

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

December 2024

The interesting thing about writing this article is that it forces me to look into the future a month ahead. Here I am at Thanksgiving writing about the end of this year. Our December 2024 President's Corner. Hard to believe 2024 is over. Seems like I remember writing the January article thinking what are we going to do this year?

Here are some of the highlights from my perspective: Jerry WB9ONU helped me put up a 160M home-made Carolina Windom in January. Steve KO9O made me a fold over antenna hinge for my vertical antenna. Ken K9KDJ gave a class on AREDN and spearheaded our desire to create an AREDN network in Vanderburgh County. Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH won our prestigious McCutchan Award at our Banquet. Bruce W9GFS gave a great presentation on the Eclipse we had this year. We welcomed Deb KE9ACL with an antenna party, and she has brought us new hams from her women's prepping group. I think I've programmed over 20 HT's for them. At Hamvention (Ham Radio Christmas), a Yaesu FT-DX10 was purchased for the club with donations from members. We activated Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air and did fantastic. I worked all 16 states (9 SSB, 5 FT8, and 2 CW) and activated 4 SSB sessions giving Indiana to contacts and having a blast. Our Field Day (our Ham Radio Thanksgiving) was the most attended event that I can recall. The GOTA station set records and our score and participation was fantastic. We built 15 Cricket 40 Meter QRP transceivers and several members reported making contacts on them. Our picnic was held in Kentucky's Audubon State Park. Weather and food were perfect. Our Hamtober Fest was also one of the best attended as well and a great success. Our repeater committee has been pretty active this year and will continue to build more infrastructure for hams to have fun on. We worked on the USI 835 ILS node, updated all the equipment at Burnt Prairie Fusion ILS, will receive a grant from the West Side Nut Club for the 79 Repeater System tower work, and are currently working on the node for the Deaconess 150 Fusion repeater. We did a lot more than I can cover here but we are a very active club.

I'm looking forward to our Christmas Party Saturday the 14th at 1pm. Bring a gift of about \$15 and let's swap gifts. Bring something to share, and also bring snacks. Should be a lot of fun!

501(c)(3) organizations are nonprofit groups with a dedicated mission. Most people are familiar with them as churches and charities but they also include your Tri-State Amateur Radio Society. TARS is a 501(c)(3), so this year in your charitable giving, give to TARS so we can complete our mission.

I want to thank everyone who made our 77th year of TARS very special. Good members sharing their time, talent, and treasure makes this club the best it can be. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I hope you had a very happy thanksgiving and I wish you all a wonderful holiday season to come.

Scott Hibbs KD4SIR

President TARS 2023-25

Check out Herby's Christmas Word Scramble attached to this mailing of SPARKS

It's time to renew your dues

A 2025 membership form is included with this mailing of SPARKS. You may mail the form with your due's payment to the address on the form, or bring it to the meeting. Please fill out the form as it lets us update our records and make sure your information is correct. THANKS!

Dec. TARS Meeting – SATURDAY - 12/14/24

The next TARS meeting is **Saturday** Dec. 14^h, 1:00 pm at the Red Cross. We will have a **DIRTY SANTA / WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE**, with a **maximum \$15 gift limit along with a SHOWN-TELL Holiday meeting with refreshments**. Bring your favorite holiday treats/cookies etc. to share and a drink if you wish. The club will have coffee and some drinks. If you have something you want to bring along for showing off, we are going to have a Station Accessories show and tell!

For the DIRTY SANTA / WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE, Wrap your gift without a to-or-from label.

Here's a tricky wrapping tip: The more interesting the wrapping, the more excitement there is to choose a certain gift early on. Try wrapping the package in several layers of paper or different size boxes to make it appear like an elaborate gift when it's actually something small. You can also try wrapping the gift to look like a different object, just to throw someone off.



Come on out and join us for a fun time!

Everyone that brings a White Elephant gift will get a ticket to be drawn for your turn to select a gift from the pile or STEAL a gift from someone that has already opened a gift!

