/31/03	\$8185.82
Beginning Cash on Hand		3/31/03	\$33.00
	Beginning Assets:		\$8577.91
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Ending Checking Account Balance		4/30/03	\$112.09
Ending Saving Account Balance		4/30/03	\$8188.88
Cash on hand		4/30/03	\$63.00
	Ending Assets:		\$8363.97

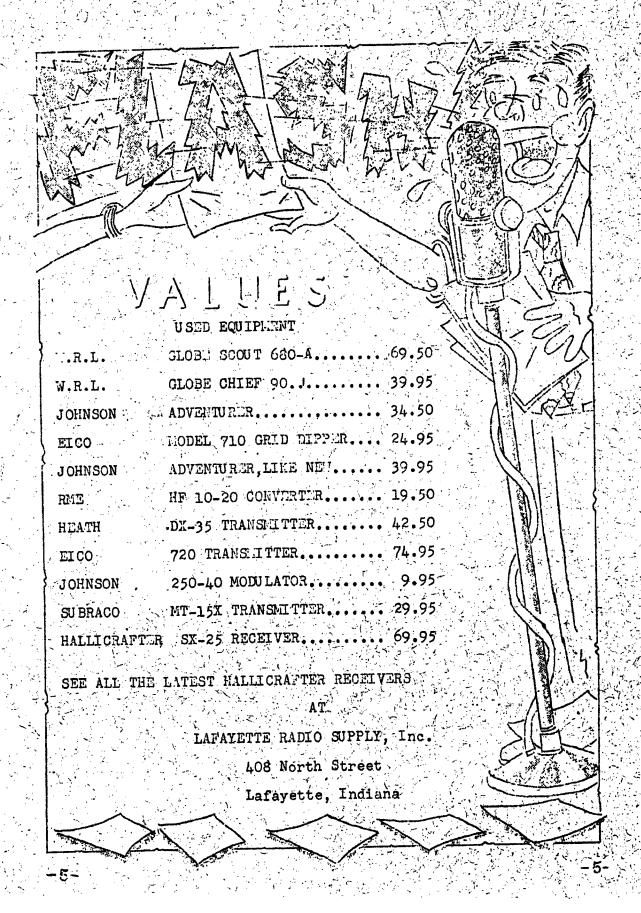
David R. Dull WB9BRX
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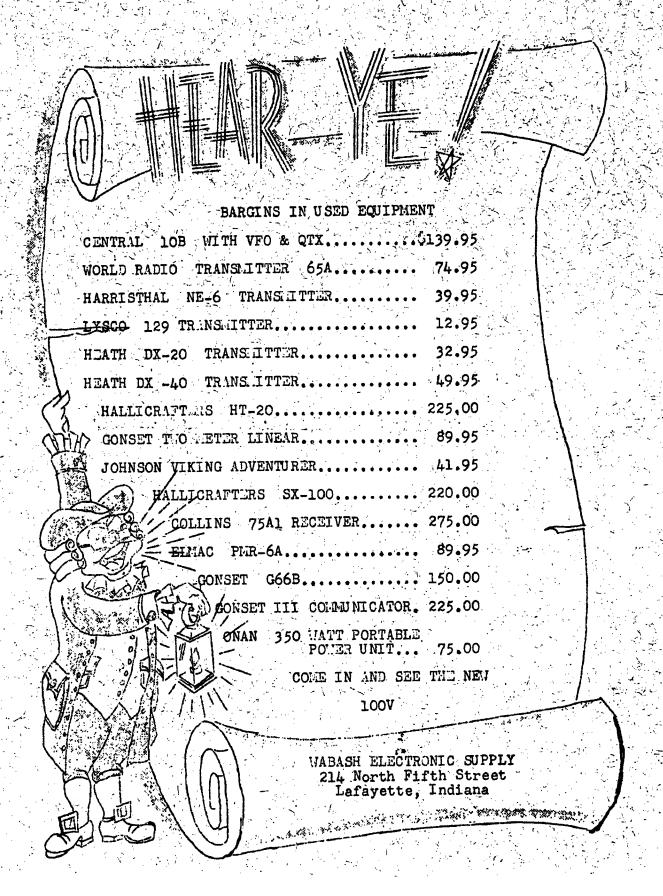
Yes, Dave Dull was there, along with Pedro and a number of others from Greater Lafayette.

