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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

April 2024

Weather is getting nicer and it's antenna party season! If you need help with getting an antenna up in the air, please schedule a date about a month out and invite the antenna committee to get it done.

I keep thinking about our last meeting. Great presentation on the upcoming eclipse. I absolutely loved our sharing and question portion at the beginning of every meeting. The best part about it is that everyone gets a chance to introduce themselves and share something of interest to them about the hobby or ask a question. Unlike most meetings where you feel like part of an audience, this benefits all of us in the hobby and no one goes home without feeling welcome and part of our club. So, if you haven't been to a TARS meeting in years – please give us another try.

We are currently discussing our project build for July. Last year we built a 5-element cubical quad 2M antenna. This year we are looking to do some kit building. Something we can make in a couple hours. Last year we tried keeping the cost below \$40 and this year should be no different. Several suggestions have been made and it looks like building an inexpensive QRP cw rig might be the ticket. All licensed amateurs would be able to transmit on it. This project will provide an opportunity to learn to solder as well as learn Morse Code. If you have ideas please join us at the next board meeting on zoom. (Email me if you need an invite.)

Please keep an eye on Sparks for upcoming events. I believe the Indiana QSO party is next on May 4th which will be held at Scott Township Park. Our raffle for our Hamtober Fest will be the Yaesu 891 again. We might need help putting down some carpet in our shack after the next test session at the Red Cross. We are attempting to set up an AREDN Network... There is a lot going on so please join us every Wednesday on our 146.790 repeater system at 8pm where we usually announce news related to the club. Also join us on groups.io for many discussions and topics between the meetings.

Let's talk on the air,
Scott Hibbs KD4SIR
President TARS 2023-24

Join us for the Wednesday night net on the 146.79 repeater at 8:00pm!

TARS April Meeting 4/11/24

General membership meeting 7:00pm April 11th at Red Cross.

The April 11, 2024 club meeting will be about the law and Distracted Driving and its connection with Amateur Radio. I am sure a lot of us have wondering if using a handheld or a microphone while driving is legal or not. Jeremy Matthews K9EPD will be giving a talk about Distracted Driving. Then he will also discuss the DMR repeater at Deaconess Hospital. Should be a good program.

The May meeting will be presented by Brian WB9QVR "Sizing Up IP Addresses - IPv4 to IPv6".

The June meeting will be about Field Day.

With the Kit building meeting for July. I was thinking that maybe making it a 2-part meeting. With July being part 1 and August being a part 2 meeting for the kit building. Maybe using part 2 as a show and tell on how everyone's kit looks and works.

In the meantime, get out and try doing Parks On The Air, repair your antenna or build new antennas.

So, see you all on April 11.

Jerry WB9ONU

We will discuss the kit for the July meeting and see how many people would be interested in building. The kit under consideration is the **Cricket 40**, minimalist CW transceiver for the 40m band. Any license class can operate this rig. This kit has many options for a minimalist kit. Check it out at at:

<https://www.4sgrp.com/cricket40.php>

Scott is securing the final details and will have more information at the meeting.

Eat'n Before the Meet'n

Monthly, we have a meetup before the regular TARS general membership meeting for anyone that would like to join us. **We meet at 5:30**, for you to grab a bite to eat, swap stories, tell a few lies and whatever else you like, giving us time to make it to the Red Cross for the meeting at 7:00pm.

This month, join us at **Freddy's**, 2848 N Green River Rd, Evansville, in front of Menards. Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers is more than your traditional American hamburger restaurant. We are known for our tasty steakburgers and custards.

<https://www.freddys.com/>



The Contest Corner April 2024

By Mark Holland **KDOEE**

The big one for us to highlight this month will be the Indiana QSO Party, May 4-5 (the first Saturday in May). TARS will be operating our club station for the event. We have reserved the shelter at Park where we will set our station up. This is the same location we have used for other events. The contest begins at 10:00am

TARS Calendar

April

- 3 Tri-State Emergency Net (Dave, KC9UUVG)
- 4 **TARS Board meeting 6:30 (ZOOM)**
- 8 **Total Solar Eclipse North America**
- 10 Tri-State Emergency Net (Terry, WB9KQF)
- 11 **TARS Club Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross**
- 17 Tri-State Emergency Net (Walt, WB4ZUT)
- 24 Tri-State Emergency Net (Herby, KB9MZH)
- 27 **VE Testing 9:00am Red Cross**