Basic Dirty Santa Rules:

- The game begins once #1 selects a gift from the pile (after much thought and deliberation, of course), opens it, and shows it to everyone.
- The person who drew #2 then goes and has the option to steal #1's gift (aka "Dirty Santa") or pick a different gift from the pile. This continues with each person having the chance to steal or choose a wrapped gift.
- A gift can be stolen no more than three times. The host should keep a tally of each gift and announce once a gift is "dead" and can no longer be stolen.
- A gift can also only be stolen once per turn. For example, if person #17's gift was stolen, and they steal from person #5, then person #5 cannot steal the gift that was taken from #17.
- If your gift is stolen, you can't steal it right back. You can steal another gift or choose from the pile.

TARS Calendar

December

- 4 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Dave, KC9UVG)
- 5 **TARS Board meeting 6:30 (ZOOM)**
- 11 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Terry, WB9KQF)
- 14 **TARS Club Meeting 1:00pm Red Cross Christmas Party, Look for details!**
- 18 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Walt, WB4ZUT)
- 25 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Herb, KB9MZH)
- 28 **VE Testing 9am Red Cross**

January

- 1 Tri-State Emergency Net (Mark, KC9TYA)
- 2 **TARS Board meeting 6:30 (ZOOM)**
- 8 Tri-State Emergency Net (Chris, KE9YK)
- 9 **TARS Club Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross**
- 15 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Jerry, WB9ONU)
- 18 **VE Testing 9am Red Cross**
- 22 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Dave, KC9UVG)
- 25 **Winter Field Day**
- 29 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Terry, WB9KQF)

[Connect to the TARS Google Calendar](#)

- When all the gifts have been opened, the person who drew #1 has the option to steal a gift (since they did not have any gifts to steal initially). If they choose not to steal and keep the gift they have, the game is over. If they decide to steal, then the game continues until someone decides to keep their gift.



Eat'n Before the Meet'n

We won't have the regular meeting but will still have a meetup on December 12th, the regular meeting night. **We will meet at 5:30**, for you to grab a bite to eat, swap stories, tell a few lies and whatever else you like, while celebrating **Herby's Birthday** at **CiCi's Pizza 101B N Green River Rd.**



No meeting but you still gotta eat, right!

Otherwise, we will see you Saturday 12/14 at 1:00pm.

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.

TARS OFFICERS for 2025

2025 Officer elections were held November 14th and the officers elected for 2025 are **President** [Scott Hibbs KD4SIR](#)

Vice President [Jerry McIntosh WB9ONU](#)

Treasurer [Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH](#)

Secretary [John VanVorst N9OL](#)

Newly elected Board of Directors 2025-2026

[Charlie Martin WB8LDV](#) (2025-2026)

[Bruce Hatfield W9GFS](#) (2025-2026)

[Herb Alvey KB9MZH](#) (2025-2026)

Continuing Board of Directors

[Ross Cecil KC9JOV](#) (2024-2025)

[Mark Holland KDOEE](#) (2024-2025)

[Terry McCraey WB9KQF](#) (2024-2025)

Thanks to all the Officers for stepping up to run your club!

The Contest Corner

By **Mark Holland** [KDOEE](#)

December 2024

December is a shortened contest calendar due to the holidays, but there is still some great activity. The first one to take note of is the ARRL 160 meter CW contest December 6-8. This is an exciting and fun contest if you have 160 meter capability. Higher sunspot numbers will mean more absorption on this band but there will still be some excellent opportunities. The second big contest is the ARRL 10 meter contest December 14-15. The categories are cw, phone, and mixed. With the phenomenal conditions lately on 10 meters everyone needs to be active. Europe will open shortly after sunrise and Asia will stay open until after sunset. There should also be some seasonal sporadic E propagation for those closer-in states. You do not need a powerful station to take advantage of the excellent propagation. The ionosphere is a great equalizer of signals. You can compete with the big dogs on 10!

