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Moved and Seconded: Minutes of the November 2024 WIARC Meeting

The November 6th, 2024, meeting of WIARC was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dave KB9FIN, Vice President, with the following members and guests present:

KB9FIN, KD9PPJ, K9AJC, WA9GBC, KD9VUW, KB9GIY, KD0HDL, AA9GL, W9DP, N9JF, WB9EWM, KE0MHD, WA0VHI, NR9Q, Guests – Michelle, Janelle and Roy, with W9US, W9WE and WD9UFO on Zoom.

Introductions were made...

John WB9EWM motioned to accept the September meeting minutes, seconded by Ron AA9GL, motion accepted by membership present.

Treasurers Report: Jack KD9PPJ reported that \$2000.00 was taken out of the checking account and added to the CD that matured in the Hannibal bank and was moved to the Quincy bank. We now have 2 CD's one with around \$5000.00 and the other with around \$6000.00 in them and checking account balance was at \$2512.26. The link for the Stripe payment system isn't up and working just yet. Stay tuned and check the club website for the payment link to go active soon. WB9EWM made the motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by AA9GL and accepted by membership present.

Repeater Board: John WB9EWM reported that they had a Repeater Board meeting this evening and there were no updates or changes. The antenna off the old radio tower was at WB9EWM's home.

Membership Committee: Jim N9JF stated that there were no changes at this time with membership and that there were a couple of memberships already paid for 2025. The club had a guest, Roy Harness, no call, looking to become a member of the club. After discussion and By-Laws checked, he is going to wait till after he passes his testing before membership application is accepted.

Club Station: John WB9EWM reported that the antenna ordered through DX Engineering has been pushed back and expected delivery date is now sometime in January 2025. Dave KB9FIN reported that the station, computers were up and running and the Dual band radio was in need of programming.

Contest Committee: N9JF spoke about the Illinois QSO party on October 20th, 2024. Stated that he had 374 Logs sent to him with over 52,000 plus QSO's. N9JF also related to the membership present that he is going to change the date to turn in logs to 14 days after the QSO party starting with the 2025 ILQSO Party which is now a common practice.

November Contest information about upcoming contests and QSO parties at <https://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php#16199>.

Old Business:

John WB9EWM spoke about getting up to Gloria Macomber, AC0KV in Luray Missouri to help with getting a antenna set up for her to get her back on the air. Tentative date of November 16th, 2024 was discussed.

New Business:

The Nomination Committee Jack KD9PPJ, Jim N9JF and John WB9EWM stated that they were having a difficult time with anyone volunteering for the open positions of the board. N9JF stated that the membership would have their report at the December meeting.

Hannibal Club HARC is having a Technician Licensing class. The classes will be conducted after Thanksgiving on three consecutive Saturdays, 11/30, 12/7, and 12/14. (Testing after the club meeting on January 8, 2025. Textbooks (study guides) are available from Joe, they are \$25 each. Please contact Joe Lauletta at 559-904-2352 or by email joefromkings@comcast.net and let him know you would like to attend the class and or need a technician study manual.

Dave KB9FIN brought up the Hannibal Club/Hamfest and is looking for someone to head the Hamfest in 2025. There was no interest or anyone wanting to volunteer for taking over the Hamfest

Chris NR9Q brought up the idea of a "Tailgate Fest" at possibly one of the State parks where anyone that came can sell or buy equipment from other Hams there and also it could be a Parks On The Air gathering. Sounds feasible but no further discussion should be made on the subject at this time.

Jack KD9PPJ brought up that the club insurance was coming due and needed to be paid. Motion was made by Bob AB9DU and seconded by Jim N9JF for the insurance payment of \$200.00 for the club to be paid. Motion carried.

Discussion was brought up about the January 1st, 2025 meeting and a motion was made to move the meeting to the 2nd of January 2025. Motion made by AA9GL, seconded by KB9VUW. Motion passed by majority of membership present.

NCS Stations:

NCS stations were discussed and here are the following Net Control Operators.

December 4th – N9JF, December 11th – KD9PPJ, December – 18th, WB9EWM, December 25th, NO NET DUE TO CHRISTMAS, January 1st, 2025 – W9DP

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm, Motion to adjourn was made by Ron AA9GL and seconded by Shawn KD9VUW, motion passed by members present.

Respectfully submitted by K9AJC.

Antenna Party Report

On Saturday, November 16, five intrepid members of WIARC ventured into Clark County Missouri to get Gloria, AC0KV, back on the air. Gloria was a WIARC member for a number of years and served at least one term as a club officer. Due to a fallen antenna in her back yard, Gloria had been off the air for an extended period of time.

A combination of Gloria's supplies, WB9EWM's supplies, W9US's equipment, a bit of ingenuity, acrobatics, head-scratching and levity managed to erect a wire antenna for twenty and forty meters and get AC0KV back on the air.

Thanks, WB9EWM, KB9FIN, W9US, WA9GBC and N9JF for a successful expedition!

Nominating Committee Report

Per the club By-Laws, the Nominating Committee has contacted many of the club members and will report on a slate of nominees at the December meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the electoral process.

From HARC:

Greetings, Members!

Just a quick note to tell you that the newsletter *finally* got posted to the website (w0kem.com). Had a bunch of stuff in my silly little life that got in my way this month... Also to tell you that I have secured the dates (and the classroom) for the upcoming Technician Class classes. The classes will be conducted after Thanksgiving on three consecutive Saturdays, 11/30, 12/7, and 12/14. (Testing after the club meeting on January 8, 2025. Textbooks (study guides) available from me at \$25 a pop. Let me know if you need/want one.

