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TARA TATTLER

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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

ARES

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

The radio amateurs of Tippecanoe County are in need of a new Emergency Manager (EM). **Jeff Stewart, KF9UP**, has held this position for a number of years but due to other commitments can no longer serve. Some of the challenges of this important post include coordinating the efforts of amateur volunteers in real and simulated emergencies, reporting ARES activities to the ARRL and other agencies, collecting contact information and communication capabilities of local amateurs who are willing to assist in an emergency, and serving as a point of contact for local officials and professional services that are active during an emergency. This is a big job. If you are interested in this important community service position, please contact Jeff or read more about it on the ARRL web site, **ARRL.ORG**. Local information may also be available at the county's Yahoo group: **tc-in-ARES**. The group has not had any recent activity but is available.

Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

11 October 2005 by Alex Younts KC9CYK

Members in attendance:

Alex Younts, KC9CYK	Greg Dead, N9NWO
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	John Parker, AB9LE
Steve Van Frank, W9TN	Eric Felz, KC9ICT
Tim Gardner, N9LF	Bob Lusby, K9FOH
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	
L.B. "Nick" Nickerson, Grant County ARC, K9NQW	

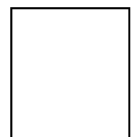
The meeting was called to order at 19:30 by **WB9SWD**.

The minutes of the October 2005 meeting were read. **K9FOH** moved to accept the minutes, and **KC9ICT** seconded; the motion passed.

The October Treasurer's report shows income of \$20.43 and expenses of \$0.00 with a closing balance of \$8,952.40.

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49 Knoll Crest Court
West Lafayette, IN 47906



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COMING EVENTS

Dates	Days	Time	Event
19-20 Nov 05	Sat-Sun		Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo info: http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com
23 Nov 05	Wed	7:30 PM	Happy Thanksgiving -- No Program Meeting
26 Nov 05	Sat		Evansville Hamfest info: http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm
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	Business Meeting -- Officer Elections!
25 Jan 06	Wed	tba	BANQUET -- 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		Dayton Hamvention info: http://hamvention.org/
24 May 06	Wed	tba	Program Meeting - Field Day Auction
13 Jun 06	Tue	10:30 PM	Business Meeting
28 Jun 06	Wed	11:30 PM	Program Meeting

Indiana Seeking Ham Radio Volunteers in Wake of Killer Tornado

[exerpt from arrl.org]

NEWINGTON, CT, Nov 8, 2005--Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator **David Pifer, N9YNF**, has issued a call for Amateur Radio volunteers in the wake of a November 6 tornado that left 22 people dead and 200 injured. Several other people have been reported missing. The twister slashed a more than 40-mile swath through part of Kentucky and extreme southwestern Indiana in the early morning hours, wiping out a section of a trailer park in Vanderburgh County where 18 of the fatalities occurred.

"Amateur radio has been involved with various aspects of the response from the beginning," **Pifer** said. "Your assistance is needed!" The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross are on the scene in the affected areas with canteen and mass-care facilities to feed and care for relief workers and tornado victims.

Volunteer and police officer **Bob Pointer, N9XAW**, at The Salvation Army headquarters in Evansville told ARRL that three Salvation Army mobile kitchens and three field units have been deployed within an approximately 30-mile area, and Amateur Radio is supporting their relief activities. One facility is at the hard-hit trailer park in Vandeburgh County, while the others are in

De Gonia Springs and Newburgh in Warrick County. The kitchens are operating from 7 AM until 7 PM, and Amateur Radio support likely will be needed for up to one week, **Pointer** said.

As of midday today, **Pointer** said he had three Amateur Radio volunteers on duty but anticipated he'd need several more to relieve those now helping out. "During the week, it's hard to get volunteers," he allowed. "Everyone's working the day shift." Amateur Radio volunteer staffing will be in shifts and based upon availability. Prospective Amateur Radio volunteers willing and able to assist in this tornado relief operation should contact **Pointer** at 812-431-5054.

