
THE FEEDLINE

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Moved and Seconded: Minutes of the January 2025 WIARC meeting:

The January 2nd 2025 meeting of WIARC was called to order at 7pm by Allan Cermak K9AJC, President with the following members and guests present: KD9VUW, AA9GL, N9JF, K9AJC, WM4D, KB9WDC, W9WEB, W9WE, KB9GIY, KB9FIN, WB9EWM, WA9YAS, KA0SNL, KE0OAA, & WA0VHI

Introductions were made...

Dave KB9FIN made motion to accept December minutes, seconded by John WB9EWM. The motion was accepted by membership present.

Treasurers Report: Jack KD9PPJ was not present to make report.

K9AJC mentioned the executive committee needs to meet to go through the finances before next month to satisfy the bylaws. He will be sending out an email to coordinate with the executive committee.

Repeater Board: John WB9EWM is attempting to put the new software on the computer for the new dual band radio. John and Dave took one spare radio from the cabinet and put at the 03 site which will work for any of the 3 radios at the site. They will put one at the 94 site and leave the 3rd at the club station. If there are any issues, they can program the radio on site and switch it over. There was an issue on the 195 machine not working on digital due to it losing programming.

Membership Committee: Jim N9JF reported there were 21 renewals through the website. He believed there was a new person seeking membership and would bring the information to the next meeting.

Club Station: John WB9EWM reported the new dual band antenna has shipped and will be delivered in the next week.

Contest Committee: Jim N9JF reported that the ILQP results are posted online he has just a few things to send to Andy KA0SNL for the website. Dave W9WE brought up winter field day being on Jan 25-26 and said he was planning on participating. Jim N9JF also mentioned the North American QSO party was coming up and was a fun event.

Old Business: Ballarion WD9VFO wasn't present to update on using his church in Plainville for a hamfest.

Jack KD9PPJ wasn't present to report on his findings for the homeshow or the status of the donations. These topics will be tabled till the next meeting.

New Business: Allan K9AJC brought up that Field Day is coming up fast and asked for volunteers to lead a Field Day event. If anyone is interested, please email or text him. Ron AA9GL brought up inviting the Hannibal club and possibly using their facilities. Dave KB9FIN wanted to bring up that Shawn KD9VUW set up an excellent field day event last year.

Andy KA0SNL reported that he was caught up on the edits to the website and that the online renewals are working well. Jim N9JF brought up that since John WB9EWM has been elected club trustee, a repeater board position is now vacant. Jim will put in the next newsletter that we will need an election for that position.

Dave W9WE brought up the financial review/audit that must be turned in by the February meeting and that the executive committee will have to set up a time before the next meeting to accomplish this.

Dave WA9GBC brought to our attention that the members of the executive committee should all have thumb drives with duplicate master lists of equipment inventory, serial numbers and locations, and also and files with passwords and a master list of information for the club. These drives need to be either found, updated and passed on, or new ones made.

John WB9EWM said he would compile a list of the new equipment.

Allan K9AJC brought up that he wants a roundtable session to allow people to bring up issues and concerns to be talked about and resolved in a civilized manner.

John WB9EWM mentioned that he would like to have membership cards again.

VE TESTING: Allan K9AJC reported there will be testing in Hannibal on Jan 8th. There are currently 2 testing applicants. There should be enough VEs on that night but they can always use more. Dave, W9WE and himself have been doing a lot of online VE work and say there are occasional glitches but overall, the sessions go very smoothly. Dave mentioned to only pay the FCC with a computer and not a mobile device to avoid problems.

Net Control:

Feb 12th- Jim N9JF

Feb 19th- Shawn KD9VUW

Feb 26th- Dave W9WE

March 5th -Allan K9AJC

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Dave KB9FIN and seconded by John WB9EWM. The motion was passed by members present.

There is DX to be worked! If you have not checked the high bands lately, you are missing some good openings to Europe and Asia!

