

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.

TARS June Meeting

The regular TARS meeting will be 7:00pm June 9th at the Red Cross, 29 Stockwell Rd. Come out and join us as we talk about TARS Field Day 2022

Eat'n Before the Meet'n

We will have a meetup before the regular TARS meeting for anyone that wants to join us.

Come out to CiCi's at 5:30 and grab a bite to eat, swap stories and whatever else.

CiCi's is an Italian chain offering buffets with an array of specialty pizzas, plus simple pastas & salads and is located at 101 B S Green River Rd.

TARS – Field Day 2022



With the INQP behind us, it's time to look ahead to the biggest operating event of the year - ARRL Field Day! FD is always the fourth full weekend in June and this year that will be June 25 and 26. If you aren't a fan of the heat, no problem! You can operate from the air-conditioned comfort of the Grimes Haus Cabin. If on the other hand you'd like to rough it, we'll have stations in the open-air Eicher Barn. Do you prefer to

operate CW? SSB? Digital? Satellite? Or perhaps you're new to amateur radio and you'd like some help making your first HF contacts? Yep, we'll have stations for all those modes along with folks who will be happy to help you get on the air. You say you prefer to just enjoy the camaraderie of other hams and perhaps share a meal? You guessed it - the TARS FD operation will be the place to be for just hanging out and having some delicious food as well.

We are still in need of volunteers for a few positions on Field Day. This will be discussed at this month's TARS regular meeting.

Let's celebrate 75 years of TARS by making the 2022 W9OG Field Day operation the best ever!

Hamtober Fest 2022

The 4th annual Hamtober Fest **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!



Lewis & Clark Trail On The Air

LCTOTA is under way June 4-19. There is still time to operate as a special event station commemorating the Lewis and Clark trail. Information was in posted in the May SPARKS. If you want to operate, please send John N9OL an email at n9oljohn@gmail.com to register.

If you are a Tech class or don't have an HF radio, Jerry WB9ONU has offered to work with you to get on and participate.

Contact Jerry at wb9onu@hotmail.com to make arrangements on scheduling an operating time.

More info online at: <https://lctota.org/>

TARS 75 Anniversary SHIRTS

Attached with this SPARKS email you will find a shirt order form. Bring the order form with payment to the June or July meeting or send to the TARS PO Box no later than the July 14th meeting.

TARS 75 Anniversary Special Event On The Air

TARS Special Event to celebrate our 75th Anniversary will be held the weekend of August 12-13-14. Dennis WAZUSA has scheduled this event with the ARRL and CQ magazine but will not be available during this time, so we are currently looking for a chairman for this event. We will discuss this more at the meeting this Thursday.

2022 Youth on the Air (YOTA) Camp is June 12 - 17

The ARRL Letter for June 2, 2022

The 2022 Youth on the Air (YOTA) Camp will be on the air and streaming online. The campers will be operating special event station W8Y from the National Voice of America (VOA) Museum of Broadcasting in West Chester Township, Ohio, as well as from their hotel. Activation of W8Y will begin on the evening of Sunday, June 12, and conclude at 1 PM EDT on Friday, June 17. Campers will operate the station as they finish projects, between camp sessions, and during their free time.

In addition, dedicated HF station operating times will be on Monday, June 13, from 2 - 11 PM EDT. Dedicated satellite station operating times will be on Thursday, June 16, and Friday, June 17, from 10 AM - 1 PM EDT. Earth-moon-Earth (EME) will be in operation on Tuesday, June 14, and Monday, June 13, from 9 to 11 PM EDT.

