

# SPARKS

Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society

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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](http://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](mailto:info@w9og.net).

## Presidents Corner

June 2024

Wow June already. Antenna Season in full swing. I've been outside finishing my guy wires for my GAP Titan. There's more on that in this issue. I've also replaced the temporary coax going to my 160M homemade Carolina Windom. The Antenna Committee is also gearing up. Mark KD0EE repaired and raised up his modified GAP Voyager vertical (pics in this issue). Gordon WR9W is replacing his guy wires on his tower. Deb KE9ACL has an antenna party soon. If you need help, reach out to me or Jerry WB9ONU so we can schedule your antenna party.

I need to rearrange my shack for the MFJ power/swr meters that were on my Christmas list. With MFJ closing its doors, it feels like we are losing a trusted friend. MFJ made a lot of accessory equipment for our radio hobby. I've always said the MFJ Versa Tuner should be a first purchase toward completing a shack. Ironically that's what I'm replacing with two Power/SWR meters because the Versa Tuner only has one TX input and my radio has two HF antenna jacks and now I have two antennas.

All this focus on my shack because Lewis and Clark is starting on the first. It is a lot of fun and it's pretty easy to do. I just happened to mention casually, you know a slight whisper under my breath, that I might make the most contacts for Lewis and Clark and it sparked the competitive torch. Walt WB4ZUT is our current Champ. If you need help or want to see it done, please reach out to me and we can meet at our Red Cross Shack to activate. Maybe we can do it after our next meeting or after the testing session.

I've said that Amateur Radio has two holidays with the first being Hamvention, which is like our Christmas, and Field Day like our Thanksgiving. Field Day is approaching and plans are on the way. I think we will have a few more transmitters than last year which is really exciting. We also have some new members who can help us operate. It's super easy and relaxed and a lot of fun both on and off the air. You don't need to be a ham to operate so invite friends and family. If you are a night owl then it's a bonus! Plus, the club has purchased a new Yaesu FT-DX10 at Hamvention with a lot of thanks to those who pledged donations. So, mark your calendars and join us.

QRP Transmitter build is in July – A lot of fun things coming up... so "STAY TUNED". (Did I invent a ham double entendre?)

73,  
Scott Hibbs KD4SIR  
President TARS 2023-24

## TARS June Meeting 6/13/24

General membership meeting 7:00pm Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 La Campirana 100% Authentic Mexican Grill, 724 N Burkhardt Rd at Columbia Street.

<https://www.la-campirana.com/>



### VP's Activities in the works

Well, it is June. June is a busy month for our Club. We have Lewis and Clark on the Air (June 1st to June 16th) and ARRL Field DAY (June 22 to June 23). It's time to have fun. John N9OL is handling Lewis and Clark on the Air. I am the station Captain for the Digital station.

If you are new to Amateur Radio and not sure on what to do. Then Field Day is where you can learn and gain experience. If you are an experienced operator or a new operator and is wanting to work some Digital contact me. This year would like to setup time or a schedule that will fit into your schedule for Saturday and Sunday. Also, if you want to bring your own station to work digital then bring it. This year for field day for the digital station we will let you work whatever mode you would like to work. That means if you are into RTTY, PSK, FT8, or some other digital mode. Come bring your equipment if you are experience in your digital field or use what i have if you are just learning.

So, get with me to pick your time slot and digital mode. This is a 24-hour event so you can pick anytime. If you are able to work 1, 2, or 3 hours let me know. If you want to just come and watch that is fine also, but be aware if you come and watch while I am operating, I will try to encourage you to give it a try if you are new To get hold of me with your info use -- wb9onu@hotmail, wb9onu@tar.io, or phone 812-760-6934. Please no calls before 9 am or after 9 pm. I need to have my morning coffee to wake my brain up and also need my beauty sleep at night.

Future event.

### KIT BUILDING

COMING in July is Kit Building sponsored by Scott KD4SIR. So, contact Scott if you are interested in getting a kit and building it at Tars July 11th meeting. The kit is a QRP CW Rig. So, if you never have built a kit and was wanting to this is your meeting. Come and either watch or learn while building your own QRP Rig.

