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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

HAMFEST ANALYSIS

On page 4 you'll find the treasurer's (**AB9LE**) look at the past dozen years of TARA Hamfests. Although the total income has been fairly consistent over the years, expenses have crept up. More participation (not higher ticket prices) would help a lot. If you didn't attend this year we hope you'll make a special effort in 2008. If you did attend, thanks, and please come back.

Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting October 9, 2007 by **Ben Cotton, KC9FYX**

Members in attendance:

KC9FYX Ben Cotton	AB9LE John Parker
KF9UP Jeff Stewart	WB9BRX Dave Dull
KC9CYK Alex Younts	N9GKE Bruce Stewart
KM9V Joe Rogers	WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin

19:34 – meeting called to order by **N9GKE**

AB9LE gave the Treasurer's report: Income: \$405.37
Expenses: \$332.77 Ending assets: \$10061.22. The Hamfest had net proceeds of \$469.

KC9FYX moved to accept, **WB9BRX** seconded. Report is accepted unanimously.

KC9FYX read the minutes from the September business meeting. No corrections.

AB9LE moved to accept minutes, **WB9BRX** seconded. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

Old business:

No updates on purchasing shirts, as **N9LF** was not in attendance.

The Red Cross has refused the club's offer to purchase keys in advance.

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49 Knoll Crest Court
West Lafayette, IN 47906



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COMING EVENTS

Dates	Days	Time	Event
24 Oct 07	Wed	7:30 PM	No Program Meeting (Nothing Planned)
3 Nov 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
13 Nov 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
28 Nov 07	Wed	7:30 PM	No Program Meeting - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!
1 Dec 07	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
11 Dec 07	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
26 Dec 07	Wed	7:30 PM	No Program Meeting - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!
5 Jan 08	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
8 Jan 08	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
23 Jan 08	Wed	tba	Program Meeting - New Year Banquet
2 Feb 08	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
12 Feb 08	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
27 Feb 08	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
2 Feb 08	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
12 Feb 08	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
27 Feb 08	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting
1 Mar 08	Sat	11:00 AM	Siren Test!
11 Mar 08	Tue	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
26 Mar 08	Wed	7:30 PM	Program Meeting

News from ARRL.ORG

New ARISS Antennas Installed on Columbus (Oct 23, 2007) -- Two Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) antennas have been installed on the nadir side of the new International Space Station's *Columbus* module, set to launch later this year. On October 12, the antennas successfully passed electrical and SWR tests, with one of the two antennas, Antenna 42, going through a final test -- a thermal test under vacuum. Based on modeling, engineers have no fear the antenna will pass with flying colors. Columbus will house an additional Amateur Radio station, including the first digital Amateur radio TV (DATV) station in space, well as a ham radio transponder. The yet-to-be-built *Columbus* amateur gear will facilitate operation on new frequencies that will make it possible for ARISS to establish wideband and video operations for the first time and allow continuous transponder operation. Video from the installation and inspection is available at the *Columbus* Web site.



ARRL On-Line Auction Preview Up and Running; Bidding Starts Wednesday (Oct 18, 2007) -- The Second Annual ARRL On-Line Auction went "almost live" this week



with more than 160 items to gawk at, gaze on and drool over. Bidding for these items, with more to be added as the auction progresses, will start Wednesday, October 24, with the final gavel sounding Friday, November 2. No bids can be placed during the preview week.

The K7RA Solar Update (Oct 19, 2007) -- Our Sun is still blank. The past week has shown no sunspots, and we will probably see more of nothing. Geomagnetic conditions have been very quiet, which means lower absorption of HF radio signals and lower noise. But this will become more active in the near future due to a returning solar wind. Planetary A index for October 19-26 is predicted to be 15, 12, 8, 5, 8, 18, 20 and 25. Things should settle down during the CQ World Wide DX Phone Contest next weekend.



ARRL Continuing Education Course Registration (Oct 17, 2007) -- Registration remains open through Sunday, November 4 for these online courses beginning on Friday, November 16: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002); Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003R2); Antenna Modeling (EC-004); HF Digital Communications (EC-005); VHF/UHF -- Life Beyond the Repeater (EC-008), and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011).