The opening and closing ceremonies will be streamed live on the [Youth on the Air YouTube channel](#). The opening ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 12, from 4 PM EDT - 6:30 PM EDT and will feature keynote speaker Dr. Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF, the founder of Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation ([HamSCI](#)). The closing ceremony is on Friday, June 17, from 1 PM



TARS Calendar

June

- 1 Tri-State Emergency Net (Terry, WB9KQF)
10m Net following immediately afterword
- 2 **TARS Board meeting 6:30**
- 4-19 **Lewis and Clark Trail ON THE AIR**
- 8 Tri-State Emergency Net (Walt, WB4ZUT)
- 9 **TARS Club Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross**
- 15 Tri-State Emergency Net (Herby, KB9MZH)
- 18 VE Testing 9:00 am Red Cross
- 22 Tri-State Emergency Net (Don, KB9YWQ)
- 25-26 **TARS Field Day USI**
- 29 Tri-State Emergency Net (Chris, KE9YK)

July

- 6 Tri-State Emergency Net (Mark, KC9TYA)
10m Net following immediately afterword
 - 7 **TARS Board meeting 6:30**
 - 13 Tri-State Emergency Net (Dave, KC9UVG)
 - 14 **TARS Club Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross**
- SHIRT ORDERS DUE!**
- 20 Tri-State Emergency Net (Terry, WB9KQF)
 - 27 Tri-State Emergency Net (Walt, WB4ZUT)
 - 30 VE Testing 9:00 am Red Cross

August

- 12-14 **TARS 75th Special Event On The Air**

- 2 PM EDT. The YOTA [YouTube channel](#) will also feature a daily video that will spotlight the activities of the previous day.

For details about the 2022 YOTA Summer Camp, download the brochure from the YOTA web page, at www.youthontheair.org.

For additional information, contact Camp Director Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, at director@youthontheair.org.

Indiana Section Manager Election Results

The results of two Spring Section Manager (SM) elections were determined when the ballots were counted at ARRL Headquarters on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

In Indiana, Bob Burns, AK9R, received 625 votes, and incumbent Section Manager Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, received 344 votes. Burns, a resident of Brownsburg, will begin his 2-year term on July 1. Merry, a resident of Ellettsville, has served as SM for the past 4 years.

WINNER WINNER Chicken Dinner!

Congratulations to Duane K3LWD on winning the prize for finding the Easter egg in last month's SPARKS. Sometime it pays to pay attention, as you never know what might turn up! If you are wondering what it was, you should have been at the meeting!

June Birthdays!!!

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|--------|--------|----|
| WB9ONU | Jerry | 5 |
| KE9YK | Chris | 9 |
| WB9YIG | Dave | 10 |
| N9AFC | Mervin | 13 |
| K9EXY | Rick | 13 |
| KD9UBM | Scott | 14 |
| KC9BLZ | Susie | 30 |



Happy Birthday!

VE Testing

The next VE Testing session will be June 18th.

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

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.

Vanderburgh Co. ARES/RACES

The next Vanderburgh county
ARES/RACES meeting June 16th, 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

Treasurer Report

Financial Report

April 2022 (prepared 5/3/22)

Opening Balance: \$6,669.73

Receipts:

Banquet \$80.00

Total Receipts --->> \$80.00

Expenditures:

Zoom Account \$149.90

Rental for field Day (USI) \$100.00

Log Inn Banquet \$500.00

Total Expenditures---->> (\$749.90)

Ending Balance \$5,999.83

Red Cross Account \$1,283.82

Funds Available to TARS \$4,716.01

Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH

TARS Treasurer

Secretary Report

TARS Board Meeting 5/5/2022

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

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

Treasurer Report Tom KD9PFH accepted

Discussion on refund for those that couldn't attend banquet but had paid. Charlie WB8LDV made motion to refund banquet reservation fee. Mike W9KXP second. Motion Passed.

Discussion: Red Cross VE room rental. VE testing will be at the Red Cross again.

Discussion: Scott TWP Park, Tom, Dennis and John W9FHA made a trip out to check out the park for the INQP.

Everything looks good and we should be able to easily accommodate a couple stations. Has power at the shelter for the CW rig.

Secretary Report Chris KE9YK, accepted

Discussion on Repeaters; Should club relinquish licensing control of the DMR to Jeremy Matthews K9EPD. He is now controlling the DMR repeater for TARS.

Mike W9KXP is asking if the Deaconess repeater, 147.15 should be turned all digital and linked into the Indiana South Link system. Would need a FTM 100, HRI 200 and laptop. John N9OL had a spare computer tower that could be used.

Need a plan and costs to discuss and vote next week at the regular meeting.

Banquet Discussion; Things went well and had about 20 people attended.

