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## Presidential Prognostications de K9FHX

My fellow members, I hope that you all are in good health and our following safe precautions. I'm currently on vacation in Ind. visiting some of my children. Yes retired people do take vacations. I encourage all to participate in our nets, both W9AWE and The Hannibal Radio Club. With the lack of live meetings these nets can be very informative. We are still going to have a Field Day of some sort shared with our friends in Hannibal; for the what and how, participate in both nets until we can start to have live meetings again. Also a Ham fest of some sort is still in the works.

Here we are almost half way into 2020 and there are still a few who have not paid 2020 dues yet. I have talked to Arnold and advised him that soon we will drop all non-paid people from our membership rolls and The Feedline.

I do understand that 40 meters and 80 has been a lot of fun, and 10 meters has also showed up at times. I was once told that the best way to cure a dead band is to call CQ, It works; we never know who is listening and was wishing to work someone.

I also notice that some of you are not registered for our reflector; if not, please contact NG9R and get registered. It's a very handy tool especially when we can't hold live meetings.

With NR9Q on temporary active military duty and myself on vacation I asked NG9R our trustee to make any decisions in my absence.



De David k9fhx, [k9fhx2@gmail.com](mailto:k9fhx2@gmail.com) ,73

*June meeting note: As of this writing (May 21), no decision has been reached concerning the June 3 meeting of WIARC. Watch the club reflector and check into the Wednesday night nets for the latest information. -.ed*

*Field Day: After consulting with members of the HARC, the decision for 2020 ARRL Field Day is as follows: All club members of both clubs are encouraged to get on the air during the event, which begins at 1 pm local on Saturday June 27 and ends at 4 pm Sunday June 28. There will be no joint operation as “social distancing guidelines” remain in effect in both Illinois and Missouri at this writing. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/field-day> for details and rules. There will be an opportunity on the web submission for each entrant to list your local club membership (either WIARC or HARC). The FD committees of the two clubs plan to recognize entrants with the highest submitted scores overall and the highest scores for phone, CW and digital entries.*

*Here is some more information from W9JJ:*

Don Vary of HARC passed this along:

ARRL staff together with the ARRL Board’s Programs and Services Committee (PSC) discussed 2020 Field Day (FD) at length in recent weeks and affirmed the current published event rules.

Please understand that the FD Rules are not merely a staff clerical document – ARRL Directors and Committee Members are engaged in establishing each year’s Field Day profile. Rules changes are very much a process that include ARRL Board Members.

In developing the FD 2020 package, the key points discussed by staff and the board committee re-emphasize that FD is not a contest (no logs are collected {only dupe sheets}, and no awards are issued) - that it is in fact an emergency communications exercise - and that when faced with any situation where Radio Amateurs are requested to supply communications assistance, we determine (we ask) how we can assist within the scope of the event and the Served Agency’s needs. Then we Adapt to the needs of the event.

The same is the case with 2020 FD - this year we Adapt to the needs of the situation, while closely monitoring/following local, state and federal guidelines. As FD remains over a month away, and as communities across our country begin reopening to a new normal, each area is different – and local guidelines are different from area to area, and ever changing. Groups and individuals must determine for themselves if they are allowed to assemble, how large such groups are permitted to be, and if they can assemble safely and socially-distanced based on location options and local and state guidelines.

The rules that have been publicized for FD 2020 are unchanged from the previous several years. “Stories” have been added at [www.arrl.org/field-day](http://www.arrl.org/field-day) to expand on what may be possible in this unprecedented year. A couple more stories are planned.

As Field Day is not a contest, the Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) is not tasked to

supply input for any parameters of this event. The Distributed Multi-Op profile suggested is again something for contesting - and as FD is not a contest, it is not applicable.

Unless congregating in numbers is limited or prohibited by a locality or state, there is nothing inappropriate about club members going to a FD site that is minimally staffed – maintaining social distancing, using PPE, and disinfecting equipment – ensuring local and state guidelines and health safety standards are employed.

