

W9JOZ

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Next Meeting is on the Air

Greeting fellow amateurs,

The motor city radio club had no meeting in August and no newsletter only a postcard which was to the annual picnic. If anyone is interested we could hold a picnic at a park somewhere in the county.

Any takers? Contact me kc8obh. If you do.

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.

Don't forget Dues are due for 2020.

Still \$12.00

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Events

Meeting is on the air, August 20th.

145.410 repeater

Birthdays

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

The following Hams have not paid their 2020 Dues. Please either send the dues to John Poindexter W3ML at 204 S. Main St. Knox, IN 46534 or send an email to <mailto:w9joz@w9joz.org> requesting to be removed from the roster. Thanks.

K9ILU

KC9LHM

KC9PM

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WA9KRT

W9INS

W9SWP

KD9IHY

W3GTC

W9GND

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KD9MVW

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

<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.

ALERT ALERT ALERT

Cabin Fever Hamfest 2021

CANCELLED

Due to COVID 19, and for the health and safety of everyone, it is with great sadness that we cancelled this event for 2021. We are planning to hold this event in 2022, please check back here for updates.

We have a new Ham in Knox. Dean Cory KD9PUZ

Lost Video Archive from 1997 Heard Island VK0IR DXpedition Found

The VK0IR DXpedition to Heard Island took place in January and February of 1997. Co-Leader (with Peter Casier, ON6TT) Robert Schmieder, KK6EK, shot a lot of video during the amateur radio adventure, but lost track of it afterward. During the VK0IR DXpedition, DXers from around the world were astounded that signals from the subantarctic Indian Ocean could be heard at the bottom of the solar cycle. A team of 20 operators carried out the massive, expensive, then-high-tech, and very successful DXpedition, making a remarkable 80,673 contacts. The VK0IR story was told in detail in the September 1997 issue of *QST*.

"Recently, I discovered about 6 hours of video that I had shot during the expedition, but which had never been seen -- not even by me!" Schmieder told *The Daily DX*. "I divided the collection into six parts, which I have posted to YouTube." Schmieder offered his introductions to each segment:

"On 11 January 1997, 20 men landed on one of the most remote places in the world: Heard Island, located in the Southern Ocean, almost to Antarctica. They set up a village with all life support, including accommodations, light and power, galley, and a huge array of radios, antennas, and satellite communications gear.

"Over the next 2 weeks, using the call sign VK0IR, the team logged 80,673 contacts with radio operators worldwide, a new world record for self-supported expeditions. The team also made daily explorations around the island to document the rocks, glaciers, rivers, plants, birds, and seals that are the dominant residents of this live volcano. Many of you will remember this expedition, and quite a few of you made significant contributions.

"The expedition was documented in numerous articles, presentations, and professional videos, and received many awards, including a 2020 poll that ranks it #1 among all such expeditions of the past 30 years.

"Unnoticed at the time, [I] shot 6 hours of video of all aspects of the project. Unfortunately, these videos were lost until mid-2020, 23 years later. No one, including [me], had ever viewed these videos. Upon finding them, [I] divided the material into six separate parts. Other than separation into the parts, the videos needed little editing. They contain almost all of the material that was shot in 1997, and most of it is in exactly the order it was shot."

- [Part 1: Preparation \(22:28\)](#)
- [Part 2: Outbound \(28:11\)](#)
- [Part 3: Landing/Setup \(52:38\)](#)
- [Part 4: Operations \(43:45\)](#)
- [Part 5: Environment \(52:14\)](#)



VK0IR operator Willy Reusch, HB9AHL.

- [Part 6: Departure \(38:21\)](#)

These videos, which might offer an entertaining club presentation, are also available by searching "Robert Schmieder Heard Island" on [YouTube.com](#). -- Thanks to [The Daily DX](#)

The ARRL Letter for August 6, 2020

Hawaii QSO Party

Please save the dates: **Aug 22-24** for the **Hawaii QSO Party**

<https://www.hawaiiqso.party.org/>

The HQP will run from 0400Z 22 August to 0359Z 24 August. Work as many stations on as many bands and modes as you can. Complete rules:

<https://www.hawaiiqso.party.org/rules-page/>

With vacations limited this year we aren't getting many visitors here in the islands. Come visit us on the air. Visit all the islands and all the Moku (ancient territories).

A map of the Hawaii multipliers can be found here: <https://www.hawaiiqso.party.org/mult-map/>

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 roughly following the Moku. Well, not exactly. In a modern twist, we divided districts along zip code lines.

All digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4, PSK, whatever) 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.

Please submit all logs .. big or small .. here:

<https://hqp.contesting.com/hqpsubmitlog.php>

Even one QSO is not too small. If you have any trouble then please send me an email.

Also, the OH QSO Party will be active during HQP. If you log OH and HI stations, that's OK. We can deal with it.

With Aloha,

Alan AD6E / KH6TU

HQP Chairman

CW Academy (CWA)

During the 2,000+ QSOs I made, I observed a wide range of CW skills. For those of you who would like to

improve your CW proficiency, both sending and receiving, I recommend you look at enrolling in the CW Academy (CWA), sponsored by CWops. CWA is open to any and all and is a service provided by members of CWops at absolutely no charge or obligation other than a desire to learn and improve your CW receiving and sending.

CWA has beginner-to-25 wpm classes that are run classroom style online. Check it out at <https://cwops.org/cw-academy/cw-academy-options>.

If you are a proficient CW operator, please pass this email on to anyone you know who wants to learn or get better with CW.

By way of background, I've been a CW operator since 1956 when I started as KN2UTV in New York. I am a founding member of CWops (my number is 8) and its first president.

CW forever!

73,

Pete, W1RM

CWops Past President

Cycle 25

This is an interesting article on their opinion of Cycle 15 propagation. Also below is K9LA, Carl Luetzelschwab's comment on this article

https://www.amateurradio.com/new-hope-for-cycle-25/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+amateurradiocom+%28AmateurRadio.com%29

Carl wrote:

It's a valid prediction from the scientific community - just as valid as the other 26 that I'm aware of. My Monthly Feature for August on my website will talk about predictions for Cycle 25, and it will look at the lowest prediction and the highest prediction (the one you referenced). Which of the 27 predictions will be most accurate? I'll let you know in 2024 or so (or maybe a year earlier).

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