May

- 1 Tri-State Emergency Net (Mark, KC9TYA)
- 2 **TARS Board meeting 6:30 (ZOOM)**
- 4 **INQP – Scott Twp Park, set-up 8am**
- 8 Tri-State Emergency Net (Chris, KE9YK)
- 9 **TARS Club Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross**
- 15 Tri-State Emergency Net (Jerry WB9ONU)
- 18 **VE Testing 9:00am Red Cross**
- 22 Tri-State Emergency Net (Dave, KC9UUVG)
- 29 Tri-State Emergency Net (Terry, WB9KQF)

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Connect your calendar to the TARS Google calendar!

Central Daylight Time and runs until 10:00 pm. The bands open for the QSO Party are 160, 80, 20, 15, and 10 meters. The modes for operating the contest are cw and ssb. Stations may be worked on both ssb and cw on each band, so the same fixed station could be worked a possible 12 times. For Indiana stations the multipliers are all 92 Indiana counties, the other 49 states, and the 13 Canadian provinces. DX counts for qso points but not as a multiplier. A ssb qso counts for one point, and a cw qso counts for two points, so we need some cw operators to join us for a big score. For those you you staying at home, here's the chance to get that Worked All Indiana award!

INQP

The location for TARS INQP is SCOTT PARK, the same place we held winter field day. [\[Click here for GOOGLE MAP\]](#)

Help will be needed to set up and take down the station, and we will need volunteer operators to keep the station running. Set-up will start at 8:00am, and we usually have lunch at noon. Final details will be discussed at the April meeting or watch the TARS@Groups.io email list.

More information will be given at the April club meeting.

Please join us for the fun!

73, Mark KDOEE

Bob Futrell AF9F Silent Key

Hello, with deepest regrets I have to inform you that one of our fine members had passed away March 17, 2024! AF9F, former N9VGN Robert "Bob" Futrell was in a nursing home. I believe I was the last ham to talk to him. While he was in the nursing home his house was sold and his radio equipment was stored away. Mostly



HF. He was off the radio for several years. I inquired where he was and no one knew. I started tracing his past. Finally, I found him and started keeping in contact with him. His radios for VHF were not working any more. I ordered a new radio and then after finding out about antenna situations with the nursing home tried to stealth an antenna. I tried to get him back on the Wednesday night net where he checked in each week. After TARS net he would check into Air Force Mars. Unfortunately, time caught up with us and before I got his VHF equipment OKed and operating he passed away. He was a fine ham and military veteran. You can find Bob's obituary at the link below.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/robert-futrell-obituary?id=54688856>

Thanks, Terry WB9KQF

WARRICK/VANDERBURGH COUNTIES AREDN

Several weeks ago, I presented information about AREDN, the Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network. I appreciated the outpouring both of interest and of participation. Since that time, Newburgh now hosts a Mesh Node (K9KDJ-1), a Supernode (K9KDJ-INDIANA-SUPERNODE), and a Mesh Network PBX (K9KDJ-PBX) for connecting VOiP phones to the mesh network. We note that 11 devices now connect to the K9KDJ-1 node that connects to my Supernode, and my Supernode hosts 6 other connected Supernodes throughout the United States. We made progress!

After that meeting, the president of TARS asked me to form and chair a group to work on finding sites where we could place Mesh RF nodes (everything currently remains Internet based), and I asked Raymond, W9KHP, who already did a lot of work on site needs, James, KF4LXS, who first introduced me to AREDN, and Walt, WB4ZUT, who expressed a keen interest in the project, to help. During our first meeting, we decided that the best way to identify sites is to first identify general areas that we would like to cover then to find potential locations within those areas that might serve us well. Since Raymond brought the most experience using the Ubiquiti tool to help with that, we tasked him to start the process.

All of the above is good news. As it often accompanies good news, however, there is unwelcome news, too. Finding workable sites requires time. Once we identify sites, we must approach site owners for permission to use the sites That requires time. Once site owners grant us access, we must acquire equipment. That requires time AND money. Once we obtain the equipment, we

must install it. Again, that requires time AND money. So, we find ourselves in the infancy of a project that will require time and money. Still, when successful, we will bring about a network that can serve us in many ways and scenarios—most of which we hope never come but will need us if they do.

