
THE FEEDLINE

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Thanks, NB4C, for sending this up from Florida!

**Illinois QSO Party!!! October 22, 2023, 1700z to Oct 23 0100z
(noon to 8 pm CDST)**

Make your plans now!!

This is the annual opportunity for Illinois hams to “be DX” without traveling very far (or at all). Get on the air! Operate from your home station, mobile, rover, portable or from the club station. Find a park and be ILQP/POTA!! See <https://w9awe.org/ilqp/> for all of the rules, details and planned operations, logging suggestions and a sample log reporting spreadsheet you can easily use for your submission.

So far, the Planned Operations map shows club members K9AJC, W9WE, WB9EWM, WA0VHI W9OAB, KB0V and N9JF. Every member should be able to get on and make contacts and send in a log even if only on two meter simplex! Listen on 146.52 or 146.55 for activity.

Minutes of the September 2023 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dave, W9WE at 7:00 PM. Everyone introduced themselves. A motion was made by K9AJC (NR9Q) to accept the July meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Arnold, K9VXD, reported that we had a few dollars interest income and expenditures for two memorial gifts and reimbursement for shipping the broken repeater back to Yaesu.

John, WB9EWM, reported for the repeater board that the Yaesu repeater sent out for warranty repair should be back soon and it would be installed shortly after it gets back. Danny, W9DP, reported that WGEM had been in contact with him about a change to the agreement we have to have our 146.940 repeater at their transmitter site. Due to the removal of that tower in the future, they wanted an updated contract to be signed. The only change to the contract was it now can be cancelled from month to month.

Club station – It was reported that the club’s 160/80 meter wire antenna needed to be put back up. NR9Q volunteered to look at repairing the antenna.

Contest - N9JF reported the Illinois QSO Party is October 22 from 12:00 noon until 8:00 PM local time (1700 UTC Oct 22 through 0100 UTC Oct. 23).

Old Business – The club dinner will be held October 14 at 6:00 PM at Sprouts Inn, 2814 N. 12th in Quincy. Cost will be \$18.00 per person, reservations required, and payment needs to accompany reservations. You may make your reservations with Danny, W9DP, anytime between now and October 12. Bob and Sue Mitchell will provide a program after the meal. Dave, W9WE, reported the Red Cross will be having a Boot Camp Training class on September 16 at the Red Cross in Quincy. W9DP also noted that Linda Buechting, AC9M, had passed away. Linda is the wife of club member Daryl, N9BZ. Dave, KB9FIN, inquired about the error in

our repeater listing on the club web page, specifically that the 147.195 repeater was still listed as a D-STAR repeater, not a Fusion repeater. It was also brought up that the roster had yet to be updated and that the recently approved changes to the club constitution needed to be added to the club web page. Jim, N9JF, has the new roster about completed and will send that, along with the correction to the repeater listing and the changes to the club constitution along to our web page admin.

New Business – Jack, KD9PPJ, inquired if the club did any public communication work. Danny, W9DP, said that almost all of the emergency/public communication needs were handled by the Adams County EMA, with many club members volunteering for the EMA. Dave, W9WE, reminded us that the Adams County EMA is always looking for volunteers. Jim, N9JF, read a letter he had received about a company checking to see if our club would be willing to help with an RF anomaly in our area by doing some spectrum monitoring. No information was given about what the anomaly is or what the research would be used for. Based on the lack of details, it was decided we would not act on the letter.

Net Control stations through October - Sept. 13 – Jack KD9PPJ, Sept. 20 - John, WB9EWM, Sept. 27 – Danny, W9DP, Oct. 4 – Dave, W9WE, Oct. 11 – Shawn, KD9VUW, Oct. 18 – Alan, K9AJC, Oct. 25 – Dave, W9WE, Nov. 1 – Danny W9DP

Motion to adjourn by KB9FIN (KD9PPJ). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Danny Pease, W9DP

Dinner Meeting Announcement

The Western Illinois ARC will be holding a dinner on October 14 at Sprouts Inn, 2814 n. 12th in Quincy. Wed will start at 6:00 PM and have the food served by around 6:30. The meal will include salad, roast beef and chicken, potato, vegetable, dinner rolls and dessert. Cost will be \$18.00 per person. Reservations are required and can be made with Danny W9DP. Payment is required with reservation. You can make a reservation anytime between now and October 12 by email w9dp@w9dp.us or at the October club meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!! Local test dates

Information for Carthage Club <http://kc9lmf.org/license-and-testing/>

- EXAM SESSION
09/21/2023 | [Carthage IL 62321-1502](#)
Sponsor: Big Bend Amateur Radio Club
Location: Hancock ESDA Building
Time: 5:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)
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Hannibal updates::::::::::::: Testing after meeting.
Hannibal Club is now meeting at the Marion County Ambulance District Administrative Offices at 142 Jaycee Drive. To get to the facility, go South on McMasters Ave (RT61) to the intersection of Clinic Rd (immediate right past Wendy's). Turn Right onto Clinic Rd and the second right (after the frontage road) is Communication Drive. Turn right onto Communication Drive and continue straight on Communication which then turns into Jaycee Dr. The Admin center is on the right at the top of the hill. We will meet in the Training Room.

