

Business Meeting
December 9, 2003

Among other things, time for nominations for 2004 Officers

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TTTTT	AAA	RRRR	AAA	President	N9GKE	Bruce Stewart
T	A A	R R	A A	Vice-Pres	WB9SWD	Curtis Sherwin
T	AAAAA	RRRR	AAAAA	Secretary	N9LF	Tim Gardner
T	A A	R R	A A	Treasurer	WB9BRX	Dave Dull
T	A A	R R	A A	Director	W9TN	Steve Van Frank
				Hamfest	WB9BRX	David Dull
				www.w9reg.org		

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COMING EVENTS

09DEC03 TUE 1830 Annual WIRES meeting, just prior to the TARA meeting.
(We presume at the same location, although not specifically noted A/K9KRE)

09DEC03 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

13DEC03 SAT Lafayette Adventure Sports Club "24 Hours on the Move",
14DEC03 SUN a full 24 hour event, Amateurs needed at several posts.
Contact WB9BRX &/or W9TN to assist in the event.

14DEC03 SUN 0800-1400 Hancock ARC & Greenfield Central Tech Club Hamfest
Greenfield Central HS, Talk-in 145.330r, \$4.00 A/ARRL
(www.w9atg.org; kb9vzl@msn.com)

24DEC03 WED 1930 Program Meeting, do you really believe anyone will
show up for this meeting

13JAN04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

25JAN04 SUN Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Hamfest A/ARRL
St. Charles, IL
(www.wheatonhamfest.org; info@wheatonhamfest.org)

28JAN04 WED 1930 Program Meeting, **Banquet Night**

10FEB04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

25FEB04 WED 1930 Program Meeting

28FEB04 SAT La Porte ARC Winter Hamfest A/ARRL
(www.k9jsi.org)

09MAR04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

13MAR04 SAT 0800-1300 WVARA Tailgate Party, Northside Bingo Hall, A/ARRL
7339 North Clinton Road, Terre Haute,
Talk-in 146.685(-)(PL 151.4)

24MAR04 WED 1930 Program Meeting

27MAR04 SAT Michigan City Hamfest "Spring Fling" A/ARRL
(http://home.comcast.net/~w9ly)

13APR04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

28APR04 WED 1930 Program Meeting

11MAY04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

14MAY04 }
15MAY04 }-- **Dayton Hamvention** (The Ham Event)
16MAY04 }

26MAY04 WED 1930 Program Meeting, FIELD DAY AUCTION

06JUN04 SUN Wabash Hamfest, Talk-in 147.03(+) A/ARRL

08JUN04 TUE 1930 Business Meeting

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
11 November 2003**

Members in attendance:

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE	Tom Kiespert, K9KF	Jack Freeman, KF9CT
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Steve Van Frank, W9TN	Greg Dean, N9NWO
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Tim Gardner, N9LF	Alex Younts, KC9CYK
Cheryl Parker, K9HER	Steve Parker, WR9A	Bob Lusby, K9FOH

The meeting was called to order by at 19:30 by N9GKE.

The minutes of the September 2003 meeting were read. K9FOH made a motion to accept. KF9CT seconded. Motion passed.

There was no meeting in October, as there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum.

The Treasurers report for September shows income of \$2.05 (interest) and expenses of \$20 to the M. Welch memorial fund and an ending balance of \$8796.

The report for October shows income of \$211.12 (deposit refund for the Fairgrounds, dues for new/renewing members and interest), expenses of \$229.40 (Tattler) and an ending balance of \$8776.

Two people petitioned for membership. Brian Walker, KC9ERK (Extra) and Matt Copas KC9ETB (Tech) were both accepted by general proclamation.

Garry Guthridge, K9DUW renewed his lapsed membership.

Old Business

No bids for the Yaesu FT726 have been received. The rig remains for sale to members, with a minimum price of \$400.

John Coy, KC9BPE, presented a draft of the TARA-Red Cross lease agreement. We are awaiting final paperwork at this time.

New Business

The September program meeting was a shack cleaning party. The result is a much tidier shack, and a pile of "stuff" that needs to be removed. N9GKE moved that we sell it to club members in exchange for a nominal donation. WB9BRX suggested that we hold the sale at the next regular business meeting (December 9). W9TN seconded the motion. Motion passed.

