

W9JOZ

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July-August 2023

Meeting August 17th at 7:00 pm.
Knox Community Center.



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?

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

August 17th

Time will be 7:00 pm

Birthdays

July 30 – Don, WA9KRT

August 11 – Richard, K9ILU

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

**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

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.

Notice for 2023

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

Paid Members for 2022:

- 1. Jack, WA9ZTP**
- 2. Linda, KC8PKY**
- 3. Levi, WA9CAO**
- 4. Paul, N9QYK**
- 5. Ed, AD9AK**
- 6. David, KC9OBH - President**
- 7. John, W3ML - Secretary/Treasurer**
- 8. Tom, W9QN**
- 9. Bart, KC9FQA**
- 10. Steve, KB9GPW**
- 11. Bill, K9BZM**
- 12. Richard, K9ILU**
- 13. Nita, KC9PM**
- 14. Jim, WB9UAR**
- 15. Don, WA9KRT**
- 16. Mathew, N9LV**
- 17. Joseph, KD9WSL**

Please be a member and pay your dues for 2023.

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

John W3ML

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.

Sun could reach 'solar maximum' by the end of 2023

<https://www.chron.com/news/space/article/sun-solar-maximum-18179009.php>

ARRL Member Survey conducted May 2023 on Dues Increase

A graphical version of these survey results is available. [Go now](#)

ARRL invited members to participate in a dues survey in May. If you are one of the over 20,000 members who participated...THANK YOU! The survey results are being used by the ARRL Board of Directors to aid their analysis and discussions. The Board will hold its Second Meeting, July 21 - 22, 2023, when we anticipate any decisions or outcomes involving dues.

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Survey conducted in May 2023.

Total of 20,077 members responded.

Member Response Rate by Division

16.9% Dakota
16.6% Midwest
15.9% Central
15.7% New England
15% Roanoke
14.3% West Gulf
14.1% Delta
14% Great Lakes

- 13.6% Rocky Mountain
- 13.6% Southeastern
- 12.6% Hudson
- 12.4% Pacific
- 11.7% Atlantic
- 10.5% Northwestern
- 10% International
- 9.8% Southwestern

QUESTION 1. Members receive all four ARRL magazines in digital format. If we were to separate the printed magazine from being included in the base membership, would you still choose to receive it as an add on?

- 43% I want a printed magazine included with my ARRL membership
- 39% I'll go digital only
- 18% I would pay more to add a printed magazine to my membership

QUESTION 2. Which of the following ARRL membership benefits, services, and programs have you used in the last 12 months? (Please select all that apply)

- 16,579 Printed edition of QST and/or On the Air magazines
- 11,735 Members-only e-newsletters, including ARRL News and the weekly ARRL Letter
- 10,933 Digital editions of ARRL magazines
- 8,861 Logbook of The World – LoTW
- 7,907 Product reviews and ARRL Lab equipment testing
- 7,026 E-mail forwarding service (your_callsign@arrl.net)
- 6,867 ARRL's online, searchable Periodical Archive
- 4,039 ARRL Radiosport; contests, events, and awards
- 3,945 Amateur Radio Emergency Service – ARES
- 3,762 ARRL Volunteer Examiner
- 2,120 Help with FCC rules, antenna/zoning restrictions. (ARRL Regulatory Information Branch)
- 2,026 ARRL Learning Center (learn.arrl.org)
- 1,897 Outgoing QSL Bureau
- 1,529 Help with technical and operating questions, or using the ARRL Technical Information Service
- 1,439 Ham Radio Equipment Insurance Plan
- 978 I am active as an ARRL Field Organization Volunteer
- 546 NONE OF THESE

QUESTION 3. I value my membership for ARRL's work in the following areas: (Please select all that apply)

- 15,662 Spectrum defense
- 14,605 Advocacy in local, national, and international regulation and policymaking
- 13,766 Promoting amateur radio to the public
- 13,531 Support for amateur radio licensing, instruction, and exams
- 12,953 ARRL's fight against interference and spectrum pollution
- 12,652 ARRL books and published content
- 9,852 On-air ARRL contests and events. (Field Day, International DX, Sweepstakes, VHF, etc.)
- 9,331 STEM outreach; schools, teachers, and youth
- 8,996 Finding hamfests and conventions (www.arrl.org/hamfests)
- 555 NONE OF THESE

QUESTION 4. ARRL cannot continue to operate at the current dues level. What annual dues rate do you feel is reasonable for ARRL to set?