What can you do now? Great question! You can involve yourself by purchasing a node (about \$50.00), flashing it with the free AREDN software (many of us willingly will help you, if needed), joining our area mesh network (I will provide the credentials you need to connect), start exploring the services offered on the supernodes (start "walking the network"), add a VOiP phone to the mesh PBX (cheap phones available on eBay (you can dial my mesh phone from the HamShack Hotline network by dialing, 888129001)), and enjoy what we're creating! Once connected to the Mesh, you may also use the MeshChat feature to communicate with others through The Mesh.

Let me know if I can help, and I look forward to seeing you active on "The Mesh!"

Ken
K9KDJ

SM Election

All ARRL members should have received your Official Ballot for the Indiana Section Manager election. Your ballot MUST BE RECEIVED at ARRL HQ by May 17. My feeling is, if you think things are going well then vote to keep the status quo, otherwise vote for a change. I know most members don't have much if any contact with the things the SM oversees. If you would like some discussion, feel free to give me a call.

Chris KE9YK

2024 ARRL Field Day Theme: Be Radio Active

The ARRL Letter for March 14, 2024

The theme for 2024 ARRL Field Day is "Be Radio Active." The event will run on June 22 - 23, and it will be one-part contest, one-part emergency communications exercise, and one-part open house -- and a great time. The theme encourages radio amateurs to take advantage of the peak of Solar Cycle 25, which we are nearing. Activity this year is likely to be extremely high thanks to favorable solar conditions. The upper HF bands, such as 15 and 10 meters, should benefit most from the Cycle's peak.

There are resources available already for clubs and individuals to make their Field Day plans. ARRL will publish more information and tools so that hams can make the most of the event as it draws near. Amateurs interested in learning more are invited to join the [Field Day Facebook](#) group to connect with others who are planning for the big weekend.

Find links to all of the resources on the ARRL Field Day web page at www.arrl.org/field-day.



World Amateur Radio Day is April 18, 2024

The ARRL Letter for March 28, 2024

[World Amateur Radio Day](#) (WARD) is celebrated each year on April 18.

The theme for 2024 is, "A Century of Connections: Celebrating 100 Years of Amateur Radio Innovation, Community, and Advocacy."

The global event covers all of the [International Amateur Radio Union](#) (IARU) regions and spans 2 days: Thursday, April 18, 2024, 0000 UTC to Friday, April 19, 2024, 0000 UTC.

On April 18, 1925, the IARU was formed in Paris and will celebrate its centenary in 2025. American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Co-Founder Hiram Percy Maxim was the organization's first president.

All radio amateurs are invited to take to the airwaves to enjoy the global friendship with other amateurs and to show their skills and capabilities to the public. WARD is not a contest but rather an opportunity to talk about the value of amateur radio to the public and fellow amateur colleagues. It is also a great opportunity to talk about local radio clubs and amateur radio in local media as a lead-up to [ARRL Field Day](#), which is held each year during the fourth full weekend in June. You can also promote your personal WARD activities on social media platforms like X and Facebook by using the hashtag #WorldAmateurRadioDay.

For more ideas and information, visit [World Amateur Radio Day \(arrl.org\)](#).

International Marconi Day 2024

The ARRL Letter for March 21, 2024

This year, International Marconi Day (IMD) is on **April 27**. Italian inventor and electrical engineer Guglielmo Giovanni Maria Marconi was born on April 25, 1874, and is credited for inventing the radiotelegraph system, creating Marconi's law, and sending the first wireless transmission over the open sea.

IMD was created to honor Marconi and is hosted annually by the [Cornish Radio Amateur Club](#), GX4CRC. The purpose of the day is for amateur radio enthusiasts around the world to contact historic Marconi sites using communication techniques similar to those that he would have used.

The 24-hour event will operate from 0000 UTC to 2359 UTC, and registration is required. Participants can register at [GX4CRC's registration web page](#).

Stations in the United States, including Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club, KM1CC, in Massachusetts, are already registering for the event. KM1CC hosts several on-air events each year to keep the accomplishments and story of Marconi and his wireless station



site in South Wellfleet alive. In 1975, the Wellfleet station was listed as a National Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places and is now part of Cape Cod National Seashore, a unit of the National Park Service. When possible, KM1CC sets up a temporary radio station inside the park. More information about KM1CC is available on their [Facebook](#) page.



