

SPARKS

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E-mail subscriptions are provided to all regular TARS members.

News contributions and letters/emails to the editor are always welcome.

TARS regular membership is open to all licensed Amateur Radio operators for \$25.00 a year. An Associate membership is also available to those who are interested in Amateur Radio but do not currently hold a license.

Associate membership is \$25.00 a year. Student memberships are also available for \$12.50 a year.

Membership information is available at www.w9og.net

The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society meets the second Thursday of each month at the Red Cross, 29 Stockwell Rd, Evansville IN, at 7:00 p.m.

Family and visitors are always welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact one of the TARS officers listed in this newsletter or email info@w9og.net.

Presidents Corner

Well, it is April at last, spring is kicking in, and TARS has an exciting few months coming up. I sincerely hope you are planning to get involved and join us for some awesome events this spring and summer. This issue of Sparks has lots of info on these events- the annual banquet on April 14, the annual picnic and INQP event on May 7, and Field Day June 25-26. Mark your calendars and reserve those dates for ham radio fun!

Also, TARS is one of 2 clubs in Indiana that will activate special event stations commemorating the Lewis and Clark trail June 4-19. I will need operators to schedule time to activate during this period and activators will use our club call. It's an exciting opportunity to get our club some visibility and have some fun. More information is coming. In the meantime, if you know now that you will want to schedule some time June 4-19 to operate the special event, please send me an email at n9oljohn@gmail.com. This event will be well publicized nationwide, and hunters will be looking to contact every state for a nice certificate. So, it will be exciting!

I wanted to provide some info on the new FCC fees for new Amateur Radio licenses and vanity call applications. Amateur Radio has enjoyed a no-fee situation for quite a while even though the FCC has had the authority to impose fees for amateur licenses for some time. Effective 4/19/2022 applicants for new amateur radio licenses and applicants for a new vanity call sign will be charged a \$35 fee by the FCC. This is in addition to the \$15 test fee charged in ARRL VE test sessions.

Notice this is for NEW license applications only. Applications to upgrade the license or renew the license will not have a fee. This is good news.

So how this will work is: if unlicensed John Doe comes to one of our ARRL test sessions (or an ARRL session anywhere) to take the technician exam they will pay the \$15 test fee to take the exam. When they pass the exam, the ARRL will send that application to the FCC and the FCC will then email the new license applicant a link where they can go on the web and pay the \$35 fee. The \$35 fee will NOT be collected by the VE team at the test session. Also, if John Doe passes the technician and takes the general class and passes that as well, that is ONE application to the FCC and he will owe just \$35. Then when John Doe comes to another test session in the future and passes the Extra class exam, he will of course pay the \$15 test fee at the session but the FCC will not charge a fee to upgrade his current license.

I hope that helps. I know that additional fees and costs are a bummer, but \$35 is a small price to pay to get a license and enter the greatest hobby in the world!!!

Hamtoberfest is coming!! October 15 2022 is the date for the TARS Hamtoberfest hamfest. Plan to come out and have a good time, and also plan to help plan and execute this event. It takes some work, and the more folks who take a role, the less work for everyone involved. We need you. Watch out for how YOU can be involved. And spread the word on radio nets, email, etc.

The club is also taking donations of equipment, parts, pieces, etc that we can sell at our flea market table at the Hamtoberfest. If you have some stuff to clean out and need it out of the way we can come pick it up and help you out. It's a big help for the club as well. If you can help out in this way, please email me or email info@w9og.net.

73! And I better see you in the coming weeks!!!

John Van Vorst, N9oL

TARS Banquet APRIL 14th

April 14th at the Log Inn, 5:30pm. The banquet is open to current paid TARS member and a guest. **The cost is \$20 per person and payment must be received no later than April 12.** If you haven't paid your 2022 dues, you must include it with your banquet reservations. **The banquet reservation form is attached with this mailing of SPARKS.**

Hamtober Fest 2022

The 4th annual Hamtober Fest is a GO on **October 15, 2022!**

Location: Lynnville Community Center

416 West RD 68, IN-68 Lynnville, IN 47619

Website: <http://www.hamtoberfest.com>

TALK UP YOUR HAMFEST!