Pointer said Amateur Radio volunteers also provided some early support for the American Red Cross, but that agency now has its own internal telecommunications up and running.

The November 6 tornado, an F3 on the Fujita scale with winds of up to 200 MPH, originated within a line of thunderstorms that struck the region. Indiana Gov **Mitch Daniels** has declared a state of emergency.

Kentucky SEC **Ron Dodson, KA4MAP**, says SKYWARN was active as the storms approached. "I had our Amateur Radio net going with National Weather Service Louisville and monitored those in the counties west of me as it approached," **Dodson** told ARRL. The storm hit Munfordville, Kentucky, in Hart County, he said.

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K9FOH moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and **N9LF** seconded; the motion passed.

Old Business

W9TN and **WB9BRX** visited TEMA. A history of amateur radio in the community was presented and TEMA officials would like to continue meeting to discuss forming an ARES group to interface with emergency management officials. Anyone interested in joining the effort should join the Tippecanoe County ARES Yahoo Group.

Elections are coming up at the end of December. We are going to need, at least, a new treasurer.

New Business

Nick, N9NQW is the Greentown Hamfest Chairman and came to present an idea for next year's hamfest. Attendance to local hamfests have been down the past few years and a group is going to meet in Puru, Indiana, to discuss combining area hamfests together. Anyone interested in such an effort should look in the Tattler for meeting and contact information. **AB9LE** and **K9FOH** volunteered to attend the meeting to bring back information to the club.

Motion to adjourn was made by **WB9BRX** and seconded by **K9FOH**.

Meeting adjourned at 20:10.

How to improve the Tattler:

1. Think about what articles, information, etc. you would like to see in this newsletter
2. Write the article or locate the source of the information
3. Send the article or information to the editor (**WB9BRX**)

Pictures are also welcome!

Thank you!

TARA Membership Renewal

John R Parker AB9LE

It is time to renew for 2006. \$10 individual, \$15 family. Multi-year renewals welcome, lock in the rate! FYI, I see that the LaPorte Ham Club charges \$12. Their repeater output is 146.610. Recently they were ducting in on the Frankfort output frequency. Their repeater announced the club's web site

(www.laporteamateurradioclub.org) and that's where I noticed their annual dues.

Also, a new treasurer will be needed next year since the constitution doesn't allow me to serve three consecutive terms.

Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association Treasurer's Report October 1, 2005 through October 31, 2005			
Receipts:			
Interest on CD	10/14/2005		19.53
Interest on Savings	10/31/2005		0.90
		Total Receipts:	\$20.43
Disbursements:			
None	10/31/2005		\$0.00
		Total Disbursements:	\$0.00
		Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):	\$20.43
CDs			
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	
Summary:			
Beginning value of CDs			\$5,078.25
Beginning Checkbook Balance		\$314.70	
Plus outstanding checks			
Less outstanding deposits			
Beginning Statement Balance		314.70	314.70
Beginning value of Savings Account			3539.02
Beginning Cash on Hand			0.00
		Beginning Ass ets:	\$8,931.97
Ending value of CDs			
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			3539.92
Ending Cash on Hand			0.00
		Ending Ass ets:	\$8,952.40
		Net Increase (Decrease) in Ass ets:	\$20.43
		Out of Balance:	(\$0.00)

Disbursements 11/1/2005 to 11/8/2005: None

Receipts 11/1/2005 to 11/8/2005: None.

John R. Parker AB9LE
Treasurer

REWARD

Reward Offered

A reward of 500 microfarads is offered for information leading to the arrest of the desperate criminal **Hop-A-Long Capacity**.

This unrectified criminal escaped from a primary cell where he had been clamped in ions, awaiting the gauss chamber. He is charged with the induction of an 18 turn coil named Millihenry, who was found choked and robbed of valuable joules. He is armed with a carbon rod and is a potential killer. Capacity is also charged with driving a dc motor over a Wheatstone bridge and refusing to let the band pass. If encountered, he may offer resistance. The electro-motive force spent the night searching for him in a magnetic field, where he went to ground. They had no success and believe he returned ohm via a short circuit.

