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# THE FEEDLINE

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## **IMPORTANT update on W9MDB equipment:**

Some of the W9MDB estate equipment has been sold. Much remains. See the last newsletter for a complete listing of the major items. Current plans are to have a “garage-sale-type offering” at the residence on Saturday May 31. Please plan to come and see what is offered there that needs to go home with you! Contact a club officer for details.

## **Moved and Seconded: Minutes of the May 2025 WIARC Meeting**

The May 7th 2025 meeting of WIARC was called to order at 7pm by Allan K9AJC, President with the following members and guests present: W9WE, KD0HDL, W9DP, WA9GBC, WB9EWM, KB9FIN, WM4D, AB9DU, N9JF, WA0VHI, N9BZ, KD9VUW, K9AJC, KD9PPJ, Angel Smith, Bill Ennis, and NB4C and W9US via ZOOM Introductions were made...

WB9EWM made motion to accept March minutes as posted in the newsletter, seconded by KB9FIN. The motion was accepted by membership present.

Treasurers Report: Jack KD9PPJ reported that he sent a check to pay a \$192 bill he received for the club's P.O. box. He received a membership check from Joe Newkirk KC9FSQ. He also reported that we received thank you cards for the two \$75 donations we made as a club on behalf of Glenn Glessner and Michael Black. Lareva Glessner made a donation of \$50 to the club. KD9PPJ made a motion to accept the donation, which was seconded by KD9VUW. The motion was passed by the membership present. Jack reported that we have \$13077 in checking and a CD of roughly \$6000.

Repeater Board: John WB9EWM reported there was a repeater board meeting today. He says there is some work that needs to be done at the repeater site including some grounding and getting remote control setup. He brought up that we should have a memorandum of understanding setup between the club and Adams County Emergency Management about the use of the 94 machine for storm spotting. He said he would get something together that doesn't necessarily bind anyone to anything, but at least we'd have something that both parties will have signed off on if any issues arise.

Membership: Jim N9JF reported we have 64 paid up and active members. He sent emails to everyone who hadn't renewed, but he hasn't heard back from most. He had no new member applications currently.

Old Business: WB9EWM reported the committee met and has made some progress on the acquisition of the two computers for the club. He said they should have something figured out by the next meeting. He also mentioned that the work on the dual band antenna, the heliax, and the off center fed dipole still needs to be done, but should be done before field day. Danny W9DP suggested that the club purchase the N3FJP Suite for the club computers for field day. John WB9EWM made the motion to purchase the

software, which was seconded by W9DP. The motion was passed by the membership present.

**New Business:** Allan K9AJC wanted to thank Jim, Dave, John, Ed, and Danny for helping the Black family with going through all Mike Black's equipment. Jack KD9PPJ brought up that he suggests the club make a sizeable donation of \$500-\$1000 to the American Red Cross considering they allow us to use their building for meetings and the club station. After significant discussion by the members present Jim N9JF made a motion to make a one time donation of \$500 to the American Red Cross. Bob AB9DU seconded the motion, which was passed by the membership present. Allan K9AJC brought up that we may want to raise our donations at the end of the year for Salvation Army and Toys for Tots. Jim N9JF suggested we table that discussion till the end of the year when we make the donations. Allan K9AJC brought up that he would like Jack KD9PPJ to provide more information about the CD procedures and options available, and that he would like to see multiple revolving CD accounts instead of one larger account. After some heated discussion it was decided to table the topic till a later time. John WB9EWM brought to our attention that the Bridge the Gap race is Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> and that emergency management is looking for 6 people to help with communications. He brought up working with storm spotting and that if we want to continue working with emergency management we need some more people involved. He worries that if nobody ever shows up, eventually we won't even be called. He said he will bring some applications in if anyone is interested.

**VE TESTING:** W9WE reported there will be testing on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Bethel Church.

**Net Control:**

May 14<sup>th</sup>- N9JF

May 21<sup>st</sup>- W9DP

May 28<sup>th</sup>- KD9VUW

June 4<sup>th</sup>- W9WE

June 11<sup>th</sup>- K9AJC

June 18<sup>th</sup>- KD9VUW

June 25<sup>th</sup>- WB9EWM

July 2<sup>nd</sup>-W9WE

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40pm. Motion to adjourn was made by KB9FIN and seconded by KD9VUW. The motion was passed by the membership present.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Rankin, Secretary

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP:**

Resignation Letter::::

President of Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club

Dear Executive Board Members of the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club,

I am announcing my resignation as President of the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, effective immediately.

The decision to step down was not made lightly, but it is one that I must take for personal reasons.

I encourage all members to support the leadership and continue to participate actively in club activities.

Sincerely, Allan J. Cermak

***“WESTERN ILLINOIS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
CONSTITUTION***

***Section 7. VACANCY OF OFFICE. Vacancies occurring for any reason shall be filled by nomination and election at the next regular meeting. Notice of such election shall be given at the previous regular meeting and sent by US Mail or by electronic means to each member in good standing at least five days before the date specified for such election.”***

This notice is to let everyone know of this vacancy and to inform of upcoming election of officers.

