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# THE FEEDLINE

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

The September 3rd 2025 meeting of WIARC was called to order at 7pm by Dave KB9FIN, President with the following members and guests present:

W9WE, KD9VUW, KB9FIN, AA9GL, WA9GBC, WE9DQJ, KB9GIY, N9JF, KA0SNL, KA9WAY, K9WAY, KD0HDL, AB9DU, KE0OAA, WA0VHI, WB9EWM, and via zoom NB4C and WD9UFO

Introductions were made...

John WB9EWM made a motion to accept August minutes, seconded by K9WAY. The motion was accepted by membership present.

### **Treasurers Report:**

A motion was made by John WB9EWM to reimburse Jack KD9PPJ \$31.20 for the purchase of stamps. The motion was seconded by Shawn KD9VUW and was passed by the membership present.

We received a check from Connor Dickey in the amount of \$50 to sponsor the unlimited plaque for the ILQP. Shawn KD9VUW made a motion to accept the donation. The motion was seconded by Jim N9JF and was passed by the membership present.

Currently the checking account sits at \$4159.56 and the CD is \$15,265 which matures on 11-23-25 at 4.1%. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by John WB9EWM. The motion was seconded by Ed K9WAY and was passed by membership present.

### **Station Committee:**

John WB9EWM brought up the QSL cards we received from Mike Black's widow and suggested we get a corkboard to display some of the cards. After some discussion Ed K9WAY made a motion to purchase a cork board and spend up to \$100. Ron AA9GL seconded the motion, which was passed by the membership present. Jim mentioned that he has some antique QSL cards from Francis Wentura W9AEX that could be displayed as well. Dave KB9FIN discussed the possibilities of changing around some equipment in the club station and also the needed repairs on the antennas.

**Repeater Committee: -Nothing to report**

### **Contest Committee:**

Dave W9WE reminded everyone that ILQP is only a month away and asked that club members try to activate the club station for the event. Jim gave a brief introduction of the ILQP and QSO parties in general for some new members. Dave WA9GBC suggested

making W9AWE as a bonus/multiplier for the ILQP, which many of the members thought was a good idea.

#### **Other Committee:**

Jim N9JF made a sign-up list for the Elmer Corp that was discussed at the last meeting. He passed it around and asked people to sign up for categories they are passionate or knowledgeable about. The categories included: Setup and operation of HF station, chasing DX on HF, programming a HT radio for VHF/UHF, designing and building antennas, portable operations, operating procedures, learning morse code, digital modes, ARES search and rescue & storm spotting. Andy KA0SNL mentioned he might be able to setup a page on the website to allow people to ask the Elmer Corp for help automatically.

#### **Unfinished Business;**

Most of the membership was interested in having a diner meeting either in the spring or fall. Dave KB9FIN suggested with holidays coming up we are probably out of time for this year, but should start planning for the spring.

#### **Misc**

Jim N9JF brought to our attention that the Hannibal club has a PER334 emergency preparedness class scheduled for the 26 th and 27 th and are needing more people to sign up in order to host the class. Ed K9WAY asked about CERT being active in the area. Jim mentioned that participating in Parks on the Air is one of the best things that has happened to radio for emergency preparedness.

#### **Net Control:**

October 8th- W9WE

October 15th- KD9VUW

October 22nd- W9DP

October 29th -WB9EWM

November 5 th - W9WE

John WB9EWM made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ed K9Way. The motion was passed by the membership present. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Alex WA0VHI, Secretary

A couple of nuggets from W9WE

<https://hamstudy.org/>

<https://hrcc.wiki/en/home/VETesting>

#### **Action Needed!**

Whether or not you are currently dealing with a restrictive HOA and antenna issues, this is important to the entire amateur community!

Read on.....

## [Current Legislation](#)

### **ARRL Launches Nationwide Grassroots Campaign to Pass Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act September 18, 2025**

ARRL has launched a nationwide grassroots campaign aimed at securing the passage of federal legislation that would grant Amateur Radio Operators the same rights to install antennas on their property as those enjoyed by users of TV antennas, wireless internet, and flagpoles.

The campaign, announced in an [ARRL Member Bulletin](#) on September 17, 2025, follows the reintroduction of the *Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act* in February 2025 (see [ARRL News 02/07/2025](#)). The bipartisan bills -- [H.R.1094](#) in the House and [S.459](#) in the Senate -- are designed to prevent restrictive homeowners' association (HOA) rules that currently prohibit or severely limit the installation of amateur radio antennas, even when such antennas are hidden in trees, placed in attics, mounted on vehicles, or look like flagpoles.