TARS - INQP 2022

In Kentucky, thoughts of May 7 bring to mind a traditional Derby party. But in Indiana, May 7 means - a QSO Party! And this year, it really will be a QSO 'party' as we celebrate our 75th anniversary with a picnic!

Be sure to join us May 7 at Scott Township Park to help put our area of Indiana on the air, enjoy some camaraderie with other hams and partake in some delicious food! We'll get started setting up early that morning so we can be on the air when the INQP begins at 10:00 CDT. **The club will provide an entrée of fried chicken for a picnic lunch and we ask that club members bring a side dish to share with the group.** We'll also have snacks and drinks and perhaps even a dessert to provide energy to keep the late shift operators making those SSB and CW contacts right up to the end of the contest at 10:00 PM!

Pass the word to club members and non-members alike to come out and be a part of the festivities. If they can't join us in person, have them look for W9OG on the HF bands and put their call in our log!

Unlike that other May 7 event that will be taking place 95 miles to the east, we won't have horses on a track. We'll have

TARS Calendar

April

- 6 Tri-State Emergency Net (KC9UVG-Dave)
- 7 TARS Board meeting 6:30
- 13 Tri-State Emergency Net (Terry, WB9KQF)
- 14 TARS Banquet 5:30
- 20 Tri-State Emergency Net (Walt, WB4ZUT)
- 27 Tri-State Emergency Net (Herb, KB9MZH)
- 30 VE Testing 9:00 am Red Cross

May

- 4 Tri-State Emergency Net (Don, KB9YWQ)
10m Net following immediately afterword
- 5 TARS Board meeting 6:30
- 7 INQP / TARS Picnic
- 11 Tri-State Emergency Net (Mark, KC9TYA)
- 12 TARS Club Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross
- 18 Tri-State Emergency Net (Chris, KE9YK)
- 25 Tri-State Emergency Net (Dave, KC9UVG)

June

- 4-19 Lewis and Clark Trail ON THE AIR
- 25-26 Field Day US! **WATCH FOR UPDATES**

something even better - rigs on the air! Come be a part of a great operating event and celebrate TARS 75th year!

Brian WB9QVR

Winter Field Day

The results for this year's Winter Field Day have been posted at the link below. W9OG was, of course, an outdoor station so you'll find our score listed under that category.

Let's plan to make it an even bigger operation next year and perhaps add some some heat to both our score and the ambient temperature! <https://www.winterfieldday.com/wfd-results>
de WB9QVR

WANTED – WANTED – WANTED

Do you have any pictures from TARS meetings, picnics or events? Remember the Red Cross soccer tournaments? The Freedom Festival? Wesselman Park Haunted Hayride? Great Pumpkin Metric? Hilly 200? Southern Indiana Classic? TARS Banquets / Christmas Party?

Do you have any printed SPARKS from before emails? Do you still have any of the early emailed editions of SPARKS? Our VP Scott KD4SIR has been busy archiving the TARS files and is looking for anything else to be archived for our history.

WANTED – WANTED – WANTED

My Father, TARS First President By Bruce Hatfield, W9GFS

My father, Philip Hatfield, W9GFS, was one of the founders and the first president of TARS. He was an obsessive ham yet he was



a great father and never neglected my sister or I. But we sure did get caught up in all things ham. Although I never got a license until I was 67 years old, I feel as though I have been a ham all of my life. You can see that from the picture of me posed in my father's ham shack in 1954 when I was 2 years old. Every summer



I went to the local Hamfest with my dad. We dressed in identical shirts that my mother had stenciled W9GFS on. Yes, she had her role to play in his love of all things amateur radio. Saturdays we visited Wesco Radio or Castrups to buy new parts for the latest piece of ham equipment he was building, because of course it was all home built. This was because my father was an electronics engineer at the General Electric receiving tube plant located in Owensboro Kentucky. Funny fact, my sister was an adult before she knew that ham radios could be purchased commercially. Further funny fact, in high school when my friends drove over to see me for the first time, as part of the directions on how to find me I told them to look for the house with 4 towers in the yard.



I was never able to master the code and I never was able to get the license in his lifetime. But I was still so much a part of ham radio, from helping erect towers, to fishing feed lines down conduits, to moving his giant amplifier cabinet, I was an indispensable assistant around the ham shack. I even got to be quite handy with a soldering iron by the time I was in the fourth grade. My first summer job was unsoldering and sorting resistors and capacitors from junked radios for pennies per component. Not quite the same as a paper route!