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New business:

In light of the Red Cross' refusal of the club's offer to purchase keys in advance, **WB9BRX** moved to make club members responsible for paying Red Cross for keys **AB9LE** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Several club members have set up a station at the Soldiers Home for use by residents. The only needs are for a sheet of polycarbonate to be cut for a window. **N9GKE** moved that the club purchase and donate the sheet. **KM9V** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

20:22 – **WB9BRX** moved to adjourn, **KC9CYK** seconds. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report
by John Parker, AB9LE

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

Receipts:

Gary Guthridge, K9DUW, dues 2007-2009	\$30.00
Hamfest building deposit refunds	300.00
Major Sherwin, N9ZF G, hamfest food concession donation	75.00
Sale of VHF amp	0.00
Interest on savings account	0.37
Interest on 08/23/08 CD	0.00
Interest on 10/22/07 CD	0.00

Total Receipts: \$405.37

Disbursements:

None	\$0.00
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Total Disbursements: \$0.00

Net Receipts Increase (Decrease): \$405.37

Account Transfers

Savings to Checking, Red Cross keys purchase	\$200.00
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CDs

7 Month, 5.05%, Matures 10/22/07	\$4,840.22
13 Month, 5.2%, Matures 08/23/08	\$2,766.88

Summary:

Beginning value of CDs	\$7,607.10
Beginning Checking Account	99.51
Beginning Savings Account	1949.24
Beginning Cash on Hand	0.00

Beginning Assets: \$9,655.85

Ending value of CDs	\$7,607.10
Ending Checkbook Balance	704.51
Ending Savings Account	1749.61
Ending Cash on Hand	0.00

Ending Assets: \$10,061.22

Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets: \$405.37

Out of Balance: (\$0.00)

John Parker - AB9LE
Treasurer

TARA Hamshack Update

If you haven't attended a meeting lately or otherwise gotten a chance to see the club's new hamshack please

try to make time to do so. **Jeff KF9UP** along with other club members have built new benches and rearranged the furniture into an organized operating station. Unfortunately we still have no antennas but perhaps we will have that shortcoming resolved by spring. Here are some pictures of **KF9UP's** handiwork.



TARA Hamfest 1996-2007
by John Parker, AB9LE

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Income												
Tickets sold	204	210	183	254	274	300	308	343	300	342	325	389
Ticket income	\$1,020	\$1,050	\$915	\$1,016	\$1,086	\$1,200	\$1,169	\$1,305	\$1,141	\$1,298	\$1,236	\$1,477
Donations	\$150	\$2	\$3	\$2	\$40	\$33	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Food Concessions proceeds	\$75	\$100	\$85	\$71	\$142	\$102	\$145	\$114	\$50	\$78	-\$6	\$18
total proceeds	\$1,245	\$1,152	\$1,003	\$1,089	\$1,268	\$1,335	\$1,313	\$1,419	\$1,191	\$1,376	\$1,230	\$1,495
Expenses												
Door Prize expense	\$380	\$300	\$350	\$358	\$315	\$369	\$250	\$284	\$269	\$205	\$202	\$236
Ticket printing expense	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$72	\$72	\$72	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Postcard printing/postage	\$56	\$83	\$0	\$123	\$146	\$147	\$145	\$131	\$131	\$147	\$169	\$194
Hamfest Flyers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45	\$63	\$80	\$61	\$36	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building rental (less refund)	\$300	\$275	\$275	\$175	\$175	\$367	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275
total expenses	\$776	\$698	\$665	\$773	\$771	\$1,025	\$730	\$726	\$674	\$627	\$645	\$705
net proceeds	\$469	\$454	\$338	\$316	\$496	\$310	\$583	\$693	\$516	\$749	\$585	\$791

Notes:

Tickets sold were \$1020 / \$5 = 204

Building rental was \$300 plus a \$300 refundable deposit (received)

Ticket printing was \$200, done 2007, allocated over 5 years at \$40 per year

Previous ticket printing was done in 2005, also \$200, of which only \$80 had been charged off. Since that is a sunk cost, it is of historical interest only, and does not result in a cash flow one way or the other.

On a cash flow basis, net income to the club was \$309

The \$309 also covers the 2005 ticket print expense of \$120, which results in net income to the club of \$169