*[Ed note: I think Scott has 3 or 4 kits not currently spoken for, so if you want to get in on the kit build, contact him.]*

## TARS Calendar

### June

- 1 **VE Testing 9:00am Red Cross**
- 5 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Walt, WB4ZUT)
- 6 **TARS Board meeting 6:30 (ZOOM)**
- 12 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Herb, KB9MZH)
- 13 **TARS Club Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross**
- 19 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Mark, KC9TYA)
- 22-23 **ARRL Field Day at Red Cross**
- 26 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Chris, KE9YK)
- 29 **VE Testing 9:00am Red Cross**

### July

- 3 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Jerry WB9ONU)
- 4 **TARS Board meeting 6:30 (ZOOM)**
- 10 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Dave, KC9UVG)
- 11 **TARS Club Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross**
- 17 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Terry, WB9KQF)
- 24 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Walt, WB4ZUT)
- 27 **VE Testing 9:00am Red Cross**
- 31 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Herb, KB9MZH)

### **Connect to the TARS Google Calendar**

**Connect the TARS Google calendar to your calendar!**

### TARS PICNIC

This year TARS PICNIC is September 21, 2024. It will be held at Audubon State Park, Henderson, Ky. at the Sycamore Shelter house. So mark your calendar. There will be food and activities. The club will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs and everyone else is expected to bring a dish of their favorite picnic food.

We are also planning to setup a club POTA station. So if you want to learn POTA there will be some experienced operator there to help.

More on the picnic next month.

### Hamtober Fest

Coming in October 19, 2024 if the yearly HAMTOBER FEST. So mark your calendar to come. Start telling your ham friends about it and encourage them to attend. If you are a member of another radio group let them know. If you are planning to attend any hamfest between now and then ask for some flyers and take them and past them out. We also will need some helper. So think about helping.

More to come as October gets closer.

That is all for now so keep read Sparks as more info will be coming in the months.

73

Jerry - WB9ONU

## ARRL Field Day!

Its Summer Field Day Time!!

June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> TARS will have our Field Day setup at the Evansville Red Cross. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. We will set up Saturday morning at 8:30 and will have 4 stations plus the GOTA station on the air at 1PM. WE NEED YOU TO COME OUT AND OPERATE A STATION. We will have the stations on the air through Sunday midafternoon so plan to come out and spend some time making contacts. If you are a night owl, we definitely need operators during the night! This year we will operate 2 SSB stations- station captains are Wald WB4ZUT and Duane K3LWD- a CW station- station captain Jeff Holt AA9WJ- and a digital station with station captain Jerry WB9ONU! **If you want to schedule a specific time period to operate any of these stations contact the station captains!** Or- just come on out and we will get you on the air!!

Stay tuned for info on food and snacks. Tom KD9PFH and Bruce W9GFS have volunteered to plan for Saturday's dinner and snacks et al.

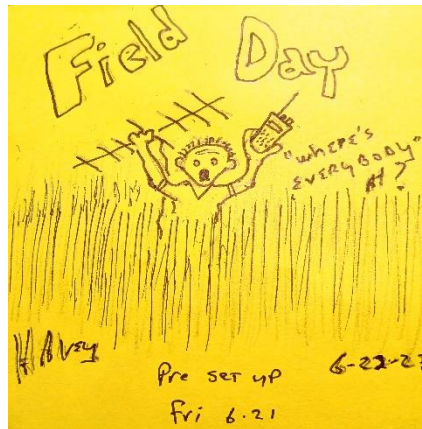
Also, a shout out to Scott KD9SIR for serving as the GOTA station coach! If you are rarely or never on HF and want to operate, the GOTA station is for you. Scott as coach will help guide you through making contacts and having fun. If you have kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc that would like to get on the radio the GOTA station is a lot of fun- bring them on out!!

Lastly (and I hope I didn't leave any volunteers out- if so I am sorry) special thanks to Charlie WB8LDV for being our safety office again this year. This is a public facing event and we need to keep the installations safe- feedlines and antennas out of the way and safe. Charlie will be the eyes focusing on that for us.

It is going to be a great weekend- please plan to join us for all or part of the weekend!! See you June 22!