FCC to Require Two Factor Authentication for CORES Users

The ARRL Letter for March 21, 2024

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced an upcoming change to the [Commission Registration System \(CORES\)](#) that licensees use to pay any application or regulatory fees, manage or reset a password on an existing FRN, or request a new FRN. Beginning March 29, 2024, multifactor authentication will be implemented. Users will be prompted to request a six-digit secondary verification code, which will be sent to the email address(es) associated with each username. The user will then need to enter the code into CORES before they can continue.



In a [public notice](#), the FCC said this change will make the system more secure. "This additional layer of security will further safeguard against unauthorized access, thereby enhancing the overall integrity of information contained within the CORES system and improving the security of user data," it read.

The FCC recommends that users confirm they have access to their username account email and to add a secondary email address, if need be.

Resources are available for those who need assistance with the system. For inquiries or assistance regarding the implementation of multifactor authentication on CORES, submit a help request at <https://www.fcc.gov/wtbhelp>, or call the FCC at 877-480-3201 (Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM ET).

WANTED - WANTED - WANTED

The Antenna Committee is getting lazy and fat.

If you need help with your shack or an antenna install, please reach out to Scott, KD4SIR @ scotthibbs@gmail.com or Jerry, WB9ONU @ wb9onu@hotmail.com or speak up at a meeting. A dozen or so hams are ready and waiting to help.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April Birthdays!!!

KD4SIR	Scott Hibbs	1
N9TQR	Kevin Mischler	1
K3LWD	Duane Vanderpool	6
KD9UAZ	Block Jim	11
N0TEE	Jan Holland	16
WB4ZUT	Walt Egenmaier O.D.	22
KD9CHH	Mary Sandine	28
WA2USA	Dennis Martin	28

Brag Rag

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.

BITS of Interest

Local Hamshack Hotline Phonebook

Quite a few people locally have joined the HH world and several have also opted into the AREDN MESH phone.

If you are not listed contact the editor and get on the list.

K9GPV	MICHAEL	12440
N9OL	JOHN	12458
KE9YK	CHRIS	12604
N9KGC	RAYMOND	5500000096
KF6XA	DAVID	5500000911
KC9TYA	MARK	6100000664
KD9UBM	SCOTT	6100000799
KD4SIR	SCOTT	6100002367
WB4ZUT	WALT	6100002530
WB9ONU	JERRY	6100002545
KD9PFH	TOM	6100002642
K9KDJ	KEN	5809
KF4LXS	JAMES	11206
W9KHP	RAYMOND	6100000453
KD0EE	MARK	6100002500

For SALE

I have these items:

I built two **MMDVM RF Hotspots with Raspberry Pi Zeros** which supports C4FM YSF NXDN DSTAR P25 and DMR. They are

programmed and tested. Many of these go for \$130 but I'm asking \$100 without a power supply. (My suggestion is to power it with a power bank for a quick go kit) These work great for our Indiana Link South C4FM repeaters.

I also have a **Cisco SPA504G 4-Line IP Phone** which is compatible with Hamshackhotline.com and a ARDEN Network PBX. This phone was previously used (tested) by Tom KD9PFH. He traded me for a different phone because this had a dim display. I've replaced the display and factory reset it for a new user. The price is \$30.

I wouldn't sell anything I wouldn't buy and use myself, however, I don't provide unlimited warranties either. I'll do everything I can to help if I can. So I'm willing to help set up the hotspot or phone for those needing it.

I'll bring these items to the next meeting.

73

KD4SIR

Scott Hibbs

812-581-0631

Antenna Masts

I have 4-5 long fence rails, 20 feet longest, 12 feet shortest. ideal for antenna mast for light duty antennas. FREE. 1813 Broadmoor Ave. SE Evansville.

If interested contact

Herby KB9MZH

812.449.1212

VE Testing

Apr 27 May 18 Jun 29 Jul 27 Aug 31

Sep 28 Nov 23 Dec 28 Jan 25 2025

You will need to know your FRN number. If you have a license currently you have an FRN number. If you do not yet have a license you can register with the FCC and obtain an FRN number. Go to www.fcc.gov/register.

