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TARA TATTLER

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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

Field Day Auction

In conjunction with the impending move to the new Red Cross and community services building the club will have it's annual field day auction in April rather than May this year. Come early, bidding starts at 6:30. Bring your donations for the club auction — donuts to boat anchors are welcome, bring money — it's for a good cause, and bring your sense of humor — no one leaves empty handed (like it or not sometimes). We will also auction some unneeded club equipment. Those items are listed on page 3.

Membership turnout was good this month. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time and opinions during the April business meeting.

Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

April 10, 2007 by **Ben Cotton, KC9FYY**

19:30 – meeting called to order by **N9GKE**

Members in attendance: (13):

Ben Cotton; KC9FYY	Bruce Stewart; N9GKE
Pedro Castillo; WB9RVN	Curtis Sherwin; WB9SWD
Alex Younts; KC9CYK	Cheryl Parker; K9HER
Stephen Parker; WR9A	Tom Kuespert; K9KF
Tim Gardner; N9LF	John Parker; AB9LE
Ernest Clark; KB9SKI	Jeff Stewart; KF9UP
David Dull; WB9BRX	

KC9FYY read the minutes from the March business meeting. **KC9FYY** submitted one correction: added **WB9SWD** to the list of present members. **KC9CYK** moved to accept minutes, **WB9SWD** seconded. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

AB9LE gave the Treasurer's report:

Income: \$116.49 Expenses: \$0.00 Ending assets: \$9371.66

WR9A moved to accept, **K9HER** seconded. Report is accepted unanimously.

Old business:

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49 Knoll Crest Court
West Lafayette, IN 47906



«Name»
«Address1»
«Address2»
«CityLine»

COMING EVENTS

Dates	Days	Time	Event
25 Apr 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting - Field Day Auction
28 Apr 07	Sat	1:00 PM	TARA VE Testing - 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		Dayton Hamvention
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
16 Jun 07	Sat	tba	Soap Box Derby support
23-24 Jun 07	Sat-Sun		FIELD DAY
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	WRCC Communication Support

Hamvention 18-20 May

If you want to see examples of practically every aspect of amateur radio and wander around a flea market where 90% of the items are things you DO want to buy then don't miss the Dayton Hamvention. In addition to the manufacturer's displays and the many vendors there are amateur themed forums offered all three days (see page 4). The odds are long, but there is an awesome array of expensive door prizes to be won. More info is available at <http://hamvention.org>.

Soap Box Derby Support Saturday, July 16

No details are available yet but the annual Soap Box Derby race in West Lafayette is another communication support event for the club. At least 4 hams will be needed throughout the day to provide coordination between the scoring pit, the starting gate, and the car transport area at the bottom of the hill. The work is mostly fun but demands clear communication and attention to detail to be successful. Contact **Jeff Stewart, KF9UP** to help with this event.



FIELD DAY 23-24 July

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 club's activity will return to a field location since the antenna situation at our new Red Cross location is in flux. We hope to secure Murdock Park for this event. Don't miss this opportunity to hone your radio skills.

2007 Wabash River Cycle Club Family and Century Ride Saturday, August 25th

The **WRCC** has again asked the club for our support during their annual community support and fund raising event. Like last year **WRCC** 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. Watch for additional information.

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Trailer status: the trailer has been moved to **Joe Rogers'** house, where it shall remain.

Field Day auction will be April 25 at 6:30 PM in the Red Cross garage.

New business:

Jeff Stewart has proposed a countertop-style table to be used in the new building. It is not currently clear if we will be allowed to mount them to the wall.

The Red Cross will move on May 1. TARA will move on May 5 at 11 AM.

Richard Harben, KF9GS, petitioned for membership in absentia. **AB9LE** moved to accept petition, **WB9SWD** seconded. Membership granted by unanimous vote.

Field Day will be held at a park. **KC9CYK** will check this week with the Parks Department to see if we can use Murdock Park overnight.

WB9RVN would like it to be known that there are silent keys who are not on the memorial plaque. He requests help researching missing information and desires the issue be resolved before Memorial Day. **N9GKE** has accepted the list for review.

20:00 – **KC9CYK** moves to adjourn, **WB9SWD** seconds. Meeting adjourns.

