

W9JOZ

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Next Meeting is January 16th

We will hold our annual December meeting / Christmas Dinner at the Country Kettle again this year.

Date: December 7th

Location: Country Kettle on Highway 35

Time: 5:00 p.m. central time (Knox time).

We will be in the back room as usual.

Individual Ordering will be off the menu

It is hard to believe that I have been doing his newsletter for 9 years. If you have an article or something for the newsletter please send it to me.

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?

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

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

Birthdays

7th - Nita, KC9PM

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 more items from Doc's ham gear she found. See the For Sale Page on the Club website. If you have items to sell email me a list with prices and contact information.

Club Elections were held at the November meeting.

David Metz, KC8OBH volunteered to be president and was so elected.
John, W3ML was reelected as Secretary/Treasurer.

“Black Friday Sale” on ARRL Award Applications Made via LoTW

12/01/2019

Starting at 0000 UTC on November 28, ARRL will be offering a 10% discount on all applications for DX Century Club, Worked All States, and VHF/UHF Century Club awards and endorsements, including plaques, made through ARRL’s [Logbook of The World](#). (For WPX and WAZ, only award credits can be discounted as CQ Communications is the issuer of these awards.)

The 10% discount will be taken off the total charge. The discount is on total ARRL charges and includes 10% off shipping.

The sale will run for 11 days and end at 2359 UTC on December 8.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/black-friday-sale-on-arrl-award-applications-made-via-lotw>

Here is a nice presentation on tower climbing safety.

<https://blog.thedrivenelement.com/2019/11/amateur-radio-tower-safety-presentation-for-the-billerica-ars/>

New Version of WSJT-X Released (The Home of FT-8 and FT-4)

A new version of WSJT-X was released on November 26, 2019. This new version addresses several issues that existed in version v2.1.0, and supersedes released-for-a-day v2.1.1. A list of program changes since WSJT-X 2.1.0 can be found in the cumulative [Release Notes](#).

Version v2.1.2 of WSJT-X can be downloaded at: <https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjt.html>

Submitted by KD9HL

YOTA Month Continues to Expand into the Americas

Youth-operated stations around the world will be part of a special event celebrating youth in amateur radio during the month of December.

BLOOMINGTON, Indiana, November 27, 2019—Amateur radio operators age 25 and younger will be on the air as special event stations around the world throughout December in celebration of youth in amateur

radio. YOTA Month stations will be on all bands and modes at various times. QSL and award information is at <http://events.ham-yota.com>.

In the United States, the callsigns will be K8Y, K8O, K8T, and K8A. Elsewhere in the Americas, Canada will be VE7YOTA, and other countries are expected to be added soon. Amateur radio operators should be encouraged to listen for and contact these stations as well as all callsigns ending in the letters “YOTA” across the globe.

More information about YOTA Month in the Americas can be found at <http://YouthOnTheAir.org>. The Youth on the Air website is sponsored by ICOM America.

More information about YOTA Month globally can be found at <http://events.ham-yota.com>.

To schedule interviews or obtain additional information about YOTA in the Americas, please contact YOTA Month in the Americas coordinator Bryant Rascoll, KG5HVO or YOTA in the Americas Camp Director Neil Rapp, WB9VPG at yotamonth@youthontheair.org or at (812) 327-0749.

President Rick Roderick, K5UR, Heads ARRL Group on FCC Visits

From ARRL website: <http://www.arrl.org/news/president-rick-roderick-k5ur-heads-arrl-group-on-fcc-visits>

“The ARRL team requested prompt consideration of ARRL’s “Technician Enhancement” petition, [RM-11828](#). ARRL pointed out that changes to the amateur entry-level license are needed to provide more meaningful opportunities to new licensees, particularly in the areas of digital technology and emergency preparation that are of continuing interest to new hams.”

petition, [RM-11828](#)

<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1022823795806/2018%20Entry%20Level%20License%20PRM%20FINAL.pdf>

This editor’s opinion is that this is another attempt for the ARRL to try and increase membership. Why should they be given more privileges when they can simply upgrade to General and have them?

Space Weather and how it affects us as Amateur Radio Operators.



[TamithaSkov](#)

Tamitha present space weather reports and being a ham herself, tells amateurs what to expect for propagation on the bands.

Be sure to scroll down below the video when finished to read more about her reports and what is available.

All very interesting.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrlsIpDOfF0&feature=emb_logo

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

