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# TARA TATTLER

## Committees and Contacts:

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Newsletter: **TARA TATTLER** — Dave Dull WB9BRX  
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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

## Hamvention & More

Spring is here and its time to repair or replace the antenna farm. Along with the nice weather comes (gasp) lawn mowing and trying to remember where those pesky ground stakes are hidden. The tornado season has also arrived and is responsible for this combined March-April issue of the *Tattler*. Hopefully, many of you attended the storm spotter class that fell on the evening of our March business meeting.

Speaking of tornados, the emergency siren system is a critical community asset that needs to be kept in top condition year around. We, the hams of Tippecanoe County, are an important link in maintaining this system. Because the sirens operate by remote signal and provide no feedback it is necessary to observe them to confirm sound and rotation. TEMA sends representatives to some sites but relies on us and sometimes phone contacts to verify siren operation. If you are mobile, help avoid duplication of effort by checking in a few minutes prior to the 11am siren test. We will attempt to assign a siren near your location that is not already monitored. For reference you can find a list of siren locations at

[http://www.w9reg.org/Files/TARA\\_Business.htm](http://www.w9reg.org/Files/TARA_Business.htm).

Finally, spring is the beginning of hamfest season. The mother of all hamfests, Dayton Hamvention, will be 19-21 May this year. Perhaps a bit smaller than it was years ago, as are most hamfests these days, Dayton is still a HUGE event and is worth the trip even if only for a day. Don't forget, the Field Day Auction at the Red Cross on the Wednesday following Dayton (6:30pm May 24). Bring some items that can be auctioned off to help defray field day expenses. Please bring things that others might bid on and use. There really isn't much demand for vintage computer parts or retro components so please leave the junk at home. Do bring some cash and a sense of humor.—this is a fun event.

**M e m b e r n e w s :**  
Sadly, past club member **Hubert (Woody) Wood, N7DUK**, passed away on Easter. His family is planning a memorial service at IVH in June.

Last issue we reported that **Rex Thomas, W9WQS** was hospitalized. Happily he has returned home and is doing well.

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49 Knoll Crest Court  
West Lafayette, IN 47906



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# COMING EVENTS

Dates	Days	Time	Event
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		<b>Dayton Hamvention info: <a href="http://hamvention.org/">http://hamvention.org/</a></b>
24 May 06	Wed	6:30 PM	<b>Program Meeting - Field Day Auction</b>
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
1 Jul 06	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
11 Jul 06	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
26 Jul 06	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
5 Aug 06	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
8 Aug 06	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
20 Aug 06	Sun	8:00 AM	<b>Lafayette Hamfest</b> (no program meeting in August)
2 Sep 06	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
12 Sep 06	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
27 Sep 06	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting

## Indiana QSO Party

The Indiana QSO Party is held annually on the first Saturday in May. This year, the event is scheduled for noon-midnight Eastern Daylight time on May 6 (16:00 May 6 to 04:00 May 7, UTC). Indiana amateur stations are encouraged to participate, handing out Indiana counties. Entry classes include fixed, mobile and portable, single or multi-operator. See complete rules and additional information on the web at <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp>

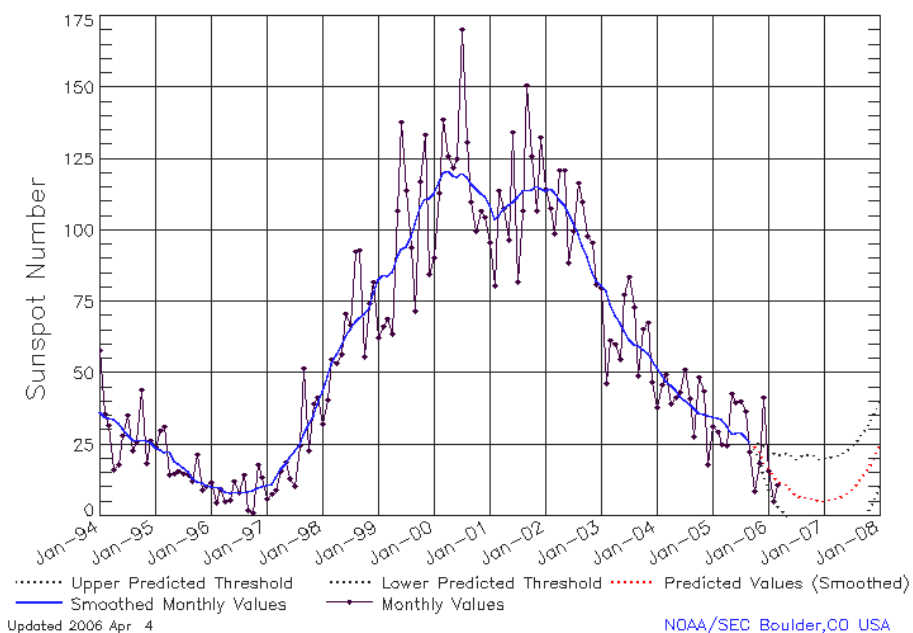
## The Red Cross is moving!