Welcome to our two newest members, Don Bickhaus and Kyle Pociask! I hope to see both of you in the upcoming classes! Feel free to bring your significant other or any friends who may be interested.

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For Sale

2 Chins 20 AH LIPO4 batteries	\$45.00 ea
DigiRig USB sound card interface and cables for Xiegu G 90	\$50.00
JPC-12 vertical antenna, adjustable for 6 through 40 meters	\$100.00
Icom IC-756 Pro II (internal tuner does not work)	\$575.00

Danny W9DP

ILQP Report

As I write this, the clock is ticking. ILQP logs are due in 2 hours. When the day clicks over to November 22, (midnight CST), no more logs will be accepted for scoring, and "Phase 2" kicks in. Scoring begins.

We have received 405 logs this year totaling about 54,000 QSOs. Both of these are records. Importing the logs has gone pretty well with, as usual, two percent of the logs requiring 50% of the work. The software developed and refined by WA9GBC is performing like a champ so far.

I have a request. There needs to be another individual (maybe more than one) who knows how to handle these logs and Dave's software! It doesn't require a lot of tech-savvy (if it did, I wouldn't be able to do it)! It does require some time. If you're interested, please let me know!

POTA Stuff

We are moving into that period of the year when operating out on a picnic table isn't quite as much fun as it was in July, at least not in Illinois. The upside is that you don't have to deal with mosquitoes.

One can either migrate to a milder climate or change tactics, setting up the station inside a cozy vehicle and running the heater as needed.

There are plenty of parks within an hour's drive of Quincy, and many of them still have not had massive numbers of credited QSOs. Here are some of the lesser-activated parks in Missouri:

Deer Ridge State Park, Lewis County MO. 22 activations, 3064 QSOs, very little on CW!
Sever Lake Conservation Area, Knox Co MO 37 activations, 2422 QSOs, little on CW
Hunnewell Lake Conservation Area, Shelby Co MO 39 activations, 1976 QSOs
Mark Twain Lake SP Monroe Co MO, 47 activations, 1897 QSOs
Mark Twain Birthplace SHS Monroe Co MO 26 activations, 791 QSOs
Ranacker State CA Pike Co MO 19 activations, 526 QSOs
Edward Anderson CA Pike/Ralls Co MO 34 activations 1551 QSOs

More about the ones in Illinois next time!

Updated POTA stats for WIARC as of NOV 19 2024:

W9DP	12 activations of 11 parks	3650 parks worked
NU7J	163 activations of 116 parks	2403 parks worked
W9US	20 activations of 8 parks	875 parks worked
NR9Q	31 activations of 12 parks	706 parks worked
AA9GL		203 parks worked
KB9FIN	32 activations of 26 parks	1313 parks worked
KM9DX	112 activations of 70 parks	656 parks worked
WM4D	208 activations of 108 parks	543 parks worked

WM9DX	24 activations of 21 parks	89 parks worked
N9JF	809 activations of 472 parks	1328 parks worked
K9AJC	51 activations of 24 parks	3397 parks worked
KW9Q	29 activations of 14 parks	638 parks worked
KO0KER		5 parks worked
WG0ATS	5 activations of 2 parks	153 parks worked
W9MDB		191 parks worked
NI9M	30 activations of 12 parks	74 parks worked
KB0V		154 parks worked
KA0SNL		134 parks worked
KD9TTB	24 activations of 14 parks	244 parks worked
KE0MHJ	2 activations of 2 parks	119 parks worked
WB2UFO		71 parks worked
W9WE	1 activation of 1 park	354 parks worked
KD9VUW	84 activations of 30 parks	470 parks worked
KB9GIY	4 activations of 2 parks	72 parks worked

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This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by AA3B, HA7VK, W2GD, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

ROTUMA ISLAND, 3D2. A large group of operators are QRV as 3D2Y until December 4. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including 6 meters, using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL direct to M0OXO.

TONGA, A3. Operators LZ1GC and LZ5QZ will be QRV as A35GC from November 25 to December 6. QSL via LoTW.

VIET NAM, XV. Juris, YL2GM and Eugene, EA5EL are QRV as XV9X from Phu Quoc Island, IOTA AS-128, until December 2. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8 with two stations. QSL direct to YL2GN.

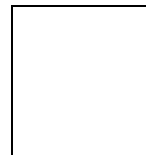
INDONESIA, YB. Special event stations 8G16T, 8G16A, 8G16N, 8G16G, 8G16S, 8G16E and 8G16L will be active from November 23 to December 1 to celebrate the 16th anniversary of the city of South Tangerang. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL via operators' instructions.

Please see November QST, page 78, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

It was a glorious day to operate a QSO Party on October 20! Here are some pictures shared by the participants:



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

W9AWE – W9OAB

The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

WIARC homepage: <http://www.w9awe.org> e-mail to w9awe@qsl.net

WIARC email reflector: wiarc@mailman.qth.net

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Analog repeater W9AWE/R on 147.630/.030 Tone Rx and Tx 103.5

Analog repeater W9AWE/R on 146.340/.940 Tone Rx and Tx 123.0

Analog and Fusion repeater W9AWE/R on 448.900/443.900 Tone Rx and Tx 103.5

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

Newsletter input due by the 20th of the preceding month

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