- 39% \$59

28% \$54
17 % \$49 (current dues rate)
9% \$69
7% \$64

Average of all responses = \$57.14
Average of only responses for increasing dues = \$58.79

QUESTION 5. Do you (or could you) support ARRL financially beyond annual dues through Diamond Club, Spectrum Defense Fund, or other donation opportunities?

67% Not at this time
14% I am willing to
10% I am unwilling
9% I already do

QUESTION 6. ARRL Life Membership does not cover expenses for the membership. For future Life Memberships should ARRL:

45% Have Life Membership be priced at a level that covers program costs
24% Keep Life Membership as it is
19% Change Life Membership from a paid program with benefits to a recognition program based on years of membership
12% Eliminate Life Membership

QUESTION 7 included open-ended responses.

QUESTION 8. Do you consider yourself an active ham?

58% Yes
26% Kind of
6% No

QUESTION 9. Which of the following statements best describes your participation in amateur radio? (Please select all that apply)

14,667 Ham radio is the hobby of a lifetime.
10,371 When all else fails... amateur radio.
10,311 I want to tune in the world with amateur radio.
7,461 Ham radio influenced my education and/or career.
7,217 I want to know how radio works.
4,048 All my friends are hams. I enjoy being a part of the community.
3,279 Why buy equipment when you can build it yourself!?
1,948 I long for the days of vacuum tubes.
727 NONE OF THESE

QUESTION 10. Without ARRL, amateur radio might not exist today.

53% True
37% Maybe
10% False

QUESTION 11. What, if anything, might help you stay active (or become more active) in amateur radio? (Please select one)

- 24% Other hams who share my interests
- 19% Online, recorded, courses and training
- 19% NOTHING
- 12% Support from a local radio club
- 10% OTHER
- 8% Help with my own station and equipment
- 4% A mentor
- 4% Online, live, interactive training

QUESTION 12. ARRL currently sells an end-fed half-wave antenna kit. Should ARRL offer more kits and radio products?

- 79% Yes
- 21% No

QUESTION 13 included open-ended responses.

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<https://www.arrl.org/dues-survey-results-accessible-version>

Commercial Interests Petition FCC for High Power Allocation on Shortwave Spectrum

[Updated 7/18/2023]

7/11/2023

The ad hoc group “Shortwave Modernization Coalition” petitioned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to allow data communications on multiple bands within the HF 2 – 25 MHz range with up to 20 KW, including in bands immediately adjacent to spectrum allocated to the Amateur Radio Service. This group appears to represent high-speed stock trading interests.

[ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®](#) is treating the petition as a subject of concern for its members and the greater Amateur Radio Service. ARRL Laboratory staff are studying the matter from a technical standpoint, including analysis of transmitted signals potentially interfering with Amateur Radio communications on Amateur Radio spectrum. The results from this expert review are being finalized and will inform ARRL’s filed comments on the matter.

The FCC has assigned the petition RM-11953. Comments are due by July 31, 2023, and reply comments by August 15. While the petitioners exclude the amateur bands, high power operations on immediately adjacent bands are proposed.

A copy of the petition is at: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/1042840187330/1> (PDF).

<http://www.arrl.org/news/commercial-interests-petition-fcc-for-high-power-allocation-on-shortwave-spectrum>

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

See you at a meeting.

73

John, W3ML