Give it a try. See you on the bands! 73, Mark KDOEE

Beyond the Baofeng

By **Chris Lantaff** [KE9YK](#)

Last month we had a program on repeater etiquette and nets. Attached to this mailing of SPARKS you will find the handout from the meeting on repeater etiquette. Also attached is a pdf on BREAK TAGS that is pretty self-explanatory.

Another link on the subject:

Repeater Etiquette: Best Practices, Do's and Don'ts

<https://www.onallbands.com/repeater-etiquette-best-practices-dos-and-donts/>



SANTA NET

Let Kids Talk with Santa Over Ham Radio This Holiday Season The ARRL Letter for November 27, 2024

ARRL CQ Santa Claus 2024 Santa Claus will be on the amateur radio airwaves again this year.

The 3.916 Santa Net will be on the air every night at 7:00 PM CST from November 29 through December 24. Reserve a spot with Santa by making a pre-net check in. You can check in each night starting at 6:30 PM CST online at www.CQSanta.com.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be on the air, together, thanks to special arrangements with the [Cowley County Amateur Radio Club](#) in Kansas. They will be on the air on the 147.000 repeater and the Sunflower Net system, between 10 AM and noon CST on November 30 and beginning at 10 AM until band conditions change on December 14 and 21. In addition to the local repeater, the [Sunflower Net](#) offers connection options to Allstar, DMR, Dstar, Echolink, Fusion, Hamshack Hotline, M17, and P25. The club is also setting up a radio link at the local library to talk to Santa. A special effort is being made to give children who are hospitalized or otherwise unable to visit personally an opportunity to reach out to Santa.

Also, for the 4th year, Santa has sent Elf Chucky and his team of amateur radio operators to northern Colorado, to help make sure children of all ages can talk to Santa on station NØP from the North Pole. Thanks to the [Longmont Amateur Radio Club](#) and the [Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club](#), children can get into the holiday spirit by talking to Santa on the radio. Both are ARRL Affiliated Clubs. Get the details on that operation at <https://w0eno.org/santa>.

Winter Field Day January 25-26, 2025

Winter Field Day (WFD) is a communications exercise. WFD is held on the last full weekend in January. WFD can be worked from the comfort of your home or in a remote location. You can participate by yourself or get your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is open to participants worldwide. Amateur radio operators may use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands and are free to use any mode that can faithfully transmit the required exchange intact. Similar to the ARRL Field Day, bonus points are earned in several ways, including using non-commercial power sources, operating from remote locations, satellite contacts, and more."

More info at: <https://winterfieldday.org/>



[TARS WFD operation will be at the Scott Twp Park again this year, Jan 25th! Watch for more information in the January addition of SPARKS]

Sad News:

Maker of the pre-programed Quadra Ham Clock computer kit INOVATO Closing

Michael Burmeister-Brown Inovato Founder

Dear Fellow Hams,

UPDATE: INOVATO QUADRAS ARE NOW OUT OF STOCK. ORDERS RECEIVED TO DATE WILL BE SHIPPED BUT THERE WILL BE NO MORE QUADRAS. MOST ACCESSORIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE. WE ARE MASSIVELY BACKLOGGED WITH OVER 600 ORDERS IN THE 48 HOURS SINCE ANNOUNCING OUR CLOSURE. SHIPPING WILL BE SLOW AS WE CAN ONLY MAKE AND SHIP 25-30 PER DAY. BUT WE SHOULD GET THEM ALL SHIPPED BY YEAR END IF NOT SOONER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. 73, MICHAEL.

I have been fighting pancreatic cancer in recent months, which has now spread to my lungs. The treatment schedule and my energy level require me to close Inovato in a few weeks. My family is helping get final Quadras built and orders shipped.

I can only directly email customers who have opted in to receive emails, so I apologize if we ran out before you heard of our closing.