"This legislation is about restoring equal rights to licensed Amateur Radio operators," said ARRL President Rick Roderick. "These restrictions hinder not only the enjoyment of Amateur Radio, but also its vital role in emergency communication during disasters."

### ***Public Support Needed for Passage***

To advance the legislation, ARRL is calling on its members and all licensees of the US Amateur Radio Service to take action by sending letters to their congressional representatives. Through a dedicated online tool at <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>, hams can easily generate and submit pre-drafted letters with a few clicks.

Go to — <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/> — and help us by sending your letters to your Representative and Senators.

ARRL has emphasized that every letter matters. "Your Representative and Senators need to know that the passage of this legislation is important to you."

### [Send Your Letters Now](#)

**Donate and Help Us Pass the Bill!**

**Support ARRL's advocacy goals with a donation and help us Pass The Bill!**

Donate Now: [www.arrl.org/PassTheBill](http://www.arrl.org/PassTheBill)

Your support helps ARRL engage legislative leaders to pass this bill and provide the ability of Amateur Radio Operators to install the antennas necessary to serve their restricted land use communities.

[Donate Now](#)

## **DX News and Notes Gleefully Stolen from *ARRL DX News*:**

**QST de W1AW DX Bulletin 38 ARLD038 From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington, CT, September 18, 2025 To all radio amateurs**

**This week's bulletin is 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 websites. Thanks to all.**

**LESOTHO, 7P. Brandon, ZS6LZ, is QRV as 7P8LZ while here on a hiking expedition in the Drakensberg mountains. He plans to activate various POTA and SOTA references. Activity is mainly on 10 meters using SSB, with some activity on 40 meters. QSL to home call.**

**SOLOMON ISLANDS, H4. Bernhard, DL2GAC, will be QRV as H44MS from Malaita Island, IOTA OC-047, from September 20 to November 25, and then January 25, 2026, to April 10, 2026. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.**

**DENMARK, OZ. Frank, DL2SWW, and Gaby, DF9TM, will be QRV as 5Q5W and OV9M, respectively, from Vendsyssel-Thy, IOTA EU-171, in the Scandinavian Activity SSB Contest. QSL via Club Log.**

**EAST KIRIBATI, T32. Darren, VK4MAP, is QRV as T32K from Kiritimati, IOTA OC-024, and is here for two weeks. Activity is holiday style on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12, and 10 meters using SSB. It is possible that he may be active as T32K/p from the smaller islands of Cook, Wood, or Arthur. QSL to home call.**

**MALI, TZ. Jeff, K1MMB, is QRV as TZ4AM until December. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. Look for the TZ4AM/B beacon on 50050.5 kHz. QSL via KX4R.**

**MICRONESIA, V6. A group of operators will be QRV as V6D from Chuuk Island, IOTA OC-011, from September 22 to October 6. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters with five stations using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL via DL4SVA.**

**MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. John, K5GDE, is QRV as V73WW from Kwajalein, IOTA OC-028, until January 2026. He is active on 40 to 10 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.**

**CHRISTMAS ISLAND, VK9X. Janusz, SP9FIH, is QRV as VK9/SP9FIH until October 3. Activity is on 30 to 10 meters using FT8 and possibly SSB. QSL to home call.**

**Please see September QST, page 95, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.**

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## National Preparedness Month: Know Your Risk

Radio amateurs are valuable resources to their communities in times of crisis. This week, hams in Connecticut [were featured in news coverage](#) as they participated in a mass casualty drill with St. Vincent Medical Center in Bridgeport. Several scenarios played out in which amateur radio volunteers helped the hospital connect with other medical facilities, including a targeted cyberattack, mass shooting, and explosions.

While radio can provide resilience to communities, preparedness for those who would operate the radios begins at home. During National Preparedness Month, ARRL is sharing resources from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on how to be prepared.

The starting point for building your own resilience is to understand what threats you face in your area. On the website [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov), there are tools to learn what disasters are most likely to impact your specific area and how to prepare for them.

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, says a plan should be tailored to threats you're likely to face. "While we should all be ready for anything – there are going to be threats specific to a region. Everyone should be well aware of the events that happen in your area," he said.

There is additional information on the FEMA website to learn about region-specific disasters such as hurricanes. Radio amateurs are encouraged to find an ARES group in their area at [www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares).

