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TARA TATTLER

Committees and Contacts:

Web: <http://w9reg.org> — Steve Van Frank W9TN

Hamfest:

Newsletter: **TARA TATTLER** — Dave Dull WB9BRX
tattler@w9reg.org

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 Results

The club returned to the 'field' for Field Day this year. The trees were a bit taller on the Indiana Veterans' Home site and mother nature provided an extra challenge with near continuous rain on Saturday. Overall however things went very smoothly under the able leadership of **Alex, KC9CYK**. **Alex** had an additional challenge in the form of a flooded basement at his parents' house.

Soap Box derby support also went well although **Jeff, KF9UP** could have used another communicator or two. The weather June 16th was dry and very hot. For the club's efforts Soap Box Derby director **Dr. Thomas Burns** wrote a nice thank you letter accompanied by a very generous \$300 donation to **TARA**.

Two upcoming events need your help and participation. The **2007 TARA Hamfest** will be Sunday August 19th. **Bob, K9FOH** needs ticket takers and other assistance with

the setup and teardown of this important club event. Help pass the word about our hamfest and be sure to attend, we will have some great prizes. The help out, contact **Bob** at k9foh@insightbb.com.

The second upcoming TARA event is the **Wabash River Cycle Club Century Ride**. This is a community support exercise helps raise money for the to help the Columbian Park Zoo. Volunteers are needed to provide communication support for the bike riders on over 100 miles of back roads. To help out or get more information, contact **Dave WB9BRX** at wb9brx@arrl.net.

Finally, I'd like to thank **Réne Weber** for donating his late wife's radio and antenna to the Indiana Veterans' Home amateur radio station. **Margret Weber, WB9USL**, 1935-2005, was an active DXer and involved with many ham activities. The donated ICOM 735 transceiver is more modern than the current IVH station radio and will expand the activities available to our veterans living there.

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49 Knoll Crest Court
West Lafayette, IN 47906



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COMING EVENTS

Dates	Days	Time	Event
25 Jul 07	Wed	7:30 PM	*** Arrange and Organize Club Room *** Red Cross
4 Aug 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
14 Aug 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
19 Aug 07	Sun	8AM-1PM	*** LAFAYETTE HAMFEST *** Fairgrounds
22 Aug 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
25 Aug 07	Sat	~7AM-6PM	WRCC Communication Support
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
6 Oct 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
9 Oct 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
24 Oct 07	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting

Auction — Completed Tim Gartner, N9LF

The final two items from the field day auction, two RF Concepts PA amplifiers, were sold following the email bidding announced in our last newsletter. The winning bidders were **Jack Kueberth, KB9KUQ**, for the 2m amp and **Steve Belter, N9IP** for the 70cm amp. Congratulations and **thank you** to all who participated!



ing ATV, **Jay KC9AFE** for demonstrating APRS, **Major N9ZFG** for getting the VHF/UHF station on the air, and everyone else who made this year's Field Day possible.

Field Day Results:

CW Contacts	474
SSB Contacts	186
GOTA Station	65
Bonus Points	1330
Total Score	3598

Field Day Report - 2007 Alex Younts KC9CYK

It was a wet and soggy three days out in the field, but we had a good turn out. We set up the tents and antennas Friday afternoon and got an early start on Saturday morning. We had two HF stations, one VHF/UHF station, one GOTA station, and a satellite tent.

Thanks go to **Jack KB9KUQ** for his food preparation, **Dave WB9CZC** for providing the generator and power distribution, **Curtis WB9SWD** for manning the GOTA station and getting us backup batteries, **Tom K9KF**, **Clyde K9JWI**, and **Bob K9FOH** for beating out those CW contacts, **Dave WB9BRX** for getting us our satellite contact and demonstrat-

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. Volunteers are needed to ride in the SAG (support) vehicles and to operate fixed stations on the route. Contact **Dave wb9brx@arrl.net** to help out.

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Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

June 12, 2007 by Ben Cotton, KC9FYX

19:31 – meeting called to order by N9GKE

Members in attendance: (11)

Ben Cotton KC9FYX	Dave Dull WB9BRX
Tim Gardner N9LF	John Parker AB9LE
Joe Rogers KM9V	Curtis Sherwin WB9SWD
Jeff Stewart KF9UP	Clyde Mauck K9JWI
Ernest Clark KB9SKI	Bruce Stewart N9GKE
Alex Younts KC9CYK	

KC9FYX read the minutes from the May business meeting. No corrections (a first!). **KC9CYK** moves to accept minutes, **N9LF** seconds. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

AB9LE gave the Treasurer’s report: Income: \$661.24 Expenses: \$0.00 Ending assets: \$9413.12 **KC9CYK** moves to accept, **N9LF** seconds. Report is accepted unanimously.

Old business:

Bids have been received for the amplifiers left over from the Field Day Auction. Field Day update: Port-a-potty has been rented. Setup will be Friday at 2PM at the Veterans Home

New business:

The Soap Box Derby is Saturday, June 16.

