

# W9JOZ

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Meeting June 16th 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**

**June 16th**

**Time will be 7:00 pm**

## **Birthdays**

**June 4 - Tom, W9QN**

**Jun 19 - Bob, KD9IHY**

**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**

**Very Few Items Left From Last Collection of K9QA Gear.**

**If you see something on his list that you would like make me an offer.**

**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 2022**

\*\*\*\* Dues for 2022 remain at only \$12.00 a year. \*\*\*\*

## **Paid Members for 2022:**

- 1. Bob, KD9IHY**
- 2. Jack, WA9ZTP**
- 3. Linda, KC8PKY**
- 4. Bryan, KE9ML**
- 5. Levi, WA9CAO**
- 6. Paul, N9QYK**
- 7. Ed, KD9MVW**
- 8. David, KC9OBH - President**
- 9. John, W3ML - Secretary/Treasurer**
- 10. Tom, W9QN**
- 11. Bart, KC9FQA**
- 12. Steve, KB9GPW**
- 13. Bill, K9BZM**
- 14. Richard, K9ILU**
- 15. Nita, KC9PM**
- 16. Jim, WB9UAR**
- 17. Don, WA9 KRT**

**Please be a member and pay your dues for 2022.**

**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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John W3ML

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**Dues for 2022 still only \$12.00**  
**We had over a dozen members not pay dues in 2020 & 2021. It would be nice to have them back in 2022.**

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## **For Sale**

Wayne, K9KFT is selling these items because of huge medical bills. Contact him at <mailto:k9kft@embarqmail.com>

1. Heathkit 6 meter Amplifier 900 - 1000 watts. \$800.00



2. Daiwa CN-801 20 and 2000 watt SWR/Power Meter \$100.00



## **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.

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### **Section Manager Spring Election Results**

The results of two Spring Section Manager (SM) elections were determined when the ballots were counted at ARRL Headquarters on [Tuesday, May 24](#)

Because no nominations were received by the original nomination deadline of [September 10](#), 2021, it was necessary to re-solicit nominations for Delaware SM. Joseph Grib, KI3B, a resident of Bear, Delaware was appointed Interim Delaware SM in [January 2022](#) until the election could be held. John Ferguson, K3PFW, a resident of Georgetown, received 162 votes and Grib received 96 votes. Ferguson will begin his 18-month term (instead of a 2-year term) as SM on [July 1](#)

In Indiana, Bob Burns, AK9R, received 625 votes, and incumbent Section Manager Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, received 344 votes. Burns, a resident of Brownsville, will begin his 2-year term on [July 1](#). Merry, a resident of Ellettsville, has served as SM for the past 4 years.

Wisconsin will have a new SM on [July 1](#). Jason Spetz, KC9FXE, a resident of Menomonie, was the sole nominee. Spetz will take the reins of the Section's Field Organization from Patrick Moretti, KA1RB. Moretti, a resident of Dousman, decided not to run for a new term of office after serving as SM since 2016.

Scott Roberts, KK4ECR, the only nominee for the Northern Florida Section, will become SM on [July 1](#). He has been serving as the Assistant Section Manager and Public Information Coordinator for the Section. He'll succeed Kevin Bess, KK4BFN, who decided not to run for a new term. Bess, a resident of Edgewater, has been SM since 2018.

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The following incumbent Section Managers, who did not face opposition, were declared re-elected and will begin new terms on [July 1](#): Thomas Beebe, W9RY (Illinois); Philip Duggan, N1EP (Maine); David Kidd, KA7OZO (Oregon); James Armstrong, NV6W (Santa Clara Valley), and Paul Gayet, AA1SU (Vermont).

ARRL extends its thanks to all incumbent SMs for their past valued service and congratulations to those who will take office on [July 1](#)

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## Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air

The Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air special event is scheduled for [June 4](#)

- 19, 2022. The Clark County Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring the inaugural event, and we hope to make it a yearly occurrence. There will be at least one club on the air in each of the 16 states covered by the trail, and the clubs are as excited as we are about the event. The operating modes are SSB phone, FM phone (2 meters only), CW, and FT8. Those that contact all 16 states will receive the Expedition Partner Certificate, and those that contact 1 - 15 states can receive the Trail Companion Certificate. Check the website, <https://lctota.org>, for certificate examples and additional information. Our committee is working hard to make this a top-notch event. Be sure to mark your calendars!

