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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

GPS Info

It's been a while but there will actually be a program this month. **Ed Delp, N9YTE** will be speaking about the global positioning system. 7:30pm Wednesday at the Red Cross building; come to learn or contribute your own experiences using this versatile and valuable information resource.



Siren test reporting is one way you can contribute to the emergency readiness of Tippecanoe County. The test is conducted at 11am on the first Saturday of each month unless severe weather (or possibly a football game) interferes. TEMA, Tippecanoe Emergency Management Agency, attempts to confirm the proper operation of every siren every month. There are a total of 71 sirens and it's not unusual to find one or more inoperable. When TEMA volunteers are

not able to monitor a siren, the agency relies on the ham community and, if necessary, phone contacts to determine the status.

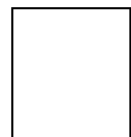
To report siren information, contact the EOC (emergency operation center) on the **WIRES** repeater (146.135+ PL:88.5) after you have observed the siren. If you would like to help out at the EOC, taking siren reports, contact **Dave Dull WB9BRX**. To locate sirens near you, a list is available at http://www.w9reg.org/newsletter/TEMA_Sirens.pdf.

Ten to fifteen minutes prior to the test you can contact the ham operator at the EOC to locate an unmonitored siren in your area or find out if the siren you are near is already being monitored. When reporting, try to visually verify the siren you are hearing. It is possible in some locations to hear three or more sirens.

Twelve stations participated in the January test and eight in February. The next test will be on March 4th — near the start of the 'tornado' season. Let's help insure that all the sirens are in top

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49 Knoll Crest Court
West Lafayette, IN 47906



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«Address1»
«Address2»
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COMING EVENTS

Dates	Days	Time	Event
22 Feb 06	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting -- Ed Delp, N9YTE will present information about GPS
4 Mar 06	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
14 Mar 06	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
22 Mar 06	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
1 Apr 06	Sat		Peru hamfest *Tentative date*
1 Apr 06	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
11 Apr 06	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
26 Apr 06	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
6 May 06	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
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
3 Jun 06	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
13 Jun 06	Tue	10:30 PM	Business Meeting
28 Jun 06	Wed	11:30 PM	Program Meeting
11 Jul 06	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
26 Jul 06	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting

HOSPITALIZED



Rex Thomas, W9WQS, recently moved into Regency Place of Lafayette (300 Windy Hill Dr.).

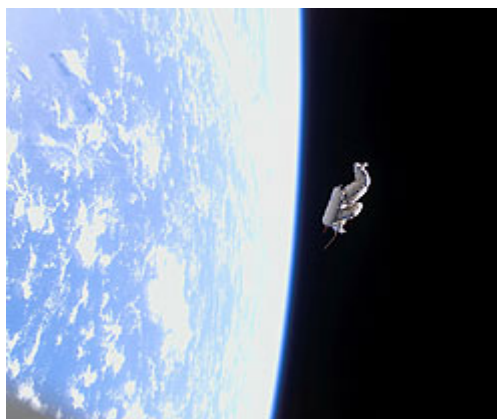
He is in room 141 and would appreciate it if you could drop by for a short visit.

SYMPATHY

M. Jean McDonald, 80, beloved grandmother of past TARA member Kevin McDonald passed away January 31.

SUITSAT

SuitSat-1 Battery Voltage May Be on Downward Slide (Feb 17, 2006) -- Now heading into its third week of operation, SuitSat-1 continues to put out a faint signal on 145.990 MHz. While hearing the spacesuit-satellite's telemetry and voice messages can be difficult even for the best-equipped stations, recent as-yet-unconfirmed reports suggest that SuitSat-1's battery voltage could be entering a death spiral. ARRL Member **Richard Crow, N2SPI**, in New York, has been tracking the satellite's battery voltage, nominally 28 V. While it had been dropping incrementally, Crow has noticed a "noticeable acceleration" in the past day or so. While conceding that he's "going out on a limb" because SuitSat-1's signal was noisy on its last pass over his QTH, Crow believes he heard the voice telemetry announce 18.3 V, a precipitous drop from earlier orbits



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Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

14 February 2006 by Alex Younts KC9CYK

Members in attendance:

Alex Younts, KC9CYK	Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD
Major Sherwin, N9ZFG	John Parker, AB9LE
Tim Gardner, N9LF	Greg Dean, N9NWO
Bruce Stewart, N9GKE	Eric Felz, KC9ICT
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	

The meeting was called to order at 19:40 by **WB9SWD**.

