

President: Curtis Sherwin WB9SWD  
Vice President: Vice-President: Greg Dean, N9NWO  
Secretary: Secretary: Alex Younts, KC9CYK  
Treasurer: John Parker, KC4YGO  
Director: Bruce Stewart N9GKE

# TARA TATTLER

## Committees and Contacts:

Web: <http://w9reg.org> — Steve Van Frank W9TN  
Hamfest: Greg Dean N9NWO  
Newsletter: **TARA TATTLER** — Dave Dull WB9BRX  
[tattler@w9reg.org](mailto:tattler@w9reg.org)

## Meeting Information:

**Business Meeting:** 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm  
**Program Meeting:** 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30  
**Location:** Tippecanoe Chapter of American Red Cross  
111 S. 7th St., Lafayette, IN 47901

## Participate

### Membership involvement helps everyone

Officer elections are coming up in January and it isn't too early to think about what you could do to help your club. The treasurer's position has to be filled in accordance with our two-term limit. Other positions as officers or committee members are also available. Like so many organizations, we generally see the same faces at each meeting and, unfortunately, those faces represent a small percentage of our membership. Some new blood and fresh ideas would really help us grow. Admittedly, making changes in a club as old and tradition bound as ours is not easy. Long time members, many of whom have served in more than their share of leadership positions, are often the first to criticize new ideas. I would ask them, and I include myself, to be more open minded and supportive. To thrive we need programs that will interest current members and attract new ones while recognizing that 'spare' time is a very scarce commodity for most members. Attend meetings and take an active role. You can help!

### Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

11 October 2005 by Alex Younts KC9CYK

#### Members in attendance:

Alex Younts, KC9CYK	Eric Felz, KC9ICT
Greg Dean, N9NWO	Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD
Bruce Stewart, N9GKE	John Parker, AB9LE
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Steve Van Frank, W9TN

The meeting was called to order at 19:36 by WB9SWD.

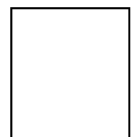
The minutes of the September 2005 meeting were read. N9GKE moved to accept the minutes, and AB9LE seconded; the motion passed.

The September Treasurer's report shows income of \$40.87 and expenses of \$0.00 with a closing balance of \$8,931.97. N9GKE moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and W9TN seconded; the motion passed.

#### Old Business

*(Continued on page 3)*

49 Knoll Crest Court  
West Lafayette, IN 47906



«Name»  
«Address1»  
«CityLine»

## COMING EVENTS

Dates	Days	Time	Event
26 Oct 05	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting - Nothing scheduled so far
8 Nov 05	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
19-20 Nov 05	Sat-Sun		Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo info: <a href="http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com">http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com</a>
23 Nov 05	Wed	7:30 PM	Happy Thanksgiving -- No Program Meeting
26 Nov 05	Sat		<b>Evansville Hamfest</b> info: <a href="http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm">http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm</a>
13 Dec 05	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
28 Dec 05	Wed	7:30 PM	Merry Christmas -- No Program Meeting
10 Jan 06	Tue	7:30 PM	<b>Business Meeting -- Officer Elections!</b>
25 Jan 06	Wed	tba	<b>BANQUET</b> -- in lieu of a program meeting bring the family for an evening of fun and fellowship
14 Feb 06	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
22 Feb 06	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
14 Mar 06	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
22 Mar 06	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
11 Apr 06	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
26 Apr 06	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
9 May 06	Tue	8:30 PM	Business Meeting
19-21 May 06	Fri-Sun		<b>Dayton Hamvention</b> info: <a href="http://hamvention.org/">http://hamvention.org/</a>
24 May 06	Wed	tba	<b>Program Meeting - Field Day Auction</b>
13 Jun 06	Tue	10:30 PM	Business Meeting
28 Jun 06	Wed	11:30 PM	Program Meeting

### From WVLT-TV Knoxville, TN 10/18/05

#### Ham radio operators help direct remote rescue

Windrock Mountain, Anderson County (WVLT) - Over the weekend, a potential life and death saga played out on top of Windrock Mountain in Anderson County after an ATV spun out of control and flipped down a hillside, severely injuring its driver.

Without dependable cell phone service, there wasn't a good way to communicate with paramedics on the phone.

As WVLT Volunteer TV's Eric Waddell reports, amateur radio operators may have saved the day.

"We get into this as a hobby, but when the emergency's come all of the hobby quits and we get the job done," says Kevin Rice, call sign-KG4LGL.

Practically in the shadows of the giant windmills on top of Windrock Mountain in Anderson County, an ATV rider named Eddie Cascuda was in a devastating crash. Brakes failing to stop him, Eddie fell nearly 85 feet smashing into this dead tree. Breaking several bones and fading in and out of consciousness.

"As soon as I rounded the corner I could hear him screaming in pain. I pulled up to the side of him and tried to find out what was going on," says Scott Wyrick, call sign- KD4CWB.

Cell phone service in the remote mountain area is chancy at best. Wyrick and others tried and failed to calls through to 911 long enough to get help there. Wyrick happened to have his hand held ham radio. He called for help. An operator in Oak Ridge heard his call.

"He needed me to get on line with the Anderson County EMS which I did. He was on his portable radio and I was here on my home station," says Rice.

Rice through his unit at home patched a signal through a repeater tower in Sevierville. Through which Wyrick up on the mountain could communicate with 911.