DX News and Notes Shamelessly Purloined from *ARRL DX News*

**DX Bulletin 3 ARLD003 From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT January 16, 2025
To all radio amateurs SB DX ARL ARLD003 ARLD003 DX news**

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

THE GAMBIA, C5. Przemo, SP3PS is QRV as C5SP until mid-March. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

ANTARCTICA. Felix, DL5XL is QRV as DP1POL from the German research station Neumayer III, IOTA AN-016, until February 25. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands using mostly CW with some SSB and various digital modes. QSL via DL1ZBO.

MARQUESAS ISLANDS, FO. A group of operators are QRV as TX7N on the HF bands, and TX7MAS on 70 centimeter Satellites and 23 centimeter EME. They will also be active as TX100REF in the upcoming CQ World Wide 160 Meter CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ENGLAND, G. Special event station GB70RS is QRV to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Radio Society of Great Britain's weekly news service, GB2RS, which has been running continuously since September 25, 1955. QSL via bureau.

CAMEROON, TJ. Thierry, TK1CX is QRV as TJ/TK1CX until the end of February 2025. Activity is in his spare time on 20 to 10 meters using mostly FT8 and low power. QSL via EA5ZD.

BENIN, TY. Gerard, F5NVF is QRV as TY5C from Godomey until April 2. Activity is holiday style on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via F5RAV and LoTW.

ANTARCTICA. Denney, VU2DGR is QRV with special callsign AT44I from the Bharati Research Station at Larsemann Hills to commemorate the 44th Indian Scientific Expedition to the southern continent. QSL to home call.

ST. HELENA ISLAND, ZD7. Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be QRV as ZD7DPX from January 21 to February 3. Activity will be on the HF bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW.

Please see January 2025 QST, page 77, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

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Park Stuff

I recently noticed that Brent, KB9J, was in my log a few times. He lives in Pittsfield. Melba and I had lunch, and a nice visit, with Brent and his YL, Mona and enjoyed visiting about park topics and others. Brent has done a few activations and has contacted over 3100 parks so far. We are planning a joint activation, perhaps when things warm up a bit!

In Case You Hadn't Noticed.... (thanks, WM4D, for pointing out some of these...)

...there have been some recent additions to the list of "POTA Parks" in our area. Most of these have few activations so far. I'm including a few of the ones in this list that have been around for a bit.

Most of these are in Missouri. I'm including a couple of new ones in Illinois or Iowa that are a bit further away, just in case you travel in that direction with a radio....

Sever Lake SCA in Lewis County MO; US-6530/KFF-6404;

William E Crawford SCA in Clark County MO; US-11064; 3 activations so far with WM4D leading the pack!

Sunnyside School Access SCA in Lewis County MO; US-10699; 9 activations so far; I think I'm the only one is the club that didn't know about this one?

White Oak Bend Access SCA in Knox County MO; US-11700; 5 activations so far; the Wilkerson Clan leads the pack!

Ella Ewing Lake SCA in Scotland County MO: US-11701; 3 activations so far and only 45 QSOs!

LaBelle Lake SCA in Lewis County MO; US-11702; 6 activations so far;

Neeper SCA in Clark County MO; US-10703; 4 activations so far and only 88 QSOs!

Clark SCA in Clark County MO; US-10704; 3 activations so far and only 49 QSOs!

Wyaconda Crossing SCA in Lewis County MO; US-11066; talk to WM4D, the park leader, about this one; not sure if it's pedestrian only?? 5 activations so far

Steyermark Woods SCA in Marion County MO; US-11067; easy access along County Rd 404; just a small parking lot next to a hunting area; go north of HLGU on Route 168, watch for the sign pointing to the right; 14 activations so far. When you get there, go another quarter of a mile, and, on the right, is US-7680/KFF-5781, Upper Mississippi State Conservation Area!