May picnic and INQP at Scott Twp Park May 7th. Brian WB9QVR is chairman. Setup 7am, everyone to bring covered dish to share. Tom KD9PFH, snacks and drinks. Charlie WB8LDV, fried chicken for 30 people and a few chicken strips.

Dennis will have cake and plates, John will pick up supplies from Red Cross.

June Field Day - Brian WB9QVR is chairman, John will check with Brian on signups.

Lewis and Clark Trail OTA - John N9OL is sending out invitations to be registered to participate. Needs your e-mail to submit application and you will be able to log in and sign up for dates times and submit activations. All operations will be scheduled through the LCTOTA web site.

75 anniversary special event discussion. Dennis asking about dates. Weekend event, Fri/Sat/Sun. Possibly July 29/30/31, Aug or Sep with no major contests. Operate as W9OG/75

Shirts – John N9OL presented quotes and will work up an order sheet. Shirts will be navy blue and possibly heather gray, with an option for name and call on shirt. Still in the works.

Discussion meeting next week; Lewis and Clark Trail On The Air, Field Day overview, 75th anniversary special event, encourage Tech's to upgrade and show the Red Cross station to the newer members.

Hamtober Fest – Discussion on radios for the raffle, FT5 and FT70. Dennis reminded to solicit donations for the club table. Things people want to donate we can sell.

Currently have 3 vendors with 16 tables. John will work on the tickets for the raffle.

Future meetings; June FD, November Elections / Sep and Oct nominations.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted

Chris Lantaff KE9YK, TARS Secretary

TARS General meeting 5/12/2022

Meeting called to order by John N9OL, 7:00 pm at the Red Cross

We had introductions from everyone with 18 in attendance

Secretary Report - Chris KE9YK

Treasurer Report - Tom KD9PFH

ZOOM meeting to supplement the regular meetings. We are working on the details to see if we can do this.

TARS 75th Anniversary – John is working on shirt order, now has pricing. 75th Special Event Operation- Looking at July 29-31, Members working from home and possibly Red Cross.

Scott KD4SIR is working on documenting and archiving TARS club history.

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.

May Picnic / INQP – Thanks to everyone that helped out.

Lewis and Clark Trail On The Air – John N9OL, June 4-19, TARS will be one of 2 clubs now from Indiana. John showed the LCTOTA web site and activation process. We will use W9OG for the operation with people operating from their home or other locations and possibly the Red Cross station.

June 18th is the next VE testing at Red Cross

Field Day – at USI Brian WB9QVR chairman, June 25-26. Brian went over the task list and asked for volunteers to fill available spots. We plan to operate as 4A and plan to set up antennas Friday evening.

Still need a minimum of a SSB captain and CW captain. Also looking for someone to coordinate the batteries for the stations.

Hamtober Fest – October 15th. FREE admission. Raffle for Yaesu FT-5 and FT-70 ht's, both are now on order.

Looking for donations for TARS to sell at the club table.

Certificate presentations for those that didn't make the banquet.

Prize presentation to Duane K3LWD for finding the "easter egg" in SPARKS!

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted

Chris Lantaff KE9YK – TARS secretary

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

Amazon Smile

If you notice the treasurer report, TARS has had another \$58.77 added to our account because of 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!



Looking Ahead

2022

[Lewis & Clark Trail on the Air](#) June 4-19

ARRL Kids Day June Third Saturday

Field Day June 26-27

[13 Colonies Special Event](#) July 1-7

[International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend](#) (ILLW) third full weekend of August

[Route 66 Special Event](#) September 11-19

[Great SHAKEOUT](#) third Thursday of October : October 20th

Jamboree-on-the-Air third full weekend in October

TARS 4th annual Hamtober Fest 2022

SKYWARN Recognition Day, First Saturday, December

2023

TARS AUCTION Regular January meeting?

Winter Field Day January xx 2023

Straight Key Night January 1 from 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC

ARRL Kids Day Jan First Saturday

TARS Banquet

INQP 2023

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND 0000Z June 4, to 2359Z June 5, 2022

[Total Solar Eclipse North America April 8, 2024](#)

TARS is an [ARRL](#) affiliated club

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