Treasurer's Report

by **John Parker, AB9LE**

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

Receipts:

Stephen N9IP & Deborah N9SUD Belter, dues 2007	15.00
Richard Harben, KF9GS, dues 2007	10.00
Susan Lapcheska	\$10.00
Interest on savings account	0.37
Interest on 07/15/07 CD	33.47
Interest on 03/18/07 CD	47.65

Total Receipts: \$116.49

Disbursements:

None

Total Disbursements: \$0.00

Net Receipts Increase (Decrease): \$116.49

CDs

13 Month, 5.15%, Matures 07/15/07	\$2,720.81
7 Month, 5.05%, Matures 10/22/07	\$4,780.64

Summary:

Beginning value of CDs	\$7,420.33
Beginning Checking Account	\$92.28
Beginning Savings Account	\$1,742.56
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$0.00

Beginning Assets: \$9,255.17

Ending value of CDs	\$7,501.45
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$127.28
Ending value of Savings Account	\$1,742.93
Ending Cash on Hand	\$0.00

Ending Assets: \$9,371.66

**Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets:
Out of Balance:** \$116.49
\$0.00

John Parker - AB9LE
Treasurer

Club Property offered for auction

Wednesday, April 25th

RF Concepts model 2-315 2M amplifier
143-149MHz Accepts 5-50 watts in, 40-170 watts out
Minimum bid: \$120



RF Concepts model 4-310 70cm amplifier
438-450MHz 30 watts in - 100watts out
Minimum bid: \$120

Yaesu FT726 All-mode transceiver
Covers 6m, 2m and 440MHz bands
no CTCSS tone encoder included



Kenwood TS520 All-mode HF transceiver
Electronic condition unknown
Cosmetically in good shape

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Other minor equipment may be offered as well as the donated equipment and (possibly) baked goods that are brought on the night of the auction.

Mark your calendars!

International Marconi Day event is

April 28 (Apr 18, 2007) -- Special event stations will be on the air Saturday, April 28 (UTC), to mark International Marconi Day (IMD), a 24-hour Amateur Radio event commemorating the birth of wireless pioneer Guglielmo Marconi on April 25, 1874. Participants can qualify for awards by making contacts on 160 through 10 meters (CW, SSB and digital) with designated IMD stations operating on or near a site where Marconi carried out experiments or where Marconi equipment was used prior to his death in 1937. The sponsoring **Cornish Radio Amateur Club** (CRAC) will operate **GB4IMD** from Pendennis Castle, Falmouth, Cornwall, overlooking Falmouth Harbor where Marconi spent some 10 days aboard his yacht Elettra in April 1923. Additional IMD stations will be on the air from the UK, the US, Canada, South America, Australia and Europe. The IMD Web site has a list of IMD 2007 award stations. If you would like to operate an IMD 2007 award station, register your station prior to the event, providing full details. [tx <http://ARRL.org>]



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Scheduled Forums as of April 19th

Friday, May 18, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. American Red Cross Room 1
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. TAPR Digital Room 2
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Lightning Protection Room 3
- 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Techniques of Best Operators Room 5
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ham Radio Aboard International Space Station Room 3
Featuring NASA Astronaut Bill McArthur, KC5ACR.
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. What's So Great About QRP? Room 5
- 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. ARRL Ham Radio Club Room 2
- 11:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. AMSAT Room 1
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. N.T.S. The National Traffic System Room 3
- 11:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Kit Building Room 5
- 12:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Teacher's Workshop Room 2
Suggestions and resources for teachers and ham radio instructors
- 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Amateur Radio and the Law Room 3
- 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. YLRL (Young Ladies Radio League) Room 5
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. County Hunter Forum Room 2
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Antenna Room 1
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. HF Digital Room 5
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Gordon West, WA6NOA Room 3
- 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Amplitude Modulation AM Room 2
- 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. National Frequency Coordinators' Council (NFCC) Information Session. Room 3
- 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. 10-10 International Room 5

Saturday, May 19, 2007

- 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Software Defined Radios Room 1
- 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. ARRL Laboratory Room 2
- 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. The Future of ARES - A look at the National Report Room 3
- 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. SATERN Room 5
Salvation Army Team Emergency Network
- 9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. Public Service and the Media Room 2

- 9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. FCC Room 3
- 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. DRAKE Room 5
**** TARA member Bob Lusby, K9FOH will speak ****
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Youth in Amateur Radio Room 2
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ATV Room 3
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. APRS Room 5
- 11:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Contesting Room 1
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ARRL Membership Room 2
New Opportunities for Every Ham!
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Fox Hunting Room 5
- 12:45 P.M. - 2:45 P.M. The 2006 Ham Radio Town Meeting Room 3
- 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. Techniques for Ham Radio Instruction Room 2
- 1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. COLLINS RADIO Room 5
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. DXing Room 1
- 2:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. VHF/UHF/Microwave Room 2
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. SLOW SCAN TV (SSTV) Room 3
- 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. MARS Room 5

Sunday, May 20, 2007

- 8:45 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. RTTY Room 1
- 8:45 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. ARRL Education Room 2
- 8:45 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. Ham Radio and the General Public AM RADIO AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC Room 3
- 8:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Room 5
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. D-Star Room 1
- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. ARRL OPERATING AND AWARDS Room 2
- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. BOY SCOUTS AND HAM RADIO Room 3

[Note — There is significantly more information about the subject matter and speakers for these forums available at: <http://hamvention.org/forums07.htm>]

