
THE FEEDLINE

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Miscellaneous Non-AI ramblings from the Old Guy

Right off the bat, an apology: I missed my NCS obligation this week. Yes, it was on my Outlook Calendar. Yes, W9WE sent a reminder a week or so ago. Yes, it was a busy afternoon and evening. No, I don't have my calendar set to automatically jab me in the ribs on "the day of". Would it have made a difference? Who knows.... Anyhow.....soorryyy....

Thanks, K9WAY and KA9WAY, for mentioning the Breakfast Club gathering and for coordinating it. Melba and I decided it would be an enjoyable evening to celebrate our anniversary; and it certainly was! There were a few familiar faces, a lot of new acquaintances and a surprise or two. I have not checked my old log books, but I'm guessing the last time I checked into the group on 75 meters was probably in the late 60's or early 70's. Maybe on 75 meter AM?

Melba has been "cleaning house" and found a newspaper clipping from a number of years ago with a picture of WA9EFV checking into the Breakfast Club. We sent it to Luan. Carol was one of my mentors. He gave me my code test and written test for my Conditional license in April of 1965. Yikes..... He also loaned me a Heathkit "Twoer" and 2 meter beam...but not until I had passed my 13 wpm code test. He didn't want me to get derailed by a microphone. No worries, Carol!

My time on the air this past month has been almost zero. Since we got back from Canada, I spent one week recovering and then spent a week in Honduras (without a radio). It was a great week that I will be happy to discuss with anyone interested.

The Illinois QSO Party is fast approaching. See the article below for details. It has been several years since our club mounted enough activity to win the traveling plaque. Might this be the year we pull this off again? "Earth Science Week" ends with the ILQP, and I've reserved the callsign N9G for that week. I'll probably be parked on the Adams/Brown county line in Siloam Springs SP again.

I appreciate the fact that KD9VUW has been making the meetings available on-line with Microsoft Teams. I was under the weather and checked into the August meeting via Teams. Thanks, Shawn! Also, thanks, W9WE for filling in for me at the meeting! 73, Jim N9JF

Moved and Seconded: Minutes of the August 2026 WIARC meeting

The August 2026 meeting of the Western Illinois ARC was held Wednesday August 5 at the American Red Cross building on North 23rd Street in Quincy. The meeting was called to order a 7 pm by Vice-President W9WE in absence of N9JF

The following members were present: W9WE, KB9GIY, KD9VUW, KE9DQJ, WA9GBC, K9WAY, KA9WAY, KD0HDL, KA0SNL, NA9DM, KB9FIN; VIA TEAMS; NB4C, W9US, N9JF

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in *The Feedline* on a motion by KA9WAY second by K9WAY and carried

Treasurer's Report; balance of \$4254 income for the month: \$40 dues

Motion to approve by KB9FIN second KD9VUW carried

Repeater Board report by KB9FIN No known issues

Station Committee report by KB9FIN; The tribander has not been repaired yet. All ground-level checks have been done; waiting on someone to climb

Membership committee:

Application for membership from KW1N Robert Campbell

Motion KB9FIN Second K9WAY to approve; carried

Contest committee by W9WE: nothing specific; some VHF contests pending; check the ARRL Contest Corral and WA7BNM Contest Calendar for list of events

Old Business:

KE9DQJ has procured membership cards for those wishing to hold one; bill submitted to Treasurer (\$78/1000)

New Business:

K9WAY and KA9WAY are co-chairs of the Breakfast Club gathering. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Quincy on August 14-16 with the Saturday dinner being at 5 pm. BC members and non-members are welcome \$25 each for dinner.

WIARC members are encouraged to check into the Breakfast Club group on 75 meters 3973 khz at 4, 5, 6 and 7 a.m. Central

K9WAY requested permission to publish one of the WIARC repeaters and the call-in frequency for the event

The Experimental Aircraft Association is reinstating their fly-in breakfast on October 7 at the Quincy Regional Airport

Net Control Stations:

Oct 2: W9WE

Oct 9: N9JF

Oct 16: KD0HDL

Oct 23: W9DP

Oct 30: W9WE

Nov 7: W9WE

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm Motion KB9FIN Second KA9WAY carried

After adjournments; a short program film was presented regarding the first attempts at broadcast color TV

Respectfully submitted; N9JF in lieu of secretary

DX News Cheerfully Stolen from ARRL DX News

**QST de W1AW DX Bulletin 33 ARLD033 From ARRL Headquarters
Newington, CT August 20, 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.