KF9UP has been assigned to chair the ad-hoc “Room Layout Committee” **WB9SWD** moves to advance **KC9CYK** \$200 for Field Day expenses. **N9LF** seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

There will be no Program Meeting in June.

KC9CYK moves to adjourn. **KC9CYK** withdraws motion.

Pat Finnegan, KD9VAX petitions for membership. **N9LF** moves to accept. **WB9BRX** seconds. Membership granted unanimously.

19:58 – **KC9CYK** re-moves to adjourn. **N9LF** seconds. Meeting is adjourned.

Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting

July 10, 2007 by Ben Cotton, KC9FYX

19:33 – meeting called to order by N9GKE

Members in attendance: (11)

Ben Cotton KC9FYX	Alex Younts KC9CYK
Jeff Stewart KF9UP	Pedro Castillo WB9RVN
Tim Gardner N9LF	Curtis Sherwin WB9SWD
Major Sherwin N9ZFG	Bruce Stewart N9GKE
Dave Dull WB9BRX	John Parker AB9LE
Patrick Finnegan KD9VAX	

KC9FYX read the minutes from the June business meeting. No corrections. **KC9CYK** moved to accept minutes, **N9LF**

seconded. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

AB9LE gave the Treasurer’s report: Income: \$40.23 Expenses: \$239.00 Ending assets: \$9214.35. **KC9CYK** moved to accept, **KF9UP** seconded. Report is accepted unanimously.

Old business:

KC9CYK reports on Field Day: 13 participants scored 3598 points from 474 CW QSOs, 186 SSB QSOs, and 65 GOTA QSOs.

New business:

David Berry, KE4W, petitions in absentia for membership. **AB9LE** moved to accept, **KF9UP** seconded. Membership approved unanimously.

Bruce Patrick, K9FOV, petitions for membership.

KF9UP moved to accept, **KD9VAX** seconded. Membership approved unanimously.

The Lafayette Hamfest will be 19 August at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. **The July program meeting** will be devoted to arrangement and organization of the club room.

20:00 – **KC9CYK** moved to adjourn, **KF9UP** seconds. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

Treasurer’s Report

by John Parker, AB9LE

Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association
Treasurer’s Report
June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007

Receipts:

Tim Gardner, N9LF, dues 2007-8	\$20.00
Pat Finnegan, KD9VAX, dues 2007	10.00
David Berry, KE4W, dues 2007	10.00
Interest on savings account	0.23
Interest on 07/15/07 CD	0.00
Interest on 10/22/07 CD	0.00

Total Receipts: \$40.23

Disbursements:

Dave Dull, WB9BRX, Tattler expense	\$39.00
Alex Younts, Field Day advance	200.00
Major Sherwin, N9ZFG, Dayton, antenna mast	0.00

Total Disbursements: \$239.00

Net Receipts Increase (Decrease): (\$198.77)

Account Transfers

None \$0.00

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	\$7,501.45
Beginning Checking Account	758.19
Beginning Savings Account	1138.48
Beginning Cash on Hand	15.00

Beginning Assets: \$9,413.12

Ending value of CDs	\$7,501.45
Ending Checkbook Balance	534.19
Ending Savings Account	1138.71
Ending Cash on Hand	40.00

Ending Assets: \$9,214.35

Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets: (\$198.77)
Out of Balance: \$0.00

John Parker - AB9LE
Treasurer

Lafayette Hamfest

Sponsored by the Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association

*** Latest information at: www.w9reg.org ***

Sunday, August 19, 2007

8am – 1pm

** Hourly Drawings 9am until the Grand Prize drawing at 1pm **

Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds
1401 Teal Road (SR 25) Lafayette, Indiana

Note: The hamfest is at the north end of the fairgrounds (by the YMCA) in the Home Economics building. Check the web site to see if Saturday set-up is available.

Admission: \$5.00 –children under 12 free

Advance tickets are \$4. Contact k9foh@insightbb.com. Mailing address good on www.QRZ.com. Include a legal size SASE for ticket return if you use snail mail.

Free parking—*No charge for inside tables (first come for table choice). Outside set-up is also free with ticket purchase. Regular set-up time is Sunday 6am. Saturday evening set-up MAY be available; check the web site or email for the latest update.*

Talk-in frequency 147.135+ (PL 88.5hz) W9REG

One Major and several smaller (hourly) prizes

Amateur license exams will be conducted ON-SITE at Noon in the west end of the Home Economics building. Contact Jeff Stewart, kf9up@arrl.net or n9lf@arrl.net for more info.

No overnight parking or firearms. Private campgrounds are available in the local area.

There will be a small display by K9FOH of modern, mostly American made equipment: QRP gear, keys, paddles, receiver, transmitter and transceiver kits, and so forth (sorry no boat-anchors). Equipment brochures with current prices and availability will be on-hand, if available.