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# TARA TATTLER

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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**

## Think FIELD DAY

The next big club event is Field Day. This year the club is returning to Indiana Veterans' Home for operations. **Alex, KC9CYK**, has made the initial arrangements and will have more information in the next newsletter. Alex is also planning a program meeting (5/25/07) to discuss field day issues. He will send a club email soon with details.

Some members who were unable to attend the Field Day auction have expressed interest in certain unsold equipment. Before it goes to eBay, **Tim, N9LF**, is reopening the bidding as a 'silent auction' via email. See the details on page 3.

Seventeen members turned out for the last business meeting and got a tour of our new meeting location and the room that will become our radio shack at new Red Cross headquarters. It was a great turnout!!

The new **Howarth Center**, housing the Red Cross and five other human service agencies, is located at the SE cor-

ner of 18th Street and Union Street. It is brand new and has plenty of parking. A number of people turned out Saturday the 14th and made short work moving our property into the new digs. Thanks to all who helped and especially to **Bruce, N9GKE**, who provided a panel truck ensuring only a single trip was required.

As always, the Soap Box Derby will be conducted the weekend before Field Day. Give **Jeff, KF9UP**, a call if you can help out.

## Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

May 8, 2007 by **Ben Cotton, KC9FYX**

19:30 – meeting called to order by **N9GKE**, states that it is nice to see everybody.

Members in attendance: (17):

<b>Ben Cotton KC9FYX</b>	<b>Tom Kuespert K9KF</b>
<b>Curtis Sherwin WB9SWD</b>	<b>Major Sherwin N9ZFG</b>
<b>Cheryl Parker K9HER</b>	<b>Stephen Parker WR9A</b>

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# COMING EVENTS

23 May 07	Wed	7:30 PM	<b>Program: Field Day Planning - Details to follow</b>
2 Jun 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
12 Jun 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
16 Jun 07	Sat	tba	<b>Soap Box Derby support</b>
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>
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
1 Sep 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
11 Sep 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
26 Sep 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting

## Soap Box Derby Support Saturday, June 16

This is an all day event that takes place on Grant Street in front of West Lafayette High School. Communication support is needed throughout the day to coordinate timing, scoring, and car transportation activities. The work is mostly fun but demands clear communication and attention to detail. Contact **Jeff Stewart, KF9UP** to help out with this event.



## FIELD DAY 23-24 June

Whether you think of Field Day as a chance to demonstrate emergency preparedness to the public or as 'just' another contest, this is THE amateur radio event of the year. Yes, even bigger than Hamvention. This year the club's operation will return to Indiana Veterans' home. The status of antennas and the new facility preclude the club from registering as an EOC station this year. It



will also provide a great opportunity for the club to exercise its emergency power and field operations. A greater turnout on the part of the membership will be needed than in past couple of years. Even if you can't spend a lot of time operating, please consider helping with the setup and teardown. Watch for additional information about this event. Don't miss this opportunity to hone your radio skills.

While we are at IVH, check out the radio room that Jack Bressler is setting up for residents at the home. There are a couple of hams already living on the 'hill' and several others have expressed an interest in learning.

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

The **WRCC** has again asked the club for assistance 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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**John Parker AB9LE**  
**Alex Younts KC9CYK**  
**Bruce Stewart N9GKE**  
**Jeff Stewart KF9UP**  
**David Dull WB9BRX**  
**Robert Sambolin WP4YJ**

**Joe Rogers KM9V**  
**Steve VanFrank W9TN**  
**Tim Gardner N9LF**  
**Ernest Clark KB9SKI**  
**Jack Kueberth KB9KUQ**

**KF9FYX** read the minutes from the April business meeting. **KF9UP** submitted one correction: struck **KF9UP** from the list of present members. **WR9A** moved to accept minutes, **N9GKE** seconded. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

**AB9LE** gave the Treasurer's report:

Income: \$80.31 Expenses: \$700.09 Ending assets: \$8751.88

**K9HER** moved to accept, **KM9V** seconded. Report is accepted unanimously.

**Old business:**

The move scheduled for 5 May has been rescheduled for 12 May at 11:00 AM.

**WB9SWD** will purchase a telescoping mast for club use at the Dayton Hamvention. **KB9KUQ** moved to authorize expenditures up to \$1000, **W9TN** seconded. Motion carries by a 16-1 vote.

Field Day update: The Lafayette Parks Department would not grant an exception for overnight use of a park. Possible sites include the Soldiers Home and Prophetstown State Park. **N9GKE** recognizes **KM9V** for taking the antenna down from the old Red Cross building. Photos are available at <http://www.wr9a.com>.

**New business:**

**N9LF** reports on the new building:

The building has separate alarm systems on the exterior and interior doors. The outside door should not be held or propped open. Members desiring keys should see **Debbie Elsner** during business hours. An electronic passcard and keys will be provided. The Red Cross background check will not be required. Red-colored outlets are on generator backup. Wired and wireless network access is available. **KF9UP** has Formica tops to use as tables instead of moving current desks.

**WP4YJ** reports that **West Mountain Radio** will provide a club discount if members pool and order of great enough value.

20:12 – Meeting adjourns.

**Auction — revisited!**  
**Tim Gartner, N9LF**

The club is selling two RF Concepts amplifiers. These were offered at the Field Day Auction, but received no bids. Before we resort to eBay, we will accept email bids from club



members until the end of the day on **June 9, 2007**.

