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# THE FEEDLINE

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From the laboratory of the President

It amazes me that we are looking at September already. Recently, the sun has been flexing its muscles; some days have really good propagation, and other days are not quite as good. It will be very interesting to see what this fall and winter has to bring to the ham bands. This summer's Es season still is hanging on, not opening every day but still some days of fairly high activity (assuming you use FT8).

I cruise the ham radio swap pages frequently and see that used equipment prices followed new product prices. They all seem to have gone up by a very noticeable amount. A ham starting out is looking at spending quite a bit more than a couple of years ago. Maybe you have some good, used equipment you no longer use. Think about making it available to a new or struggling ham as a loan or for a reduced price, maybe even financing it for them. Being an Elmer can take many forms.

Last month we decided to have a tailgate flea market prior to the September 7 meeting, and both will be held in Moorman Park in Quincy. The flea market will start 5:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM so bring your treasures you want to sell and some cash to take someone else's treasure home with you. I have informed a couple of the HARC members of our intentions and invited them to share the word with their club and extend the invitation for their club to attend if they like. I also posted messages to the Twin Rivers and Jacksonville clubs Facebook pages inviting them as well. You can help by spreading the word to anyone you know in person, on the internet or on the air. This is free: no charge to anyone wanting to come and buy sell, trade or ragchew.

The fall contest season is fast-approaching, and the Illinois QSO Party (an event we are in charge of) will be Sunday October 16 from 1700 UTC Oct. 16 through 0200 UTC on October 17 (12:00 noon until 8:00 PM local time for us). This is something we have been involved with for years, and I am almost embarrassed every year at the lack of our own club members that are active for this operating event. If you simply get on for an hour or two...three....four, what ever you have time for, please do it. I estimate there could be 20 or more local club members that can work each other on just 2 meters, and anyone with any kind of HF station could work those same hams on HF if you have HF privileges. Maybe we ought to set an activity time for everyone to show up on a particular time and frequency and go from there. We also have a decent club station that would be a great spot for some of our club members that do not have a station at home.

A few months back, we agreed to purchase a variety of new ARRL Amateur Radio books to donate to the Quincy Public Library. I hope to have those delivered before the next meeting.

I hope to see you all September 7, 5:30 PM at Moorman Park in Quincy.  
Danny W9DP

## Moved and Seconded: Minutes of the August 2022 WIARC Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President W9DP at 7 pm at the American Red Cross building with the following members and guests present:

W9DP K9VXD N9JF KB9FIN WA9GBC KD0DKE W9GQK WM4D AB9DU W9US WB9EWM W9WE and guests Kristen and Brian

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in *The Feedline* on a motion by KB9FIN second by WB9EWM and carried.

Treasurer's report: interest received of \$1.29 with no expenses for the month.

Motion to approve by WA9GBC, seconded by KB9FIN , carried.

K9VXD reported on alternatives to the current post office box: We could get service through a company associated with Staples for \$9.90 a month, which would save us \$46 per year.

Motion by N9JF, second by WB9EWM to keep the POBox and arrange for the second key to be kept in the club room so someone (other than Arnold) can periodically check the POBox and distribute mail appropriately. Carried.

Repeater Board: nothing to report, no issues

Station report: no issues

Contest committee: Illinois Edibles are ready to mail for the 2021 ILQP.

VE Report: prepared for August 6 if there are candidates; 1 pm at Bethel Church

Old Business: Shirts; W9DP should have a sample by next meeting; tentative \$12 for XL and smaller, \$15 for XXL and larger

No applications for membership

New Business: Swapfest September 7 prior to WIARC meeting; 5:30 pm. Upper Moorman Park; WB9EWM moved, KB9FIN seconded, carried.

Proposing to resume post-meeting programs

NCS stations:

Aug 10 W9DP Aug 17 NR9Q Aug 24 WB9EWM Aug 31 WM4D Sep 7 W9WE Sept 14 W9DP Sept 21 WB9EWM Sept 28 WM4D Oct 5 W9DP

W9DP showed some simple and relatively cheap test equipment used for antenna analysis among other purposes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm on a motion by KB9FIN seconded by WB9EWM and carried.

Respectfully submitted, N9JF Secretary

## Club Item News:

Our members' sympathy is extended to N9SN, Jim Ruxlow, on the recent passing of his wife, Kristi.