It has been an honor and pleasure to help bring the fantastic HamClock by Elwood Downey to more hams. I am sorry this plug-and-play HamClock appliance will come to an end. But remember you can always make your own using a Raspberry Pi. See the excellent tutorial by G6NHU for step-by-step instructions.

73, Michael

To The Moon and Back

ARRL Club News for November 27, 2024

Parks On the Air (POTA) is one of the more popular amateur radio activities enjoyed by operators around the world. Many set up a simple station and use portable antennas such as an end-fed half-wave or loop antenna. But what if you wanted to make it more interesting and challenging? Two hams in eastern Pennsylvania decided to make a POTA attempt using Earth-moon-Earth (EME) communication to try and contact other stations doing the same thing. Jim Huebotter, KC3BVL, and Louis Yadevia, WA3EBS, met in Louis' backyard to see if it was possible. They gathered a portable 1296 MHz EME station consisting of an Icom IC-9700 and two 33 element Yagi antennas. With their station pushing out 50 W, they were able to make contact with Stephen Plock, KOPRT, and his 60-foot dish in Colorado during ARRL's EME Contest on October 19 and 20. They proved that it could be done with a portable station and low power. Their next adventure will be to take this on the road and see if a POTA EME contact is possible.

BITS of Interest

From Dave, WB9YIG

Here's a link to the Ham SCI newsletter, first edition.

[HamSCI Newsletter Volume 1, Number 1](#)

Friday, November 15, 2024 - 07:38

The first issue of the new [HamSCI newsletter is now available!](#) Issues contain news about past and future HamSCI happenings, such as research projects, in-person meetings and on-air events. Many issues include HamSCI member profiles, stories on tools and techniques used in HamSCI's research work, plus general interest pieces. Reading the HamSCI Newsletter is a great way to learn about what, who, how and why HamSCI is making the connection between space physics and amateur radio! Special thanks to Ed Efchak WX2R for being the driving force behind this, Dr. Mary Lou West KC2NMC for editing and writing, and Vikki Lawhon for graphics design and layout. The HamSCI newsletter archive can be found at hamsci.org/newsletter.

[https://hamsci.org/sites/default/files/article/newsletter/HamSCI%20Newsletter Vol1%20No1 Fall%202024 Final%2011-13.pdf](https://hamsci.org/sites/default/files/article/newsletter/HamSCI%20Newsletter%20Vol1%20No1%20Fall%202024%20Final%2011-13.pdf)

A couple of random TARS articles from the past:

This 1967 Sparks Newsletter article about Raymond G Miller, the original W9OG.

[https://archive.org/details/1967 Sparks Newsletters/page/n1/mode/2up?view=theater&ui=embed&wrapper=false](https://archive.org/details/1967_Sparks_Newsletters/page/n1/mode/2up?view=theater&ui=embed&wrapper=false)

This February 1997 QRP News article written by John W9FHA

[https://archive.org/details/tars_1997-02 TARS Sparks/page/n3/mode/2up?view=theater&ui=embed&wrapper=false](https://archive.org/details/tars_1997-02_TARS_Sparks/page/n3/mode/2up?view=theater&ui=embed&wrapper=false)

[Drama, Farce, a Radio Ham and the Baker Street bank heist](#)

A gang tunneled into a secure vault while all the time being listened to by an Amateur Radio operator. [BBC](#)

[Ham Radio for Hackers](#)

All the seats were filled because they actually wanted to learn more about Amateur Radio! [KB6NU](#)

[ERI Chandler Indiana](#)

Not many people realize the impact of a global company located in Chandler, Indiana. Thanks to Steve, [K9SRC](#) for posting this link on the TARS Facebook page.



The Broadcast Engineer

Premiered Nov 24, 2024 [ELECTRONICS RESEARCH, INC.](#)

Step inside ERI's impressive antenna manufacturing facility in Chandler, Indiana, where raw metal transforms into the broadcast equipment powering our airwaves. Join me for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of this massive 149-acre operation spanning two campuses.



