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# TARA TATTLER

## Committees and Contacts:

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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

## January Elections

**K9FOH/Bob**

Guests:

**KC9FYX/Ben Cotton**

Thanks to all who turned out for the November meeting! We accomplished some sorely needed business thanks to the first quorum since August. Read the details in the minutes. Please try to turn out for the December meeting and help with the officer nominations.

Meeting called to order at 7:30PM (local) by **N9GKE**.

Check out the pictures this month. Thanks to **Greg N9NWO** who arranged a visit by *CQ Magazine*, several of our club members are featured in the CQ Amateur Radio Calendar. Additionally, **Dave W9DF** is on the cover of the November issue.

Lacking a quorum, there were no official meetings in September or October. Minutes of the August are not available at this time.

### Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

November 14, 2006 by **Tim Gardner N9LF**  
(filling in for **Alex Younts KC9CYK**)

Treasurer's report for August shows income of \$1902, expenses of \$870 and a balance of \$9491. The report for September shows income of \$79 and no expenses for a balance of \$9571. The October report show income of \$175 and no expenses for a final balance of \$9476.

K9KF moved to accept the Treasurer's reports and **AB9LE** seconded. Motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

**N9ZFG** reported a net profit of \$454 from the hamfest. See his detailed reports for additional information.

### Members in attendance:

<b>N9GKE/Bruce</b>	<b>W9YE/Bob</b>
<b>KB9SKI/Ernest</b>	<b>N9LF/Tim</b>
<b>AB9LE/John</b>	<b>K9KF/Tom</b>
<b>N9ZFG/Major</b>	<b>KB9RLT/Jim</b>

Construction on the new Red Cross building is moving along.

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# COMING EVENTS

Dates	Days	Time	Event
12 Dec 06	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting - <b>Officer Nominations</b>
27 Dec 06	Wed	7:30 PM	No Program Meeting - <b>Merry Christmas!</b>
6 Jan 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
9 Jan 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting - <b>Election of Club Officers</b>
24 Jan 07	Wed	TBA	<b>Annual Club Banquet in lieu of Program Meeting</b>
3 Feb 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
13 Feb 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
28 Feb 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
3 Mar 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
13 Mar 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
28 Mar 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
7 Apr 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
10 Apr 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
25 Apr 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
5 May 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
8 May 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
18-20 May 07	Fri-Sun		<b>Dayton Hamvention</b>
23 May 07	Wed	6:30 PM	Program Meeting - <b>Field Day Auction</b>

## On The Cover: November 2006

### On the Cover



Dr. David Filmer, W9DF, Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, holds the "spaceframe" and tape-measure antenna for the tiny "CubeSat" satellite his students are building for possible launch in 2008. The satellite will include one main experiment to measure radiation from solar flares plus several smaller experiments seeking a simple but reliable method for determining a satellite's "attitude," which Filmer explains is "which end is up" in space. (Fifteen other CubeSats launched together last summer were lost on liftoff; see N6CL's "VHF Plus" column in this issue for details.)

Filmer says all communications with the Purdue satellite will be on amateur radio frequencies and that several of his students have decided to get their ham licenses in order to be able to operate the satellite's ground station (now under construction) after launch. Filmer himself has been a ham since 1976. His main interests are DXing and, of course, satellites.

"I always wanted to get involved in building a satellite," Filmer told us, "and when the CubeSat program came along ... I figured if the kids here want to do that, I'll help direct them. It's kind of exciting." (W9DF cover photo by Larry Mulvehill, WB2ZPI)

Inset: President Bush presents a volunteer service award to Greg Ybarra, NBHXQ, of Flint, Michigan. See details in this month's "Public Service" column. (White House photo by Kimberly Hewitt)

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At this time, the move is expected to occur around May 2007. That will allow us time to remove antennas from the tower in the spring.

**Ben Cotton-KC9FYX** petitioned for and was accepted into membership.

Officer elections come up in January 2007. The current President, Vice-President and Secretary have reached their respective term limits and we therefore need candidates. **N9ZFG** has agreed to stand for re-election as Treasurer.

**N9NWO** has served as hamfest chair but is no longer able to server due to outside responsibilities. A new chair is required. Any volunteers?