Kristen Garrett was granted a license on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Her call sign is KD9VQF.

Dave Scranton W9WE

DX Info shamelessly stolen from [ARRL DX News](#)

**DX Bulletin 33 ARLD033 From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT August 18, 2022  
To all radio amateurs**

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

**TIMOR-LESTE, 4W.** Satoshi, JH2EUV is QRV as 4W/JH2EUV. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mostly FT8. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

**MAYOTTE, FH.** Marek, F4VVJ will be QRV as FH4VVK from Petite-Terre, IOTA AF-027, from August 20 to April 1, 2024. Activity will be in his spare time. QSL direct to home call.

**THAILAND, HS.** Brad, VK2FY is QRV as HS0ZNR until September 2. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters. QSL direct to home call.

**DJIBOUTI, J2.** J28RC is a new club station located in a US Army military camp. QSL via EA5GL.

**JORDAN, JY.** Nart, JY5IB is QRV from Amman and is active on 60 to 12 meters using FT8. QSL direct to home call.

**LITHUANIA, LY.** Special call sign LY770CT is QRV until October 14 to commemorate the 770th anniversary since the founding of the Lithuanian city of Klaipeda. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via LY1CT and LoTW.

**POLAND, SP.** Members of the Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club are QRV with special call signs SO550MK, SP550MK and SQ550MK to commemorate 550 years since the birth of astronomer and mathematician Nicolaus Copernicus. QSL via SP3PDO.

Please see August 2022 QST, page 70 and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

Upcoming State QSO Parties: (You can Ctrl-click on any + for details)

**August**

Maryland	+ Maryland-DC QSO Party	1400Z, Aug 13 to 0400Z, Aug 14, 2022
Hawaii	+ Hawaii QSO Party	0400Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 29, 2022
Kansas	+ Kansas QSO Party	1400Z, Aug 27 to 0200Z, Aug 28, 2022 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 28, 2022
Ohio	+ Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 28, 2022

## September

Colorado	+ Colorado QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 3 to 0400Z, Sep 4, 2022
Tennessee	+ Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 4 to 0300Z, Sep 5, 2022
Alabama	+ Alabama QSO Party	1500Z, Sep 10 to 0300Z, Sep 11, 2022
Texas	+ Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 17 to 0200Z, Sep 18, 2022 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 18, 2022
Iowa	+ Iowa QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 17 to 0200Z, Sep 18, 2022
New Hampshire	+ New Hampshire QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 17 to 0400Z, Sep 18, 2022 and 1600Z-2200Z, Sep 18, 2022
New Jersey	+ New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 17 to 0359Z, Sep 18, 2022
Washington	+ Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 17 to 0700Z, Sep 18, 2022 and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 18, 2022
Maine	+ Maine QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 24 to 1200Z, Sep 25, 2022

## October

California	+ California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 1 to 2200Z, Oct 2, 2022
Nevada	+ Nevada QSO Party	0300Z, Oct 8 to 2100Z, Oct 9, 2022
Arizona	+ Arizona QSO Party	1500Z, Oct 8 to 0500Z, Oct 9, 2022

Pennsylvania	+	Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 8 to 0400Z, Oct 9, 2022 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 9, 2022
South Dakota	+	South Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 8 to 1800Z, Oct 9, 2022
New York	+	New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 15 to 0200Z, Oct 16, 2022
Illinois	+	Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 16 to 0100Z, Oct 17, 2022

CQP 2022 is six weeks away!

The California QSO Party will be held on: 1600Z October 1 - 2200Z October 2, 2022  
<https://cqp.org>

**Highlights:**

1. Review 2022 rules and awards changes at:  
[https://cqp.org/pdf/cqp2022\\_changes\\_summary.pdf](https://cqp.org/pdf/cqp2022_changes_summary.pdf)

2. CA County activation plans are updated every 24 hours on the County Tracker page:  
<https://www.cqp.org/tracker.html>

See callsigns by county and mode in our spreadsheet which can be accessed from this County Tracker page.

This page is updated daily. We are doing our best to activate all 58 CA counties. Wildfires may create significant challenges for expeditions and mobiles in their planning to activate CA counties. We are hopeful that we'll find a way for all 58 CA counties to be QRV during the CA QSO Party.