If you need help or have questions, please let me know at n9ol@arri.net.

Examinations will start promptly at 9:00 AM Central time.

We have no pre-registration, and examinations are administered on a walk-in basis. Details can be found at:

<http://w9og.net/ve-testing>

For more info contact: [John VanVorst N9OL](mailto:John.VanVorst@n9ol.net) c: 812.305.4100

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

04/13/2024 - Columbus (Indiana) Hamfest

Location: Columbus, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Columbus Amateur Radio Club

05/17/2024 - 05/19/2024

Dayton Hamvention, ARRL National Convention

Location: Xenia, OH

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Website: <https://hamvention.org>

08/17/2024 - 08/18/2024

Huntsville Hamfest, ARRL Southeastern Division Convention

Location: Huntsville, AL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Huntsville Hamfest, Inc.

Website: <http://hamfest.org>

09/07/2024 - Greater Louisville Hamfest 2024

Location: Shepherdsville, KY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Greater Louisville Hamfest Association

Website: <http://LouisvilleHamfest.com>

10/12/2024 - Hoosier Hills Hamfest

Location: Bedford, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club

Website: <https://hoosierhillshamfest.com/>

10/19/2024 - Hamtober Fest

Location: Lynnville, IN



WATCH FOR RAFFLE ANNOUNCEMENT!

Sponsor: Tri State Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://hamtoberfest.com>

For a full listing of ARRL hamfests, go to:

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

Vanderburgh Co. ARES/RACES

The next meeting will be **April 18th**, 6:30pm on ZOOM.

Anyone interested in emergency communication in Vanderburgh County is invited to contact us for more details.

Vanderburgh County Auxcomm

Chris KE9YK IN82RACES@gmail.com

Vanderburgh Co RACES Officer

c: 812.453.1972 Hamshack Hotline: 12604 WinLink: KE9YK



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



While the NWS doesn't currently have any SKYWARN classes scheduled in Evansville, there are some online webinars scheduled.

For the full schedule and more information check out the PAH spotter training page at:

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

Secretary Report

TARS Board Meeting 03/07/2024

Board meeting minutes

Tri-State Amateur radio Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Scott KD4SIR2024__ at 06:34 CST

Board Members/Officers Present:

Scott Hibbs KD4SIR, President Jerry McCintosh WB9ONU, Vice President
 Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH Treasurer John Van Vorst N9oL, Secretary

Board Members: Charlie Martin WB8LDV

Brian Esche WB9QVR Walt Egenmaier WB4ZUT

Mark Holland KD0EE

Cecil Ross KC9JOV

Chris ke9yk,

Dave KC9UVG,

Reading of officer reports:

Treasurers Report read by Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH – Charlie WB8LDV motion to accept, Walt wb4zut seconded motion. Report was accepted.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from 02/01/2024 meeting read by John Van Vorst, N9oL – Walt motion to accept, Tom kd9pfh seconded. Report was accepted.

Old Business

Shack committee- planned to lay the rug in the shack after the next VE Session.

Repeater committee- moved the EVV West node to Marks. PC for Deaconess has been set up by Scott and has been moved to the shack at Red Cross. Discussed history of the Mt Vernon Receive site that used to be at Dennis Zieglers place. Dennis is willing to put it there again if needed. Additional planning and discussions for Mt Vernon site in near future. Chris ke9yk suggested we refer to receive sites as receive sites to reduce confusion with folks. Further discussion of history of Mt Vernon receive site ensued. -- Need to work on setting a bi-weekly repeater committee meeting. --Discussed setting up a sub-account for allocating funds for repeater maintenance. Walt motion to set aside \$2,500 into this account, Charlie WB8DLV seconded motion. Motion passed. – Scott had a Yaesu repeater donated to TARS by a

former club he had belonged to. Team visited the transmitter site at State Police post and reviewed the equipment.

Hamtober fest – Raffle prize suggestion. Discussed various options. Walt motion to do the FT-891 radio again, Mark kd0ee seconded. Motion passed. Past business- domains have been renewed. Domain hosting for the website price went up. It was \$176.34 John n9ol motion to pay. Walt seconded. Motion passed. – Banquet went well. The board thanked Chris ke9yk for preparing and presenting the certificates and awards. Chris ke9yk printed out a CW contact format from cwforyou.com for the radio room. – Election to fill vacant board position. At March meeting nominations will be taken from the floor, followed by voting for that position.

