

P r o g r a m M e e t i n g  
September 24, 2003

N9GKE  
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party

Does this mean refreshments are included?

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T	A A	R R	A A	Vice-Pres	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin
T	AAAAA	RRRR	AAAAA	Secretary	N9LF	Tim Gardner
T	A A	R R	A A	Treasurer	WB9BRX	Dave Dull
T	A A	R R	A A	Director	W9TN	Steve Van Frank
				Hamfest	WB9BRX	David Dull
				www.w9reg.org		

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## COMING EVENTS

- 24SEP03 WED 1930 Program Meeting
- 27SEP03 SAT 0800-1600 Chicago FM Club Hamfest, Lake County Fairgrounds,  
 28SEP03 Sun 0800-1500 Grayslake, IL, (outdoor flea market open at 0600  
 both days) indoor commercial vendors, major manufacturers,  
 and leading distributors, computers & electronics,  
 VE Sessions (both days, walk-ins), free parking,  
 outdoor electrical hookups available, self-contained  
 camping {with fees}, Talk-in 146.76 (107.2Hz), \$10.00  
 (w9eg@chicagofmclub.org; www.chicagofmclub.org)
- 05OCT03 SUN 0600-1700 Hoosier Hills Ham Club Hamfest, Lawrence County  
 4-H Fairgrounds, Bedford, IN, vendors, VE Sessions,  
 free chili dinner (Saturday eve),  
 Talk-in 146.73 (107.2Hz), \$7.00  
 (tim-k9us@msn.com; www.hoosierhillshamfest.org)
- 05OCT03 SUN ???? Michiana Valley Hamfest Assn. Hamfest, Elkhart County  
 Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN, Talk-in 145.43, \$5.00  
 (ka9wnr@att.net)
- 14OCT03 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 18OCT03 SAT Cass County Amateur Radio Club's Special Event Station  
 with multiple transmitters running, and certificates  
 will be mailed to all who contact the station.  
 Observes club's fifty years.
- 22OCT03 WED 1930 Program Meeting, 8 days between meetings
- 02NOV03 SUN Blossomland ARA Hamfest A/ARRL  
 Benton Harbor, MI  
 (www27.brinkster.com/blossomlandara(Hamfest/Hamfest.htm  
 {{{That is what it says anyway}}}) comdac@comdac.com)
- 11NOV03 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 26NOV03 WED 1930 Program Meeting, Thanksgiving Eve
- 29NOV03 SAT Electronic Applications Radio Service (EARS) Hamfest A/ARRL  
 Evansville, IN  
 (ears@w9ear.org)
- 09DEC03 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 14DEC03 SUN Hancock ARC & Greenfield Central Tech Club Hamfest A/ARRL  
 Greenfield, IN  
 (www.w9atg.org; kb9vz1@msn.com)
- 24DEC03 WED 1930 Program Meeting, do you really believe anyone will  
 show up for this meeting
- 13JAN04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
- 25JAN04 SUN Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Hamfest A/ARRL

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting  
12 August 2003**

**Members in attendance:**

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE	Bob Lusby, K9FOH	Jack Freeman, KF9CT
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Tak Ryuzoji, KC9AMT	Steve Van Frank, W9TN
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Tim Gardner, N9LF	Alex Younts, KC9CYK
John Parker, KC4YGO	Greg Dean, N9NWO	Major Sherwin, N9ZFG
J Welsh, KC9AFE		

The meeting was called to order by at 19:33 by N9GKE.

The minutes of the July 2003 meeting were read. K9FOH made a motion to accept. W9TN seconded. Motion passed.

There was no treasurer's report.

**Old Business**

N9GKE reported that the Red Cross attorney has still not provided us with lease and hold harmless agreements. KC9BPE is attempting to secure tower climbing permission in the interim.

John Rodenbarger, WB9OFG, conducted an introductory session on the National Traffic System (NTS) at the July program meeting.

