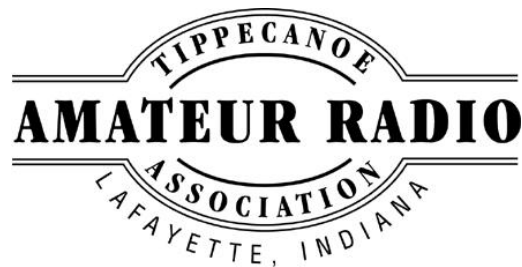


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TARA Officer Elections

Business Meeting:
2nd Tuesday of each month
at 7:30 p.m.

Program Meeting:
4th Wednesday of each
month at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:
Tippecanoe County
Chapter of the Red Cross
111 S. 7th Street
Lafayette, IN 47901

Visit us on the web at:
<http://www.w9reg.org>

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This is a reminder about the upcoming officer elections at our next business meeting, this coming Tuesday evening. The current President and Secretary have reached their respective term limits. The current Treasurer is eligible for another term, and KC4YGO has agreed to accept a nomination. Although also eligible for another term, as the current Vice-President, I would like to see someone step up to take over my position. I feel the club can be better served by someone able to take a more active role. I simply do not have the time to put forth a full effort in meeting the VP's responsibilities for the club. I spend considerable time every month compiling information, editing, and publishing the Tattler for the club, which I enjoy doing. However, my work schedule, along with other more pressing responsibilities, does not leave me sufficient time to do justice to the VP position.

However, I realize at this point, that our priority is to fill the President and Secretary positions. There seems to be a deafening silence when asking if anyone would be interested in fulfilling these roles, particularly that of President. I really hope that some of you would reconsider taking on that responsibility. It's not really *that* big of a deal, and no one is going to hold the President responsible for the successes or failures of the club. Club decisions are made every month at the business meetings by votes of the attending *members*. The President simply presides over the meeting, making sure the constitution and by-laws of the club are followed during its proceedings.

Bruce, N9GKE, has done an exemplary job as President these past two years. We have some new members and some other members now taking more active roles in the club. As our constitution dictates, it's time for some new blood. Is it your turn to step up and take a leadership role? I hope you will all make plans to attend the TARA business meeting, **Tuesday evening, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Cross.**

73,
Stephen Parker, WR9A



*** CLASSIFIED ***

Wanted: HF SSB transmitter (not a transceiver) such as a Drake, Hallicrafters, or Johnson. Want to mate it with a Drake R-8B receiver. Also looking for a Heathkit HX-30 six-meter SSB transmitter. Not interested in a restoration

project. Bob, k9foh, 477-1280

Wanted: QRP and six-meter equipment. Always interested in models that I have not used before as well as old favorites. k9foh, 477-1280

Kit building service: Will build any of the Elecraft transceivers and/or accessories for a

nominal fee. Special price for Senior Citizens and anyone with a physical disability. You purchase the items you want and I will build it for you. You must include the pre-wound toroids. Have built two K-2s, two-K-1s, one KX-1 and most of the accessories for these units.
Bob, k9foh, 477-1280

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Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting - 14 December 2004

by Tim Gardner, N9LF, Secretary

Members in attendance:

Steve Parker, WR9A
Dave Dull, WB9BRX
Cheryl Parker, K9HER
Bruce Stewart, N9GKE
Randy Young, KC9BFS

Tak Ryuzoji, KC9AMT
Tim Gardner, N9LF
Curt Sherwin, WB9SWD
Alex Younts, KC9CYK

Greg Dean, N9NWO
John Parker, KC4YGO
Jim Davis, WA9LYC
Pedro Castillo, WB9RVN

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

The minutes of the November 2004 meeting were read. WR9A moved to accept the minutes and N9GKE seconded. Motion passed.

The October Treasurers report shows income of \$0.69 and expenses of \$31.95 with a closing balance of \$8833.98. K9HER moved to accept the report. WA9LYC seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business

N9GKE again discussed the need for volunteers to serve as TARA officers in 2005. The election will be held at the January business meeting. Candidates for two offices have stepped forward, but we still must have candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President.

Continuing the process started two months ago, we again voted on raising the club annual dues to \$10 (\$5 for students and family members), to be effective January 1, 2005. The vote was again unanimously in favor. This being the second of the two required votes, the motion to raise the dues is passed.

N9GKE announced that the January banquet location has been changed. We will now meet at the Golden Corral (SR26E, near Target) on January 26 at 6:00pm.

We still have no hamfest chairman and time is running short. Volunteers?

New Business

Will Holycross of Williamsport Indiana petitioned (via mail) for membership. As he provided the proper payment, Will was voted into membership.

K9HER asked about the need and desire for the monthly drawing (continuing an informal discussion that started at the November meeting). It was noted that the purpose of the drawing was to encourage meeting attendance, but that it was not having that effect. Should we continue the drawing, and if so, should the amount be raised to \$10 to match the dues? A short discussion quickly resulted in apparent consensus, that the drawing was no longer needed. KC4YGO moved and K9HER seconded that we discontinue the drawing, and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:55.

January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ARRL RTTY Roundup, NA QSO Party - CW
9 ARRL RTTY Roundup, NA QSO Party CW	10	11 TARA Business Meeting, 7:30 pm	12	13	14	15 NA QSO Party - SSB
16 NA QSO Party - SSB	17	18	19	20	21	22 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
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Schedule of Events

- January 8-9: ARRL RTTY Roundup / North American QSO Party, CW
- January 11: TARA Business meeting, Red Cross, 7:30 p.m.
- January 15-16: North American QSO Party, SSB
- January 22-23: ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
- January 26: TARA Annual Dinner Meeting, Golden Corral, 6:00 p.m.
- January 29-30: CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW

TARA Birthdays

N9YTE	January 1
WA9DTT	January 5
N9ZND	January 6
KA9WYA	January 17

TARA Officers

President: N9GKE
R. Bruce Stewart

Vice-President: WR9A
Stephen Parker

Secretary: N9LF
Tim Gardner

Treasurer: KC4YGO
John Parker

Director: W9TN
Steve Van Frank



TARA Tidbits

Just a couple of items to make particular note of this month. First of all, at the December business meeting the second of the two required votes was made to raise the annual dues for TARA members. As was shown in last month's Tattler, the dues increase was sorely needed just to meet the regular club operating expenses. This increase is a step in the right direction to make sure we manage the club's funds in a responsible manner.

Annual club dues are now \$10 per person, with a reduced fee of \$5 for additional family members and students. All pre-paid dues will be honored through the year that members paid in advance at the former rate of \$6 annually. In other words, if your membership is currently paid through 2006 at the former rate, then you will not owe any dues until 2007, which will then be at the new rate of \$10 per year.

The other noteworthy item for this month is our annual dinner meeting! It will be held, like usual, on the evening of the normal program meeting for January.

Prepare your appetites and join us on **Wednesday, January 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral** on SR26E in Lafayette. It's located near the Target store, right behind the Outback. Please note the time of 6:00 p.m. This is earlier than the normal program meeting time, and will allow everyone to enjoy a meal and some fellowship without staying out too late in the cold month of January. Hope to see you there!