December Birthdays!!!

KD9PFH	Tom Hilgeman	1
WB9QVR	Brian Esche	1
N9XXH	Terry Hammers	5
N9OL	John Van Vorst	9
KD9NCP	Rodney Witherspoon	10
KB9MZH	Herbert Alvey	12
KD0EE	Mark Holland	19
KC9HWQ	Politano Chris	20
KC9SYL	Gene Flick	25

Brag Rag

Congratulations to Mark, [KD0EE](#) achieved a personal best in the CQ Worldwide CW contest the last weekend of November. He worked 1,040 qsos in 133 CQ band/zones and a total of 400 band/countries for a score of 1,557,959 points.

His goal next year: stay home from church and work another 200 q's. (Probably not!)

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.

License Classes

Technician & General Ham Radio License Classes

FREE & taught via Zoom - 12/26/2024 - 12/29/2024
Attend one, or the other, or both

- Registration is required & class is open to all ages.
- Learn skills, serve your community, have fun, earn radio-based scholarships, and more.
- *I do not "teach the exams."* I teach radio theory and practice. The question pool is our guide.
- The General exam is more difficult than the Tech exam because the material is more technical.
- When we get to the General class, you should have a *solid* grasp of the Technician class material.
- Even if you have a Technician license, if your grasp of the material is not particularly strong, please consider doing the Technician class as well.

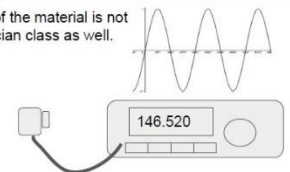
TECHNICIAN CLASS
Thursday 12/26 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Friday 12/27 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

GENERAL CLASS
Saturday 12/28 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday 12/29 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All times PST, taught via Zoom
Free book for Technician class
General class book is very affordable

Contact:

- Send name, email, phone, and desired class(es) to ars.n7ji@gmail.com
- Scott Rosenfeld, N7JI, ARRL Registered Instructor



If you are needing a Tech or General license class here is a good one to attend for free on ZOOM! I believe the times listed are in mountain time, so the time listed would be 1 hour later for us.

VE Testing 2024

December 28 2024 - 9AM Central time

2025 Schedule

January 18 2025 - 9AM Central time
February 22 2025 - 9AM Central time
April 26 2025 - 9AM Central time
June 7 2025 - 9AM Central time
July 26 2025 - 9AM Central time
August 23 2025 - 9AM Central time
September 27 2025 - 9AM Central time
November 22 2025 - 9AM Central time
December 27 2025 - 9AM Central time
January 31 2026 - 9AM Central time

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@arrrl.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 c: 812.305.4100



Vanderburgh Co. ARES/RACES

There will be no meeting for December or January, but will pick back up in February.

Our meetings are usually the third Thursday of the month, 6:30pm.

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

Secretary Report

TARS Board Meeting 11/7/2024

Tri-State Amateur radio Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/07/2024

Meeting called to order by Scott KD4SIR__ at 06:31PM 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 Dir

Brian Esche WB9QVR, Dir

Walt Egenmaier WB4ZUT, Dir

Mark Holland KD0EE, Dir

Ross Cecil KC9JOV, Dir

Terry WB9KQF, Dir,

Dave KC9UVG, Dave wb9yig

Herb KB9MZH

Chris ke9yk

Reading of officer reports:

Treasurers Report ending 10/31/2024 read by Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH – Terry motioned, n9ol second Report was accepted.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from 10/03/2024 meeting read by John Van Vorst, N9oL – Report was accepted.

Shack committee-

- Need to get a VPN set up
- Pwr supply repaired
-

Hamtober fest – Recap and review

- Reviewed proceeds
- Discussed venue options- 4H ctr, SWIRCA, National Guard armory, Am Legion in Newburgh target Feb/March
- Need more folks up front – things got hectic at 6:30am
-

Reviewed with Chris ke9yk what is important to get into Nov Sparks.