--*Thanks to the Clark County Amateur Radio Club*

The above two items were obtained from ARRL emails.

## Vibroplex Acquires SPE Expert Linear Amplifiers

Vibroplex LLC, of Knoxville, Tennessee, has entered into a purchase agreement to acquire all operating assets related to the sale and servicing of SPE Expert linear amplifiers from Expert Linears America LLC, of Magnolia, Texas, for undisclosed terms. This is including contractual agreements for the exclusive sale and service of SPE Expert amplifiers for the United States and Canada. SPE, based in Rome, Italy, has also agreed to provide an extension to existing distribution agreements as part of the transaction. Vibroplex has taken over the exclusive US and Canada distribution and service of SPE Expert products effective [May 1](#), 2022.



Present ELA LLC owner Bob Hardie, W5UQ, told ARRL, "I'm still doing a lot of the repairing, and I will be for a few years until I just can't repair anymore." Hardie will continue to provide repair and parts services for SPE Expert products on behalf of Vibroplex and function as a consultant during the transition to new ownership. An additional repair person has also been brought on by ELA and Vibroplex to assist with both future warranty and non-warranty service and tech support.

All SPE amplifier warranties presently in effect will be transferred to and administered by Vibroplex. Pending orders for SPE Expert unfulfilled prior to

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May 1, 2022, will be administered by Vibroplex with no additional delay over quoted delivery time added. SPE is owned and operated by Gianfranco Scasciafratti, I0ZY, of Rome, Italy. The current SPE product line is distributed worldwide and consists of the SPE 1.3K-FA, SPE 1.5K-FA, and SPE 2K-FA solid-state linear amplifiers.

Scott Robbins, W4PA, owns Vibroplex, as well as Bencher, INRAD, Par EndFedz and Vintage Manuals product lines. The company is also the exclusive US and Canada distributor for Spiderbeam, MAT-TUNER, Easy-Rotor-Control, GHD, and Hi-Mound radio accessories.

More information is available from Vibroplex; [www.vibroplex.com](http://www.vibroplex.com).  
The ARRL Letter for May 19, 2022

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## **Handy Hint**

*By Steve Mollman-KD9HL*

### **Aerosol Can Straws**

Do you have a problem of losing the red straws on aerosol cans? You need to give something a quick blast into a tight area but the inevitable happens. You can't find the "Red Straw" that came with that can. Now it's back to the store to buy another can just so you can have another "Red Straw".



Where do they go? One rumor has them being stored in a warehouse at an abandoned Air Force base in Utah. This is the same place that supposedly has all of the socks that have gone missing after doing the laundry. Be that as it may be, there are a few things that can be done.

What to do:

1. When a new aerosol can is put into service, cut the straw in half and store it in a plastic baggie for use as a spare. Keep the baggie in your tool box.
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2. If you are lucky enough to finish a can without losing the straw, save it and store it in that plastic baggie.
3. There are replacement straws available in various quantities from sources like Amazon and eBay.

Besides being available in the standard six inch length, vendors are selling longer lengths for winding into tight spots. A company called "Shopstraw" is selling a neon green colored straw that they claim if their straws are dropped in the tall grass, in the dirt and gravel, in a pile of leaves, or even in a dark engine compartment, you will always be able to see the straw due to the bright color.

Finally a note on the diameters of the tube. When buying replacement straws, be sure to read the comments of other users. It seems that aerosol straws are not of a standard diameter. WD-40 is often mentioned as having an odd size. A possible (untested) solution for oversize tubes, is to use a very fine sand paper to make the diameter smaller.

1. <https://www.amazon.com/spray-can-straw/s?k=spray+can+straw>
2. <http://www.shopstraw.com/>

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*Do you have a Handy Hint that you would like to share? Contact Steve Mollman at KD9HL@ARRL.net*

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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.

73

John, W3ML