John N9oL

[ED Note: Fri evening there will be some antennas set up. Field Day set up at 9am Sat morning. Dinner will be at 5pm with Tom KD9PFH providing BBQ along with chips and dinnerware. Bring something to share for dinner, sides/desserts etc. and your favorite drinks if you want. There might be a few drinks and water available. Come out and enjoy some fellowship and food but most importantly do some operating or logging.



## The Contest Corner

By Mark Holland [KDOEE](#)

June 2024

The ARRL Field Day is the biggie for June! Though it is not technically a contest, it sure feels like one with all the frantic band activity and quick exchanges. It is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the United States and Canada.

Here are the key details for Field Day 2024: ARRL Field Day 2024 will take place on June 22-23, starting at 1800UTC on Saturday and ending at 2059 UTC on Sunday. More than 35,000 radio amateurs will gather with their clubs, groups, or friends to operate from remote locations. The goal is to contact as many stations as possible on various HF bands (160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, and 10m) and all bands 50 MHz and above. Participants will learn to operate in abnormal situations under less-than-optimal conditions. It is a fantastic opportunity to showcase ham radio's science, skill, and service to our community.

TARS will be operating four stations from the Red Cross building during Field Day. Come by as you are able. The conversation is as much fun as the operating. If the weather is stormy or too hot for you, or you have a very limited schedule, fun can still be had by operating your home station. Your exchange will be 1D IN. Be sure to send in your log for the sake of all involved. Let's make the most of this opportunity and go for a big club score!

## Ground is a Myth!

From The ARRL Letter for May 30, 2024

Every ham knows about grounding, right? What if what you've been told isn't exactly true? ARRL First Vice President Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, tackles this topic in a compelling presentation called "Ground is a Myth!" She lays out the case that ground means different things at different times and in different cases, and that much of what many operators have accepted as fact may just be legend. The presentation was a part of the 2024 ARRL National Convention forums hosted at Dayton Hamvention and may be seen on [YouTube](#).





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## June Birthdays!!!

|        |                 |    |
|--------|-----------------|----|
| KB9AXD | Debbie Julian   | 1  |
|        | Brad Duncan     | 4  |
| WB9ONU | Jerry McIntosh  | 5  |
| KE9YK  | Chris Lantaff   | 9  |
| WB9YIG | Dave Julian     | 10 |
| KC9EOU | Wendy Hibbs     | 12 |
| KD9VZQ | Steven Brewster | 29 |
| KC9BLZ | Susan Schmitt   | 30 |

## ARRL Section Manager Election Results

The most recent Section Manager (SM) elections ending on May 10 resulted in two incumbent SMs being reelected for another 2-year term. Both will continue with the work that they have been doing in their Sections.

In the Northern Florida Section, Scott Roberts, KK4ECR, held a lead over challenger James Kvochick, K8JK. This will be Roberts second term as SM. The vote count for the election was 657 for Roberts and 308 for Kvochick.

In the Indiana Section, incumbent Bob Burns, AK9R, defeated challenger Brian Jenks, W9BGJ. The vote count ended with Burns receiving 684 votes and Jenks receiving 161 votes. Congratulations to both returning Section Managers.

## The 2024 ARRL Kids Day event will take place June 15 and June 22 – 23

From The ARRL Letter for May 30, 2024

Kids Day is designed to give on-the-air experience to young people and foster interest in getting a license of their own. It is also intended to give older hams a chance to share their station and love for amateur radio with the children in their lives. Kids Day always runs from 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC, and you operate as much or as little as you like. The suggested frequencies for Kids Day are:

