

# W9JOZ

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## Next Meeting is on the Air April 15th at 7 pm. 145.410 repeater

Michigan QSO party on April 17 from noon until midnight EDT. It is tons of fun. We did it last year.

Fox hunt on April 18 starting 1 pm at Sandy Acres Park the usual time and place No experience is needed to learn and have fun.

April 24 dedication for the space tree on the North West corner of the court house square. Details to follow later. They are planning a 3k and 5k walk. Perhaps we could help by putting ham operators at strategic corners with HTs.

We will have a net for the club meeting on April 15 at 7 pm since the library meeting room is off limits at that time.

Happy Easter to all and God's blessings to everyone.

Dave kc8obh



Meetings are at the Henry F. Schricker Library on the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of December.

The library is located on west Culver Road, two blocks west of Highway 35.



Are you on the air?

Library Door locks at 7:00 p.m. so if you are late, knock loud.

**Still no in-person meetings.  
But, we do meet on the  
repeater.**

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## Events

**Meeting is on the air, March 18th 7:00 pm  
on the 145.410 repeater**

**Fox hunt on April 18 starting 1 pm at Sandy Acres Park**

## Birthdays

April 7 - Levi, WB9CAO

April 25 - Lenny, KQ9A

If your birthday has not been listed, it is because I do not have the date for it. If you would like it to be included in a newsletter, please email me the date. Thanks w3ml@w3ml.com

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**Starke County Amateur Radio Club Weekly 2 Meter Net is  
on every Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Central time.**

DAY OF WEEK: Saturday 8:00 p.m. Central time

HOST: KN9OX Repeater

FREQUENCY: 145.410 - 600

PL TONE: 131.8

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**New Items Listed From Last Collection of K9QA Gear.**

See all the For Sale Items at

<http://www.w9joz.org/forsale.htm>

There are a lot of them there. Updated regularly.

See the For Sale Page on the Club website. If you have items to sell email me a list with prices and contact information.

**\*\*\* There are several items on Doc's SK Listing that should be on someone's want list. NEW PRICES! NEW ITEMS!**

**If you see item on there that you are interested in, contact me and we can work out deal on it.**

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## **Notice for 2021**

**Even though we are not meeting in person at this time, it is imperative that we keep the Club together and active. We have commitments that the dues are used to pay.**

**There is a 2 meter net every Saturday at 8 p.m. on the 145.410 repeater. President David, KC8OBH also runs a net on the repeater on the evening of the Club Meeting at 7 p.m.**

**Dues for 2021 remain at only \$12.00 a year.**

**Paid Members for 2021:**

**Bill, K9BZM  
Richard, K9ILU  
Chester, KA9FAW  
Nita, KC9PM  
Tom, W9QN  
Levi, WB9CAO  
Wayne, K9KFT  
Steve, KB9GPW  
Brian, W9BPD**

**David, KC8OBH  
John, W3ML  
Bart, KC9FQA  
Lenny, KQ9A  
Jack, WA9ZTP  
Bob, KD9IHY  
Jim, WB9UAR  
Paul, N9QYK**

**Please stay a member and pay your dues for 2021. Hopefully, before too long we will be able to meet again at the library.**

**Dues may be mailed to John Poindexter 204 South Main St. Knox, IN 46534  
Checks can be made out to the Starke County Amateur Radio Club. \$12.00**

**If you want to pay via PayPal, you will need to send it as Friends and Family so no fees are taken out. \$12.00**

**Send PayPal payments to [w3ml@w3ml.com](mailto:w3ml@w3ml.com)**

**John W3ML**

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## **What Mode for DX? Times are Changing**

By Steve Mollman KD9HL

Times change. ClubLog publishes a weekly summary of uploaded DX contacts at:  
<https://clublog.org/dxreport.html>.

This is a representative sample (not scientific) of activity by DX'ers who use ClubLog.

For the week of March 17 through March 24, 2021, FT8/4 made up about 52%, CW about 25%, SSB about 13%, RTTY about 4% and the balance FM and miscellaneous digital modes. This gives us a pretty good idea of where to find the activity.

The summary includes other modes along with other information. You may not like it, but it is believed to be a close approximation of reality.



## **Wanted New Ham Needs a Rig**

KD9RON-John Reardon, a newly licensed Ham, is looking for a reliable used transceiver in good condition. Preferably solid state.

If have or know of one available, contact him at [kd9ron@arrl.net](mailto:kd9ron@arrl.net)





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## **IN QSO PARTY**

The INQP is coming up soon--the first Saturday in May (May 1-2 UTC). It's time to start firming up plans for your clubs. Early 2021 QSO parties are experiencing high participation again, so the INQP could be a very active, fun time.

