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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

## Officer Elections

**Jan 9th, 2007**

Please attend the January meeting to vote for and greet the TARA officers for 2007.

The first BIG club event of the year will be the annual banquet on our regular meeting night, **Wednesday, January 24th at 6pm**. **NOTE**, this year we will be having the banquet in **Puccini's at 6pm**. Make plans to attend and enjoy the comradely of fellow hams.

I'll be out of town following the January business meeting so there will be no newsletter before the banquet. I'll have the minutes from the January meeting and perhaps some pictures from the banquet in the February Tattler. I'd also like to also apologize for the late publication of this issue; I've been dealing with some serious family issues since Christmas.

Thanks to all who have been helping with the monthly siren tests. This service is very important to Tippecanoe County's emergency preparedness and is one of the ways hams can help the community.

## Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

December 12, 2006 by Alex Younts KC9CYK

### Members in attendance:

Alex Younts, KC9CYK	Bruce Stewart, N9GKE
Ben Cotton, KC9FYX	Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD
Tim Gardner, N9LF	Pedro Castillo, WB9RVN
Major Sherwin, N9ZFG	Dave Dull, WB9BRX
Steve Van Frank, W9TN	Joe Rogers, KM9V
Bob Sambolin, WP4YJ	Ernest Clark, KB9SKI

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

The minutes of the November 2006 meeting were read.

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49 Knoll Crest Court  
West Lafayette, IN 47906



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«Address1»  
«Address2»  
«CityLine»

## COMING EVENTS

Dates	Days	Time	Event
9 Jan 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting - <b>Election of Club Officers</b>
24 Jan 07	Wed	6:00 PM	<b>Annual Club Banquet Puccini's - 300 Brown St, WL</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>
2 Jun 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
12 Jun 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
27 Jun 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting

### Excerpts from ARRL.ORG web site:

#### The K7RA Solar Update

SEATTLE, WA, Jan 5, 2007 -- This is the first bulletin of 2007, the year we'll likely see the end of Sunspot Cycle 23, the beginning of Cycle 24, and the minima between cycles.

A few days now into this new year, we can look at sunspot and solar flux averages for 2006 compared with previous years. [Happy days will return for the HF crowd]

#### FCC cites Pennsylvania radio amateur for failure to ID (Jan 3, 2007) --

The FCC's Philadelphia Field Office has issued a formal Notice of Violation (NoV) to a Pennsylvania radio amateur for failure to identify in a timely manner. The Commission released the NoV to Andrew Ban, KB3GRK, of Feasterville, on December 20. The notice says that on September 12 and 13, 2006, an agent of the FCC's Philadelphia office monitored KB3GRK's transmissions on 439.850 MHz and observed that the operator failed to identify for nearly one hour in one instance and for more than 20 minutes in the second. §97.119(a) of the Amateur Radio Service rules requires stations to identify "at the end of each communication, and at least every 10 minutes during a communication." The FCC has advised Ban that he must submit within 20 days a written

statement addressing the alleged violations and action taken to preclude recurrence. The issuance of an NoV appears to be a departure from the FCC Enforcement Bureau's typical practice of addressing such alleged infractions with an advisory letter rather than a formal notice.

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#### FIELD DAY 2006 at the Red Cross



Photo thanks to **Major N9ZFG**  
(better late than never :)

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**N9GKE** moved to accept the minutes, and **WB9BRX** seconded, motion passed.

The November Treasurer's report shows income of \$30.36 and expenses of \$0.00 with a closing balance of \$9777.33. **N9GKE** moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and **KC9FYX** seconded, motion passed.

**Old Business**

No old business to report.

**New Business**

**Major Sherwin** noted a slight increase in the price of renting a building at the Tippecanoe County Fair Grounds of \$25. There were no objections to the increase, so he will reserve the building for our next Hamfest.

**Bob Sambolin - WP4YJ** petitioned for and was accepted into membership.

**Ernest Clark - KB9SKI** petitioned for and was accepted into membership.

Motion to adjourn was made by **N9GKE** and seconded by **KM9V**.

Meeting adjourned at 19:46, local time.

**FCC Releases Report and Order in "Morse Code" Proceeding**

NEWINGTON, CT, Dec 19, 2006 -- The FCC has issued the complete *Report and Order* ([R&O](#)) in the "Morse code" proceeding, WT Docket 05-235. The *R&O* follows fast on the heels of the Commission's December 15 public notice announcing the elimination of the Morse code exam requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes. The *R&O* also addresses the ARRL's request to eliminate the disparity between "Tech Plus" licensees (Technicians with Element 1 Morse credit) and Technician licensees -- present and future -- who have not passed a Morse code test.

"In summary, we believe that the public interest will be served by revising the Amateur Service rules to eliminate the telegraphy testing requirement," the FCC concluded in the *R&O*, released today. "We also believe that these rule changes will allow Amateur Service licensees to better fulfill the purpose of the Amateur Service and will enhance the usefulness of the Amateur Service to the public and licensees."

The FCC took the opportunity in the *R&O* to act on the League's *Petition for Partial Reconsideration* in the "omnibus" proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, to retain the 3620-3635 kHz segment for automatically controlled digital stations. "We conclude that the expansion of the 75 meter band should not be so limited," the FCC said. "We agree with the ARRL, however, that the Commission did not intend to reduce the amount of spectrum available for automatically controlled digital stations."

To rectify the "unintended consequence" of the rules adopted in the omnibus proceeding, the Commission amended §97.221(b) to authorize 3585 to 3600 kHz for automatically controlled digital stations.

Finally, the Commission said it would conform the Amateur Service rules to reflect that the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) has reduced from two to one the number of Amateur Radio license classes.

The Commission is amending §97.301 "to authorize Amateur Extra class privileges to all individuals who have been issued a CEPT radio-amateur license by their country of citizenship, and who satisfy other requirements in the Commission's rules."

**No Effective Date Yet**

Today's *R&O* spells out the specific Part 97 changes going into place once the new rules go on the books and indicates that the effective date will be 30 days after the document appears in the *Federal Register*. Publication likely will occur in January, with the new rules going into effect in February.

[complete article at [www.arrl.org/news/](http://www.arrl.org/news/)]

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

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

<b>Receipts:</b>			
Jim Haynes, KB9RLT, Dues 2007 and 2008	11/14/2006	20.00	
Ben Cotton, KC9FYX, Dues 2007	11/14/2006	10.00	
Interest on CDs	11/30/2006	\$0.00	
Interest on Savings	11/30/2006	\$0.36	
	<b>Total Receipts:</b>	\$30.36	
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
	<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	\$0.00	
	<b>Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):</b>	<b>\$30.36</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		\$7,340.88	
Beginning Checking Account		\$664.96	
Beginning Savings Account		\$1,741.13	
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$0.00	
	<b>Beginning Assets:</b>	<b>\$9,746.97</b>	
Ending value of CDs		\$7,340.88	
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$664.96	
Ending value of Savings Account		\$1,741.49	
Ending Cash on Hand		\$30.00	
	<b>Ending Assets:</b>	<b>\$9,777.33</b>	
	<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets:</b>	<b>\$30.36</b>	
	<b>Out of Balance:</b>	<b>(\$0.00)</b>	

Major Sherwin - N9ZFG  
Treasurer

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

**SEE YOU AT DUCCHI'S ON JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007**



# JANUARY 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	1 N9IF STEVE BELTER  N9YTE ED DELP	2  WD9JLI WILLIAM HATHFIELD	3	N9ZND JIM	5	6  N9ZND JIM DARLING   Siren Test 11:00 am
	7	8	9  OFFICER ELECTIONS  TARA Meeting	10	WB9VAL BOB  WZ9A ROBB JOHNSTON	12
14	15  W9FAM VERNON KASPER  Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. <b>SHARE THE DREAM!</b> 1929 - 1988	16	17	WR9A STEVE	19	20
21	22	23	24  2007 BANQUET  TARA Meeting	25 WB9OMS DUANE	26  KA9CHU MARILHE DIXSON	27  WB9UXX CECIL KINGSGLOVER  N9GIL PAUL BROWN
28	29  KC9AFB JOHN WELCH	30  N9DJK ED STICKROD	31	<b>ARES HANTIVITY NET</b> Thu. 7:30 EST - Frq. 147.135+ MHz NET CONTROL 8vv JEFF STEWART KP9UP 497 1498 STEVE M VAN FRANK W9TN 448 8282 TIM GARNER N9TF 447 2815 R BRUCE STEWART N9CKE 742 2387 JAMES R SPALDING K9AZC 638 2754 JIM F DARLING N9ZND 449 1843 ROBERT D SMITH SR WB9VAL 742 7434 STEPHEN PARKER WR9A NA DUANE MANTICK WB9OMC NA PEDRO F CASTILLO WB9RVN 474 8802		

Special thank you to **WB9RVN** for these beautiful calendars that he creates every month year after year! **GREAT JOB PEDRO!!**