I am not able to present this at the last previous meeting so groups.io and the newsletter are the notice that is required.

Given that the notice could not be presented to the club at the May meeting, such notice will be given at the JUNE meeting, with nomination and election to fill the vacancy to occur at the JULY meeting.

Looking forward to field day and contesting that is upcoming.

Acting President W9WE DAVE SCRANTON

## Storm Readiness

There have been multiple instances of severe weather in the Midwest during the last two weeks with tornados and other hazards. Keep your weather radio handy. Keep your HT charged. Review the storm spotting information and know how to alert authorities if you see something that warrants action.

Don't get caught with your batteries dead.

Note WB9EWM's admonition in the minutes above. Emergency Management needs to know we are available and we need to BE available!

N9JF

**DX info shamelessly purloined from ARRL DX News:**

**SB DX @ ARL \$ARLD020 ARLD020 DX news DX Bulletin 20 ARLD020**

**From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT May 15, 2025 To all radio amateurs**

**This week's bulletin is made possible with information provided by AC6ZM, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.**

**KINGDOM OF ESWATINI, 3DA. Morten, LA9GY will be QRV as 3DA0GY from May 22 to June 2. Activity will be holiday style on 80 to 10 meters, with a focus on 20, 15 and 10 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.**

**TUNISIA, 3V. Giovanni, IT9PZM is now QRV as 3V8LL from Djerba Island, IOTA AF-083. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via operator's instructions.**

**4U\_ITU, ITU HQ. Station 4U0ITU is QRV until the end of 2025 to commemorate the International Telecommunications Union's 160th anniversary. QSL direct.**

**GHANA, 9G. Tommy, ON2TD is now QRV as 9G5TD. Activity is holiday style mostly on 20 meters using SSB. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.**

**FALKLAND ISLANDS, VP8. Gerry, G3WIP is QRV as VP8DPD from Port Stanley, IOTA SA-002, until July 12. Activity is mostly on 20 to 10 meters. QSL via EA5GL.**

**Please see May 2025 QST, page 73, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.**

## **"Park Stuff"**

**Most days, the 20 meter band is packed with stations running parks. Right now, there are 41 "current spots" (not over 5 minutes old) on 20, about equally divided amongst CW, SSB and FT8. While the sunspot numbers are up, the sun's weirdness has caused some consternation and angst amongst park activators recently. Propagation, when one ventures out, is akin to Forrest Gump's box of chocolates. I've had two activations in the last week when I failed to get 44 contacts, once due to lack of time and once due to a battery failing.**

**Speaking of batteries, I've been having fun with the Xiego X6100, all five watts of it, with its internal battery. I finally have a good QRP rig that I could take on a hike....if I wanted to hike....but that is another issue. Yes, I give 599 reports and get 559 reports, but that is expected. At least I work people, and I can usually find and contact the other CW operators who are on the Spots page.**

**Though I no longer upload 5-land logs to Worldwide Flora and Fauna (WWFF), I still am uploading logs from club members. So far, KB9GIY, KB9FIN, NR9Q, NU7J, W9AWE,**

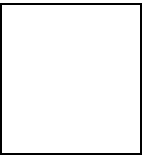
W9DP, WM4D and N9JF are active in both programs. For the rest of you....I'm waiting....just need the logs you already sent to POTA to get you into the WWFF program. It could not be any easier.

Right now, KM9DX and WM9DX are activating parks Out West. N9JF will be hitting a bunch of new ones in New England in June. I might even try SSB....

#### Updated POTA stats for WIARC as of May 19, 2025: (current WIARC members)

W9DP	15 activations of 13 parks	4219 parks worked
NU7J	164 activations of 116 parks	2418 parks worked
W9US	24 activations of 11 parks	951 parks worked
NR9Q	31 activations of 12 parks	750 parks worked
AA9GL		262 parks worked
KB9FIN	32 activations of 26 parks	1351 parks worked
KM9DX	136 activations of 91 parks	755 parks worked
WM4D	223 activations of 117 parks	589 parks worked
WM9DX	42 activations of 38 parks	155 parks worked
N9JF	917 activations of 495 parks	1488 parks worked
K9AJC	57 activations of 24 parks	3631 parks worked
KW9Q	30 activations of 14 parks	656 parks worked
KB0V		187 parks worked
KA0SNL		134 parks worked
KE0MHJ	2 activations of 2 parks	125 parks worked
WB2UFO		94 parks worked
W9WE	1 activation of 1 park	525 parks worked
KD9VUW	103 activations of 30 parks	516 parks worked
KB9GIY	14 activations of 6 parks	138 parks worked
KD9TVM		5 parks worked

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**June meeting: Wednesday June 4, 2025 7 pm  
Adams County American Red Cross  
Building, 24<sup>th</sup> and Koch's Lane, Quincy (west  
½ block from intersection then north on  
driveway)**

**W9AWE – W9OAB  
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**All repeaters are located on the north side of Quincy IL  
ILLINOIS QSO PARTY**

**Newsletter input due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month  
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