
THE FEEDLINE

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AI-Free, human frailty loaded ramblings from the Prez....

I suddenly find myself staring at the last half of July and realize that I have 24 hours to do a newsletter and about a dozen other things before I leave for a week in Honduras. No, not a radio trip. That would be nice; but there are other things more important.

This will be a somewhat abbreviated issue. I can make up more stuff, borrow more stuff, or use a bigger font. I think I'll just go with what I have.....

Some thoughts on Field Day: I just submitted the entry for the club. Had I thought ahead, there were some things I could have done to make it easier. I'm not sure all of the logs were included, but I got as close as I could. We will be listed at any rate.

Some other musings relate to inter-station interference. This is an annual issue and one we surely can mitigate. I can't complain about this year, because I made NO contribution to preparation I appreciate all that was done ahead of time. We can brainstorm some improvements. I'm hoping the problem with the beam can be solved, though that alone would not have taken care of the interference. Our antennas are just too close together, and there is no simple way to take care of that.

We could have used more operators. Thanks to all of those who DID show up and spend time on the air! Not everyone has the luxury of putting in seat time on a weekend. It was nice to see several "new faces" who came to visit even if they did not actually operate. How do we address this? Set up a schedule? Block off operating times by mode? Operate 1F or 2F instead of 3F? Thoughts?

I think the pizza was a good idea. No complaints were heard as far as I know.

I'm soliciting articles for The Feedline. I know some of you are good writers, and there is no question that many are better than I am! I've asked WM4D to submit a story about his rescue mission to West Virginia. It should be entertaining....

On to packing.... 73, Jim N9JF

Moved and Seconded: Minutes of the July WIARC Meeting

The July 2026 meeting of the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club was held on Wednesday, July 1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President N9JF with the following members present:

**KB9GIY (PHIL)
N9JF (JIM)
KD9VUW (SHAWN)
W9WE (DAVE)
KB9FIN (DAVE)
KD0HDL (JOE)
KA9WAY (LU)
K9WAY (ED)
PAT NEWBERRY
WD9UFO (B STAR)
KD0DKE(SCOTT)
AB9DU (BOB)
WA9GBC (DAVE)
WB9EWM (JOHN)
KE9DQJ (BILL)
KD9PPJ (JACK)**

A Moment of Silence as observed for the passing of Andy's Wife (Webmaster KA0SNL)

**-Approval of April meeting minutes
MOTION JOHN (WB9EWM), DAVE (1) (KB9FIN)**

**-Treasurer's Report – KB9GIY
\$4321 CHECKING, CD 15,897
MOTION JOHN (WB9EWM), ED (K9WAY) 2ND**

-Repeater Board Report -- WB9EWM, nothing to report and no issues that we are aware of. KB9FIN did report that he had rebooted all of the repeaters a couple of weeks ago due to a problem with the .195 machine.

-Station Committee Report – Dave KB9FIN.

-Field day 2026 was performed using the club's station in the American Red Cross building June 26th 2026 weekend. Field day had some hiccups with the triband beam (inoperable...cause to be determined). Jim: Some things didn't go right, but things that didn't go right we often were able to fix on the fly. Shawn was able to get the temporary dipole to work on 80 meters. Main dipole was used

for CW and worked very well. Included 6 meters. Bob Creswick's FL club W4MLB was worked at the last minute on 6 Meter FT8 73. Log book of the world used to be taking care of by Danny. Need to get it downloaded back on the club computer? 800-900 calls approximately from Dave.

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-Membership Committee --

Applications for new membership. KD9OOK (NEW MEMBER). Tom. MOTION JOHN (WB9EWM), DAVE (1) (KB9FIN). 62 paid members.

-Pat Newberry working towards license. Motion Dave KB9FIN, ED K9WAY(2nd).

-Brian KD9OOK John (KBGIY) , Ed (K9WAY) (2nd)

Both Approved.

-Contest Committee Report – W9WE

Canadian Prairie this weekend. Worldwide Flora and Fauna get your park on. National parks refuges . 13 Colonies event as well. Following weekend IARU Radio Sport Contest. Everyone works everyone. Exchange is ITU Zone. We are in Zone 7.

Old Business

-Tri-Band Antenna may need repaired. Talk about having one of the members do an inspection of the equipment.

-Dave (KBFIN)/Club/John (WB9EWM) made a motion to order flowers for Andy's wife (Val). Motion made to spend up to \$75 for flowers for funeral , Ed K9WAY 2nd. Club approved.

(KB9CES has done this)

Net control stations:

8/12 Danny (W9DP)

8/19 Jim (N9JF)

8/26 John (WBEWM)

9/2/26 Dave (W9WE)

Adjourn. Dave (KBFIN)/Club/John (WB9EWM)

To the best of my ability I have created this document.

Sign WIARC secretary Jackie Wilson KD9PPJ 07/01/2026.

DX News and notes cheerfully purloined from ARRL DX News:

**QST de W1AW DX Bulletin 28 ARLD028 From ARRL Headquarters
Newington, CT July 16, 2026 To all radio amateurs**

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

8R, GUYANA. 8R1AS, Abraham, is QRV from Georgetown. Activity has been on 10 meters using FT8.

VK9W, Willis Island. Sandeep "Sands" has announced he will be back on Willis Island for a winter tour at the end of 2026. Updates regarding this operation will be added as information becomes available.

VP0/H, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. SQ4O is QRV as HF0PAS from King George Island at the Polish Arctowski Station. High winds and snow have temporarily interrupted operations.

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

Please note: Only items extending beyond July are included in this document. You may go to the ARRL website at any time to find the most up-to-date information from ARRL DX News. -ed

CHU Canada's Official Shortwave Time Signal to Go Silent

The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) has announced that the shortwave broadcasts of Canada's official time signal station, CHU, will be discontinued on June 22, 2026.