CW, DX, RTTY were my fathers modes. There was no digital in his lifetime. When you become W9GFS in 1929 there aren't as many opportunities. He only did voice rarely and that was generally in the car. You have heard the expression, "as big as a bread box." Well, his tube powered car ham gear was literally that big and attached to the steel dashboards of the two cars we owned in that day. Parking in garages was impossible in most cases unless there was clearance for the antennas on the cars. That often meant the great on street parking search when we were in a big city. Final funny fact, my father had a ham radio on a timer that would come on in the late afternoon in a place that my mother could hear it. He would call CQ from the road on his way home

from work in Owensboro at several towns along the way. My mother was assured that he was safely on his way in inclement weather. As an added bonus she knew when to have dinner on the table.

He never quit being a ham. When he died in 1987 there was an unfinished project on his workbench in the basement of his house. As far as I know the parts and homemade boards are still on that bench.

One Man's Opinion

Reprint from November 2016, In memory of Bill Hilyerd K4LRX (SK)

As most of you know I am an avid Dxer, love chasing the rare ones, or adding more band countries to my DX challenge award. So, why do I prefer to dx on the ham bands instead of local rag chews?

Well, I suppose it all started back in my Novice days of 1956-1957, back then I had a very meager station a transmitter with 30 watts of input power. If you figured 80% efficiency of a class C amplifier at that point in time you had about 24 watts output. Couple that with the high SWR my end fed Zepp had, of course you could make it work with the antenna tuner and I did. However, my actual power output had to be somewhere around 10 watts maximum, but this did not cause me to quit trying for those distant contacts.

I soon learned about the eighty-meter Novice Band, it was 3.700 to 3.750KHZ and it was full of signals during the evening hours. I observed that the closer states produced strong signals, while those further away were weaker in comparison. It was that time I wanted to see how far my signal could go, I often waited till someone ended a contact and copied the call letters of both stations. If one station indicated he was in a call district where I needed states, I used the tail ending call. This worked often, during the evening the zero district would start to come in very well, we gained a few new states. Sometimes I would hear the first, second, third district and would rack up new ones.

I started to read ham radio magazines about dx stations and my thoughts were if they can do it, so can I. So, in 1958 I began a wonderful journey in ham radio, I became a DXer and have not looked back.

To me, there is nothing more thrilling then to hear a rare dx station pull my call out of the pile up, it was a thrill back then and it is still that today. When I give some thought about it, my voice, or my CW has been heard around the world. Just to give an example my latest DX was Central Kiribati, we worked this one on 40 SSB, 15 CW and 20 CW. There has not been much activity on this island nation for many years.

What pride I had in my operation when I worked them all a few years ago while working an expedition to South Georgia Island.

You see some countries you may have never heard of, much less know anything about the culture. Ham Radio has increased my knowledge of the world, you can mention a country and I can usually tell you where it is, or something about it.

Shortly after I worked the last one on the DXCC list another entity was added since it met the requirements and that was North Korea. However, little to no activity has ever surfaced from this country and doubtful it ever will.

But hope springs eternal, I rarely work any one stateside on HF, only band I do is six meters when it is open, we still have hopes of gaining our 50th state and that is Hawaii, it seems no one operates six in the Aloha State. Maybe one day, but we have been stuck at 49 for several years.

To me there is nothing more rewarding then to hear my call letters pulled out of a big pile up by a rare DX station. I suppose one has to as they say have this in your blood, however I just enjoy doing it and have no plans to quit chasing DX. I have plenty of stories to share, I have fond memories of several contacts with Europe while operating Mobile. There was a park in my home town of Louisville that had a lookout, by driving up to the top of the hill you were about 1500 feet above the city. The contacts just kept coming, lots of fun that day.

I recall working Japan on 75 meters and also stations in New Zealand and Australia in the early hours of a winter morning. Nothing like it, I found working gray line propagation on this band to be fascinating.

Memories of working the very last entity on the DXCC list, making the final contact for five band DXCC, plus gaining the last few countries for honor roll status. Yes, all good DX memories, they just keep coming!

In order to make memories, you have to be on the air, own a radio, use it. Otherwise, you have nothing to show for your efforts in working for a ham ticket.