**10 Meters:** 28.350 to 28.400 MHz

**12 Meters:** 24.960 to 24.980 MHz

**15 Meters:** 21.360 to 21.400 MHz

**17 Meters:** 18.140 to 18.145 MHz

**20 Meters:** 14.270 to 14.300 MHz

**40 Meters:** 7.270 to 7.290 MHz

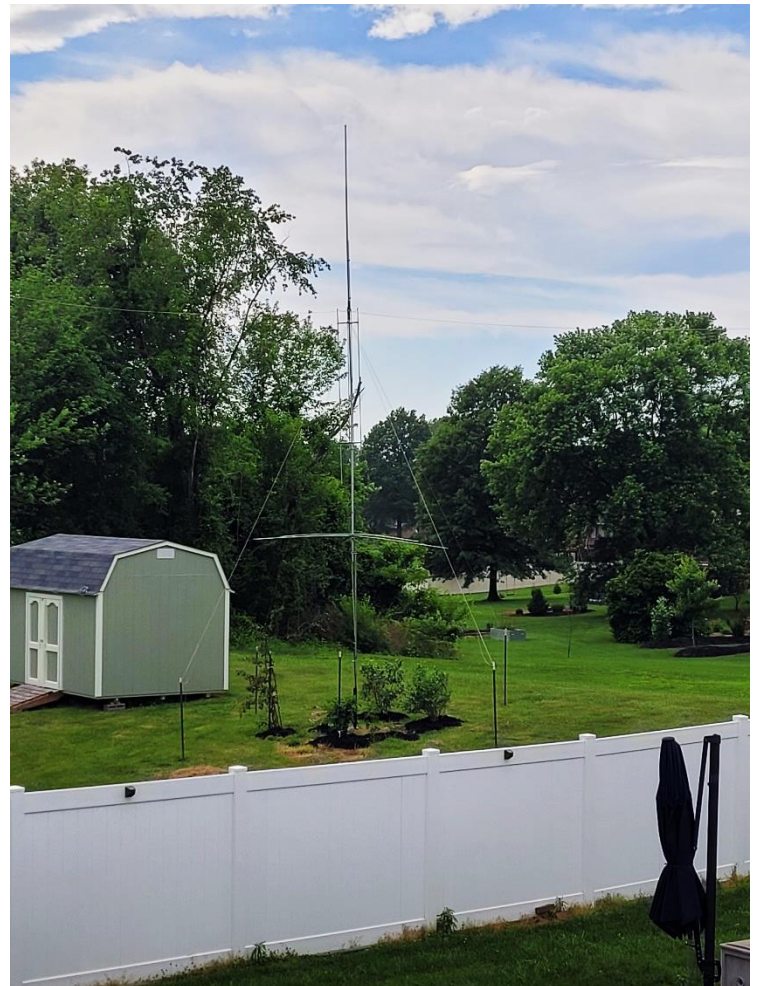
**80 Meters:** 3.740 to 3.940 MHz

You can also use your favorite local repeater with permission of the repeater's sponsor. Be sure to observe third-party restrictions when making DX QSOs. All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate. You can [download this certificate](#) and complete it with the participant's name and date of the contact. Visit [Kids Day \(arrrl.org\)](http://Kids Day (arrrl.org)) for more information.

## 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](mailto:sparks.w9og@gmail.com) to have them included in your newsletter.

## Scott's GAP Titan finished



Many of you know from last year, my lawn mower company accidentally grabbed one of my guy ropes and folded over my GAP Titan with it. The lawn mower company insisted on paying full price even though I got it used and didn't take better precautions. I wanted to share that I got the T-Posts installed for the guy ropes, and I also mulched the blueberry and blackberry plants using two more T-Posts for the blackberries. I'm hoping my antenna takes the hint and grows into a 90-foot tower! Also, I wish to thank Steve KO9O for engineering a new fold over mount he welded together for me for my new install.

73

Scott KD4SIR



The antenna committee got a vertical antenna up for Dave KF6XA



The antenna committee helped Mark KDOEE get his antennas back up after the storm had taken them out.



Spider Beam

Herby KB9MZH has finished his latest woodworking project. A nice-looking potting bench.



GAP Voyager





Winch set-up

# FOR SALE

I have 2 computer combos for Sale

1) 2 x 32" Acer Monitors with 2 Mini PC  
Mini PC has 1TB HDD with 32GB RAM with Win 10 PRO

2) 2 x 27" Sceptre Monitors with 2 Mini PC  
Mini PC has 1TB HDD with 32GB RAM with Win 10 PRO

Asking \$400.00 for each Combo

Contact me via E Mail with your Call and Phone Number

Call me Direct @ 812-205 6490

73

Chris N9JCA

## VE Testing

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](http://www.fcc.gov/register).