We received a thank you card from Howie Koehl, KZ9Z, and his family. Howie's mother passed away on July 19, 2003.

**New Business**

N9ZFG has confirmed that he and XYL Vicky will operate the food station at the hamfest.

K9FOH is still recruiting ticket sellers for the hamfest.

WB9BRX says that we will have 20-30 tables available for our hamfest use. Thanks to the folks at the fairgrounds for the temporary loan. *In case you are wondering, the building we rent is not normally supplied with tables. The groundskeeper has gone out of his way to provide them in the past (at no additional cost to us), and has agreed to do so again this year. Tables are not always available, depending on other activities at the fairgrounds.*

By general agreement, the club's Yaesu FT726 will once again be put up for sale. In order to give all club members a fair chance to purchase this equipment, bids will be accepted at the next regular business meeting (September 9, 2003). Purchase price is \$400 or best offer.



**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting  
9 September 2003**

**Members in attendance:**

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE      Tom Kiespert, K9KF      Jeff Stewart, KF9UP  
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD      Steve Van Frank, W9TN      Major Sherwin, N9ZFG  
Dave Dull, WB9BRX      Tim Gardner, N9LF      Alex Younts, KC9CYK

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

The minutes of the August 2003 meeting were read. WB9BRX made a motion to accept. KC9CYK seconded. Motion passed.

The treasurer presented both the July and August reports. July ending balance was \$8095 and the August ending balance was \$8814. The hamfest generated a net profit of \$568.

**Old Business**

N9GKE reported that there has been no word from the Red Cross about the lease and hold harmless agreements.

The Yaesu FT726 had been slated to be sold at this meeting, but the Tattler was not published last month. Therefore, on a motion by WB9SWD and a second by KC9CYK, the rig will be sold at the next regular business meeting after the announcement is published in the Tattler. Once again, you may email the Secretary ([n9lf@arrl.net](mailto:n9lf@arrl.net)) with your bid if you cannot attend the next meeting.

**New Business**

KF9UP requests help with traffic control for the Feast (this weekend, Sep 13-14).

There being no topic for the September program meeting, N9GKE will instead host a shack cleanup party.

The drawing for \$12 was lost by Tim Gennett, K9WX.

Meeting adjourned at 20:12.

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**Publication dates**

for future issues:

Do to the close spacing of the two October meetings, and my personal schedule, it is highly doubtful that we will be able to compile an October issue.

Normally the November issue is published late due to the Wednesday meeting falling on Thanksgiving Eve. So somewhere between now and the Tuesday Meeting in December (Nominations are appropriate at that time) a issue will probably be printed.

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In the process of preparing this issue, with lack of fore-sight, we ended up two blank pages. Since there is no expense occurred by the club for printing, and the paper has already been used, we now create pages 5A and 6A. All this bring to mind that we should always, always plan A  
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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."

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A confident applicant for a job as office helper presented his credentials to the personnel manager. The manager looked them over and said, "I see you've got recommendations from your church minister and your Sunday school teacher. That's good. And I must say, you look honest and appear to be of good character. Nevertheless, I'd like to see a recommendation from someone who knows you on weekdays."

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A man asked a friend to loan him \$20. Without any hesitation, the friend reached in his wallet and took out a \$10 bill and gave it to him. "Thanks," the other man said, "but I asked for \$20 and this is only ten dollars."

"That's right," replied the friend. "This way we break even. You lose \$10. I lose \$10."

**TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2003 through July 31, 2003

**Income Received:**

Greater Lafayette Soapbox Derby - Donation	7/16/03	\$250.00
Interest on Saving	7/31/03	\$2.00
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>\$252.00</b>

**Disbursements:**

Tom Kuespert K9KF – Business Meeting Drawing	7/8/03	\$36.00
Midwest Portable Storage & Restrooms – Field Day	7/8/03	\$84.70
Henriott Insurance	7/16/03	\$400.00
Dave Dull WB9BRX -Amateur Accessories: Hamfest Prizes	7/21/03	\$115.00
Dave Dull WB9BRX -Rustic Bouquet: Plant Loretta Wood	7/21/03	\$28.20
Rustic Bouquet – Plant, Lillian Koehl	7/22/03	\$23.40
U.S. Postal Service: 445 Hamfest Postcards	7/23/03	\$111.25
Instant Copy: Hamfest Postcard Printing	7/25/03	\$34.86
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$833.41</b>

**Summary:**

Beginning Value of CD		0
Beginning Checking Account Balance	6/30/03	\$481.84
Beginning Saving Account Balance	6/30/03	\$8194.76
Beginning Cash on Hand	6/30/03	0
<b>Beginning Assets:</b>		<b>\$8676.60</b>
Ending Value of CD		0
Ending Checking Account Balance	7/31/03	\$898.43
Ending Saving Account Balance	7/31/03	\$7196.76
Cash on hand *	7/31/03	0
<b>Ending Assets:</b>		<b>\$8095.19</b>

(\*) Plus \$20 gift certificate not included in total

David R. Dull WB9BRX  
Treasurer

Answers greatly appreciated

What is sold by the yard, but worn by the foot?

Rachel has married 20 men, all in New York state, never divorced; none of them ever died. She has not broken any laws. How can this happen?

You have a duck between 2 ducks, a duck in front of 2 ducks, and a duck behind 2 ducks.

The more you take the more you leave behind.

What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?

The part of the bird that's not in the sky, who can swim in the ocean and yet remain dry.

Light as a feather, there is nothing in it; The strongest man can't hold it for much more than a minutes?

What we caught we threw away, what we didn't catch we kept.

Eye halve a spelling checker  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marks four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word  
and weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write  
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It nose bee fore two long  
And eye can put the error rite  
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it  
Eye am shore your pleased too no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My checker tolled me sew.

Do you know what you do when you're building a house and you have one brick left over?

Throw it away.

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A woman was sitting on a bus with here small dog on here lap when another passenger sat down. He promptly lit a cigar.

She asked him politely to put it out.

"No, I won't," he declared.

She asked him again. "Lady," he said, "I like smoking cigars. Please don't ask me to put it out again."

She reached over, grabbed his cigar and threw it out the window. "What are you doing?" he yelled.

She replied calmly. "I asked you nicely to stop smoking. My dog doesn't like smoke."

He looked at her for a moment. The he grabbed her dog and pitched it out the window.

She screamed. And screamed again. "Stop the bus!" she demanded. My dog is gone!"

The bus driver decided he'd had enough of both of them by now. "Both of you, off my bus!" he retorted.

They were then unceremoniously escorted off the bus. They stood in the middle of the sidewalk for a while, still screaming at each other. A policeman walked up finally and asked them to explain the problem.

"She threw my cigar out!" the man said.

"He tossed my little dog out the window," she cried.

The police officer was trying to make some sense out of this unusual encounter when the woman suddenly stopped crying and shouted, "My dog! Here comes little Bowser down the street!"

As the dog came wagging his little tail happily towards the woman, she saw he carrying something in his mouth.

It was the brick.



TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

August 1, 2003 through August 31, 2003

Income Received:

Hamfest Gate	8/17/03	\$1085.50
Hamfest Concessions	8/17/03	\$142.00
Hamfest Other (Club Table sales)	8/17/03	\$40.00
Interest on Saving	8/31/03	\$1.90
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>\$1269.40</b>

Disbursements:

Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds - Hamfest Sheep Barn	8/4/03	\$350.00
Burk Electronics - Hamfest Main Prize	8/17/03	\$199.95
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$549.95</b>

Summary:

Beginning Value of CD		0
Beginning Checking Account Balance	7/31/03	\$898.43
Beginning Saving Account Balance	7/31/03	\$7196.76
Beginning Cash on Hand	7/31/03	0
<b>Beginning Assets:</b>		<b>\$8095.19</b>