3. Strategy page:

Take advantage of the operator's guide and all the additional information on this Strategy page to help prepare for the 2022 CA QSO Party.  
<https://cqp.org/Strategy.html>

73... -Dean - N6DE CA QSO Party Chairman

**Announcing the 2022 Illinois QSO Party!**

As mentioned above by The Prez, the ILQP will be on Sunday October 16 (noon) until 8 pm. The committee has recently met and made a few minor changes to the rules. The main ones are the adding of an "Unlimited" category and the elimination of the Illinois Edibles Award (adding a special certificate instead). Updated rules will appear on the club website soon.

Operating in ILQP doesn't have to be complicated. It can be as simple as tuning your two meter rig to 146.55 and listening for someone calling "CQ ILQP" from noon until 8

pm and responding with your call and your county. It can involve sitting at your HF radio for a few sessions during that eight-hour period and calling stations on 20 or 40 meters who are soliciting contacts. It can be a few hours of meeting with other club members at the club station to put W9OAB on the air. Or it can morph into an all-out obsession that takes one 400 miles on a Sunday afternoon and evening or into the brush to set up a Field Day style station on a county corner. Ask me how I know....

Whatever your style, be sure to read the rules and include all of the required information in your log for each contact, and send your log to [n9jf@arrl.net](mailto:n9jf@arrl.net).

However you do it, you contribute to the overall success of the club-sponsored event. WIARC took over the sponsorship quite a few years ago. You can find some of the history of the ILQP on our website at <https://w9awe.org/ilqp/>. Here you can also find the planned operations for this year's event, past results, rules, the procedure for subscribing to the ILQP reflector (recommended) and Frequently Asked Questions.

Plan to get on the air on October 16 and pass out some points! Jim N9JF

Borrowed from the *Illinois Section PIO Network Newsletter*:

## **ILLINOIS SECTION PIO NETWORK NEWSLETTER**

JULY 30, 2022 **SPECIAL FIELD DAY REVIEW EDITION**

*from:* **VICKY WHITAKER, KD9BAU**, *chair*

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Between Field Day, approaching hamfests and related activities, I didn't think I would make my late July deadline that was a follow-up the quick note seeking both responses, news clips and photos from Field Day earlier in the month. I have additional non-Field Day material to share but looking at the length of this newsletter, I will send that out next week as the August edition. *In the meantime...*

I've made a composite photo of just a small portion of the photos that capture the spirit of Field Day 2022. Wish I could have used all the many wonderful photos and clips sent to me, but it would have slowed the down both the loading and reading process.



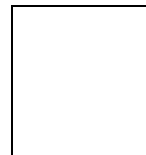
(My thanks to the many PIOs, club officers and photographers who helped record and/or otherwise provide information for this Field Day 2022 PIO wrap-up especially Keith Hertenstein (KB9HOC) from the Amateur Radio Club of Mt. Vernon; Sam Haldiman (KZC9ZY) from The 415 Amateur Radio Club; John Kilroy (KD9NAH) and Roger Whitaker (K9LJB) from the Sangamon Valley Radio Club; Melodie Mitchell (W9MEL), Jeremy Hance W9PUG), Robert Mitchell (W9REM) from the Vermilion County Amateur Radio Association; Jim Pitchford (N9LQF) and Cassie Eigenmann (KD9JCP) from the Macoupin County Radio Club; Mike Sallee (KC9FWL) from the Central Illinois Radio Club; Arthur Paton, N9AEP from the North Shore Radio Club; Jim Funk (N9JF) and Kenneth Wilkerson, (WM4D) from the West Central Amateur Radio Club.

The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club in Quincy has had its share of Field Day woes, having only recently gotten permission to get back into the American Red Cross building that houses its club station, says PIO Jim Funk, but it made the effort to promote Field Day on its Facebook page and judging from the enthusiastic response from members, the event was a success.

The public doesn't have to switch on a computer to see what the club is doing. The club's monthly newsletter, *The Feedline*, is printed and posted on the Quincy Public Library's site.

It's an avenue few clubs think about but may be one worthy of pursuing as younger generations turn to electronics to do everything from school work to play. Having your newsletter regularly available through a library site may be one of those usually overlooked areas in reaching out to the general public.

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September meeting: Wednesday, September  
7, 2022  
Upper Moorman Park Shelter (location to be  
determined by availability) 7 pm with  
Swapfest beginning at 5:30 pm.

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