If you need help or have questions, please let me know at [n9ol@arrl.net](mailto:n9ol@arrl.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) c: 812.305.4100

## ARLD021 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

NIGER, 5U. Elvira, IV3FSG is QRV as 5U5K until June 20. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using SSB, FT8, and FT4 using MSHV, and maybe some CW. QSL direct to IK2DUW.

MOZAMBIQUE, C9. Pedro, CT7AHV is QRV as C91AHV until June 15. Activity is on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

## 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](mailto:scotthibbs@gmail.com) or Jerry, WB9ONU @ [wb9onu@hotmail.com](mailto:wb9onu@hotmail.com) or speak up at a meeting. A dozen or so hams are ready and waiting to help.



CAPE VERDE, D4. Harald, DF2WO and Adolf, DG9KAN are QRV as D44TWO and D44KAN, respectively, from Sao Tiago, IOTA AF-005, until June 22. Activity is on all HF bands, and 6 meters, using all bands and modes. This includes being active on Satellite QO-100. QSL D44TWO via M0OXO, and D44KAN direct to DG9KAN.

GLORIOSO ISLAND, FT/G. Marek, FH4VVK is QRV as FT4GL until June 19. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via F4FTV.

SAINT MARTIN, FS. John, K9EL is QRV as FS/K9EL until June 19. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands, with a focus on 6 meters. QSL via OQRS.

ENGLAND, G. Special event station GB2DAY is QRV until June 9 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Activity is on 80 and 40 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via operators' instructions.

MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0. Tony, JA6CNL is QRV as KH0N from Saipan, IOTA OC-086, until June 12. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using mostly FT8 and FT4. QSL via home call.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Marek, DJ7GS is QRV as OY/DJ7GS until June 12 from Grid Square IP61ox. QSL to home call.

POLAND, SP. Special call signs SP900CPZ, 3Z1OTTON, HF1OTTON, SN1OTTON, SO1OTTON, SP1OTTON and SQ1OTTON are QRV until July 2 to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the first mission to Pomerania undertaken by Otto, the bishop of Bamberg. QSL via bureau.

DODECANESE, SV5. Martti, OH2BH is QRV as SV5/OH2BH from Rhodes until June 9. Activity is on 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, VP2V. Rikk, WE9G will be QRV as VP2V/WE9G from Tortola, IOTA NA-023, from June 9 to 12. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using SSB, FT8, FT4, and possibly CW. He also plans to be QRV from three National Parks. QSL direct to home call.

PITCAIRN ISLAND, VP6. Dave, WJ2O is QRV as VP6DF until June 10. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mostly CW. QSL via N2ZN.

REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA, Z3. Vlado, ZS6MG is QRV as Z3/ZS6MG until June 16. Activity is holiday style on 60 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes, including some possible POTA activations. QSL via N3CZ.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL June VHF Contest, Walk for the Bacon 40-Meter CW QRP Contest, CWops Test,

NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest, SKCC Sprint CW Europe, NCCC FT4 Sprint, Weekly RTTY Test, NCCC CW Sprint, HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Batavia DX Contest, VK Shires Contest, Asia-Pacific SSB Sprint, SKCC Weekend CW Sprintathon, Portugal Day Contest, AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, REF DDFM 6-Meter Contest and the GACW WWSA CW DX Contest will certainly keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend.

The 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, RSGB 80-Meter Club Data Championship, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, NAQCC CW Sprint, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW and the Mini-Test 80 CW are all on tap for this weekend.

Please see June QST, page 28, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

## Gradual normalization of automated FT8??

The one-man FT4GL DXpedition on Glorioso is ground-breaking. As Wayne NOUN notes on his blog (and others elsewhere), the single operator has been making FT8 contacts for over 134 hours straight, making digital contacts on multiple bands simultaneously. [▶ READ MORE](#)

## 13 Colonies Special Event

The 13 Colonies Special Event will take place July 1-7, 2024.

