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Next Meeting is February 20th

Greeting fellow amateurs.

On April 25 there will be a Spring has Sprung run in North Judson from 10 am to Noon. Perhaps we could support this event with a few operators since it has a 5k element as well as a mile run.

Amateur radio has long supported marathons and other civic events. This will increase our visibility in the community.

We should also consider putting Starke County on the map for the Indiana QSO party. Let's hash these out at the next meeting.

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

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

Birthdays

1st Dave - KC8OBH

4th Bill - K9BZM

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.

Tom W9QN sent this to me and I wanted to share.

WWII Pictures

These some great pictures of that era.

Interesting pictures

Here are some really interesting photos of Chicagoan's during World War II. Remember, many of our Parents and Grandparents worked in Defense Industries during the War because of the man power shortage. We owe them a great deal of respect and gratitude.

<http://galleries.apps.chicagotribune.com/chi-130320-arsenal-democracy-world-war-ii-pictures/#chi-arsenal20ladies-20080617>

NEW ARRL On-The-Air Magazine

Non-ARRL Members and new hams may obtain a sample copy of the NEW ARRL On-The-Air Magazine by completing the request form at <http://www.arrl.org/ota-sample>
Information on access to the free On the Air blog and podcast can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/ota>

73, Kermit W9XA

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KH6VV/KH4 - Midway Atoll - Announcement

Today, 05:42 AM

KH6VV/KH4 Second Half of February 2020.

Midway Atoll is #14 on the ClubLog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage.

The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV.

The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators) and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.

For operators who would like to join the expedition, please send me an email. Anyone with FT-8 F&H experience from the expedition side please state so.

•What we need:

About 11 operators. Someone with experience in contacting DX clubs to solicit donations. Donations are being accepted at the expedition PayPal account (KH6VV@outlook.com). Make sure you note your call sign so we can add you to the express LoTW list.

73 Ron KH6DV
Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Activity planned last two weeks of February

ARRL Expands its Roster of Online Discussion Groups

01/29/2020

ARRL's Committee on Communication with Members has launched three new online discussion forums as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance and improve communication between ARRL leadership and members or prospective members. The new forums, which focus on antenna law, regulatory issues, and support for new amateur radio licensees, will go live on Thursday, January 30, at 0400 UTC.

The committee launched the three new discussion groups on the basis of requests from the amateur radio community, to support ARRL's efforts to provide more resources for beginner-to-intermediate operators.

The online discussion program launched last fall with three forums — contesting, awards, and the International Amateur Radio Union ([IARU](#)) — all open to the amateur radio community. The program was based on the success of the online ARRL-LoTW Group, which, for the past several years, has served to answer questions and generate discussions about ways to improve the service.

- ARRL New England Division Director and attorney Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, will moderate the [Antenna Law and Policy Forum](#). Hopengarten is the author of *Antenna Zoning for the Radio Amateur*.
- ARRL Regulatory Affairs Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, will moderate the [Regulatory Affairs](#) forum.
- *QST* Editor and ARRL Publications Manager Steve Ford, WB8IMY, will moderate the [New Hams](#) forum.

ARRL IT Manager Michael Keane, K1MK, worked with Groups.io to set up the new groups. Those wishing to subscribe must use a Groups.io username and password, if they have one, or create a Groups.io account if they don't.

The new groups join an ARRL discussion forum lineup that already includes:

- [ARRL-Contesting](#), moderated by ARRL Contest Advisory Committee Chairman Dennis Egan, W1UE.
- [ARRL-Awards](#), moderated by ARRL Radiosport and Field Services Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ.
- [ARRL-IARU](#), moderated by IARU Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ.
- [ARRL-LOTW](#), moderated by ARRL IT Manager Michael Keane, K1MK.

Everyone who subscribes to an ARRL Group is automatically subscribed to “ARRL Groups,” an administrative feature that allows ARRL to convey routine announcements to subscribers of all ARRL groups, such as planned system outages.

ARRL expects to create additional online groups that focus on other areas of interest to radio amateurs, including ARRL activities, services, initiatives, and policies.

ARRL currently hosts some “members-only” online forums that include the topics of Awards and Contesting. While these forums will continue to operate, participants are being encouraged to post new topics in the new Groups.

All questions will be welcome, no matter how many times they have already been asked and answered, or how obvious the answers might be. Neither personal attacks nor foul language will be tolerated. Violators will immediately be placed on “moderated” status, meaning their subsequent posts will require Moderator approval. Civility and courtesy are expected, even when disagreeing.

The Committee believes that providing more opportunities for two-way discussion between the organization's leaders and the entire ham radio community will assist ARRL in truly serving the needs of this community. — *Thanks to ARRL Communications Manager Dave Isgur, N1RSN*

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State QSO Party Challenge Announced

01/28/2020

The [State QSO Party Challenge](#) is a competition comprised of other contests, namely state and provincial QSO parties. As explained on the website, the annual cumulative score program is open to any radio amateur who participates in any approved state QSO parties (SQPs).

Participants just need to submit their QSO party scores to 3830scores.com to enter the challenge. Participants' cumulative scores will be calculated by totaling up the number of reported contacts and multiplying by the number of SQPs entered in the year to date. Periodic standings will be posted to 3830scores.com, the [QSOParty Groups.io forum](#), and the [StateQSOParty.com website](#).

“Using the number of QSO parties entered as a multiplier is expected to encourage radio amateurs to enter more state/province QSO parties,” the program’s organizers said. “The first SQPs in 2020 are the Vermont, Minnesota, and British Columbia QSO Parties in the first weekend of February.”

Entrants must make at least two contacts in a QSO party for it to count as a multiplier. [Full details](#) are available on the State QSO Party Challenge website. Challenge sponsors expressed appreciation to Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, for developing the [SQP Activity Tracker](#) on 3830scores.com.

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Swains Island DXpedition Team is Ready to Roll

01/27/2020

The [W8S](#) DXpedition team heading to Swains Island in the Pacific in March reports, “All lights are green.” Team members will leave from home in early March, and all will convene in Pago Pago, American Samoa, to board the vessel *Manu Atele*, which will transport everyone to the atoll. The voyage will take 24 hours.

Smaller vessels will ferry the operators and equipment to the island at high tide, which the update called “a serious challenge.” The ship will not remain offshore while the DXpedition is under way, “hopefully picking the team up again after 14 days.” An international team of 10 operators will be active from March 10 to March 25 on all HF bands on CW, SSB, FT8, and RTTY. Operation will be 24/7 from two separate camps on the island, each with two stations.

Visit the Swains Island 2020 DXpedition [website](#) for more information.

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The picture below was submitted by Tom, W8FIB

**IF YOU GET KIDS INTERESTED IN
AMATEUR RADIO**



**THEY WILL NEVER HAVE MONEY
FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**

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