In order to conduct the auction fairly and give everyone an equal chance, we will accept bids in "silent auction" fashion. Since you will not know how much others may have bid, you should bid the highest price you are willing to pay. Winning bid is the highest amount received at the close of the auction. Please note that the minimum acceptable bid is \$120 for each amplifier.

All bids should be submitted to **Tim Gardner-N9LF**, preferably by email ([n9lf@yahoo.com](mailto:n9lf@yahoo.com)).

Equipment description:

**RF Concepts model 2-315** 2M amplifier  
143-149MHz 40 watts in - 170 watts out AM/SSB/FM  
Minimum bid: \$120

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

**Treasurer's Report**  
by **John Parker, AB9LE**

**Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**April 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007**

<b>Receipts:</b>	
Tom Kuespurt, K9KF, dues 2007	\$10.00
Jim Collison, K9LYA, dues 2007	10.00
Dave Dull, WB9BRX, dues 2007	10.00
George Bittles, KB9WZT, dues 2008	20.00
Tim Gennett, K9WX, dues 2008	30.00
Interest on savings account	0.31
Interest on 07/15/07 CD	0.00
Interest on 10/22/07 CD	0.00
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$80.31</b>

<b>Disbursements:</b>	
PayPal fees	\$2.05
Henriott Club Liability Insurance	525.00
Marsh Equipment Insurance	86.00
Amsat Annual Membership	80.00
Ann Parker, IN State filing fees	7.04
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$700.09</b>
<b>Net Receipts Increase (Decrease):</b>	<b>(\$619.78)</b>

<b>Account Transfers</b>	
Savings to Checking	\$605.00

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

<b>Summary:</b>	
Beginning value of CDs	\$7,501.45
Beginning Checking Account	127.28
Beginning Savings Account	1742.93
Beginning Cash on Hand	0.00
<b>Beginning Assets:</b>	<b>\$9,371.66</b>
Ending value of CDs	\$7,501.45
Ending Checkbook Balance	112.19
Ending value of Savings Account	1138.24
Ending Cash on Hand	0.00

<b>Ending Assets:</b>	<b>\$8,751.88</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets:</b>	<b>(\$619.78)</b>
<b>Out of Balance:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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## Field Day 2007 Rules

1. Eligibility: Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

2. Object: To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and in doing so to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

3. **Date and Time Period: Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2007 will be held June 23-24, 2007.**

3.1. Class A and B (see below) stations that do not begin setting up until 1800 UTC on Saturday may operate the entire 27-hour Field Day period.

3.2. Stations who begin setting up before 1800 UTC Saturday may work only 24 consecutive hours, commencing when on-the-air operations begin.

3.3. No Class A or B station may begin their set-up earlier than 1800 UTC on the Friday preceding the Field Day period.

4. Entry Categories: Field Day entries are classified according to the maximum number of simultaneously transmitted signals, followed by a designator indicating the nature of their individual or group participation. Twenty (20) transmitters maximum are eligible for the purpose of calculating bonus points (2,000 points maximum). However, additional transmitters may be used simultaneously in determining your entry category. Switching and simulcasting devices are prohibited. Bonus stations, such as the GOTA station and satellite station do not count towards determining the number of transmitters for the class and do not qualify for transmitter bonus points.

5. Exchange: Stations in ARRL / RAC sections will exchange their Field Day operating Class and ARRL / RAC section. Example: a three transmitter class A station in Connecticut which also has a GOTA station and the extra VHF station would send "3A CT" on CW or "3 Alpha Connecticut" on Phone. DX stations send operating class and the term DX (i.e. 2A DX).

6. Miscellaneous Rules

6.1. A person may not contact for QSO credit any station from which they also participate.

6.2. A transmitter/receiver/transceiver used to contact one or more Field Day stations may not subsequently be used under any other callsign to participate in Field Day. Family stations are exempt provided the subsequent callsign used is issued to and used by a different family member.

6.3. Phone, CW and Digital (non-CW) modes on a band are considered as separate bands. A station may be worked only once per band under this rule.

6.4. All voice contacts are equivalent.

6.5. All non-CW digital contacts are equivalent.

6.6. Cross-band contacts are not permitted (Satellite QSOs cross-band contacts are exempted).

6.7. The use of more than one transmitter at the same time on a single band-mode is prohibited. Exception: a dedicated GOTA station may operate as prescribed in Rule 4.1.

6.8. No repeater contacts are allowed.

6.9. Batteries may be charged while in use. Except for Class D stations, the batteries must be charged from a power source other than commercial power mains. To claim the power multiplier of five, the batteries must be charged from something other than a motor driven generator or commercial mains.

6.10. All stations for a single entry must be operated under one callsign, except when a dedicated GOTA station is operated as provided under Field Day Rule 4.1.1, it uses a single, separate callsign.

7. Scoring: Scores are based on the total number of QSO points times the power multiplier corresponding to the highest power level under which any contact was made during the Field Day period plus the bonus points.

This is an abbreviated (and incomplete) set of rules. For complete rules and additional information see <http://www.arrrl.org/contests/rules/2007/fd.html>

### **FUZZMORE (DULL)**

**24 Aug 93 - 20 May 07**

**Adopted in Mannheim, Germany, she was faithful companion and**



**despite many health issues, a fighter to the end. As a kitten she would leap flat footed onto my shoulder and never extend a claw. A lifelong techie, she never chewed on a live circuit or stepped on a keyboard. Fuzzmore could walk across the messiest workbench without disturbing a wire.**

**In her later years she basked in the sun while still closely monitoring all household activities.**

**She will be sadly missed!**