Other examples might be where self-contained band/mode stations – where say operators are specific to only that station - set up at the Field Day site, all within the limits of the 1,000 foot circle (say like pieces of a pie), perhaps with tents, or with Rover Vans, or with RVs – each setting up their own antennas, running their own generator or connecting to a common one, operating on their own where intercommunication between stations is by voice socially distanced or by radio – again all set-up/take-down or operating being done practicing social distancing as well. In the end, each participant needs to consider and decide if he/she will participate with due consideration to social-distancing procedures/protocols, and PPE and disinfecting resources available and needed to maintain their own personal safety above all else.

As to Home stations and FD categories: Class D is a home station using commercial power – this remains unchanged; those who can add solar, or a battery power source, or a generator, can become a Class E home station running (non-commercial) emergency power.

As FD is not a contest, it's not just about the destination - but is as much about the journey. FD 2020 is indeed a year of change, to try something different than the usual - to try something completely new - to Adapt.

While we won't be joining you in your zoom conference, do feel free to send along by email any questions the group may have (questions not answered within the current FD package or stories or herein) and we will review, research them as necessary, and reply to them in kind in a timely fashion.

73 with thanks to you and all our Section Managers and Volunteers,

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*May meeting minutes: not As there was no in-person WIARC meeting in May, nothing was 'minuted'. -ed*

**DX stuff from the edge of the Cliff: (i.e., from K0CA...)**

**I'm pinch-hitting for Larry WB2UFO, who is at Mayo Clinic for surgery. Let's keep Larry and Ann in our prayers. One of the few positive things about having to stay at home during the pandemic is we can spend time on the air! Here's some DX news, courtesy the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin (OPDX) <http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>. There will be lots of DX using special call signs emphasizing social distancing and the importance of staying home during the pandemic. Be safe and well. 73 and good DX de Cliff K0CA.**

**4J Azerbaijan. Look for hams using 4J75 or 4K75 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the victory in WW2. Also, two special event stations will be on the air during the Covid-19 pandemic, with calls 4J0STAYHOME and 4K0STAYHOME. QSL via DC9RI.**

**4X Israel. Another special event station signing 4X2BESAFE will be on the air until August 12th on various HF bands. QSL via 4Z1TL direct.**

**5W Samoa. Look for 5W1SA using the special callsign 5W19STAYS SAFE during the pandemic. QSL via LoTW.**

**5Z Kenya. Another pandemic special event callsign 5Z4STAYHOME is on the air from Kenya. QSL via the Bureau. For more information see <https://qsl.net/arsk>.**

**6Y Jamaica. One more special event, by 6Y5HN, using call 6Y6STAYHOME. QSL via EA5GL.**

**75th Anniversary of WWII. Listen for lots of special event stations during the month of May, celebrating the 75th anniversary of WWII. Check out the OPDX Bulletin for a complete list.**

**9J Zambia. Look for Mario IZ3KVD signing 9J2MYT. He's been on 20/17/15/10 meters SSB. QSL IZ3KVD direct.**

**9M2 West Malaysia. Listen for more special event callsigns on the air for three months starting May 15th, including 9M4StayHome, 9M4DudukRumah and 9M4Covid19.**

**9V Singapore. 9V1STAYHOME will be on the air through June 30, to promote social distancing in the battle against Covid-19. QSL via LoTW.**

**A6 United Arab Emirates. Emirates ARS will activate twelve stations signing A60NMT/1 through A60NMT/12 during the pandemic.**

**BV Taiwan. A special event station BV120SU till be active until August 4th.**

**CE Chile Several special event stations signing stay at home will be on from Chile. Jorge CE3YP will be active signing CB3STAYHOME on 80-10 meters on FT8. 3G2HOME is also on the air and CB3SH will be on until September 30th.**

**CE9 Antarctica. Listen for 8J1RL and RI1ANM until early 2021.**

**DU Philippines.** The Philippine ARA will put DX0STAYHOME on the air. QSL via DX1PAR.

**F France.** The French Radio club will activate TM18JUIN in May and June. QSL via F4AHN.

**G England.** The RSGB Contest Club will activate GB1945PE, GB1945PJ and GB75PEACE May through August to celebrate Victory in Europe.