SCHEDULED FCC test 2023 last session this year.
October 11, 2023

Amateur Radio License Examination Opportunities In Quincy, IL.

Sponsor: Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club
Location: Bethel Assembly of God Church
839 S 12th Quincy IL
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Team Liaison, Dave Scranton, W9WE

November 4th at 1:00 pm (reg by Nov 2nd 8pm)

For additional information, or to register for a scheduled test session, call Dave Scranton, W9WE, our team liaison at [210-325-7923](tel:210-325-7923). A reservation for any of the Hannibal or Quincy test sessions may be made by call/leave message or email. w9we.lee@gmail.com

As only available times to operate a test is limited I'll be heading south really soon. Please pass on the newsletter to your friends and family. Some people don't know we're here.

Future Dates for the ILQP are:
October 22, 2023

THE ILLINOIS QSO PARTY

Starting with the 2006 ILQP, the WIARC assumed the responsibility of sponsoring and administering this annual event. The ILQP takes place each October and involves amateur operators in all Illinois counties as well as operators from across the USA and in many foreign countries. The QSO party provides Illinois operators the opportunity to be the 'rare ones' while providing stations outside of Illinois the opportunity to log many of the rarer Illinois counties. Illinois stations may operate as Fixed, Portable, Mobile or Rover stations. High and Low power classes are provided for both Illinois Fixed and Non-Illinois stations and QRP competition is also provided. Complete rules for the next ILQP may be viewed by clicking on the most recent competition year Rules tab below.
<https://w9awe.org/ilqp/>

Don't forget ILQP will be here soon. Let's get our plans made for operation. I'm hopeful that we can use the same resources in Pike/Calhoun again. I'm planning to use a

different set of antennas. One will be end fed 80 wire 148 ft long. Up about 30-35 feet. I will also continue using my 80 meter G5RV for NVIS.



When the electricity is out, the phone lines and cell phone systems are overloaded, how do you call for help?

The Hannibal Amateur Radio Club will be holding a 3-session course where you will learn everything you need to know to pass the test for your entry level FCC Amateur Radio License. Classes will be held each Saturday, beginning September 23 and concluding on October 7, with the FCC exam being administered on October 11 by a exam team. There is no age limit for licensing and instruction will be geared to students of all ages from elementary to senior citizens. Classes will be held on Saturday from 8AM to 4PM at the Marion County Ambulance District training facility, 142 Jaycee Drive, Hannibal, Missouri. While instruction is free, the purchase of the license study guide is strongly recommended. It will be available at a discount from the instructor prior to the class. There is an FCC testing fee of \$15.00

If you are interested in attending, please contact:

Donald Vary KDØHHN

573-719-9002

Or email: kd0hhn@hotmail.com

DX News shamelessly purloined from *ARRL DX News* for Sept. 21, 2023

**ARLD038 DX news QST de W1AW DX Bulletin 38 ARLD038
From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT September 21, 2023**

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by OH1VR, The Daily DX, 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 from Dili until October 13. Activity is in his spare time on 80 to 6 meters. QSL to home call.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. Members of the Emirati Radio Amateur Society are QRV as A60ARS, and A60ARS/0 to /9 to mark Saudi Arabia's National Day celebrations. QSL via operators' instructions.

BAHRAIN, A9. Members of the Bahrain Radio Amateur Organization are QRV as A91ARS to mark Saudi Arabia's National Day celebrations. QSL via EC6DX.

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO. Vincent, K6VVK will be QRV as FO/K6VVK from Moorea, IOTA OC-046, from September 25 to October 1, and then from Rangiroa, IOTA OC-066, on October 2 to 6. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands and 6 meters, using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

CRETE, SV9. Seppo, OH1VR will be QRV as SV9/OH1VR near Chania from September 28 to October 3. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using mainly CW. QSL direct to home call.

TUVALU, T2. A group of operators are QRV as T22T from Funafuti, IOTA OC-015, until October 9. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters bands with ten stations using CW, SSB, and FT8 in DXpedition mode. QSL via LoTW.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32. Ken, KH6QJ is QRV as T32AZ from Kiritimati, IOTA OC-024, until October 17. QSL to home call.

