

# W9JOZ

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Meeting at Library at 5 Pm on July 15

Fox hunt on the third Sunday July 19

1 pm (at noon check in on Knox or Culver repeater to confirm details) we will start at Knox this time in the park south of town Shady Acres.

David, 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?

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## Events

**Next Meeting is at the Knox Library  
June 15th at 5 pm.**

## 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

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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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## **New Items Listed From Last Collection of K9QA Gear.**

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.

**\*\*\*\*** There are several items on Doc's SK Listing that should be on someone's want list. **NEW PRICES! NEW ITEMS!**

If you see item on there that you are interested in, contact me and we can work out deal on it.

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# Notice for 2021

**\*\*\*\* Dues for 2021 remain at only \$12.00 a year. \*\*\*\***

## **Paid Members for 2021:**

**Bill, K9BZM  
Richard, K9ILU  
Chester, KA9FAW  
Nita, KC9PM  
Tom, W9QN  
Levi, WB9CAO  
Wayne, K9KFT  
Steve, KB9GPW  
Brian, W9BPD  
Ed, KD9MVW  
Mike, KC9KPG**

**David, KC8OBH  
John, W3ML  
Bart, KC9FQA  
Lenny, KQ9A  
Jack, WA9ZTP  
Bob, KD9IHY  
Jim, WB9UAR  
Paul, N9QYK  
Linda, KC8PKY  
Brian, KE9ML**

**Please stay a member and pay your dues for 2021. Hopefully, before too long we will be able to meet again at the library.**

**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**

**If you want to pay via PayPal, you will need to send it as Friends and Family so no fees are taken out. \$12.00**

**Send PayPal payments to [w3ml@w3ml.com](mailto:w3ml@w3ml.com)**

**John W3ML**

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MFJ's most expensive 3KW tuner, never used, bought from DX Engineering, cost was \$700 plus. Will entertain best offer. Nick, W9UM. Pick up only.

Contact Nick at his email address: <mailto:ncominos2@gmail.com>

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# 3Y0J Bouvet Island DXpedition Team Hasn't Given Up



The Daily DX has reported that the 3Y0J DXpedition team is still hoping to have a go at the island in 2023. The DXpedition team had planned to travel to Bouvet via the RV *Braveheart*, owned by Nigel Jolly, K6NRJ.

"Since the cancellation of 3Y0J, we have been working closely with Nigel Jolly to form a new plan, with a new owner of *Braveheart* and a revised payment plan that enables Nigel Jolly to continue managing *Braveheart* and will keep it available for DXpeditions for years to come," said the announcement from DXpedition co-leader Paul Ewing, N6PSE.

"We are working out the details of this plan and hope to have some very positive news very soon. We have not given up!" The Intrepid-DX Group announced earlier this month that it has canceled its long-anticipated DXpedition to Bouvet. Jolly told the DXpedition that the *Braveheart* was being sold and he was canceling its contract for the 3Y0J voyage.

*From the ARRL Letter of June 24, 2022*

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## WLW's 500,000 Watt Transmitter - most powerful radio station in the United States back in the 30's

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbHjcwIoTiY>

## CW Technique for Phone Ops

## VOICE MORSE WITH QSO RZ4AZ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9V10TZm5LA>

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## FCC Reaffirms Nearly \$3 Million Fine for Marketing Unauthorized Drone Transmitters

06/30/2021

In a *Memorandum Opinion and Order* ([MO&O](#)) released June 17, the FCC denied a *Petition for Reconsideration* filed by HobbyKing of a \$2,861,128 fine for marketing noncompliant RF equipment and for failing to respond to FCC orders in its investigation of the company's practices. In the same step, the FCC enforced its equipment marketing rules. The fine resulted from an FCC investigation initiated by ARRL's January [2017 complaint](#) that the HobbyKing equipment was "blatantly illegal at multiple levels."

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“The *Forfeiture Order* is the final chapter of a story that started with a report to the ARRL Board by the EMC Committee in 2017, as a result of the discovery that aerial drone TV transmitting equipment was being imported and marketed without proper FCC authorization under FCC Part 15 rules,” said ARRL Electromagnetic Compatibility Committee Chair Kermit Carlson, W9XA.

As spelled out in ARRL’s 2017 complaint, the ARRL Laboratory had documented that the operating frequencies of these drone TV transmitters near the 1.3 GHz amateur band were dip-switch selectable for frequencies internationally assigned for use by Aeronautical Navigation, GPS, GLONASS L1, ATC Mode “S,” as well as to both the interrogation and reply frequencies used for Air Traffic Control Air-Route Surveillance “transponder” radar systems. “Transmissions from these drone TV transmitters would have caused harmful interference to these essential Navigation and ATC Radar systems, presenting a real and dangerous threat to the safety of flight,” Carlson said.