Really cool article about the role of British hams during WWII:

[Secret listeners – revealing the life of amateur radio heroes](#)

## Gear Packed for 3YØK DXpedition to Bouvet in February 2026

The 3YØK DXpedition to Bouvet Island has packed its shipping container of gear. The team spent the weekend near Oslo, Norway, getting things ready, including generators, tents, tools, and — most importantly — radios, antennas, and amplifiers. This checks off another large box on the to-do list before they depart in February of next year.

This international team of radio amateurs is aiming to activate the #10 most-wanted DX entity, Bouvet Island, in February 2026. With 24 operators, two camps, and a load of gear, they hope to provide a lot of QSOs to those who need the entity for their DXCC totals. Bouvet is in the South Atlantic Ocean, 1600 miles from Cape Town, South Africa, and 1000 miles north of continental Antarctica.

ARRL Education and Learning Support Specialist Max Freedman, N4ML, is part of the team. At 21 years of age, he will be the youngest person to ever set foot on the island, and is the youngest operator known in a top-10 DXpedition. He is excited for the opportunity. "I have learned a lot being a part of the 3YØK team," said Freedman. "A lot of work goes into a DXpedition, more than most people think. It is an honor to work with these high performing ham radio operators to get everything prepared for February." You can find out more about the DXpedition at [3y0k.com](http://3y0k.com).

Something a bit different....

There has been considerable “tongue in cheek chatter” about ‘Walmarts on the Air”, “Cemeteries on the Air” and other possibilities. Here’s something I had no heard about....

Churches and Chapels on the Air (CHOTA) took place on September 13, 2025.

CHOTA encourages ham radio operators to active from local churches. The event [originated](#) in 2006 in the United Kingdom as a way to bring awareness to a local fundraising event. In 2024, 54 stations were on the air across the globe. In England, the Halifax & District Amateur Radio Society again this year activated the Methodist Church in the Moorland village of Blackshaw Head, West Yorkshire. The grand total for the day was 122 contacts on HF, with around 16 of those being CHOTA to CHOTA contacts. More information can be found on the [WACRAL website](#).

We missed this one, but there is always 2026.....

In the meantime....updated WIARC POTA stats as of September 21, 2025:

W9US spent a fruitful weekend at Siloam Springs SP. K9AJC hit some Hannibal area parks with a vengeance. NU7J spent the “Salmon Run” at a park in Washington State after a trip down to northern California and Oregon.

W9DP	15 activations of 13 parks	4454 parks worked
NU7J	208 activations of 155 parks	2531 parks worked
W9US	28 activations of 12 parks	973 parks worked
NR9Q	31 activations of 12 parks	767 parks worked
AA9GL		323 parks worked
KB9FIN	32 activations of 26 parks	1394 parks worked
KM9DX	153 activations of 106 parks	832 parks worked
WM4D	249 activations of 132 parks	692 parks worked
WM9DX	53 activations of 49 parks	237 parks worked
N9JF	977 activations of 531 parks	1578 parks worked
K9AJC	72 activations of 25 parks	3802 parks worked
KW9Q	34 activations of 14 parks	690 parks worked

<b>KB0V</b>		<b>196 parks worked</b>
<b>KA0SNL</b>		<b>134 parks worked</b>
<b>KE0MHJ</b>	<b>3 activations of 3 parks</b>	<b>127 parks worked</b>
<b>WB2UFO</b>		<b>96 parks worked</b>
<b>W9WE</b>	<b>1 activation of 1 park</b>	<b>619 parks worked</b>
<b>KD9VUW</b>	<b>124 activations of 30 parks</b>	<b>540 parks worked</b>
<b>KB9GIY</b>	<b>39 activations of 9 parks</b>	<b>196 parks worked</b>
<b>KD9TVM</b>		<b>5 parks worked</b>
<b>K9WAY</b>		<b>119 parks worked</b>
<b>NA9DM</b>		<b>14 parks worked</b>

### **Illinois QSO Party: Are You Ready??**

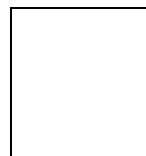
The 2025 ILQP will be held on Sunday, October 19, beginning at noon and lasting until 8 pm CDST. WIARC is the sponsor of this event that showcases Illinois stations as hams all over the world attempt to contact as many Illinois stations, in as many Illinois counties, as possible in an eight-hour period. Pick your location. Get on the air! Send in your log!

**Announcement Announcement Announcement!**

**New this year! W9OAB and W9AWE will be “bonus stations” awarding a hundred points to entrants who contact either station (100 points for each).**

**KB9FIN will be coordinating the operation of W9OAB at the club station. Details at the meeting.**

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**October meeting: Wednesday, October 1,  
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**

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