Would I trade my memories of being a DXer to someone else who is not? No, I would not change a thing, for those of you that are impressed with numbers you can check me out on QRZ.com. Look at the log book entries and the number, no there are no stateside contacts in the mix, just dx. No, would not change a thing.

And that my friends is "One Man's Opinion" Bill, K4LRX



Coast Guard Aux

My nephew is in the Coast Guard Aux. He tells me the local flotilla is looking for a communications operator. If any club member would be interested, I can get you in contact with him. It sounds like an exciting job.

[Bob Pointer N9XAW](#)

ARRL News

New FCC Application Fee Will Not Apply To Amateur Radio License Upgrades

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff has clarified in response to an ARRL request that the new \$35 application fee will not apply to most license modifications, including those to upgrade an Amateur Radio Licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees. The FCC staff explained that the new fees will apply only to applications for a new license, renewal, rule waiver, or a new vanity call sign. As previously announced, the new fees take effect on April 19, 2022.

"We are pleased that the FCC will not charge licensees the FCC application fee for license upgrade applications," said ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "While applicants for a new license will need to pay the \$35 FCC application fee, there will be no FCC charge for future upgrades and administrative updates such as a change of mailing or email address. Most current licensees therefore will not be charged the new FCC application fee until they renew their license or apply for a new vanity call sign."

ARRL previously reported that the new \$35 application fee for Amateur Radio licenses will become effective on April 19, 2022. Further information and instructions about the FCC Application Fee are available from the ARRL VEC.

A New World Distance Record at 134 GHz

On March 2, 2022, Michael Kuhne, DB6NT, and his son Matthias, DK5NJ, established a new world distance record at 134 GHz by making contact using CW over 157 kilometers (98 miles) between the summits of two mountains in Germany.

The portable microwave stations were located on Schneekopf mountain in the Thuringian Forest and atop Fichtelberg mountain near Oberwiesenthal. Check out the [video](#) of the record-breaking contact.

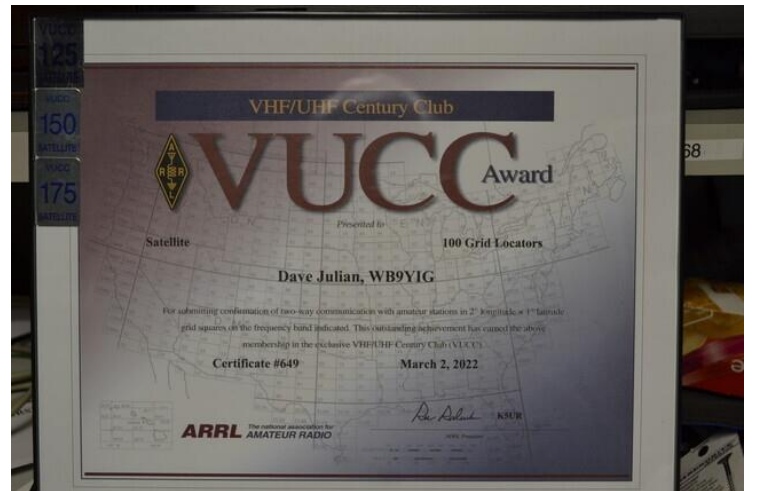
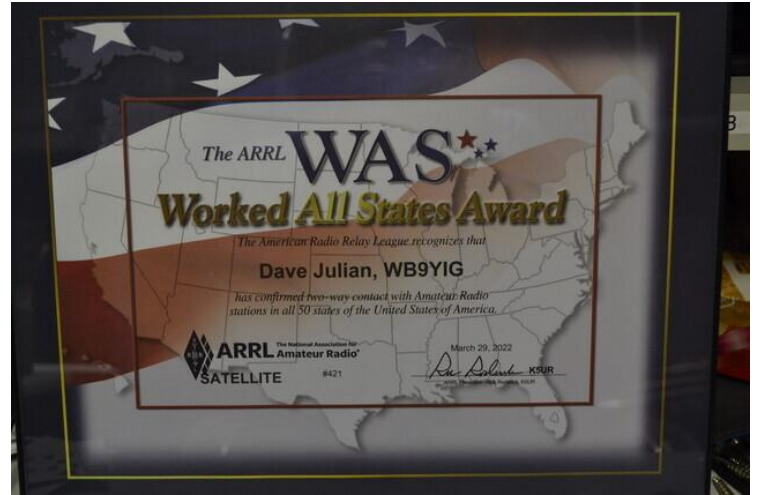