J Thad Ray Memorial WA in Marion County MO; US-11068; easy access along Route W west of Hannibal; several club members have activated this one; K9AJC is the activator leader

Elmslie Memorial CA in Marion County MO; US-11069; this one might be a challenge to find; 8 activations so far

Rose Pond SCA in Clark County MO; US-11065/KFF-6760; for detailed directions, ask WM4D as he is the QSO leader currently of the 7 activations!

David Kessler Memorial SWA in Lincoln Co MO; An itty bitty one just northeast of Cuivre River SP;

Bellefontaine SCA US-11329 in St. Louis County MO; I know zilch about this one, but it should not be hard to find at the junction of I 270 and MO 367? 21 activations so far

Weinburg-King Spunky Bottoms Unit US-11351/KFF-4106 in Brown County IL; a bit challenging to find but not hard to access; don't confuse with the Nature Conservancy site nearby! 13 activations so far;

Archangel Access SCA US-11775 Livonia MO in Schuyler County. 2 activations so far. Once you get there, you're only about 3 miles from US-6507/KFF-6395.

Bishop Hill SHS US-11781 Bishop Hill IL in Henry County. A bit further away than most of these but could be entertaining. 17 activations so far.

Revis Spring Hill Prairie State Nature Preserve US-11793 Easton IL in Mason County. Listed as a birding hotspot 😊. 7 activations so far.

Powder Valley Nature Conservation Center US-11922 Kirkwood MO in St. Louis County. Nice visitor center and hiking trails 15 activations so far

Metamora Courthouse HS US-11959 Metamora, IL in Woodford County. Abraham Lincoln practiced law here! It's close to my sister's place, so I should eventually run this one. 13 activations so far.

I'm still missing 18 of these in my "activator column", so there's lots of work to be done!
-N9JF

Updated POTA stats for WIARC as of January 20, 2025: (current WIARC members)

W9DP	12 activations of 11 parks	3840 parks worked
NU7J	163 activations of 116 parks	2404 parks worked
W9US	20 activations of 8 parks	898 parks worked
NR9Q	31 activations of 12 parks	735 parks worked
AA9GL		231 parks worked
KB9FIN	32 activations of 26 parks	1329 parks worked
KM9DX	118 activations of 76 parks	680 parks worked
WM4D	214 activations of 113 parks	556 parks worked
WM9DX	29 activations of 26 parks	106 parks worked
N9JF	824 activations of 476 parks	1350 parks worked

K9AJC	54 activations of 24 parks	3498 parks worked
KW9Q	29 activations of 14 parks	650 parks worked
W9MDB		191 parks worked
KB0V		166 parks worked
KA0SNL		134 parks worked
KD9TTB	24 activations of 14 parks	244 parks worked
KE0MHJ	2 activations of 2 parks	119 parks worked
KA9MOT		10 parks worked
WB2UFO		79 parks worked
W9WE	1 activation of 1 park	392 parks worked
KD9VUW	97 activations of 30 parks	500 parks worked
KB9GIY	7 activations of 4 parks	109 parks worked
KD9TVM		3 parks worked
NA9DM		9 parks worked

EXAM SESSION WIARC

02/08/2025
05/10/2025
08/09/2025
11/08/2025

The WIARC (Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club) Team offers examination sessions a minimum of four times a year, in February, May, August and November. Examination dates are published at the beginning of each calendar year. Additional test sessions may be scheduled as necessary.

Sponsor: Western Illinois Amateur Radio
Location: Bethel Assembly of God Church
839 S 12th
Quincy IL

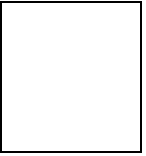
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Team Liaison, Dave Scranton, W9WE, at

[210-325-7923](tel:210-325-7923) or w9we.lee@gmail.com

These dates and times have been listed on ARRL website. <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

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February meeting: Wednesday Feb 5, 7 pm
Adams County American Red Cross
Building, 24th and Koch's Lane, Quincy (west
½ block from intersection then north on
driveway)

W9AWE – W9OAB

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

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All repeaters are located on the north side of Quincy IL

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Newsletter input due by the 20th of the preceding month

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