"The cell phones just weren't getting it and the 911 dispatcher was getting conflicting information. That is when I grabbed the hand held," says Wyrick.

Wyrick an avid ATVer on the mountain along with help from Rice in the valley below were able to get directions to bring LifeStar in. Transporting Eddie Cascuda to safety at the UT Medical Center before he slipped into shock.

We spoke with Eddie Cascuda Monday afternoon on the phone, he has several broken bones.

He thanks all of the people that helped save his life, especially the ham radio operators.

(Continued from page 1)

We are still waiting for some Hamfest receipts to arrive in the mail.

The club's license was renewed and arrived in the mail. Thanks Bruce!

**New Business**

Elections are coming up at the end of December. We are going to be in dire need of a new treasurer, though all positions are up for reelection.

Emergency Management Directory Mark Kirby has contacted the club and wishes to be updated on our possible communication abilities. Their facilities have some aging amateur equipment and wants to know what type of abilities they currently have as well. WB9BRX and W9TN volunteered to meet with him to discuss readiness.

Motion to adjourn was made by N9GKE and seconded by W9TN.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00.

**Your contribution will help the *Tattler*:**

Want Ads

Your Opinions

Ham Related Stories and Projects

Content Content Content Content Content

**TARA  
Hamfest 2005 Analysis**

Gate receipts	\$918
Tippecanoe County	\$450
Burke door prizes	350
Ticket cost	40
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$840</b>
Gate less Expenses	\$78
Plus Food Concessio	\$85
Plus deposit refund	175
<b>Estimated Net Procee</b>	<b>\$338</b>

Notes:

1. The county fee of \$450 includes a refundable discount, which is added back on the receipts side.
2. Ticket cost was \$160, for which 40 was allocated to this event. The \$160 was expensed in July.
3. No postcards were printed, nor postage purchased.
6. Food concession is an estimate.

John Parker AB9LE  
Treasurer

**TARA HAMFEST 2005**

Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association Treasurer's Report September 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005			
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Joel Mahoney, KC9ETA, dues 2005, 2006	9/13/2005		15.00
Fran Hudlow, WA9HKK, dues 2007	9/13/2005		10.00
Charles Bender, WB9QGZ, dues 2005, 2006	9/24/2005		15.00
Interest on Savings	9/30/2005		0.87
	<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<b>\$40.87</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
None	9/30/2005		\$0.00
	<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):</b>		<b>\$40.87</b>
<b>CDs</b>			
7 Month, 3.10%, Matures 11/14/05	Next Int 10/14	2536.18	
7 Month, 3.51%, Matures 3/17/06	Next Int 12/17	2542.07	
<b>Summary:</b>			
Beginning value of CDs			\$5,078.25
Beginning Checkbook Balance		\$274.70	
Plus outstanding checks			
Less outstanding deposits			
Beginning Statement Balance		274.70	274.70
Beginning value of Savings Account			3538.15
Beginning Cash on Hand			0.00
	<b>Beginning Assets:</b>		<b>\$8,891.10</b>
Ending value of CDs			\$5,078.25
Ending Checking Account Statement Balance		\$314.70	
Plus outstanding deposits			
Less outstanding checks			
Ending Checkbook Balance		314.70	314.70
Ending value of Savings Account			3539.02
Ending Cash on Hand			0.00
	<b>Ending Assets:</b>		<b>\$8,931.97</b>
	<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets:</b>		<b>\$40.87</b>
	<b>Out of Balance:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Disbursements 10/1/2005 to 10/11/2005: None			
Receipts 10/1/2005 to 10/11/2005: None.			
John R. Parker AB9LE Treasurer			



Club Table with WA9HKK, N9GKE, WB9CZC & Teryn

**From eHam.net Speak Out:**  
**Speak Out: Emergency Radio Networks & Ham Radio:**  
 A contributor states, "According to an NPR report, New York State is currently looking at spending two billion dollars to set up an emergency radio network to be used during disaster situations. Isn't emergency communication the number one reason for ham radio's existence?" Can we lobby for this kind of funding? How will the creation of such radio networks impact ham radio?"



## More Photos from the hamfest:

(apologies to those I didn't identify)



K9FOH (l) & WD9JLN (r)



N9RRJ



KB9RAM (l) & KC9CYK (c)



WB9VAL (l) & K9SKI (C)

## From ARRL some scheduled exam sites

22-Oct-2005

Sponsor: CLINTON COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: SAMUEL F PAUL

(765)659-1720

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: FRANKFORT COMM PUBLIC LIBRARY

208 W CLINTON ST

FRANKFORT, IN 46041

23-Oct-2005

Sponsor: KOKOMO ARC

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: MICHAEL W GARDNER

(765)453-6486

Email: MIKEWGARD@INSIGHTBB.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BLDG

120 E MULBERRY ST

KOKOMO, IN 46901

05-Nov-2005

Sponsor: RED CROSS DISASTER RADIO GRP

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: RICHARD A RENEAU

(317)780-1803

Email: RRENAU@IQUEST.COM

VEC: Western Carolinas ARS VEC

Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS CHAPTER

441 E 10TH ST

MAY ALSO CALL: 317-849-8449

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46202

12-Nov-2005

Sponsor: LAKE COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)

Contact: MARK A SKOWRONSKI

(219)365-2884

Email: K9MQ@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: PURDUE UNIVERSITY CALUMET

POTTER BUILDING - ROOM 234

2200 169TH ST

HAMMOND, IN 46323