Michael Kuhne's, DB6NT, portable station at the top of Fichtelberg mountain. [Michael Kuhne, DB6NT, photo]

Brag Rag

Dave WB9YIG has received his WAS Satellite and VUCC Awards. Finally completed the Satellite WAS and got VUCC satellite with 175 Grids. I'm up to 215 grids now and will get the next tag at 250. One happy camper in EM68

Congrats Dave!



Do you have something you would like to submit for the Brag Rag? Send your QSLs, special event certificates, awards, interesting photos, projects etc. to sparks.w9og@gmail.com to have them included in your newsletter.

TARS @ Groups.IO



Have you heard about the new TARS Groups.io email list?

You can subscribe at <https://groups.io/g/TARS> or by sending an email to TARS+subscribe@groups.io directly.

The mail list is an area where you can ask questions or get the latest information on club happenings.

For HELP on the Groups.IO site, send an email to:

TARS+help@groups.io

This and That

Jerry WB9ONU made contact with Antarctica and is waiting on a QSL card.

Jim Block KD9UAZ said he has a new end fed antenna is up in the trees, and will never be able to thank Mark KC9TYA and Dave WB9YIG for their help in guiding him in the right direction in this wonderful new adventure of amateur radio.

Rumor has it Terry WB9KQF has finally fully retired. Let's hope we hear him on the radio more frequently now!

This is a NEW or should I say REVIVED article area for SPARKS. I saw this in the first TARS newsletters and thought this was a good idea. For it to work I NEED YOUR INPUT! I can only gather so much information but will include interesting blurbs on members that I pick up from Facebook, nets or the IO Groups. If you have INFO on someone or just want to send props send it to the editor!

If you missed it

Last month's meeting was very interesting, on the history of radio and TARS! Scott KD4SIR had a great presentation that he will post online for those interested. After the presentation Bruce W9GFS made a few comments and showed a couple items that were from his fathers collection.



An ARRL WOUFF-HONG from the 1938 Chicago Convention



A CN 113 WWI receiver in excellent condition

WSPR Beacon on the Air from Antarctica

AMSAT Argentina has assembled and delivered a permanent WSPR (Weak-Signal Propagation Reporter) beacon system to the



Argentine research station at Esperanza Base on the Antarctic Peninsula. Using the call sign LU1ZV, the

200 mW beacon is presently active on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters at 7.0386, 14.0956, 21.0946,

and 28.1246 MHz, respectively, and reception has been reported by stations throughout the world.

The LU1ZV WSPR beacon is on the air from Esperanza Base, a permanent Antarctic research station.

WSPR is a digital communications protocol designed for reception at very weak-signal levels. It is part of the [WSJT-X](http://www.wsjt-x.com) software suite. You can use [WSJT-X](http://www.wsjt-x.com) to receive the LU1ZV beacon directly, or you can see reports from other stations online at www.wsprnet.org. [Thanks to the AMSAT News Service] The ARRL Letter for April 1, 2022

DOD COMEX 22-2

US Army NETCOM will be utilizing 60 meters for amateur radio outreach from April 29 - May 7 as part of DOD COMEX 22-2. On May 3 at 0200Z (May 2 at 2100 Central), there will be a high-power broadcast about the information that will be requested during the exercise. US Army NETCOM will also announce times for amateur radio and AUXCOMM to net with DOD HF stations for the remainder of the week. Beginning on May 3 at noon local for each US time zone (East, Central, Mountain, Pacific), there will be a short net for amateur/AUXCOMM stations. In the evening, 2100 Central and noon local nets will conclude with the noon net on Saturday, May 7. NETCOM will be requesting support for collecting various types of information that may include road closure reports, METAR weather reports, and electrical power service availability. [The ARRL Letter for April 7, 2022]

UK Amateurs Exploring 40 MHz

John Desmond, E17GL, reports that [Ofcom](#) -- the communications regulator in the United Kingdom -- has granted temporary Innovation and Research licenses to several UK amateurs to transmit in the 40 MHz band.