N9GKE mentioned that officer elections are coming up soon. Victims need for all positions. Volunteers? Anyone? Anyone?

N9GKE asked for volunteers to conduct the year-end audit of the books. KF9CT and WR9A were duly volunteered.

KF9UP wishes to retire from the position of Emergency Coordinator. Interested parties should contact Jeff (kf9up@arrl.net).

The Treasurer made his report at this point. See above for details.

N9LF announced that Eric Bishop of the Lafayette Adventure Sports Club has requested Amateur Radio communications support for the "24 Hours on the Move" event, December 13-14. This is a full 24 hour event, and Amateurs are needed at several posts during the event. WB9BRX and W9TN expressed an interest. Others interested in helping out should contact either Dave or Steve.

The Fort Wayne hamfest is this weekend, and the sponsoring club has donated two tickets to TARA. Names of those present were drawn and the two winners were K9HER and W9TN.

Brian Walker, KC9ERK introduced himself. He is the scoutmaster for a very radio-active group.

The annual WIRES meeting will be held at 6:30pm on December 9, just prior to the next regular TARA meeting.

The drawing for \$18 was lost by Dave Harsha, KB9KNO.

Meeting adjourned at 20:10.

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Hamvention 2004

They have signed a one year contract rather than multiple years as in the past (the contract that just expired was for 5 years). There has been quit a shake-up in the club. As you probably know the event has not been making any money to speak of the past few years. They have hired out a lot of services, and it has not worked as well as when 'dedicated members', who had more of an interest in the outcome, were doing the work. This years attendance was about 22,100, down for three straight years.

Ticket prices: Advance tickets for all three days are \$20 (\$23 park-n-ride bus transportation). Tickets at the gate will cost \$25.

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73 Magazine

In case you have not heard, after 43 years, 73 Magazine has "QRT".

Never fear, if you enjoyed Wayne Green's essays, they will be available at:
(<http://www.waynegrn.com>)

We have been familiar with Green since his days at CQ Magazine promoting RTTY. We also were an original subscriber to 73 Magazine and also did not take up his offer of \$37.00 for a lifetime subscription (his life or ours is the way he put it). Oh well, I did not buy Wabash National stock 1-1/2 years ago when it was \$4, trading now at around \$28. (hind-sight)

Remember the days when a monthly issue was over 300 pages? A/K9KRE

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

September 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003

Income Received:

Interest on Saving	9/30/03	\$2.05
Total Income:		\$2.05

Disbursements:

Michael G Welch Memorial Fund	9/1/03	\$20.00
Total Disbursements:		\$20.00

Summary:

Beginning Value of CD		0
Beginning Checking Account Balance	8/31/03	\$348.48
Beginning Saving Account Balance	8/31/03	\$8324.16
Beginning Cash on Hand	8/31/03	\$142.00
Beginning Assets:		\$8814.64

Ending Value of CD		0
Ending Checking Account Balance	9/30/03	\$328.48
Ending Saving Account Balance	9/30/03	\$8326.21
Cash on hand *	9/30/03	\$142.00
Ending Assets:		\$8796.69

10/6/03 Received Fairgrounds deposit (\$175)

10/12/03 \$229.40 to Van for Tattler expenses

David R. Dull WB9BRX
Treasurer

There were not enough members present to constitute a quorum, so no meeting was held.
The sale of the Yaesu FT726 is postponed until the next regular business meeting, now scheduled for November 11, 2004.