New Business-

TARS picnic: Jerry discussed locations for the picnic, including Audubon Park. Other options discussed were Burdette, FOP. Motion by Walt, Ross kc9jov was to use the Audubon Sycamore shelter on 9/21. Seconded by Charlie WB8LDV. Motion passed. Tom will make the reservation.

Charlie discussed Costco donations to 501c3 organizations. Something we might want to look.

Discussed a kit build for the July meeting. Currently looking into Pixie Kit or CW oscillator.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 CST

John C Van Vorst, TARS Secretary

TARS General Meeting 03/14/2024

Meeting called to order by Scott KD4SIR at 7:06PM with introductions and shown & tell.

There were 29 people in attendance.

- Secretary- meeting minutes from 2/8/2024 – did not read to save time due to incoming storms.
- Treasurers report – did not read to save time due to incoming storms.
- Chris KE9YK distributed award certificates for folks who were not at the banquet meeting.
- Scott announced that after the next ve session we will put down carpet in the radio room.
- Walt wb4zut took nominations from floor for open board position. No nominations were made. Walt made a motion to accept the one nomination for the board- Terry McCrary- and Chris ke9yk seconded. Motion passed.
- Scott announced INQP will be held at Scott Township Park. See Mark KOEE for more info, and see Sparks.
- Field day in June. N9ol asked for station captains and volunteers for field day.
- Club picnic will be held at Audubon state park in September.
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After the business meeting we had presentation on astrology given by Bruce Hatfield

Respectfully submitted by

John C Van Vorst, N9oL – TARS Secretary



Treasurer Report

Financial Report for

February 2024 (prepared 2/29/24)

Club Opening Balance \$8,347.78

Amateur Radio Society Account

Opening Balance: \$7,446.97

Receipts:

Memberships \$187.50

VE Room \$0.00

Donation \$60.00

Total Receipts --->> \$247.50

Expenditures:

Hamtober Fest Web Hosting (\$44.98)

Banquet Tip (\$108.00)

Total Expenditures--->> (\$152.98)

Ending Balance \$7,541.49

TARS IGC Account

Opening Balance: \$900.81

Receipts:

Expenditures:

TARS IGC Balance \$900.81

Club Ending Balance \$8,442.30

Red Cross Account \$1,066.99

Funds Available to TARS \$7,375.31

Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH – TARS Treasurer

Your input is important

Sparks is **YOUR** information source for club activities and local Amateur radio information.

In each issue we ask for submissions from club members. Tell us about your station, projects you have made or are making, anything interesting the TARS membership might be interested in.

Submission deadline is the 25th of the month.

Most any document format is acceptable.

Photos or graphics of your subject are welcome.

Send your article to: sparks.w9og@gmail.com

Looking Ahead

2024

[INQP May 4-5 2024](#)

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND June 1-2 2024

[Lewis and Clark Trail On The Air June](#)

ARRL Kids Day June Third Saturday

[Field Day June 22-23, 2024](#)

[13 Colonies Special Event](#) July

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

[TARS PICNIC September 21](#)

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

[TARS 6th annual HAMTOBER FEST October 19, 2024](#)

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

SKYWARN Recognition Day, First Saturday, December

2025

Straight Key Night January 1 from 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC

ARRL Kids Day Jan First Saturday

[Winter Field Day January](#)

[TARS Banquet February 2025](#)

TARS @ Groups.IO



Have you heard about the 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

TARS is an [ARRL](#) affiliated club

ARRL [Central Division](#)

Division Director: Carl Luetzelschwab [K9LA](#)

ARRL [Indiana Section](#)

Section Manager: Bob Burns [AK9R](#)



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Evansville, IN 47724

Don't forget to check out our web page www.w9og.net

Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TARSw9og>

TARS Groups.io email list: TARS@Groups.IO

TARS E-mail: info@w9og.net

2024 Club Officers - Board members

President [Scott Hibbs KD4SIR](#)

Vice President [Jerry McIntosh WB9ONU](#)

Treasurer [Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH](#)

Secretary [John VanVorst N9OL](#)

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