

B u s i n e s s M e e t i n g

January 13, 2004

E l e c t i o n

N i g h t

Candidates wanted (needed)

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TTTTT	AAA	RRRR	AAA	President	N9GKE	Bruce Stewart
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

13JAN04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting, Election Night

25JAN04 SUN 0800-1300 Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Hamfest, Pheasant Run MegaCenter, 4051 East Main Street, just West of DuPage Airport, Ham Radio/Computer/Electronics flea market, commercial booths, commercial vendors, VE sessions (on site), free parking, Talk-in 145.39 (103.5 Hz), \$8.00
(www.wheatonhamfest.org; info@wheatonhamfest.org)

28JAN04 WED 1930 Program Meeting, **Banquet Night**
Bruno's at 6PM

??FEB04 SAT Lafayette Adventure Sports Club "24 Hours on the Move",
??FEB04 SUN a full 24 hour event, Amateurs needed at several posts.
Contact WB9BRX &/or W9TN to assist in the event.

10FEB04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
25FEB04 WED 1930 Program Meeting

28FEB04 SAT La Porte ARC Winter Hamfest A/ARRL
(www.k9jsi.org)

09MAR04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

13MAR04 SAT 0800-1300 WVARA Tailgate Party, Northside Bingo Hall, A/ARRL
7339 North Clinton Road, Terre Haute,
Talk-in 146.685(-)(PL 151.4)

24MAR04 WED 1930 Program Meeting

27MAR04 SAT Michigan City Hamfest "Spring Fling" A/ARRL
(http://home.comcast.net/~w9ly)

13APR04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
28APR04 WED 1930 Program Meeting
11MAY04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

14MAY04 }
15MAY04 }-- **Dayton Hamvention** (The Ham Event)
16MAY04 }

26MAY04 WED 1930 Program Meeting, FIELD DAY AUCTION

06JUN04 SUN Wabash Hamfest, Talk-in 147.03(+) A/ARRL

08JUN04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting
23JUN04 WED 1930 Program Meeting

25JUN04}
26JUN04}-----Fiddler's Gathering at Battleground
27JUN04}

26JUN04 SAT Field Day
27JUN04 SUN Field Day

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

Members in attendance:

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE	Jack Freeman, KF9CT	John Coy, KC9BPE
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Steve Van Frank, W9TN	Mike Maddox, W9CBA
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Tim Gardner, N9LF	Pedro Castillo, WB9RVN
Cheryl Parker, K9HER	Steve Parker, WR9A	Bob Lusby, K9FOH
Ed Delp, N9YTE	John Baugher, N9JEA	

Visitors in attendance:

Joe Rogers, KM9V Hugh McGuire, KC9EWG

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

The minutes of the November 2003 meeting were read. K9FOH made a motion to accept. KF9CT seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasures report for November shows income of \$2 (interest) and no expenses with and an ending balance of \$8778. K9FOH moved to accept, WR9A seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

W9TN and WB9BRX announced that the "24 Hours on the Move" by the Lafayette Adventure Sports Club has been changed from December to February 2004. Contact Steve or Dave if you can help with communications (think of it as Field Day in the winter).

The lease agreement with the Red Cross has been signed. The "hold harmless" agreements required for antenna climbing are expected shortly.

N9GKE recruited KM9V to climb the tower and attempt to get the rotor operating (pending a good weather day and final ARC permission). Thanks to Joe for his generosity.

Officer elections are in January. We need volunteers for all four officer positions.

As agreed to at the November meeting, the remaining junk... er, "treasures" in the Shack are now available to club members in exchange for a small (reasonable) donation. Excess treasures will be disposed of in short order.

New Business

We received a request from AMSAT for financial support of their next project. ECHO is expected to launch early next year and they need to raise a total of \$110,000. N9YTE moved and W9TN seconded that we send \$25. Motion passed.

The January "program" meeting is traditionally the banquet. Possible locations were discussed. It was agreed that no location will please everyone.

The drawing for \$24 was not won by J Welsh, KC9AFE. The drawing prize reverts to \$6 in January.

Meeting adjourned at 19:58.

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 Christopher Columbus, the first man to discover America, was also the first man to get 1,800 miles to the galleon.
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 For years, automobile designers have tried to make a crashproof car, but they keep running into a brick wall.
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TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

November 1, 2003 through November 30, 2003

Income Received:

Interest on Saving	11/30/03	\$1.89
Total Income:		\$1.89

Disbursements:

Total Disbursements:	0
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Summary:

Beginning Value of CD		0
Beginning Checking Account Balance	10/31/03	\$99.08
Beginning Saving Account Balance	10/31/03	\$8328.33
Beginning Cash on Hand	10/31/03	\$349.00
Beginning Assets:		\$8776.41
Ending Value of CD		0
Ending Checking Account Balance	11/30/03	\$448.08
Ending Saving Account Balance	11/30/03	\$8330.22
Cash on hand *	11/30/03	0
Ending Assets:		\$8778.30

David R. Dull WB9BRX
 Treasurer

==>HAMVENTION SIGNS CONTRACT FOR 2004 SHOW AT HARA ARENA

Hamvention <<http://www.hamvention.org>> will be at Hara Arena near Dayton, Ohio, at least for another year. General Chairman Gary Des Combes, N8EMO, announced the one-show contract this week. The last Hamvention contract with Hara Arena was for five years. Des Combes also expressed confidence that behind-the-scenes management changes he's instituted since taking over July 1 will translate into success for "the world's largest Amateur Radio gathering and trade show."