He was last seen riding a megacycle with his friend Eddy Current, who was playing a harmonic.

Found on the internet and submitted by **Pedro, WB9RVN**

Support a Good Cause [from arrl.org]

ARRL Partners with Salvation Army in Holiday Toy Drive
Non members now can freely join in

By **Allen G. Pitts, W1AGP**

In the wake of the unprecedented devastation by Hurricane Katrina, hams around the country are being asked, "Can we do it again?" A year ago hams and other volunteers around the country joined together for children left homeless by a series of four hurricanes in Florida. That effort, in late 2004, succeeded better than anyone's wildest dreams. No one expected to do it again so soon, but not only can it be done, it really must be done. It is simply the right thing to do.

National Toy Drive Chairperson and award winning singer **Patty Loveless, KD4WUJ**, has gone the extra step and joined with her family and friends, including producer **Richard Lubash, N1VXW**, to make three videos promoting the drive. One is a 30 second PSA for TV use and two others are intended for placement on websites and may even be sent as email attachments. [see **arrl.org** for attachment details] According to **Patty**, "Ham Radio is all about giving and sharing; it's about caring and helping. Those things are the major traits of our tradition. And we, as amateur radio operators and ARRL members, can continue the true spirit of that tradition by supporting this wonderful and much needed effort."

This year the ARRL Toy Drive has partnered with the Salvation Army whose distribution network throughout the coastal Gulf region is still intact. By partnering with the Salvation Army in the drive, non-ARRL members can also join in! The Salvation Army also has the ability to screen recipients and assure that the toys are used where they are truly needed most.

We are asking hams from all over the country to begin gathering new toys and shipping them to Memphis, Tennessee. ARRL Vice-Director **Henry Leggette, WD4Q**, secured a receiving warehouse and is coordinating ham-elves volunteering there. The toys should be sent to

**ARRL Toy Drive / Salvation Army
1775 Mariah Woods Blvd - Suite 12
Memphis, TN 38117-7125**

where they will be sorted and stocked by volunteers. Early in December we will transport the toys to the Salvation Army facilities in hurricane areas that need help the most at that point in time. We are making these arrangements so that we can maximize the areas receiving aid while still maintaining the unique identity that this is the Amateur Radio community's response.

Just as we did last year, we are asking the Amateur Radio operators to please put one of their QSL cards into the box with the toy.

Many local clubs are already gathering toys together. Please check with your local club and see if they are planning a mass shipment. If not, perhaps you can help organize one for your area.

"Last year, hams from all over the country brought smiles to children during the holidays. We made a lot of friends, and we did a lot of good. No one expected that we would need to do it again, but Katrina's destruction has changed the plans of a lot of people. I hope you will help in this effort to bring a smile to children hurt by this disaster." - Pres. **Jim Haynie**.

Unwrapped new toys for boys and girls of ages 1 to 14 should be gathered and shipped to the Memphis, TN facility between now and Thanksgiving for distribution over the holidays. Non-hams are also encouraged to join in this effort to provide for the thousands of children suddenly homeless due to Hurricane Katrina.

Monetary donations would also be helpful in covering the expenses of this operation such as truck rentals and purchasing toys for special age groups. One particular need that has been noted is bicycles. ARRL members wishing to donate money instead of toys can send a check to:

**ARRL -Toy Drive
225 Main Street
Newington, CT 06111**

W0UN Pucker Factor Limit

I know it is reasonably safe to climb higher than the following numbers and I have done so. But my guidelines for when the pucker factor starts to come into play is as follows:

Rohn 25 30 ft
Rohn 45 40 ft
Rohn 55 50 ft.

Anything higher than this above the guy wires or the concrete base causes the movement of the tower while climbing to be great enough to start to feel uncomfortable.

Just remember -- There are OLD tower climbers and there are BOLD tower climbers, but there are NO OLD, BOLD tower climbers.

--**John Brosnahan, W0UN**

[submitted by **Pedro, WB9RVN**]