Repeater committee- –

- N9oL to schedule repeater committee mtg
- Need to arrange getting the node into Deaconess radio room
- Expect grant from West Side Nut Club for repairs of antenna at SP

Post

WW2 museum – Scott to begin again looking at what TARS can do there.

VARA-FM node – Jerry wb9onu asked if the club should put up a node due to Ken Johnson taking his down. Discussion outcome was no need at this time.

Election Committee

• Herbie kb9mzh chair, Charlie wb8ldv, Mark kd0ee and Terry wb9kqf

• Current officers agree to remain on the ballot. Charlie wb8ldv will run again for board.

• Officers Scott Pres, Jerry VP, Tom Treasurer, John N9oL Secretary

• Herb, Charlie, Bruce w9gfs nominated for board

• Ross, terry, Mark remain into their second year

December club meeting – Saturday Dec 14 1-3PM

- Refreshments – cookies, snacks, coffee, ...
- White Elephant exchange – \$15 limit
- Station accessories show and tell
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Winter Field Day January 25-26. Mark kd0ee

• Location- Scott Twp Park

• Mark started planning for 3 stations

• Expense budget motion made n9ol seconded by wb9kqf setting budget of \$125. Motion passed.

Discussed antenna party committee

Upcoming meetings-

• Nov – elections and protocol for NET/repeaters

• DEC – move meeting to Sat Dec 14 at 1PM – dirty Santa and bring station accessories to show off. Will have cookies and snacks

• JAN – Auction

• FEB – banquet

• MAR – 10-meter antenna build night. Mark kd0ee is chairman of this event/meeting

Discussed possible meeting topics

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 CST.

Treasurer Report

Tri-state Amateur Radio Society
Financial Report for
October 2024 (prepared 10/31/24)

Amateur Radio Society Primary Account

Opening Balance: \$7,636.00

TARS sub-accounts

General Fund sub-account

Opening Bal \$4,252.71

Receipts:

Membership \$80.00

HamtoberFest \$1,132.00

Total Receipts --->> \$1,212.00

Expenditures:

HamtberFest Food Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH (\$105.79)

LynvilleCom Center Setup Rental (\$175.00)

Total Expenditures--->> (\$280.79)

Ending Balance General Fund \$5,183.92

Repeater Maint & investment - Restricted acct

Opening Balance \$2,141.30

Receipts:

None \$0.00

Total Receipts --->> \$0.00

Expenditures:

Shipping for repair YAESU - Scott Hibbs KD4SIR (\$40.30)
(\$40.30)

Ending Balance of Repeater Restircted sub-account
\$2,101.00

Red Cross Fund - Restricted Acct

Opening Balance \$1,241.99

Receipts:

VE Room for 9/28 \$14.00

Total Receipts --->> \$14.00

Expenditures:

none \$0.00

Total Expenditures--->> \$0.00

Ending Balance of Red Cross Restircted sub-account
\$1,255.99

Ending Balance - TARS primary Checiking Account
\$8,540.91

TARS IGC (IN Gaming Commission) restricted checking account:

Opening Balance \$243.36

Receipts:

Faffle Ticket Sales \$1,215.00

Total Receipts --->> \$1,215.00

Expenditures:

Total Expenditures--->> \$0.00

Ending Balance of IGC Restircted checking account
\$1,458.36

Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH – TARS Treasurer

Looking Ahead

2024

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 25-26

TARS Banquet February 2025

INQP May

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

Route 66 Special Event September

TARS PICNIC September 21

TARS 7th annual HAMTOBER FEST October ??, 2025

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

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.net



TARS is an [ARRL](#) affiliated club

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Section Manager: Bob Burns [AK9R](#)

ARRL [Central Division](#)

Division Director: Carl Luetzelschwab [K9LA](#)



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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

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