Several folks have agreed to these hamfest responsibilities:

**K9FOH:** flyers and prizes

**K9FOH** will send complimentary tickets to regional clubs (using the remaining old stock).

**N9ZFG** will make the building reservation for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted/**Tim Gardner-N9LF** (in the Secretary's absence)

**Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association  
Treasurer's Report  
September 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006**

<b>Receipts:</b>		
Interest on CDs	9/30/2006	\$79.44
Interest on Savings	9/30/2006	\$0.36
	<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$79.80</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
	<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):</b>	<b>\$79.80</b>
<b>CDs</b>		
13 Month, 5.15%, Matures 07/15/07	\$2,653.93	
12 Month, 4.0%, Matures 3/18/07	\$4,686.95	
<b>Summary:</b>		
Beginning value of CDs		\$7,261.44
Beginning Checking Account		\$489.96
Beginning Savings Account		\$1,740.40
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$0.00
	<b>Beginning Ass ets:</b>	<b>\$9,491.80</b>
Ending value of CDs		\$7,340.88
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$489.96
Ending value of Savings Account		\$1,740.76
Ending Cash on Hand		\$0.00
	<b>Ending Ass ets:</b>	<b>\$9,571.60</b>
	<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Ass ets:</b>	<b>\$79.80</b>
	<b>Out of Balance:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Major Sherwin - N9ZFG  
Treasurer

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

<b>Receipts:</b>		
Refund of deposit on fairgrounds for hamfest	10/10/2006	\$175.00
Interest on CDs	10/31/2006	\$0.00
Interest on Savings	10/31/2006	\$0.37
	<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$175.37</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
	<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):</b>	<b>\$175.37</b>
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Beginning Cash on Hand		\$0.00
	<b>Beginning Ass ets:</b>	<b>\$9,571.60</b>
Ending value of CDs		\$7,340.88
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$664.96
Ending value of Savings Account		\$1,741.13
Ending Cash on Hand		\$0.00
	<b>Ending Ass ets:</b>	<b>\$9,746.97</b>
	<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Ass ets:</b>	<b>\$175.37</b>
	<b>Out of Balance:</b>	<b>(\$0.00)</b>

Major Sherwin - N9ZFG  
Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report  
Major Sherwin, N9ZFG**

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

<b>Receipts:</b>		
Bob Luby, K9FOH, Dues 2006 and 2007	8/19/2006	\$20.00
Jeff Stewart, KF9UP, Dues 2006 and 2007	8/20/2006	\$20.00
Jim Canarecci, WB8TGO, Dues 2007	8/20/2006	\$10.00
Lafayette Soap Box Derby	8/20/2006	\$300.00
Hamfest Gate Receipts	8/20/2006	\$1,052.00
Hamfest Starting Cash	8/20/2006	\$400.00
Hamfest Concession Profits	8/20/2006	\$100.00
Interest on CDs	8/31/2006	\$0.00
Interest on Savings	8/31/2006	\$0.15
	<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$1,902.15</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Major Sherwin, N9ZFG, Hamfest starting cash	8/18/2006	\$400.00
Burk Electronics, Hamfest door prizes	8/20/2006	\$300.00
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD, Field Day food	8/27/2006	\$84.14
Bob Luby, K9FOH, Hamfest Mailing	8/27/2006	\$82.96
Bank fee	8/31/2006	\$3.50
	<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$870.60</b>
	<b>Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):</b>	<b>\$1,031.55</b>
<b>CDs</b>		
13 Month, 5.15%, Matures 07/15/07	\$2,620.58	
12 Month, 4.0%, Matures 3/18/07	\$4,640.86	
<b>Summary:</b>		
Beginning value of CDs		\$7,261.44
Beginning Checking Account		\$1,057.06
Beginning Savings Account		\$141.75
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$0.00
	<b>Beginning Ass ets:</b>	<b>\$8,460.25</b>
Ending value of CDs		\$7,261.44
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$489.96
Ending value of Savings Account		\$1,740.40
Ending Cash on Hand		\$0.00
	<b>Ending Ass ets:</b>	<b>\$9,491.80</b>
	<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Ass ets:</b>	<b>\$1,031.55</b>
	<b>Out of Balance:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Major Sherwin - N9ZFG  
Treasurer



**MAY 2007**

“Students Alexander Younts, KC9CYK, and Ben Cotton, KC9FYX, tend to some light antenna work at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN, atop the on-campus building housing the school’s Amateur Radio Club.”



**NOVEMBER 2007**

“Greg Dean, N9NWO, of West Lafayette, IN, runs the Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association station located at the local Red Cross headquarters.”



**FEBRUARY 2008**

“Neat, efficient, and convenient. That describes the shack of R. Bruce Stewart, N9GKE, of Lafayette, IN.”

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