Groundbreaking is scheduled this month on a new facility that will house the Tippecanoe chapter of the American Red Cross and four other agencies. The new building will be located at 18<sup>th</sup> and Union in Lafayette, on the grounds of what is now Kennedy Field. Space in the new facility has been allocated to TARA, and we are making plans to move the W9REG station. Construction is expected to take about a year, so we will be moving in the spring of 2007. Even though that sounds like a distant future, building plans are already being finalized. To ensure that TARA will have appropriate space and resources at the new facility, **N9LF** was appointed to work with the Red Cross on the club's behalf. Future updates will be published in the Tattler as things progress.

## Sunspot Cycle

The end of cycle 23 is (finally) in sight

ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progression  
Data Through 31 Mar 06



<http://www.sec.noaa.gov/SolarCycle/>

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### Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

22 March 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	Steve Van Frank, W9TN

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

The minutes of the February 2006 meeting were read, **N9GKE** moved to accept the minutes, and **AB9LE** seconded; the motion passed.

The February Treasurer's report shows income of \$115.39 and expenses of \$0.00 with a closing balance of \$9,288.57. **N9GKE** moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and **AB9LE** seconded; the motion passed.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

**N9NWO** presented new event information about the 1st Annual North Central Indiana Hamfest. The event will be on Sunday April 2, 2006 at 7:00AM to 1:00PM in the Miami County 4H Fairgrounds.

The AMSAT Renewal came and a motion was made by **N9LF** to renew our membership; **W9TN** seconded. The motion passed.

Anyone interested in helping to plan Field Day should attend the next business meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:50.

### Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

11 April 2006 by Alex Younts KC9CYK

#### Members in attendance:

Alex Younts, KC9CYK	Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD
Major Sherwin, N9ZFG	Steve Parker, WR9A
Tim Gardner, N9LF	Greg Dean, N9NWO
Bruce Stewart, N9GKE	Dave Dull, WB9BRX
Eric Felz, KC9ICT	

The meeting was called to order at 19:35 by **WB9SWD**.

The minutes of the March 2006 meeting were read, **N9LF** moved to accept the minutes, and **WB9BRX** seconded; the motion passed.

The March Treasurer's report shows income of \$62.64 and expenses of \$168.00 with a closing balance of \$9,183.21. **WB9BRX** moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and **N9LF** seconded; the motion passed.

#### Old Business

**N9NWO** reported that the North Central Indiana Hamfest had an attendance of 400 and two vendors. He was also able to take surplus equipment to the hamfest and earned \$130.00 for the club.

Field Day plans were discussed. Power levels and classes were discussed, a 2F class with medium power was chosen. Logging programs were also discussed, TR Log with networking will be tried again this year. The location will again be the Red Cross building.

#### New Business

The Red Cross will be moving locations in about a year. **N9LF** has been in contact with the Red Cross about the new location. We will have our own room close to the dedicated EOC. Plans were set in motion for a tower, conduit runs, and other necessary resources.

**WR9A** made a motion to put carpet in the new shack, and **N9NWO** seconded; the motion passed.

**N9LF** suggested selecting a committee authorized to make decisions so that the fast moving actions of the builders get dealt with quickly, the Trustee and President were confirmed to have that power and were willing to be available.

**WB9BRX** made a motion to make **N9LF** the lead contact with the Red Cross on the new building, **WR9A** seconded; motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:40.

### VOLUNTEERS (STILL) 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.

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# Treasurer's Report

## Major Sherwin N9ZFG

Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association  
Treasurer's Report  
February 1, 2006 through February 28, 2006

<b>Receipts:</b>			
Deborah & Stephen Belter, N9SUD & N9IP, Dues 2006	2/1/2006		\$15.00
Jim Davis, WA9LYC, Dues 2006 & 2007	2/23/2006		\$20.00
Steve Bruhn, KB9UFL, Dues 2006 & 2007	2/23/2006		\$20.00
Jim Collison, K9LYA, Dues 2006	2/25/2006		\$10.00
Interest on CDs	2/28/2006		\$49.57
Interest on Savings	2/28/2006		\$0.82
	<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<b>\$115.39</b>

<b>Disbursements:</b>			
	<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):</b>		<b>\$115.39</b>

<b>CDs</b>			
7 Month, 4.14%, Matures 06/15/06	Next Int 05/15	\$2,587.63	
7 Month, 3.54%, Matures 3/17/06	Next Int 02/17	\$2,585.30	