LORD HOWE ISLAND, VK9L. Bob, W7YAQ and Al, K7AR are QRV as VK9LAA until October 4. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters. This includes being an entry in the CQ World Wide RTTY DX contest. QSL via W7YAQ.

ALBANIA, ZA. Antonis, SV1ENG is QRV as ZA/SV1ENG from Lucove until October 1. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly CW with some SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA AND GOUGH ISLANDS, ZD9. Yuris, YL2GM will be QRV as ZD9W from Tristan da Cunha, IOTA AF-029, from September 24 to October 22. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

Please see September 2023 QST, page 70, and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM Contest Web Sites for details.

Gleanings from October 2023 *QST Magazine*:

As a long-time Life Member of ARRL, I still receive a hard copy of *QST Magazine* each month. With the restructuring of memberships, that will require an extra fee; and while I enjoy having a physical magazine in my hands, I think I will adapt to the digital version on-line....

I just spent some time reading the October issue, and here are a couple of things I found interesting and relevant:

Page 34: “HF Antenna for Portable Operations”; nothing revolutionary here but worth considering if you want to use the 17’ telescoping vertical for bands below 20 meters.

Page 53: “An Introduction to WSJT’s DXpedition Mode”; better study up on this if you want to work some of the rarer DX stations in “Fox and Hound” mode!

Page 55: “Activating the Tallest Mountain in Maine: Mount Katahdin”. We drove past this park last fall. Beautiful place! If you have worked many parks, KB1HQS is probably in your log. His description of the hike up the mountain doesn’t make me want to tackle it!

Page 62: “How to Renew Your License Online” Good review for all of us!!

Page 75: “US Amateur Radio Bands” Do you have a chart in your shack? In your vehicle?

Page 80: “KH8/S – Swain’s Island” If you don’t have this one yet, be aware!

Page 81: “DX News from Around the Globe—H40 Temotu Province” Separate from the Solomon Islands, this operation will be on the air in late October and early November.

.....followed by....

.....H44WA....

Just a bit later, starting November 9, H44WA will be on the air with a group from the Western Washington DX Club, *including WIARC member NU7J!!* Tom reports they will be leaving November 10, returning November 30. He says, “Shipping and duty issues are much more difficult than I imagined.!” He has been testing some of their antennas. They are meeting next week to set up laptops for networking. Radios will be K3s. Most of the antennas will be single band VDAs on the beach. One team member scouted out the operating location recently and reported a noise level of S0. Lots of emphasis will be on 80 and 160. The third station will be on FT modes quite a bit.

More to come....

Parks on the Air Update for WIARC

Sunspots have made the higher bands more useful, summer travel has encouraged park activations, and the stats for the members of WIARC have changed considerably. This is a great time of year to activate. Not too hot, not too cold!

Here are the updated totals as of September 22:

W9DP	1 activation of 1 park	1773 parks worked
NU7J	133 activations of 92 parks,	2246 parks worked
W9US	17 activations of 7 parks	526 parks worked
NR9Q	25 activations of 10 parks	619 parks worked
AA9GL		108 parks worked
KB9FIN	22 activations of 20 parks	1131 parks worked
KM9DX	98 activations of 63 parks	496 parks worked

(A whole bunch of new activations in NE and WY)

WM4D	138 activations of 78 parks	352 parks worked
WM9DX	24 activations of 21 parks	77 parks worked
N9JF	556 activations of 319 parks	1012 parks worked
K9AJC	42 activations of 22 parks	2251 parks worked
KW9Q	26 activations of 14 parks	530 parks worked
K00KER		5 parks worked
WG0ATS	5 activations of 2 parks	145 parks worked
W9MDB		183 parks worked
NI9M	23 activations of 7 parks	57 parks worked
KB0V		88 parks worked
KA0SNL		6 parks worked
KD9TTB	11 activations of 8 parks	150 parks worked
KE0MHJ	2 activations of 2 parks	104 parks worked
WB2UFO		63 parks worked
W9WE		66 parks worked

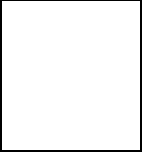
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**October meeting: Wednesday, Oct 4, 2023
Adams County American Red Cross
Building, 24th and Koch's Lane, Quincy (west
½ block from intersection then north on
driveway)**

**W9AWE – W90AB
The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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WIARC email reflector: wiarc@mailman.qth.net**

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Analog and Fusion repeater W9AWE on 147.795/147.195 Tone Rx and Tx 103.5**

**All repeaters are located on the north side of Quincy IL
ILLINOIS QSO PARTY**

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