Last year there were 14 Indiana clubs participating in INQP club competition even though Covid-19 rules adjustments restricted multiple operator stations. This year, the rules are back to "normal" for multi-single and multi-multi stations considering potential progress with the vaccination program. However, if the situation changes for the worse, the 2021 rules will be adjusted accordingly. Keep an eye on the rules page [here](#).

Remember, ops using their individual stations (e.g., home, portable, etc.) plus multi op stations may submit logs indicating club affiliation to count toward club competition.

In 2020, there were 671 logs submitted for the INQP--double recent numbers. But even then many "rare" IN counties were covered only by mobile or rover operators driving long distances to try to ensure that other participants had an opportunity for a QSO with every county. It would be great if there were more resident

ops or ops from adjacent counties putting rare ones on the air in 2021. Please bring this opportunity up to your club members. Folks who operate in rare counties should have interesting pile ups.

Here are 25 counties which might be considered rare ones: Spencer, Pike, Jefferson, Crawford, Martin, Union, Floyd, Shelby, Newton, Owen, Clay, Scott, Orange, Gibson, Jay, Knox, Kosciusko, Jackson, Marshall, Decatur, Rush, Posey, Cass, Dearborn, and Jasper.

Thanks for your interest in and support of the INQP. And have fun! See the [INQP website](#) for more info.

73,  
Len Litvan AE9LL  
HDXCC Member

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## **ARLB007 FCC Not Yet Collecting \$35 Application Fee**

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ARRL Bulletin 7 ARLB007  
From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT March 23, 2021  
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB007  
ARLB007 FCC Not Yet Collecting \$35 Application Fee

The FCC Part 97 rules establishing a new \$35 amateur radio application fee go on the books on April 19, but the FCC won't start collecting the fee "until the requisite notice has been provided to Congress, the FCC's information technology systems and internal procedures have been updated, and the Commission publishes notice(s) in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of such rules."

When effective, the fee will apply to new, modification (upgrade and sequential call sign change), renewal, and vanity call sign applications, as well as applications for a special temporary authority (STA) or a rule waiver. Fees will be collected per application. The FCC exempted from the fee applications for administrative updates, such as a change of mailing or email address. The FCC proposed a schedule of application and other fees for all services last year.

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## **FCC List of Equipment and Services That Pose National Security Threat**

<https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-list-equipment-and-services-pose-national-security-threat>

**This will give you the "shivers".**

Repairing the lightning rods on Christ the Redeemer Statue in Rio de Janeiro.

Click here and hang on tight: [What A View](#)

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## ***Plans Proceeding for Fall 2021 Willis Island DXpedition***

The team from the Hellenic Amateur Radio Association of Australia (HARAOA) that's planning a November 3 - 13 DXpedition to Willis Island (VK9HR) has expanded by one, and the DXpedition planning is on schedule. A vessel to take the team to Willis Island has been chartered to leave Australia on November 3, returning on November 13. Willis ranks #38 on Club Log's DXCC Most Wanted List. The group announced earlier that it had put off plans to include a stint from Mellish Reef, last activated in 2017. The ham radio team will be just in time to celebrate the centennial of the island's meteorological facility.



"With time away from jobs a consideration for the operators, Mellish is being put off to 2022," said team leader John Chalkiarakis, VK3YP.

While the call sign VK9HR is expected to be renewed in August, Chalkiarakis is trying to get VK9W. "VK9IR will be an additional call sign to be allocated," he said. VK9IR and VK9HR were used for HARAOA's 2011 DXpedition to Lord Howe Island.

Team members for this fall's DXpedition will hail from Australia and New Zealand. They're in the process of obtaining a permit from Parks Australia, which is "required to 'camp' at these Australian Coral Sea marine parks." Chalkiarakis said the most important document is the landing permit, also from Parks Australia. No permit is required to visit these coral sea islands for non-commercial purposes, but a permit application is needed to set up a campsite and to stay overnight on the island.

The now eight-operator team plans to use verticals on 160, 80, 40, and 30 meters, while VDAs (vertical dipole arrays) will be used on 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters. Operation on 6 meters is under consideration.



Activity is expected on SSB, CW, and FT8 on 160 through 10 meters. The equipment complement is expected to be Kenwood TS-590S and Icom IC-7300 transceivers with amplifiers on all.

A DXpedition website and logo are in the works. Home to a meteorological station, Willis Island is in the Coral Sea, off the northeast coast of Australia.

Chalkiarakis also said that he and some friends have been trying to obtain a landing permit for Macquarie Island (VK0M), which is #12 on Club Log's DXCC Most Wanted List, but he conceded that it's nearly impossible to get permission from the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service because Macquarie is a protected nature reserve. -- *Thanks to* the Daily DX and the ARRL Letter

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If you have something for the newsletter, please send it to me before the 20th of the month.

See you at a meeting.

Sometime in the Future

73

*John*, W3ML