Enjoyed getting together with Roger Smith, WF3P, and his wife Carolyn. Roger was in Lafayette for several years with Great Lakes Chemical, currently employed in the NYC vicinity. His office faces Manhattan (from New Jersey) with a good view of the September event. He witnessed (live) the

Had a nice visit with a retired Detroit police officer in the food area. His father helped build the PD's radio station in about 1929. That is before there was police radio, it was an Broadcast station, used for one-way dispatching the police vehicles. Sit awhile to rest, have met many interesting people that way.

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Club celebrates 50th year

It was fifty years ago this May that a dozen or so area hams gathered with the purpose to establish a radio club for amateur radio enthusiasts. They decided to call their group the Cass County Radio Club.

That was then. Now, fifty years later, membership in the present Cass County Amateur Club numbers in the sixties after peaking in the seventies around ten years ago.

To mark the occasion, a Special Event Station will be on the air from the Cass County EMA building North on SR17. The call sign W9C has been reserved for October 18, 2003. Multiple transmitters will be running, and certificates will be mailed to all who contact the station.

A social event is also planned, probably a cook-out or similar function but that has yet to be decided.

Over the years, the club has undergone a name change (adding the word "amateur"), hosted hamfests in the 70s and 90s, and has upgraded from one repeater to three (2 VHF, 1 UHF).

This is not the first milestone for the club. A Special Event station opereated five years ago when the club reached the age of 45, also using the call W9C.

Members have provided communications for past community events like the Iron Horse Festival.

Shades of the Turkey Run Hamfest

For those of you that do not go back that many years, there used to be a Hamfest at Turkey Run State Park. You paid your admission to the park, drove to the area, and there was a Hamfest. There used to be a Hamfest at Spring Mill also. Very nice, place for the family to spend the But one year the Terre Haute club stopped vehicles trying to sell tickets, and of course, most were not amateurs, and it led to a state-wide ban on such activities.

Now comes a thing called the Broad Ripple Hamfest, Saturday, August 9th, 7373 Westfield Blvd. No fees, tailgate only. Across the road is the Monon Trail, a good place for your family members to walk, roller blade, or bike while you enjoy the Hamfest. Take your own food, there will be a charcoal fire available.

This is a scenic area, the trail crosses the White River, continues south to and through Broad Ripple, crossing the canal in the process.

I certainly plan on going, have many fond memories of Turkey Run.

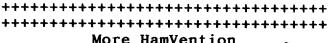
We note the contact person is Joe Lobraico, K900A (his wife licensed as K900B). He has attended ten or more of our Lafayette Hamfests. If I am correct he is a pharmacist (probably retired now) with a drug store is Broad Ripple, and his brother had a drug store in Leba-A/K9KRE The sandwich dates back to time man discovered he could live by bread alone. Don't let life discourage you. Everyone who got where he is had to begin where he was.

Field Day Auction May 28 - 6:30PM

The Field Day Auction is scheduled for May 28. The proceeds from the auction fund the food and drink at Field Day, so if you want to eat, please participate in the auction!

Please note the start time is 18:30, one hour earlier than the usual meeting time.

Please bring donation items and your checkbook. You may also make a monetary donation if desired, but your hamfest, radio & computer related items are what make the auction. Here is your chance to clean out that closet/basement/garage and make some points with the XYL while simultaneously supporting the club.



More HamVention

In case you think the Dayton Amateur Radio Association makes a lot profit on the event, they do not. Usually they make a few thousand. Last year they lost several thousand, \$17,972. penses were \$899,830, Income was \$811,858. They are not close to the poor house yet, available assets are still around 1/3 of a million.

This year also does not look like a good year for them. They had several problems. Just one example is parking. Things were not settled with Salem Mall until just a few weeks before the event. Then two weeks before the event. the bus company they had been using for several years went bankrupt. It was 11PM Thursday night before they had busses

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Friday at the Flea Market was about normal, but Saturday there were more than usual open spaces. and about half of those were occupied were not open for business. Sunday there were more empty spaces than normal, and inside was not as crowded as normal. those we visited with were not upset, and we got some good bargains, flags for \$1.00, taps for 50-cents, et cetra.

In over forty HamVentions that we have attended, it was far from the worse. And there is always next year, or at least we are planning on it.