ARRL’s complaint noted that given the channel configuration, these units would not have a legitimate amateur radio use, and that the marketing was directed at drone enthusiasts and not to licensed radio amateurs. “ARRL Laboratory tests did prove that only one of the seven available channels was within the 1.3 GHz amateur band,” Carlson said.

“This is another example of ARRL not only affirmatively acting to protect our Members’ interests, but also acting to protect the safety and security of vital services and the general public,” Carlson said.

HobbyKing had denied that it was marketing its drone transmitters to US customers, but as the ARRL January 2017 complaint pointed out, ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, was able to purchase two drone transmitters from HobbyKing and have them shipped to a US address for testing in the Lab.

Hare and ARRL Lab staffers Mike Gruber, W1MG, and Bob Allison, WB1GCM, tested the units. Carlson, as well as the Electromagnetic Compatibility Committee he chairs, were credited in the complaint for calling attention to the issue and prompting ARRL’s action.

“The FCC noted that Amateur Radio equipment used to telecommand model craft are limited to 1 W (1,000 mW), but three transmitters included in the FCC investigation operated at significantly higher power levels of 1,500 mW and 2,000 mW,” ARRL said.

HobbyKing had told the FCC that it had no notice of the Commission’s authorization requirements; that the Fifth Amendment relieved HobbyKing of its duty to respond; that the forfeiture amount was inappropriate because its parent company, Indubitably, Inc., lacked the ability to pay to the *Forfeiture Order*; and that the Commission was time-barred from taking action against ABC Fulfillment Services LLC because it was not part of HobbyKing’s business.

“Upon review of HobbyKing’s *Petition for Reconsideration* and the entire record, we find no basis for reconsideration because the petition fails to present new information warranting reconsideration,” the FCC said in the *MO&O*. “Rather, HobbyKing again raises the very same arguments already considered and rejected in the *Forfeiture Order*.”

The fine reaffirms the monetary penalty sought in a June 2018 FCC *Notice of Apparent Liability* ([NAL](#)). The FCC said it found that dozens of devices marketed by the company transmitted in unauthorized radio frequency bands and, in some cases, operated at excessive power levels.

HobbyKing is the trade name of two US-based companies that include ABC Fulfillment Services LLC and Indubitably, Inc. HobbyKing has a New York office and customer service operations in the US, the FCC noted.

In its earlier *Forfeiture Order*, the FCC said it had made clear that “[d]evices used in the Amateur Radio Service do not require authorization prior to being imported into the United States, but “if such equipment can operate in amateur and non-amateur frequencies, it must be certified prior to marketing and operation.”

The FCC investigation found that 65 models of devices marketed by HobbyKing did not have the required FCC certification.

Responding to the FCC, HobbyKing claimed to have ceased marketing the 65 models the FCC identified, but promised only to make “best efforts” not to market other noncompliant RF devices.

“HobbyKing has a continuing obligation to market only radio frequency equipment that is properly authorized,” the FCC said. “We therefore remind HobbyKing that continuing to market noncompliant radio frequency devices could result in further significant forfeitures.”

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-reaffirms-nearly-3-million-fine-for-marketing-unauthorized-drone-transmitters>

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A SK friend to some old timers around here.



**James W. “Jim” Liedtky**, 84 passed away on

[June 28](#)

,2021 after a year long battle with cancer. Jim was born on

[April 10](#)

, 1937 in Rensselaer, Indiana to August & Mary (Lilly) Liedtky. He grew up in LaCrosse, Indiana where while in school excelled at sports and graduated from LaCrosse High School in the class of 1955. He had a passion for golf and since the early 60’s was a Ham Radio (wa9jmu) enthusiast. He enjoyed talking to other operators from all over the world and refurbishing radios. He loved watching all the cooking shows. He served in the Naval Reserves from 1954 to 1962 and was a member of the Wanatah American Legion. In 1995 he and his wife Jacky retired to Elephant Butte, New Mexico where they enjoyed golfing, fishing panning for gold and socializing with many wonderful friends and neighbors. He was an active member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. He is survived by his dear friend, Marilyn Holman. 4 children- Joni Molina; Tami Carlstedt; Teri Bucher (Dewey); John Liedtky (Tina). 8 grandchildren- Megan Carroll (Mike); Jason Weiss (Amber); Preston

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Bucher (Melanie); Bradly Bucher; Hanah Molina; Jenna Liedtky Lundstedt; twins Olivia & Sophia Liedtky. 2 great grandchildren-Bane Bucher; Holden Carroll and baby boy Weiss due in November. He is proceeded in death by his wife Jacqueline “Jacky” Liedtky and parents August & Mary.

**Memorial Visitation will be held on**

**Monday, July 12**

**, 2021 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Kosanke Funeral Home 105 E. Indiana Ave., Kouts. A private burial of ashes will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery, LaCrosse. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to: St. John’s Lutheran Church of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico OR Dunes Hospice Care of Valparaiso.**

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

