

# W9JOZ

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January 2023

Meeting January 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm.  
Knox Community Center.

Fox Hunt on Jan. 8th weather  
depending

2023 Dues are being accepted. Still  
\$12.00 per year.



Meetings are at the Knox Community Center  
on the third Thursday of each month, with the  
exception of December.

The Community Center is located on the  
corner of Lake and Pearl Street.



Are you on the air?

## QSL CARDS

If you have QSL Cards that need to be  
checked for an ARRL Award, contact John  
and he will put you in contact with an  
ARRL Card Checker in our area.  
Steve, KD9HL is the card checker.

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## Events

### Meeting at Knox Community Center

Corner of Pearl and Lake Street

January 19, 2023

Time will be 7:00 pm

## Birthdays

Jan 15 - W3ML, John

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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## For Sale Items

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.

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# Notice for 2023

**\*\*\*\* Dues for 2023 remain at only \$12.00 a year. \*\*\*\***

**Please be a member and pay your dues for 2023. Dues are used to pay for insurance, website, and incorporation fees.**

**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**

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## **ARRL WEBSITE ADDITION**

There is a new ARRL website to learn about the hobby <https://learn.arrl.org/>. This site, as the URL implies, is available to learn more about our hobby. Courses are available in the main categories of "Getting on the Air", "Emergency Communications", and "Electronics and Technology". Some of the courses are available to non-members of the ARRL, but full access to all of the courses requires an active ARRL membership.

## *A DX Tip*

The Muslim world observes the weekend on different days in different countries: Somalia and Yemen observe the weekend on Thursday and Friday; Afghanistan, Djibouti, Iran, and Palestine observe the weekend on Friday; Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Mauritania, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Syria, and the United Arab Emirates observe the weekend on Friday and Saturday; Morocco, Pakistan and Tunisia observe the weekend on Saturday and Sunday; and Lebanon observes the weekend either on Thursday and Friday (some Sunni, Druze, and most Shi'a communities) or Saturday and Sunday (Christian and most Muslim communities). Since the Muslim population is very large and geographically diverse, variations in customs will occur.

Since many hams are working during the "week", many tend to operate on the "Weekend". If you are looking for a contact from one of these entities, the "Muslim Weekend" may offer your best opportunity.

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## **YAESU Radios**

According to reports from various sources, two popular Yaesu radios are being discontinued due to parts availability issues. The QRP HF/VHF/UHF all mode FT-818 and the C4FM/FM VHF/UHF mobile FTM-400DXR are the models being discontinued. According to R&L Electronics' website, they currently have stock on both radios, and HRO supposedly has over 200 FTM-400DXRs in stock. As an added bonus, Yaesu is offering a \$100 rebate on the FTM-400DXR through the end of January.

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## **W1AW/9 coordinator stations for the VOTA operating event**

Hello,

You may not be aware that 2023 is the ARRL's year of the volunteer per CEO Minster's editorial in the December 2022 QST. There will be a Volunteers On The Air (VOTA) operating event using W1AW/x throughout the entire year. Each state will have two week-long periods to use W1AW/x. The details are in the January 2023 QST, but I've found out that many in the Central Division haven't even received their December 2022 QST yet (HQ is working on this issue). Attached are the two pages in the January QST about this event. The format is similar to the 2014 Centennial operating event in which Mike AJ9C and Mike K9NW were the two Indiana coordinating stations.

The dates for the two week-long periods for Indiana are 7/26-8/1 and 12/13-12/19. Each week-long period goes from 0000 UTC on Wednesday to 2359 UTC on the next Tuesday. Indiana needs two W1AW/9 coordinating stations. Realizing that one person (or even a couple persons at the one station) might not be able to cover all days, many bands, many modes and many time slots, the coordinating stations can designate others to use W1AW/9 to cover as much as possible. I worked under AJ9C in 2014, and I used W1AW/9 on 17m for two hours every day.

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We're looking for two volunteers to be the two coordinating stations for Indiana. Are you interested? Please contact me, and hopefully I can answer your questions.

Carl K9LA

**Editor Note: They still need one more volunteer.**

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Ray Novak from Icom posted the link to this cool video about ham radio done by Montana PBS.

<https://www.montanapbs.org/programs/ham/>

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## **More Amateur Radio Astronauts Head for the International Space Station**

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*01/06/2023*

Three of the four new astronauts on February's planned launch of the SpaceX Crew-6 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) are amateur radio operators.

The four crew members that comprise the SpaceX Crew-6 mission pose for a photo during a training session on the crew access arm at the Kennedy Space Center's Launch Pad 39A in Florida. From left are, Mission Specialist Andrey Fedyayev, Pilot Warren "Woody" Hoburg, Mission Specialist Sultan Al Neyadi, and Commander Stephen Bowen. Photo Courtesy of SpaceX.

Pilot Warren "Woody" Hoburg, KB3HTZ; Commander Stephen Bowen, KI5BKB, and Mission Specialist Sultan Al Neyadi, KI5VTV, will join Mission Specialist Andrey Fedyayev on board the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft, Endeavour.

The spacecraft will be atop a Falcon 9 rocket and, while a launch date has not been selected, the earliest date would be mid-February 2023.

All crew members have learned about [Amateur Radio on the International Space Station](#) (ARISS), received guidance on studying and testing, and learned how to operate the ARISS radios and the basics of on-the-air protocol from ARISS team members at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

The crew will be able to participate in ARISS, using the ham radio station on the ISS to contact schools and other educational institutions.

ARISS is a cooperative venture of international amateur radio societies and the space agencies that support the ISS. In the US, participating organizations include NASA, the ISS National Lab, [ARRL](#) The National Association for Amateur Radio®, and AMSAT.

<https://www.arrl.org/news/more-amateur-radio-astronauts-head-for-the-international-space-station>

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## *For Sale*

### **Selling Everything - It All Must Go**

Paul, N9QYK is selling off all his stuff he has collected over the years. If you are interested in knowing what he has, give him a call at 574-772-2021.

There are still items for sale on the website.

[www.w9joz.org](http://www.w9joz.org)

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If you have something for the newsletter, please send it to me before the 25th of the month.

See you at a meeting.

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*John*, W3ML