Ending Value of CD		0
Ending Checking Account Balance	8/31/03	\$348.48
Ending Saving Account Balance	8/31/03	\$8324.16
Cash on hand *	8/31/03	\$142.00
<b>Ending Assets:</b>		<b>\$8814.64</b>

(\*) Status unknown: \$20 gift certificate (not included in any totals)

David R. Dull WB9BRX  
Treasurer

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de GEARVAKF BULLETIN Vol. 29 #1

**Consumer** **Alert!**  
Ham operator Quetzacoatl Fud was hospitalized yesterday after he was attacked by an unruly band of felines while carrying his newly assembled tuna tin radio. Arrested were 17 alley cats, 2 tabbies, 10 persians, Fluffy, hobbES, Tigger, the bronze lions from the library steps, and Garfield. Asked if he knew what provoked the attack, Fud mumbled through his bandages, "Geez, I don't know. Maybe I shoulda taken the tuna out of the can first." The FCC has ordered a recall of all tuna tin radio kits. Persons holding the dangerous merchandise are advised to take it immediately to the Centerville, Ohio, port of call and ask for Charlie. --N8HRU

de RF-Carrier Vol. XLVII #10 (03)  
(excerpt from Board Minutes [and  
you think we have problems])

Treasurer Keith Marshall, AB8BD reported a checking account balance of \$2018.19. He also reported Hamvention income through June 1 of \$51,933.50, and expenses paid of \$49,964.99. Overall, he reported that Hamvention had about \$548,000 income.

Hamvention Chair Ray Neff, N8IGS reported that he believes there are outstanding bills of about \$15,000, and unreceived income of about \$20,000. Per Garry Mathews, as of May 27, expenses were \$570.420, and income was \$568,080. He also reported outstanding income of \$33,166, and outstanding payables of about \$21,900. It was noted that at the Planning Council meeting a few days earlier, the report indicated an expected overall loss on the show of about \$20,000. It was also noted that the budget submitted to the board at mid-year indicated expenses and income in the range of \$850,000. No plausible explanation for this \$300,000 difference was given. The Hamvention General Chairman, the Treasurer, and Garry Mathews begged off on any further reporting until the required report date in September. Several board members felt this was unacceptable, and too late to be useful to the Board in dealing with immediate financial problems. Further, it was noted that the numbers being reported had very little credibility since they seemed to change over the course of an hour's discussion and questioning.

Senior Trustee Dave Coons, WT8W reported for Planning Council on the investigation into financial transactions dating back as far as 1992. He noted that "things were purchased, but went elsewhere", and that there were "irresponsible fiscal practices." Unfortunately, he noted, there is no smoking gun that points to any single person or activity. It was left up to the incoming Board to determine

where this should go next.

Planning Council also reported on their review of the 2003 Hamvention, which showed an expected loss of about \$20,000. A motion to "cancel Hamvention for 2004 and beyond due to failure to provide a suitable return" was made by Secretary Tom Holmes, N8ZM, and seconded by Junior Trustee Greg Hoskins, N8TED. The motion failed 2-4-1.

Planning Council reported that the majority recommendation for Hamvention General Chair for 2004 was Pat Neff, N8IGS. However, a minority recommendation was for Gary DesCombes, N8EMO. Further discussion was deferred to Executive Session. (((In that session, N8EMO was appointed, 3-2-0.)))  
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de THE FEEDLINE Summer 2003

The Special Event station to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Cass County Radio Club is set to operate from the EMA building on SR17, 2 miles North of Logansport.

Records show that the first club meeting took place in May of 1953.

The station, W9V, plans to operate on the following frequencies: 7250 kHz, 14,280 kHz, and 146.52 MHz. The club repeater on 147.18 MHz will also be used.

Depending upon conditions and interference, the HF choices may be shifted slightly.

Certificate will be provided free to anyone contacting W9V who makes a request.

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

W9V to operate around noon to 6PM, Saturday, October 18.

One or two stations will operate, depending upon conditions and operators.  
Social gathering to follow!