<b>Summary:</b>			
Beginning value of CDs			\$5,123.36
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$458.11		
Plus outstanding checks			
Less outstanding deposits			
Beginning Statement Balance	<u>\$458.11</u>	\$458.11	
Beginning value of Savings Account		\$3,542.59	
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$49.12	
	<b>Beginning Assets:</b>	<b>\$9,173.18</b>	
Ending value of CDs		\$5,172.93	
Ending Checking Account Statement Balance	\$458.11		
Plus outstanding deposits			
Less outstanding checks			
Ending Checkbook Balance	<u>\$458.11</u>	\$562.23	
Ending value of Savings Account		\$3,543.41	
Ending Cash on Hand		\$10.00	
	<b>Ending Assets:</b>	<b>\$9,288.57</b>	
	<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets:</b>	<b>\$115.39</b>	
	<b>Out of Balance:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

Disbursements 03/01/2006 to 03/14/2006: None

Receipts 03/01/2006 to 03/14/2006: None

Major Sherwin - N9ZFG  
Treasurer

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

<b>Receipts:</b>			
Steve Van Frank, W9TN, Dues 2006	3/22/2006		\$10.00
Jack Kueberth, KB9KUQ, Dues 2006 and 2007	3/22/2006		\$20.00
Jack Kueberth, KB9KUQ, Donation	3/22/2006		\$5.00
Jules Lorzak, WB9SBV, Dues 2006	3/28/2006		\$10.00
Interest on CDs	3/31/2006		\$16.96
Interest on Savings	3/31/2006		\$0.68
	<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<b>\$62.64</b>

<b>Disbursements:</b>			
Marsh - Equipment Insurance Premium	3/31/2006		\$93.00
AMSAT - Annual Dues	3/31/2006		\$75.00
	<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$168.00</b>
	<b>Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):</b>		<b>(\$105.36)</b>

<b>CDs</b>			
7 Month, 4.14%, Matures 06/15/06		\$2,594.66	
12 Month, 4.0%, Matures 3/18/07		\$4,595.23	

<b>Summary:</b>			
Beginning value of CDs			\$5,172.93
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$562.23		
Plus outstanding checks			
Less outstanding deposits			
Beginning Statement Balance	<u>\$562.23</u>	\$562.23	
Beginning value of Savings Account		\$3,543.41	
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$10.00	
	<b>Beginning Assets:</b>	<b>\$9,288.57</b>	
Ending value of CDs		\$7,189.89	
Ending Checking Account Statement Balance	\$404.23		
Plus outstanding deposits			
Less outstanding checks			
Ending Checkbook Balance	<u>\$404.23</u>	\$404.23	
Ending value of Savings Account		\$1,544.09	
Ending Cash on Hand		\$45.00	
	<b>Ending Assets:</b>	<b>\$9,183.21</b>	
	<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets:</b>	<b>(\$105.36)</b>	
	<b>Out of Balance:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

Disbursements 04/01/2006 to 04/11/2006: None

Receipts 04/01/2006 to 04/11/2006: 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**

## ARRL VEC ANNOUNCES VANITY CALL SIGN LICENSE RENEWAL PROGRAM

The ARRL VEC now can process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members will pay less. Routine, non-pantry renewals continue to be processed at no cost for ARRL members. In addition, **ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma**, AB1FM, points out that trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the Universal Licensing System (ULS) or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC.

## Silent Key

### N7DUK

#### Hubert C. Wood, 88

Hubert C. Wood, 88, of West Lafayette, died at 2:40 p.m. Sunday, April 16, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 9, 1917, to the late Lenora Marie Calhoun and Claude Wood in Lafayette.

Mr. Wood was a veteran, serving in the Army during World War II as a radio operator in Normandy, France, and Europe. He was the recipient of the American Defense Service Medal, American Theater Ribbon, EAME Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal.

His marriage was to Loretta May Schafer on Feb. 23, 1946, in Lafayette, and she preceded him in death on July 5, 2003.

Mr. Wood worked as a printer in the newspaper industry in Lafayette, Indianapolis and Bakersfield, Calif.

Surviving are three sons, Bruce Wood (wife: Pam) of New York, N.Y., Carl Wood of Lakeland, Fla., and Roy Wood (wife: Belle) of Lemon Grove, Calif.; and a daughter, Mary Sopko (husband: Steve) of Orlando, Fla.

Services will be held at a later date.

**Fisher-Loy Funeral Chapel**, Lafayette, is entrusted with care. Inurnment will be at the Indiana Veterans' Home Cemetery. Preceded in death by a son, Gary, on March 20, 2006.