Including experimental time broadcasts in 1923 under the call sign 9CC, and then VE9OB, CHU began regular broadcasts in 1938...for now 103 years. The station broadcasts on three frequencies, 3330, 7850, and 14670 kHz.

CHU is equivalent to the WWV and WWVH time stations operated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in the United States, which began operating with experimental broadcasts in 1919 and regular broadcasts in 2026...106 years. WWVH broadcasts time and frequency information 24 hours per day from the Island of Kauai, Hawaii.

This is sort of sad. I remember CHU from my earliest days on the radio. One of their frequencies used to be just above the 40 meter band. I guess now that everyone has a cell phone with the exact time displayed, not many people are hovered over the "wireless" to check the time.... -ed

Sharing some memories: de NA9DM

Memorable at the moment for DX entity count, memorable later in life as my destiny and adventures moved forward.

Club station at Guantanamo had what I called a point and shoot radio. Collins S line, Log Periodic on hill top. We had phone lines to the rec-room at each of the barracks. We could compile a list of cities needed,, call CQ, and had amazing responses on Saturday mornings 20 or 15 meters.

Also I would take breaks from phone patch traffic to work the stations wanting our prefix for "DX". ;)

Oh, one of the amplifiers was HFL-1000 Gates Radio the other a Collins...

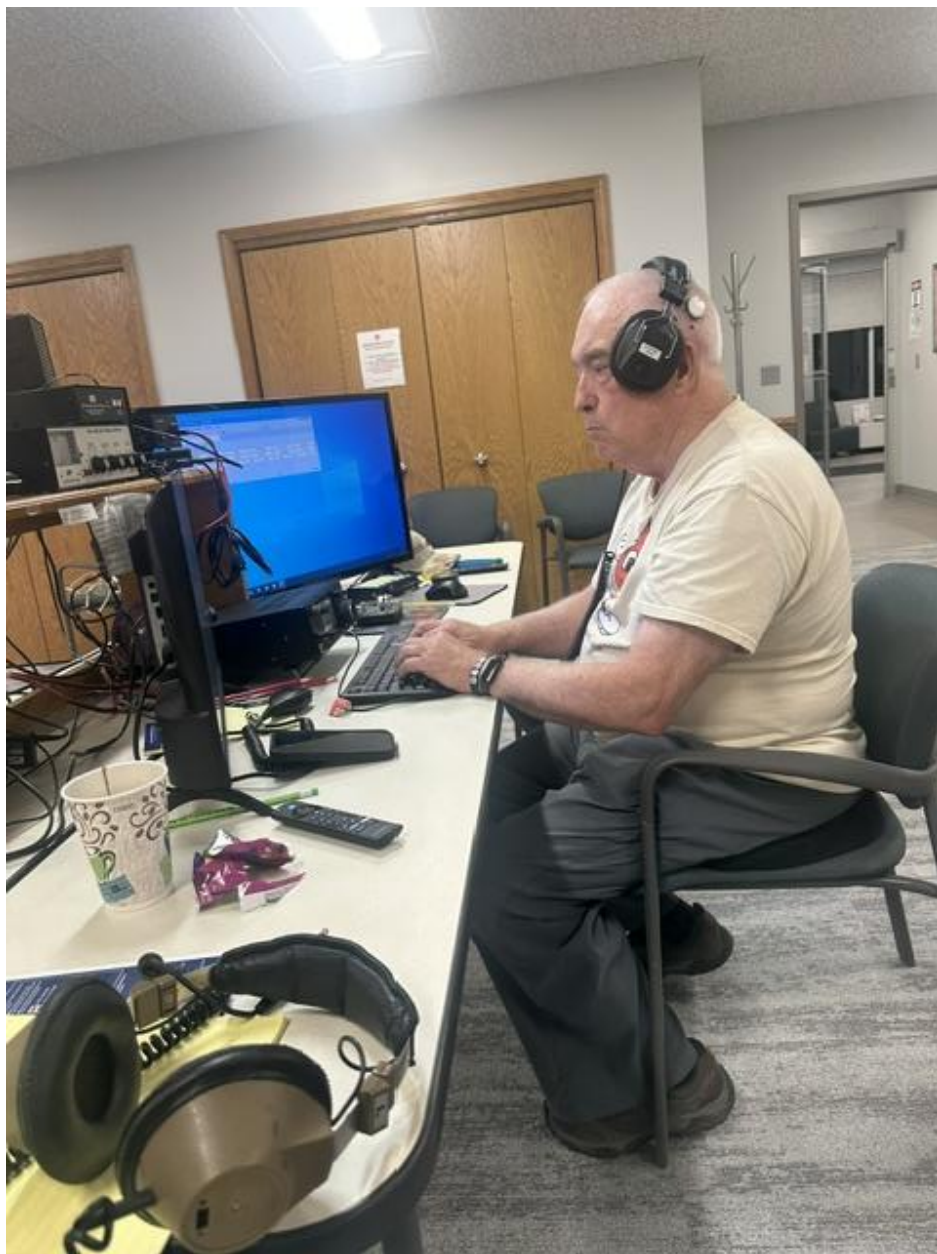
73 DE NA9DM



W9US and KB9FIN pizza quality control



Arnold, K9VXD made an appearance!



N9JF playing radio



W9WEB, KC0QMI and KE9DQJ enjoying the spread.

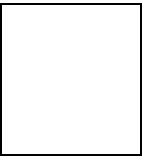


W9WE hard at work



W9WE brought his entire station. The kitchen sink wouldn't fit into the bed of the pickup truck....

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**November meeting: Wednesday, November
7..
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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WIARC email reflector: wiarc@mailman.qth.net**

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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**

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