Operating times are July 1, 1300 UTC to July 8, 0400

UTC. Thirteen special call signs will be on the air, each one representing one of the original 13 British colonies that were established in 1607. Three additional bonus call signs will be on the air representing Great Britain, France, and Philadelphia. All HF bands can be used, including the WARC bands, with the exception of 60 meters. Simplex on 2 meters and 6 meters is encouraged. The southeastern stations on the east coast are very close to each other. It will be harder for these states to contact each other so, use of 40-160 meters is encouraged. All modes of operation may be used, including SSB, CW, RTTY, and digital. The mode of operation is up to the individual colony state station. More information about logs, call signs, and QSL certifications can be found at [The Annual 13 Colonies Special Event](#).





### Does this look like something you could get into?

It's all fully operational. These are only a small part of the LST325 radio room equipment. If one should fail, we have two volunteers that can repair and operate these vintage radios. Soon, however, they may not be available to carry on.

If you think you might be interested in maintaining these wonderful units, let us know. Vacuum tube technology a must. Volunteers are always welcome.

You are looking at RBA, RBB, RBC RAK, RAL, and RBS receivers that have stood the test of time.

Also, the Remington Rand model 17 MIL SPEC type writer is original.

If interested contact Bob Pointer N9XAW  
[lst325radio@gmail.com](mailto:lst325radio@gmail.com)

### Vanderburgh Co. ARES/RACES

The next meeting will be **July 18<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30pm at the West Side EMA training center.

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

Vanderburgh County Auxcomm  
Chris KE9YK [IN82RACES@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:KC9CLO@gmail.com)

### HAMFEST/CONVENTION

**08/17/2024 - 08/18/2024**

Huntsville Hamfest, ARRL Southeastern Division Convention

Location: Huntsville, AL

Sponsor: Huntsville Hamfest, Inc.

Website: <http://hamfest.org>

**09/07/2024 - Greater Louisville Hamfest 2024**

Location: Shepherdsville, KY

Sponsor: Greater Louisville Hamfest Association

Website: <http://LouisvilleHamfest.com>

**10/12/2024 - Hoosier Hills Hamfest**

Location: Bedford, IN

Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club

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

**10/19/2024 - Hamtober Fest**

Location: Lynnvile, IN

Raffle for Yaesu FT891

Door prizes

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>

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

**Most any document format is acceptable.**

**Photos or graphics of your subject are welcome.**

**Send your article to: [sparks.w9oq@gmail.com](mailto:sparks.w9oq@gmail.com)**

### Secretary Report

The meeting minutes are attached to the newsletter email.



## Treasurer Report

Financial Report for

April 2024 (prepared 4/30/24)

Amateur Radio Society Primary Account

Opening Balance: \$8,034.94

TARS sub-accounts

General Fund sub-account

Opening Bal \$4,467.95

Receipts:

Memberships \$62.50

Deposit Refund from Scott Township - Winter Field Day \$25.00

Total Receipts --->> \$87.50

Expenditures:

none \$0.00

Total Expenditures--->> \$0.00

Ending Balance General Fund \$4,555.45

Repeater Maint & investment - Restricted acct

Opening Balance \$2,500.00

Receipts:

none \$0.00

Total Receipts --->> \$0.00

Expenditures:

none

Total Expenditures--->> \$0.00

Ending Balance of Repeater Restricted sub-account \$2,500.00

Red Cross Fund - Restricted Acct

Opening Balance \$1,066.99

Receipts:

VE Room - April \$35.00

Total Receipts --->> \$35.00

Expenditures: none

Total Expenditures--->> \$0.00

Ending Balance of Red Cross Restricted sub-account \$1,101.99

Ending Balance - TARS primary Checking Account \$8,157.44

TARS IGC (IN Gaming Commission) restricted checking account:

Opening Balance \$900.81

Receipts: none

Total Receipts --->> \$0.00

Expenditures: none \$0.00

Total Expenditures--->> \$0.00

Ending Balance of IGC Restricted checking account \$900.81

Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH – TARS Treasurer

## Looking Ahead

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 6<sup>th</sup> annual HAMTOBER FEST October 19, 2024](#)

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

SKYWARN Recognition Day, First Saturday, December

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](http://www.w9og.net)

**Facebook Group**

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

**TARS Groups.io email list:** [TARS@Groups.IO](mailto:TARS@Groups.IO)

**TARS E-mail:** [info@w9og.net](mailto:info@w9og.net)

## 2024 Club Officers - Board members

**President** [Scott Hibbs KD4SIR](#)

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