On his blog, John stated that Roger Laphorn, G3XBM, in the east of England will be operating beginning on April 2 with a license that is valid for 1 year. In a statement, Roger said, "After a very long wait, Ofcom

has approved my 8-meter permit. It permits me to use 40 to 42 MHz with digital modes (including CW) at 5 W ERP maximum. I expect to erect a wire dipole that will be directed towards



Europe. I expect to be mostly on FT8 around 40.676 MHz with a precise frequency done in liaison with others. My hope is all 8-meter FT8 stations can be monitored with one USB dial setting but spaced out. Five watts should certainly cover Europe when sporadic E is in play. I will try some local CW crossband QSOs but hope to be on FT8 24/7." [Thanks to Southgate ARC News] The ARRL Letter for April 1, 2022

Amazon Smile

To set up your Amazon Smile account to donate to TARS with every Amazon purchase you make, click our unique link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-6042852>.

Now when making an Amazon purchase from your browser online, login via

smile.amazon.com

[this is important: it's only via smile we will receive a donation] then make your purchases as usual and TARS will get a donation.

If you use your mobile app, just turn on AmazonSmile and it will connect you automatically.

Turn on AmazonSmile in your mobile app.

Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

IT IS THAT EASY!



Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays!!!

1	KD4SIR	Scott Hibbs
6	K3LWD	Duane Vanderpool
10	KD9PLY	Jay Jones
11	KD9UAZ	Jim Block
22	WB4ZUT	Walt Egenmaier
28	KD9CHH	Mary Sandine
28	WA2USA	Dennis Martin

VE Testing

The next VE Testing session will be April 30th.

Examinations start promptly at 9:00 AM Central time.

Testing location is the Evansville Red Cross at 29S Stockwell Rd Evansville IN

2022 Ham Radio Test Sessions

April 30th 9AM

June 18th 9AM

July 30th 9AM

August 27th 9AM

October 1st 9AM

November 5th 9AM

December 3 9AM

Details can be found at: <http://w9og.net/ve-testing>

For more info contact: [John VanVorst N9OL](mailto:John.VanVorst@N9OL) c: 812.305.4100

Tri-State Emergency Net

8:00 p.m. Wednesday nights on 146.79 pl 88.5

If you haven't checked into the Tri-State Emergency Net, please take a few minutes at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings on 146.79 and get updated on what is happening, the latest club information, upcoming events, topics of general interest and from time-to-time good old-fashioned rag chewing.

We are currently holding a 10m net immediately following the 2m net on the **FIRST WED OF THE MONTH** as part of our 75th anniversary celebration.

Look for us on or about 28.405.

All of you techs out there with HF give us a try.



2022 Spring Spotter Training Season Classes

Questions about webinars or on-site classes can be directed to: Christine.Wielgos@noaa.gov

Elite SPOTTER Training

Thursday April 21, 2022 - 6:00 pm CDT: Evansville, IN: Sheriff's Dept. Training Room Vanderburgh County EMA Building 3500 N. Harlan Ave. Use Main front doors by flag poles. Elevator to 2nd floor. Follow hallway to EMA office. (Space is limited to 40 people).

More Information, full list of classes and registration:

<https://www.weather.gov/pah/spottertraining>

Vanderburgh Co. ARES/RACES

The next Vanderburgh county ARES/RACES meeting April 21st, 6:30pm at the Vanderburgh Co. EMA west side training facility, **1440 Harmony Way**.

Anyone interested in emergency communication in Vanderburgh County is invited to participate.

Feel free to check in to the Vanderburgh Co ARES net **each Tuesday at 8:00pm** on the 146.790 repeater.



Vanderburgh County Auxcomm

Chris KE9YK IN82RACES@gmail.com

Vanderburgh Co RACES Officer

812.453.1972 Hamshack Hotline 12604

Warrick Co. ARES/RACES

The Warrick County ARES/RACES group meets on the second Monday of each month. The meeting begins at 6:30pm and generally is completed by 9:00pm. The meetings are held on the third floor of the Court House in the EMA Conference room. Anyone needing additional information concerning meetings or location contact: Chris L. Owen at KC9CLO@gmail.com

Secretary Report

TARS Board meeting 3/3/2022

Zoom meeting called to order at 6:30 by John N9OL

Members present, John N9OL, Scott KD4SIR, Tom KD9PFH, Chris KE9YK, Dave KC9UVG, Jerry WB9ONU, Mike W9KXP, Herb KB9MZH, Charlie WB8LDV, Dennis WA2USA and Don KB9YWQ.