**LA Norway.** The Norwegian National Guard's RAC will sign LN1V during all of 2020 to mark the 75th anniversary for the liberation of Norway in WW2.

**OD Lebanon.** Look for Radio Amateurs of Lebanon to activate OD50SH and OD5STAYHOME during the Covid—19 pandemic.

**OE Austria.** Martti OH2BH will sign 4U2STAYHOME from the UN International Center.

**PY Brazil.** Special event call ZW8THANKS will be active as a tribute to health care professionals fighting Covid-19.

**S5 Slovenia.** The Radio Club Cerkno will activate S500E throughout 2020.

**SV Greece.** SZ3STAYHOME will be on the air from Greece.

**T8 Palau,** T88JH will be on the air from Koror Island (OC-009) until September 17-28.

**TG Guatemala.** YUS1RM is active as TG9/YS1RM.

**UT Ukraine.** Memorial stations EO100A, EM100ALK and EM100LK will be on from the Ukraine.

**VE Canada,** VO2IR will be active as CH2IR until June 20, and Canadian stations are allowed to use special prefixes from: VA to CF, VE to CG, VO to CH and VY to CI. Look for VE2EH to be active as XM2STAYHOM (no "E").

**VU India.** VU2KWJ will be on signing AT2TNX to thank the pandemic front line fighters. VU2UUU will activate AT2SHI. And another special event will be AU2IAG until July 16th. AT2GOK and AU2COV will be on until July 26th. VU2NTL will be on the air as AT9SS.

**XU Cambodia.** BG9XD is active as XU7AMG until June 14th.

**YI Iraq.** YI/IU5HWS will be on the air for 4-5 months.

**ZL New Zealand.** For the duration of the lock down, New Zealand amateurs may use the ZM prefix instead of ZL.

**ZS South Africa.** ZS1820S will be on for the rest of the year.

## NCS Stations:

One function of the monthly WIARC meetings is to get volunteers to by NCS for the weekly Wednesday evening nets. Sans such meetings, we need to have people step up and volunteer. Please let NG9R [dpease@adams.net](mailto:dpease@adams.net) know if you are willing to be NCS for June 24 or July 1. NCS for June 3 is NR9Q; June 10 is N9JF; for June 17, NG9R. If you show up and no one picks up the net, please do so! The net info is found at: <http://www.w9awe.org/ARES%20Net.html>

**Stuff Needed!** (items mentioned on the club reflector recently)

Good afternoon WIARC. I am in search of one section of Rohn 25 here locally. This section needs to be in decent cosmetic shape. A little rust is fine as I plan to lightly sand this one section and spray it with a cold galvanized paint so that it match the rest of the sections I plan to put up. Main thing is that it is not bent or that it has been jacked apart during its removal. Please let me know if you have anything that you are willing to part with locally. 73

Thanks,  
Chris Schulz, NR9Q  
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Hey all, spring is here and I'm looking for a few items to get my antenna projects off the ground. Ha Ha

1. I would like to find a hytower, one in good shape (I have too many 'projects' already) and it must be complete. The MK160A would be a plus.
2. I need one 10 foot section of 25G tower. Again in good shape with no rust or bent tubes or braces.
3. I would like to find an SB25G, the 3 foot concrete base.

Any leads would be appreciated.

73 Mike NA9Q  
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## Results of the May WIMSPRINT:

(By the way, if you wonder “why the goofy name?”, it stands for “Western Illinois Monthly Sprint”. Suggest an alternative.... -ed)

Only three entries were received. Is anyone else getting on the air? If you were a net NCS, you can at least claim the contacts of check-ins! Remember that you may use repeater contacts and any band and mode, and you may use the web to look up missing information; e.g., the state, county or grid of the stations worked if those constitute multipliers for a given month.