9A, CROATIA. Special event station 9A10SOTA is QRV through September to celebrate 10 years of Summits on the Air in Croatia. Activity will be on various bands and modes.

V5, NAMIBIA. Gunter, DK2WH, will be QRV as V51WH from Omaruru August 25 to October 10. Activity will be on HF and 6 meters using various modes. He will also be active as V55Y during the CQ World Wide RTTY Contest.

Please see August QST, page 84, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

For you pet lovers out there: (This is a late notice....ends in August....)
CQ, CQ, CQ Cats and Dogs!

During August, QSOs could sound like cats and dogs!

An international group of operators from Latvia, the United Kingdom, the United States, Netherlands, India, and Germany, will be on the air throughout the month in a mutual celebration of International Cat Day and International Dog Day. Officially, International Dog Day (in the US, National Dog Day) is August 26 every year. International Cat Day is August 8.



The combined special event stations will be active August 1 – 31, 2026 to call attention to the needs of abandoned, abused and homeless pets around the world.

In the United States, a team of operators will be on the air as KØDOG, operating throughout the country at different times. Additional dog-station call signs will include YL1DOG, GB4DOG, VU2MGS, DLØDOG and PDØØDOG. Cat stations will be calling CQ as DLØCAT, GB4CAT and DAØCAT. All operators will be on the HF bands using CW and SSB.

Two websites with additional information are dogdayradio.org and catdayradio.org and the main landing page, hamlog.online/iddicd2026, will give hunters for both events a chance to claim their awards as they earn them and to see who is currently on the air.

KØDOG also plans to make downloadable eQSL cards available.

From NB4C: handy tool!!

Now you can see if any of your neighbors might be hams.

[Amateur Radio License Map](#)

[Amateur Radio License Map](#)
[An interactive map of amateur radio licensees in the USA.](#)

Test info from W9WE: (Thanks, Dave!)

Amateur Radio Outreach

Upcoming Sessions

Here is a list of all our upcoming sessions. After registration, please visit [Make Payment](#) to submit the session payment via our Square payment gateway.

We aim to be flexible - if you do not see a session date or time that works for your schedule, [email us](#) and we'll put something together.

Date & Time (Pacific)	Date & Time (Eastern)	Description	Spa Ava
20 Aug 2026 6:30:00 PM	20 Aug 2026 9:30:00 PM	Summer POTA time!	●
21 Aug 2026 6:30:00 PM	21 Aug 2026 9:30:00 PM	FUN FRIDAY	●
23 Aug 2026 11:00:00 AM	23 Aug 2026 2:00:00 PM	🌭 POTA Picnic 🍔 with the HRCC VE Team	●
24 Aug 2026 7:30:00 PM	24 Aug 2026 10:30:00 PM	😄😄 Monday Night Mania! 🤖	●
25 Aug 2026 7:00:00 PM	25 Aug 2026 10:00:00 PM	🌮 Tacos and Testing Tuesday 🌮	●
26 Aug 2026 7:00:00 PM	26 Aug 2026 10:00:00 PM	🌲 POTA 🌲 with the HRCC VE Team! 🤖	●
27 Aug 2026 6:30:00 PM	27 Aug 2026 9:30:00 PM	Summer POTA time!	●
31 Aug 2026 7:30:00 PM	31 Aug 2026 10:30:00 PM	😄😄 Monday Night Mania! 🤖	●
1 Sep 2026 7:00:00 PM	1 Sep 2026 10:00:00 PM	🌮 Tacos and Testing Tuesday 🌮	●
3 Sep 2026 6:30:00 PM	3 Sep 2026 9:30:00 PM	Summer POTA time!	●
10 Sep 2026 6:30:00 PM	10 Sep 2026 9:30:00 PM	Summer POTA time!	●
15 Sep 2026 7:30:00 PM	15 Sep 2026 10:30:00 PM	📻 Support your communities with ham radio. 🧑	●
17 Sep 2026 6:30:00 PM	17 Sep 2026 9:30:00 PM	Summer POTA time!	●

24 Sep 2026 6:30:00 PM	24 Sep 2026 9:30:00 PM	Autumn POTA time!	●	R
20 Oct 2026 7:30:00 PM	20 Oct 2026 10:30:00 PM	📻 Support your communities with ham radio. 🧑	●	R

[Make a Payments for Upcoming Sessions](#)

After [registering](#) for your upcoming exam session, please visit our [Square payment processor](#) . There are two options:

1. [Adult Online Exam Fee](#) : For people 18 and over, the current fee for testing with the ARRL/VEC is \$15 per attempt.
2. [Youth Online Exam Fee](#) : For people under 18, the reduced fee for testing with the ARRL/VEC is \$5 per attempt.