The minutes of the January 2006 meeting were read, **N9GKE** moved to accept the minutes with a correction of last month's date, and **WB9BRX** seconded; the motion passed.

The January Treasurer's report shows income of \$136.49 and expenses of \$185.08 with a closing balance of \$9,173.18. **N9GKE** moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and **AB9LE** seconded; the motion passed.

Old Business

W9YB received the donation for the upgrade to the DX Cluster.

New Business

The American Red Cross has begun plans for moving to a new building. **N9LF** graciously volunteered to keep the lines of communication open and start the planning for the next location of the radio club.

Motion to adjourn was made by **N9GKE** and seconded by **WB9BRX**.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05.

Treasurer's Report

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Emergency Manager

The hams of Tippecanoe county are still without an Emergency Manager (EM). The main duties include coordinating amateur activities during real and simulated emergencies and reporting Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) activities to the ARRL and other agencies. The previous EM, **Jeff, KF9UP**, would be happy to provide additional information if you are interested in this important position.

Hamtivity Net Controllers

Pedro, WB9RVN, needs volunteers to conduct the ARES Hamtivity net. This 'job' only requires a few minutes every few weeks. Running the net is a great way to keep emergency communication skills sharp. **Pedro**, the Net Manager, will provide additional information and instructions if you are interested.

Major Sherwin N9ZFG

Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association Treasurer's Report January 1, 2006 through January 31, 2006

Receipts:			
J.B. & Nellie Van Sickle, K9F GX & K9KRE, Dues 2006	1/1/2006		\$15.00
Joseph Rogers, KM9V, Dues 2006	1/1/2006		\$10.00
J. Martin Mlynark, K9ICQ, Dues 2006	1/3/2006		\$10.00
PayPal account activation	1/3/2006		\$0.59
Clarence Vaughn, W9IMU, Dues 2006	1/7/2006		\$10.00
Gus Vavrus, W9BZF, Dues 2006	1/10/2006		\$10.00
Miscellaneous, Dues 2006	1/10/2006		\$10.00
John Baugher, N9JEA, Dues 2006 and 2007	1/20/2006		\$20.00
John Parker, AB9LE, Dues 2006 and 2007	1/20/2006		\$20.00
Brian Walker, K9BKW, Dues 2006	1/25/2006		\$10.00
Dave Chasey, N9FN, Dues 2006	1/25/2006		\$10.00
Tom Kuespert, K9KF, Dues 2006	1/25/2006		\$10.00
Interest on CDs	1/3/1/2006		\$0.00
Interest on Savings	1/3/1/2006		\$0.90
Total Receipts:			\$136.49
Disbursements:			
Dave Dull - Postage	1/10/2006		\$59.20
Tim Gardner - Donation to W9YB DX Cluster upgrade	1/10/2006		\$100.00
Wintek - Domain Renewal	1/13/2006		\$25.00
PayPal usage fee	1/20/2006		\$0.88
Total Disbursements:			\$185.08
Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):			(\$48.59)
CDs			
7 Month, 4.14%, Matures 06/15/06	Next Int 02/15	\$2,564.75	
7 Month, 3.54%, Matures 3/17/06	Next Int 02/17	\$2,558.61	
Summary:			
Beginning value of CDs			\$5,123.36
Beginning Checkbook Balance		\$556.72	
Plus outstanding checks			
Less outstanding deposits			
Beginning Statement Balance		\$556.72	\$556.72
Beginning value of Savings Account			\$3,541.69
Beginning Cash on Hand			\$0.00
Beginning Assets:			\$9,221.77
Ending value of CDs			\$5,123.36
Ending Checking Account Statement Balance		\$458.11	
Plus outstanding deposits			
Less outstanding checks			
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$458.11	\$458.11
Ending value of Savings Account			\$3,542.59
Ending Cash on Hand			\$49.12
Ending Assets:			\$9,173.18
Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets:			(\$48.59)
Out of Balance:			(\$0.00)

Disbursements 02/01/2006 to 01/14/2006: None

Receipts 02/01/2006 to 02/14/2006: None

Major Sherwin - N9ZFG
Treasurer

Dues for 2006 are:

- \$10 Single Member
- \$15 Family
- \$5 Student

Send membership renewals to:

Major Sherwin N9ZFG
2841 Bentbrook Lane
West Lafayette, IN 47906-5275

MORSE CODE

FCC Noncommittal on "Morse Code" Proceeding Action (Feb 13, 2006) -- Just when the FCC will act on the "Morse code" proceeding, WT Docket 05-235, remains hazy. (<http://www.arrrl.org/>)