First of all, a correction from April: (remember, you are responsible for scoring your own log; I don't need that much entertainment. -ed)

In reading the WIARC newsletter, I just noticed I forgot to include States, which are also multipliers. So instead of 8 mult's, I had 43 mults (which includes 35 states). Total WIMSPRINT score 4,687. 73, Cliff K0CA

(Leaving NR9Q in first place in April but bumping N9JF firmly into third..... -ed)

Here were the May entries:

From W9WE:

START-OF-LOG: 3.0  
LOCATION: IL  
CALLSIGN: W9WE  
CLUB: Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club  
CONTEST: HAMVENTION-QP  
CATEGORY-OPERATOR: SINGLE-OP  
CATEGORY-ASSISTED: NON-ASSISTED  
CATEGORY-BAND: ALL  
CATEGORY-MODE: MIXED  
CATEGORY-POWER: LOW  
CATEGORY-STATION: FIXED  
CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER: ONE

CLAIMED-SCORE: 22

QSO: 7032 CW 2020-05-16 1514 W9WE	599 2020 K8TW	599 1974
QSO: 7033 CW 2020-05-16 1521 W9WE	599 2020 WQ6X	599 2020
QSO: 7035 CW 2020-05-16 1854 W9WE	599 2020 W4NSO	599 1970
QSO: 7037 CW 2020-05-16 1857 W9WE	599 2020 K8JQ	599 1972
QSO: 14039 CW 2020-05-16 1935 W9WE	599 2020 N9RV	599 1972
QSO: 14038 CW 2020-05-16 1936 W9WE	599 2020 W3FV	599 1979
QSO: 14034 CW 2020-05-16 1952 W9WE	599 2020 K5PI	599 2000
QSO: 14215 PH 2020-05-16 2005 W9WE	59 2020 KE4WLE	59 2005
QSO: 7033 CW 2020-05-16 2045 W9WE	599 2020 W8FN	599 1969
QSO: 7036 CW 2020-05-16 2052 W9WE	599 2020 WB8SCT	599 1974

QSO: 7036 CW 2020-05-16 2056 W9WE	599 2020 N9NC	599 1974
QSO: 7036 CW 2020-05-16 2058 W9WE	599 2020 K4AVX	599 1959
QSO: 7036 CW 2020-05-16 2143 W9WE	599 2020 WA8Y	599 2009
QSO: 7041 CW 2020-05-16 2149 W9WE	599 2020 K1XM	599 1976
QSO: 7043 CW 2020-05-16 2151 W9WE	599 2020 WB8JUI	599 1973
QSO: 7044 CW 2020-05-16 2153 W9WE	599 2020 K3FH	599 2007
QSO: 7044 CW 2020-05-16 2310 W9WE	599 2020 VA2CZ	599 2019
QSO: 7043 CW 2020-05-16 2312 W9WE	599 2020 K8NVR	599 2007
QSO: 7039 CW 2020-05-16 2318 W9WE	599 2020 AC6ZM	599 2002
QSO: 7038 CW 2020-05-16 2320 W9WE	599 2020 WO4O	599 1969
QSO: 7037 CW 2020-05-16 2323 W9WE	599 2020 N5UM	599 1983
QSO: 7035 CW 2020-05-16 2326 W9WE	599 2020 N0TA	599 1988

END-OF-LOG:

Note that Dave could have claimed multipliers for the states and DX logged. I won't be doing the math. (-ed But a nice Hamvention QSO Party log, nevertheless. Thanks, Dave!)

From K0CA:

I had very few 4 hour periods of more than a couple QSOs in May. My best was only worth 16 points – 4 QSOs X 4 countries. Not worth much other than to show I was on the air a little in May. Quite a comedown from last month!

Cliff K0CA

....and from N9JF:

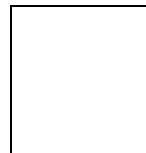
A 2-hour period on 30 meter FT4 on May 8 netted 28 QSOs in 21 states, provinces and DXCC for 588 points.

Announcing the June WIMSPRINT:

All rules remain the same except for multipliers. As June is the highlight of the VHF season, multipliers for June will be Maidenhead grids. Most VHF contacts will include this information, and FT8/FT4 will post them for you. For others, you may use web resources to obtain the information. Pick a 4-hour period from June 1-Jun 20 and report by the end of the day on June 22. 73, Jim N9JF



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June meeting to be determined. Check into  
the Wednesday night net for latest info.

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