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
14 October 2003**

TIPPECANOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

October 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003

Income Received:

Tippecanoe County Treasurer – Refund Hamfest Deposit	10/6/03	\$175.00
Garry Guthridge – K9DUW – Dues 2003-2006	10/6/03	\$20.00
Brian Walker – KC9ERK – Dues 2004	10/14/03	\$6.00
Matt Copas – KC9EBT – Dues 2004	10/14/03	\$6.00
Interest on Saving	10/31/03	\$2.12
Total Income:		\$209.12

Disbursements:

J.B. VanSickle TARA Tattler Expenses	10/12/03	\$229.40
Total Disbursements:		\$229.40

Summary:

Beginning Value of CD		0
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Beginning Cash on Hand	9/30/03	\$142.00
Beginning Assets:		\$8796.69

Ending Value of CD		0
Ending Checking Account Balance	10/31/03	\$99.08
Ending Saving Account Balance	10/31/03	\$8328.33
Cash on hand *	10/31/03	\$349.00
Ending Assets:		\$8776.41

David R. Dull WB9BRX
Treasurer

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Wanted

Feature Writer(s)

How about short bio-s of Club Members?

Or any other subject that would be of interest.

No previous experience required.
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Irate father to son: "I sacrificed everything I had so that you could study medicine and this is my thanks. Now that you're a doctor, you tell me to give up smoking!"

NEXT ISSUE, DECEMBER 2003

Will appear in early January, my schedule is up-in-the-air, depends on when the Navy gives my Grandson a furlough (it's been a couple years.) We hope to be able to provide at least partial information on the BANQUET. Hint-Hint) +++++
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April fools have a day all their own, while the rest of us just have to muddle along without any recognition.
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If you see a dollar bill on the sidewalk, pick it up----you might find something valuable underneath it.

From: "ARRL Web site"
Subject: W9JUJ - SK
Date: Monday, October 27, 2003 5:46 AM

It is with much sadness that I report the passing of Peggy A. Coulter W9JUJ. Peggy served as Indiana Section Manager for 12 years from 1990 to 2002. For 11 of those 12 years, I served as Section Emergency Coordinator with her guidance.

Peggy was first licensed in 1950. She was a life member of the ARRL, life member of QCWA, charter member of Quarter Century Wireless Women, and a member of the Young Ladies Radio League since 1950. A member of the Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club. She received the Indiana Amateur of the Year award in 1951 and 1979. Peggy also served as Section Traffic Manager for 10 years, Manager of the 9th Region Net, and Transcontinental Corps for the Central Area for 5 years.

Peggy was a member of Losantsville O.E.S. 536. A 50-year member of O.E.S. and a Past Matron of Whitney Chapter No. 564. A Private Pilot, and a past Chairman of the Indiana Chapter of Ninety Nines Inc, and had flown in the the Powder Puff Derby. She was a member of Cornerstone Brethern Church and Ministries.

She was preceded in death by her husband John H. Coulter in 1973.

ARRL Indiana Section
Section Manager: James S. Sellers, K9ZBM
k9zbm@arrl.org

Peggy was at our Hamfest several times during her tenure to man a booth for the ARRL.

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de GEARVAKf BULLETIN May 1979

THE DEEP-EARTH ANTENNA--A New Look at and Ol Old Problem.....by Dr. Ionos Pheer, E. E., Phd. Anyone who has worked with antennas at all knows that the earth plays a very important part in the operation of an antenna system. Indeed, a vertical antenna needs a good radial ground system to perform efficiently. Horizontal antennas require good ground conductivity beneath for best operation. So, it stands to reason that an antenna that could offer maximum contact with earth would radiate more efficiently than one that did not. That is why, for two years now, I have been operating entirely with a deep-earth vertical, its radiating element pointing straight down into the earth some 120 feet. Advantages, of course, are that no tower is required, there are no weather problems, no guy wires, and the antenna is entirely invisible, except for the feedline which can also be buried. The theory is simple. In a conventional vertical antenna, a currents flow from the radiating element into the earth. If the radial system is efficient, and the ground conductivity adequate, it works well. But most amateurs have one or two radial wires--or bibe, So, their antennas never work properly. The deep-earth vertical, being entirely in the ground, has maximum ground contact. No currents are lost in high-angle radiation, and the efficiency approaches 94 percent, that of a dummy load. Traditional antenna designs require many elements, or radials, for desired low-angle DX contacts. The deep-earth antenna is entirely low-angle. In fact, it is best received by a deep-earth receiving antenna. I would be interested in hearing from amateurs who are constructing their own deep-earth antennas. Plans are available from GEARVAKf Headquarters. Remember, for good DX you gotta "get down."