"Overall, I think things are going very well," Des Combes said of progress toward pulling together Hamvention's 53rd show, which will take place May 14-16. "I'm confident we're going to be successful." The always popular annual gathering attracted slightly more than 22,100 visitors in 2003. That figure was down by more than 10 percent from the 2002 crowd, and it marked the third year in a row of declining Hamvention attendance.

Des Combes is banking that the management team and "best business practices" approach he's put into place for next spring's show will turn things around. One significant change is a shift away from jobbing out Hamvention's production to paid professionals and returning to the strong reliance on volunteers that was a hallmark of past Hamventions.

"Some of the volunteers, quite frankly, felt they were not welcome," said Des Combes, who believes that moving away from an all-volunteer Hamvention was a mistake and created some unease within the organization. Under his regime, some volunteer staffers from the past now have returned to the fold, Des Combes said. Most of the volunteers for the 2004 show are from the sponsoring Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) <<http://www.ceitron.com/dara/>>.

The new order at Hamvention means that Garry Matthews, KB8GOL, is out as the show's paid production manager (See "How Hamvention Happens" <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/03/06/4/0004053.pdf>>, by Rick Lindquist, N1RL, QST, Apr 2000). Matthews had served as the backstage impresario for more than three decades of Hamventions. Des Combes said he intends to spread out Matthews' former duties among several volunteers, saving money in the process. He's also establishing--and in some cases re-establishing--a set of committees responsible for various aspects of Hamvention. The Hamvention assistant chairman is Jim Nies, WX8F.

"We have to just work smarter and tougher," he said, adding that the management change will be invisible to those attending. "I don't think John Q. Ham will see anything much different."

While the show is still in the planning stages, Des Combes said one possible change would be to have the award winners' recognition ceremony during Hamvention itself. The recognition event has replaced the traditional Saturday evening banquet, done away with this year because of slack attendance.

A project management professional, Des Combes says he anticipates the all-volunteer approach will make it possible for Hamvention to more economically mount a show that's of the same quality or better than those of past years.

"I can tell you I am leading sweeping changes in how we operate Hamvention," he said. All 11 of them, he says, will better serve the vendors, DARA and the amateurs who attend Hamvention. "I think it's going to be good for everybody."

Ticket prices for the 2004 Hamvention will remain at the prices established prior to Des Combes' taking over the reins. Advance tickets for all three days are \$20 (\$23 park-n-ride bus transportation). Tickets at the gate will cost \$25. All under 12 years of age are admitted free. Des Combes says arrangements are under way to enable on-line ticket purchases.

There's more information on the Hamvention Web site <<http://www.hamvention.org>>.

A SLOW NEWS MONTH

And most of the news is not particularly good news-----

First, in case you missed it:

Dave Harsha, KB9KNO, was killed in a car accident on December 12th. He was from Rensselaer, and the club sent flowers. They mentioned his Ham, CB radio, and computer hobbies in the obit. As you can see the Treasurer was aware of it in time to perform his duties.

The club has received a thank you note from Ms. Elaine Stone 1318 East 17th Street Fowler

Signed by Dave Harsha's family Elaine Stone and daughter Tillie Rose KC9AFL

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along the not encouraging lines:

It is Election time. The rules state a member can only hold the same office for two consecutive years. So we do need new blood.

He (or she) can switch to another office, also precedent has been set that if they filled out an unexpired term that does not count toward the two year limit.

But in either event it is time for you to serve your time. One of the tricks of the trade is to delegate out the tasks that need to be done, but in any event it is your decision on how to operate.

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Missing an issue?

The USPS returned one copy of the October/November 2003 Tattler with the mailing label ripped off. It was mailed on December 6th. If it was you, let me know and we will try again. A/K9KRE

D U E S

If you have updated your dues since December 1st, you can disregard the following list (I have submitted payment), otherwise it is time to consider paying.

- Mullen, Cody
Ryuzoji, Takamasa (Tak)
Young, Randall (Randy) J
Coy, John
Coy, Jen
Dull, David R
Vavrus, August Robert
Maddox, Mike
Hood, Keith
Winner, Jamie
Freeman, Jack D
Azpell, David C
Wood, Hubert C (Woody)
McCormick, David M
Van Sickle, Nellie Annette
Chasey, David A
Mlynarik, J Martin
Vaughn, Clarence I
Baugher, John L
Kuespert, Thomas L
Van Sickle, J. B.
Kueberth, John (Jack)
Gardner, Tim
Collison, James A
Brown, Michael
Rumble, Anna L
Bender, Charles R (Dick)
Sherwin, Curtis L
Canarecci, James D
Van Frank, Steven Mark
Stewart, Jeff
Bruhn, Steve
Weber, Margret C
Smith Sr, Robert D
Kantz, Michael
Rumble, William Scott
Toler, Mike
Thomas, Rex E
Newcomb, Kenneth A
Brummett, Sam
Parker, er, John R
Edwards, John P
Darling, Jim
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B A N Q U E T

Bruno's at 6PM, January 28, 2004
Mark your calendars