Treasurer Report Tom KD9PFH ending balance 6126.96

Secretary Report Chris KE9YK

Banquet: Discussion on banquet April 14. Updated costs of \$20 per person. Chris KE9YK will work on certificates for presentation. Don KB9YWQ asked about the cost for a child. It was discussed that it would be the actual cost the log inn charges.

Discussion on Repeaters, John N9OL will talk to Dave WB9YIG about committee

May picnic and INQP at Scott Twp Park May 7th. Brian WB9QVR is chairman. Setup 9am ask everyone to bring covered dish June Field Day WB9QVR is chairman, discussed setting up of Fri if possible.

Lewis and Clark Trail OTA - TARS is the Indiana station that will cover 16 different states. Working on more information.

Scott KD4SIR reminded us that he needed more QSL cards from members. Discussed QSL cards and possible contest for those submitted.

Scott reminded everyone that the Kenwood mic needs repair. Rig would key but no audio.

Discussion of ZOOM meeting at the regular meeting. Will do it again as we had as many on zoom as attended.

Meetings:

Mar Club history

Apr Banquet

May Picnic/INQP

June FD

Shirts - John is waiting on a quote at this time

Scott brought up an idea for a worked all Evansville award.

Jerry WB9ONU once again mentioned a 10m net during our 75th anniversary. Chris KE9YK will look into doing this.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Lantaff KE9YK

TARS Secretary

TARS General meeting 3/10/2022

Meeting called to order by John N9OL, 7:00 pm at the West Side EMA Training Center with 12 people present and 4 checking in via ZOOM.

We had introductions from everyone.

Treasurer Report - Tom KD9PFH

Secretary Report - Chris KE9YK

TARS 75th Anniversary – John is working on shirt order quote. Still discussing possible Special Event Operation.

TARS banquet - April 14th 5:30 at Log Inn. Fill out reservation forms and return via the PO Box along with your dues if they haven't been paid for this year.

VE Teasing – March 19th

May Picnic / INQP – Scott TWP Park May 7th. Brian WB9QVR had a task list spreadsheet for the needs of the Picnic / INQP. We will operate the full 12 hours this year, 10am – 10pm.

Site Scott Township Park
Stations
CW
SSB1
SSB2
Logging
Food Dinner
Snacks
Drinks
Set Up TBD
Tear Down/Clean Up TBD
INQP Special Event Designation
Promotion (Online/Nets) TARS NEEDS A PIO
Operator Recruitment Early Afternoon
Late Afternoon
Night

Field Day – at USI Brian WB9QVR chairman, June 25-26, still have a little time to work on the planning.

Lewis and Clark Trail On The Air – John N9OL, June 4-19, TARS will be one of 2 clubs now from Indiana. Will have more info on operating soon. We will use W9OG for the operation with people operating from their home or other locations and possibly the Red Cross station.

May Meeting – Meeting will be at the Red Cross and the board meeting will be a ZOOM meeting.

Presented Bruce W9GFS with a certificate honoring his fathers contributions to TARS.

Presentation – Scott KD4SIR had an interesting history of radio and TARS from the early years.

Following the presentation Bruce N9GFS made a few comments and displayed a couple of things from his fathers collection. A CN 113 receiver from WW1, and an ARRL WOUFF-HONG from the 1938 Chicago Convention.

Meeting adjourned around 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted
Chris Lantaff KE9YK – TARS secretary



Treasurer Report

February 2022 (prepared 3/2/22)

Opening Balance: \$5,988.96

Receipts: Memberships \$138.00
Total Receipts --->> \$138.00

Expenditures: None \$0.00
Total Expenditures---->> \$0.00

Ending Balance \$6,126.96
Red Cross Funds \$1,283.82
Funds Available to TARS \$4,843.14

Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH
TARS Treasurer

TARS is an [ARRL](#) affiliated club

ARRL [Indiana Section](#)

Section Manager: [Jimmy Merry KC9RPX](#)

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