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Next Meeting is August 15th

Dues are due and still \$12.00

Weekly 2 meter Net

We are having the Saturday Night Net at 8:00 pm on the 145.410 repeater.

Hope you can check in and join us for some good conversation.

We could use some more check-ins on the net.

**Thanks
John W3ML**



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?

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July Events

Fox Hunts are the 2nd Sunday. See webpage for details

Birthdays

30th - Don, WA9KRT

31st - Greg, W9GND

Last month I mistakenly missed Tom W9QN's birthday on the 6th. Happy Belated Birthday Tom.

Starke County Amateur Radio Club Weekly 2 Meter Net will be on each 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

New Items Listed

See all the For Sale Items at

www.w9joz.org/forsale.htm

There are a lot of them there. Updated regularly.



New Listing of one of Doc's Antennas the X50A 2/440 dual band vertical antenna. For Sale for only \$50.00.

Hawaiian QSO Party

Please save the dates: **Aug 24-25** for the **Hawaiian QSO Party**

The HQP will run from 0400Z 24 August to 0359Z 26 August. Work as many HI stations on as many bands and modes as you can. Complete rules:

<http://www.hawaiiqsoparty.org/Rules/HQP/HQPRules-2019-A.html>

Please report your score to <https://www.3830scores.com/>

Please send in your log, no matter how big or how small here: <http://www.b4h.net/hqp/hqpsubmitlog.php>

Non Cabrillo logs of any format can be emailed to me directly although Cabrillo is much preferred.

The only changes from before is a new definition of the district boundaries which are based on zip codes. A map can be found here: http://www.mapability.com/ei8ic/maps/hawaii_qso_party_regions.php

While most QSO parties use their counties as multipliers, here in Hawaii we only have five counties so we've expanded the multiplier list to use "districts" instead which roughly follow the ancient Moku.

Also, the KS and OH QSO parties will be running at the same time. There's no problem working those folks and logging them with the county names they give you assuming your logging program allows you to do that. Send a copy of your log to those QSO Party organizers and also to HQP at the above URL Note, if you work someone in Lana'i please use the abbreviation LNI rather than LAN which may be confused with LANE county in Kansas.

All digital modes are considered "digital" so there are three modes to use: CW, Phone, Digital.

Hopefully, the WX will cooperate and we'll have some excellent conditions.

With Aloha,

Alan AD6E / KH6TU

HQP Chairman

Here is a neat video about the WLW transmitter site (eleven minutes):

Tom W9QN

Subject: WLW Super-Power Transmitter Tour from 1985!

<https://youtu.be/irybbYx0IdU>

Tom W8FIB sent this link

https://www.sigidwiki.com/wiki/Signal_Identification_Guide

NW Indiana DX Club to have a Special Guest for Their August 10 Luncheon Craig Thompson – K9CT

The Northwest Indiana DX Club will have a special guest for their August 10th luncheon meeting-noted contester and DXpetitioner Craig Thompson-K9CT.



Craig will be talking about contesting and also about the upcoming VP6R Pitcairn Island DXpedition. (October 18-November 1, 2019)

An experienced DXpetitioner, he has been on at least eleven DXpeditions including such exotics as Swains Island, Conway Reef and Amsterdam Island. He was a member of the dangerous and aborted 3Y0X Bouvet Island DXpedition of 2018.

Craig Thompson has been licensed since 1967 and has been a Contester and DX'er ever since. He is currently on the Honor Roll with 360 DXCC Entities and DXCC Challenge with 2970 entities. His station has logged 491,710 QSOs between 1967 and 2019.

An extremely active and able contester, he is known for his huge contest station near Peoria, IL. Besides running a very busy business he is also President of the Society of Midwest Contesters, serves as the Central Division's representative to the ARRL [Contest Advisory Committee](#) and is an emcee at the annual W9 DX Convention.



The K9CT Contest Station near Trivoli, Illinois (note two of the eleven towers visible on the left)

He will be joined by Anthony Willard, AB9YC, a board member of The Society of Midwest Contesters.

This will be a very enjoyable and informative meeting and one that you will not want to miss. All Amateurs are welcome. The luncheon is at 12 Noon CDT, August 10th at the Round The Clock Restaurant, 1607 S Calumet Rd, Chesterton, IN.



One Dead, One Injured in New Hampshire Ham Radio Tower Mishap

07/31/2019

A tower dismantling turned tragic on Saturday, July 27, in Deerfield, New Hampshire, when two radio amateurs working some 40 feet up on the tower were carried to the ground when the structure collapsed. Joseph Areyzaga, K1JGA, 52, of Goffstown, New Hampshire, did not survive his injuries sustained in the fall, while the tower's owner, Michael Rancourt, K1EEE, 65, was seriously injured and remains hospitalized. Rancourt was taking down the tower in preparation for selling his house, and the pair had nearly completed their work. They were tied into the tower and went down with it as it collapsed.

The tower, a tilt-over model said to be 40 to 50 feet, had been bolted to prevent it from tilting as it was being dismantled.

A law enforcement source said a number of people were at the site at the time for a social gathering as the tower was being taken down, and they witnessed the tragedy.

No official determination has been made regarding the cause of the structural failure, but a radio amateur who visited the scene afterward observed that two of the tower's three legs were clearly compromised and split cleanly and the third leg bent, just above the fully intact tilt base.

The New Hampshire Amateur Radio tower-related fatality is the second such deadly incident in a little more than 6 weeks. In mid-June, a Pennsylvania radio amateur died when the tower he was installing collapsed as he was attempting to attach a guy line to the structure's bottom section.

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If you have a presentation for the meeting, please let me know.

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

See you at a meeting.

73

John, W3ML