[Testing Requirements](#)

To test with our team, you should have the following:

- A laptop, computer, tablet or cell phone with stable internet connection, camera that can remain on for the duration of your exam, and audio. You may use a phone or tablet as a secondary device to show the room around you, if using a desktop computer.
- A modern browser, such as Chrome, Firefox, or Safari.
- The ability to use Zoom as the video conferencing platform, either with the downloaded app or via the Zoom website. You will be required to share your entire screen via the Zoom call. A paid Zoom account is not required.
- A testing space that is clear of study materials and clutter. This place will also need to be where no one will disturb you during the exam. Some great examples include: a porch, bathroom, patio, a spare bedroom, and others. Be creative!!!
- A photo ID
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If you have questions or any difficulties meeting these requirements, please [email us](#) . We are happy to discuss your different options.

More from W9WE:

A ZONE INTERACTIVE MAP CHECK de W9WE

Inbox



David Scranton W9WE <w9we.lee@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 4,
5:52 AM

to me

<https://zone-check.eu/>

David L Scranton

The IARU Radiosport Team Championship. Just when you thought things could not get weirder on the air....

When the closing ceremony ended at the World Radiosport Team Championship ([WRTC 2026](#)), there was every reason to believe the championship had become another success story in the history of radiosport. After years of planning by dozens of volunteers, fifty identical stations had been constructed across the English countryside, competitors from around the world had operated under remarkably equal conditions, and one of the closest finishes in WRTC history had produced worthy champions. The organizers deserved praise, the volunteers received a standing ovation, and the competitors began making their way home believing the event had reached its conclusion.

It had not.

[The Integrity Question: Inside the WRTC 2026 Multiplier Investigation](#)

To say that this will be “interesting” to follow is an understatement....

County Hunting info from N4CD's *County Hunter News*:

The USACA award was sponsored by CQ Magazine, which unfortunately has gone the way of the dinosaurs. However, like other CQ Awards, they are still available.

CQ awards require confirmation of all claimed contacts. Rules and information are here: <http://countyhunter.com/cq.htm>

MARAC sponsors the US Counties Award which can be earned in increments of 500 counties. The rules for this award are at: <http://marac.org/documents/usa-ca-rules.pdf> This award requires log data only to earn.

For general information FAQ on County Hunting, check out: <http://countyhunter.com/whatis.htm>

MARAC sponsors an award program for many other county hunting awards. You can find information on these awards and the rules at: <http://marac.org/awards.pdf>

There is a lot more information at www.countyhunter.com . Please check it out. Back issues of the County Hunter News are available at www.CHNewsonline.com De N4CD, Bob Voss, Editor (email: telegraphy@verizon.net)

News from W9HT, our ARRL Central Division Director:

I want to share two updates with you.

First, the minutes from the July board meeting are now available at:

<https://www.arrl.org/board-meetings>

Second, the Pass the Bill campaign in support of H.R.1094/S.459 is ongoing. If you have not already done so, please email your Congressional representatives to show your support. Letters from our clubs are also highly encouraged. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.arrl.org/board-meetings/>

Please let me know if you have any questions about the board meeting minutes, the Pass the Bill campaign, or another topic.

73, Josh W9HT

P.S. If you have any close contacts with your Congressional representatives who might be helpful in supporting the Pass the Bill campaign, please let me know.

ARRL Central Division
Director: Joshua J. Long, W9HT

!!!! Illinois QSO Party !!!!!

It doesn't seem like it's been almost a year, but that time has come again....the Illinois QSO Party will be held Sunday, October 18, 2026.

This is the opportunity for stations in Illinois to be hideously popular for eight hours. Contesters all over the world are looking for us!

Details are at [ILQP | WIARC - The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club](#)

Make your plans! "Reserve" a county corner! Get your activation on the map. Sign up for the ILQP Reflector if you haven't already! Get on the air! Send in your log!!

If you have questions, N9JF has answers. Ask away: n9jf@arrl.net

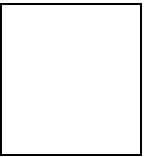
JUST STANDING HERE
PATIENTLY WAITING FOR THE
WISDOM THAT'S SUPPOSED



TO COME WITH OLD AGE
ANY MINUTE NOW

Thanks, NB4C. I needed this....

**Western Il. Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 3132
Quincy, IL 62305-3132**



**September meeting:
Wednesday Sept 2, 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
The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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WIARC email reflector: wiarc@mailman.qth.net**

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

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