MEMBERSHIP STATUS

<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Call</u>
2004	David C. Azpell	WB9CZC
2007	John L. Baugher	N9JEA
2006	Deborah Belter	N9SUD
2006	Stephen E. Belter	N9IP
2006	Charles R. Bender	WB9QQZ
2004	George Bittles	KB9YZT
2003	Michael Brown	K9MAB
2005	Steve Bruhn	KB9UPL
2005	Sam Brummet	N9XPZ
2006	James D. Canarecci	WA9TGO
2008	Pedro F. Castillo	WB9RVN
2006	David A. Chasey	N9FN
2005	James A. Collison	K9LYA
2004	Matt Copas	KC9ETB
2005	Jen Coy	KC9BPF
2005	John Coy	KC9BPE
2003	Jim Darling	N9ZND
2005	James I. Davis	WA9LYC
2005	Gregory A. Dean	N9NWO
2009	Edward Delp	N9YTE
2006	David R. Dull	WB9BRX
2006	Richard Emery	WB9TIB
2004	Jack D. Freeman	KF9CT
2006	Tim Gardner	N9LF
2005	Tim Gennett	K9WX
2005	Blake Graham	
2006	Garry Guthridge	K9DUW
2005	Jim Haynes	KB9RLT
2005	Dana Hoggatt	KB9SSS
2006	William Holycross	KB9ILQ
2005	Keith Hood	KC9CDQ
2006	Francis E. Hudlow	WA9HKK
2003	Michael Kantz	KB9VZD
2005	Howard E. Koehl	KZ9Z
2005	Nancy Koehl	KD9JS
2004	Jack D. Kueberth	KB9KUQ
2006	Thomas L. Kuespert	K9KF
2006	Jules J. Lerzak	WB9SBV
2005	Bob Lusby	K9FOH
2005	Mike Maddox	W9CBA
2006	Joel Mahoney	KC9ETA
2005	John Martin	KB9OQC
2005	Robert D. Martin	W9YE
2006	Clyde B. Mauck	K9JWI
2003	David M. McCormick	K9DV
2005	Ryan McManomy	KB9RAM
2005	James W. Milligan	KE9KA
2006	J. Martin Mlynarik	K9ICQ
2003	Cody Mullen	
2005	Kenneth Newcomb	KA9WYA

2006	Robert F. Niewerth	KC9LI
2007	Stephen M. Parker	WR9A
2007	John R. Parker	AB9LE
2007	Cheryl Parker	K9HER
2006	Joseph Rogers	KM9V
2006	Anna L. Rumble	KA9NYW
2006	William Rumble	WB9WLU
2006	Takamasa Ryuzoji	KC9AMT
2004	Steven Scherer	N9QAP
2006	Major W. Sherwin	N9ZFG
2007	Curtis L. Sherwin	WB9SWD
2005	Robert D. Smith, Sr.	WB9VAL
2005	Jeff Stewart	KF9UP
2008	R. Bruce Stewart	N9GKE
2005	George H. Stine	AA9LL
2007	Steven E. Stombaugh	N9DHH
2004	Ned Sutherland	N9HER
2004	Woodrow Tarver	WA9DTT
2005	Rex E. Thomas	W9WQS
2007	David Todd	KG9RB
2003	Mike Toler	N8WPO
2005	Steven M. Van Frank	W9TN
2006	J. B. Van Sickle	K9KRE
2006	Nellie A. Van Sickle	K9FGX
2006	Clarence I. Vaughn	W9IMU
2006	August R. Vavrus	W9BZF
2006	Brian Walker	KC9ERK
2005	Margaret C. Weber	WB9USL
2004	John Welsh	KC9AFE
2004	Brenda Williams	N9XTL
2006	Charles L. Williams	N9VLW
2003	Jamie Winner	KC9CFM
2003	Hubert C. Wood	N7DUK
2008	Randy Young	KC9BFS
2005	Alexander Younts	KC9CYK

This is the latest information from the web and may not reflect recent dues payment. Please contact the treasurer, **Major Sherwin, N9ZFG** if your status is not correct.

Amateur Radio's Role Gets Favorable Mention in Post-Katrina Report (Feb 17, 2006) -- The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) and the HF digital e-mail system Winlink 2000 all got positive mentions in a post-Katrina report from the US House of Representatives. **US Rep Tom Davis (R-VA)** chaired the panel. References to ARES, MARS and Winlink appear in "A Failure of Initiative"--the final report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to investigate the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina.