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Director: **Curtis Sherwin WB9SWD**

# 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

## Welcome Back

This is the first official newsletter of 2007. Following my personal conflicts in January and the combination of heavy snow and lack of a quorum in February, we are finally back on track. There was great turnout for the March business meeting which included lengthy discussion on a variety of topics. Hopefully we can sustain or increase the membership attendance for the rest of the year.

We will have a **PROGRAM MEETING** this month. Turn out **Wednesday the 28th** to help with packing for our impending move to the new Red Cross building. Besides packing, we will also decide what equipment will be sold at the **Field Day auction**. This year the auction will be our April program meeting; It's a month earlier than usual and will help reduce the clutter going to the new club location.

Welcome new club officers and for those retiring or moving to new club positions, thank you for a job well done. See the minutes for additional meeting details.

Mark your calendars, the **Dayton Hamvention** will be May 18-20 this year. More information and tickets is available at their website <http://hamvention.org>.

### President's corner:

"Thanks for the great turnout at the March meeting. I hope club member participation will continue to grow throughout the year."

Bruce

## Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

December 12, 2006 by **Alex Younts KC9CYK**

### Members in attendance:

**Alex Younts, KC9CYK**

**Ben Cotton, KC9FYX**

**Tim Gardner, N9LF**

**Major Sherwin, N9ZFG**

**Bruce Stewart, N9GKE**

**Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD**

**Ernest Clark, KB9SKI**

**Dave Dull, WB9BRX**

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

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# COMING EVENTS

Dates	Days	Time	Event
28 Mar 07	Wed	7:30 PM	<b>Program Meeting</b> - Pack shack for move; prepare for Field Day Auction
1 Apr 07	Sun	Noon	<b>W9YB VE Testing</b> - Location: PMU 370 at Purdue
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	<b>Program Meeting - Field Day Auction</b>
28 Apr 07	Sat	1:00 PM	<b>TARA VE Testing</b> - Location: Red Cross basement
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
2 Jun 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
12 Jun 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
23-24 Jun 07	Sat-Sun		<b>FIELD DAY</b>
27 Jun 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
7 Jul 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
10 Jul 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
25 Jul 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
4 Aug 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
14 Aug 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
22 Aug 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
25 Aug 07	Sat	tba	<b>WRCC Communication Support</b>

## 2007 Wabash River Cycle Club Family and Century Ride

The WRCC has again asked the club for our support during their annual community support and fund raising event. Once again they will partner with the Columbian Park Zoo and provide a variety of bicycle routes throughout Tippecanoe and neighboring counties. Because of the rural terrain, they rely on us to provide emergency communications in areas with poor or no cell phone coverage. This is a great volunteer opportunity and a chance to hone emergency communication skills. The ride will take place Saturday, August 25th. Watch for additional information in coming months.



## Think FIELD DAY



Whether you think of Field Day as a chance to demonstrate emergency preparedness to the public or as another contest, this is THE amateur radio event of the year. Yes, even bigger than Hamvention. This year the dates are June 23rd and 24th. The field day auction, April 25 this year, is a chance to have fun, contribute to for dinner, and maybe even take home a boat anchor or a real treasure.

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The minutes of the December 2006 meeting were read. It was noted the date on the old minutes was incorrect. **WB9BRX** moved to accept the minutes as corrected, and **N9GKE** seconded, motion passed.

The December Treasurer's report shows income of \$171.41 and expenses of \$600.88 with a closing balance of \$9,347.86. **N9GKE** moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and **KC9FYX** seconded, motion passed.

**Old Business**

No old business to report.

**New Business**

Nominations for new officers:

President - **WB9BRX** nominated **N9GKE** and **N9GKE** nominated **WB9BRX**.

Vice President - **KC9FYX** nominated **KC9CYK**.

Treasurer - **N9GKE** nominated **AB9LE**, **John Parker**.

Secretary - **KC9CYK** nominated **KC9FYX**.

**WB9SWD** made a motion to accept the three uncontested nominations and **N9LF** seconded, motion passed.

**WB9BRX** did not wish to accept the position of president at this time. **WB9SWD** made a motion to accept **N9GKE** as president and **N9LF** seconded, motion passed.

The meeting was turned over to the new president.

Moving plans for this coming spring were discussed, including antenna take down and equipment removal.

Motion to adjourn was made by **WB9SWD** and seconded by **WB9BRX**.

Meeting adjourned at 20:04, local time.

**Unofficial Non-Meeting Notes**

February 28, 2007 by **Ben Cotton, KC9FYX**

19:37 – **N9GKE** observes that we are one member short of a quorum.

**Old (non) Business:**

- Red Cross still has few details regarding May move

**New (non) Business:**

- The trailer needs to be moved, but to where?

- Secretary instructed to inform the Red Cross of new officers

19:59 – Gathering is dissolved.

**Treasurer's Report**

December 2006 & January 2007 by **Major Sherwin, N9ZFG**

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

<b>Receipts:</b>		
Jim Davis, WA9LYC, Dues 2008 and 2009	12/2/2006	20.00
Major Sherwin, N9ZFG, Dues 2007 and 2008	12/8/2006	20.00
John Parker, AB9LE, Dues 2008 and 2009	12/8/2006	20.00
Pedro Castillo, WB9RVN, Dues 2009	12/12/2006	10.00
Dave Dull, WB9BRX, Dues 2007	12/12/2006	10.00
Joe Rogers, KM9V, Dues 2007	12/12/2006	10.00
Steve Van Frank, W9TN, Dues, 2007	12/12/2006	10.00
Alex Younts, KC9CYK, Dues 2007	12/12/2006	5.00
Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, Dues 2007	12/12/2006	10.00
Robert Sambolin, WP4YJ, Dues 2007	12/12/2006	10.00
Interest on CDs	12/18/2006	\$46.04
Interest on Savings	12/18/2006	\$0.37
<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<b>\$171.41</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Tippecanoe County Treasurer - Fairgrounds 07 + deposit	12/28/2006	\$600.00
Paypal Service charges	12/8/2006	\$0.88
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$600.88</b>
<b>Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):</b>		<b>(\$429.47)</b>
<b>CDs</b>		
13 Month, 5.15%, Matures 07/15/07		\$2,653.93
12 Month, 4.0%, Matures 3/18/07		\$4,732.99
<b>Summary:</b>		
Beginning value of CDs		\$7,340.88
Beginning Checking Account		\$664.96
Beginning Savings Account		\$1,741.49
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$30.00
<b>Beginning Assets:</b>		<b>\$9,777.33</b>
Ending value of CDs		\$7,386.92
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$219.08
Ending value of Savings Account		\$1,741.86
Ending Cash on Hand		\$0.00
<b>Ending Assets:</b>		<b>\$9,347.86</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets:</b>		<b>(\$429.47)</b>
<b>Out of Balance:</b>		<b>(\$0.00)</b>

Major Sherwin - N9ZFG  
Treasurer

**Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association  
Treasurer's Report  
January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2007**

<b>Receipts:</b>		
Martin Mlynarik, K9ICQ, Dues 2007	1/20/2007	10.00
Bank correction	1/20/2007	0.10
Interest on CDs	1/31/2007	\$33.41
Interest on Savings	1/31/2007	\$0.37
<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<b>\$43.88</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Dave Dull - WB9BRX - Tattler postage	1/9/2007	\$46.80
Planters for Bruce Stewart and Martin Mlynarik's fathers	1/18/2007	\$90.10
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$136.90</b>
<b>Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):</b>		<b>(\$93.02)</b>
<b>CDs</b>		
13 Month, 5.15%, Matures 07/15/07		\$2,687.34
12 Month, 4.0%, Matures 3/18/07		\$4,732.99
<b>Summary:</b>		
Beginning value of CDs		\$7,386.92
Beginning Checking Account		\$219.08
Beginning Savings Account		\$1,741.86
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$0.00
<b>Beginning Assets:</b>		<b>\$9,347.86</b>
Ending value of CDs		\$7,420.33
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$92.28
Ending value of Savings Account		\$1,742.23
Ending Cash on Hand		\$0.00
<b>Ending Assets:</b>		<b>\$9,254.84</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets:</b>		<b>(\$93.02)</b>
<b>Out of Balance:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

Major Sherwin - N9ZFG  
Treasurer

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## Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

March 13, 2007 by Ben Cotton, KC9FYX

19:30 – meeting called to order by N9GKE

Members in attendance: (14):

<b>Bruce Stewart, N9GKE</b>	<b>Ben Cotton, KC9FYX</b>
<b>Tom Kuespert, K9KF</b>	<b>Steven Parker, WR9A</b>
<b>Cheryl Parker, K9HER</b>	<b>John Parker, AB9LE</b>
<b>Alex Younts, KC9CYK</b>	<b>Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD</b>
<b>Ernest Clark, KB9SKI</b>	<b>Jack Kueberth, KB9KUQ</b>
<b>Major Sherwin, N9ZFG</b>	<b>Dave Dull, WB9BRX</b>
<b>Joe Rogers, KM9V</b>	<b>Tim Gardner, N9LF</b>

No previous minutes to accept, as there was no meeting.

AB9LE gives the Treasurer's report:

January: Income \$43.88, expenses \$136.90. Ending assets: \$9254.84

February: Income \$0.33, expenses \$0.00. Ending assets: \$9255.17

KC9CYK moves to accept. Report is accepted unanimously.

### Old business:

Trailer status: no update. WB9SWD will sort the contents this week. Items worth keeping will be kept, the remainder (including trailer) will be scrapped.

Field Day auction will be moved to April in order to reduce the amount of equipment that has to be moved in May.

### New business:

The Red Cross requires a broad, vaguely-defined background check for participation as a volunteer in Red Cross activities. The ARRL advises amateurs to proceed with caution. It is unclear how this requirement will affect affiliated organizations, such as TARA.

The program meeting on March 28 will feature cleaning up the shack in preparation for the auction. Any members with particular feelings about specific pieces of equipment are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming license exam sessions

April 1st – Purdue ARC

April 28th – TARA. Session will begin at 1pm and will be held in the Red Cross basement or the Tippecanoe County Public Library.

Susan Lapcheska petitioned for membership. WB9SWD moved to accept, N9LF seconded. Membership is granted by unanimous vote.

20:08 – WR9A moves to adjourn. Meeting adjourns.

## Treasurer's Report

February 2007 by John Parker, AB9LE

Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association  
Treasurer's Report  
February 1, 2007 through February 28, 2007

### Receipts:

Interest on savings account 0.33

**Total Receipts: \$0.33**

### Disbursements:

None

**Total Disbursements: \$0.00**

**Net Receipts Increase (Decrease): \$0.33**

### CDs

13 Month, 5.15%, Matures 07/15/07 \$2,687.34  
12 Month, 4.0%, Matures 3/18/07 \$4,732.99

### Summary:

Beginning value of CDs \$7,420.33  
Beginning Checking Account \$92.28  
Beginning Savings Account \$1,742.23  
Beginning Cash on Hand \$0.00

**Beginning Assets: \$9,254.84**

Ending value of CDs \$7,420.33  
Ending Checkbook Balance \$92.28  
Ending value of Savings Account \$1,742.56  
Ending Cash on Hand \$0.00

**Ending Assets: \$9,255.17**

**Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets: \$0.33**

**Out of Balance: \$0.00**

John Parker - AB9LE  
Treasurer

## TIS THE SEASON...

Those are not distant war drums you hear this time of year. But we need to be prepared just the same. Storm and tornado season has arrived and the National Weather Service welcomes the eyes, ears, and most importantly the information we can provide from the scene. During severe weather a net will be conducted on the local repeater (147.135) to take reports. Those reports will be relayed to Indianapolis via the 443.775 repeater. Because this repeater will be used by other counties besides ours for severe weather reports, do not use it for transferring local reports.

When reporting storm information, the most important aspects are the time of the report, what you see and where you are located. If you haven't attended a storm spotter class in a while, take advantage at your earliest opportunity.



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