

W9JOZ

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Meeting

Next meeting is on March 21st at 7:00 pm.

Knox Community Center on Lake Street, Knox, IN.

April Meeting is on the 18th.

2024 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

**Meetings are at the Knox Community Center
Corner of Pearl and Lake Street**

Time is 7:00 pm

Birthdays

April 5 – Paul, N9QYK

April 7 – Levi, WB9CAO

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 2024

**** Dues for 2024 remain at only \$12.00 a year. ****

Please be a member and pay your dues for 2024. 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

MERCI TRAIN

The Merci Train was a train of 49 French railroad box cars filled with tens of thousands of gifts of gratitude from at least that many individual French citizens. They were showing their appreciation for the more than 700 American box cars of relief goods sent to them by (*primarily*) individual Americans in 1948. The Merci Train arrived in New York harbor on February 2nd, 1949 and each of the 48 American states at that time received one of the gift laden box cars. The 49th box car was shared by Washington D.C. and the Territory of Hawaii. Parades and ceremonies of welcome were conducted in the state capitols and major cities of almost all the states. The largest and most attended was in New York City where more than 200,000 people turned out to welcome that state's assigned box car.

See the Indiana information here:

<http://mercitrain.org/Indiana/>

Merci Train - Indiana

Bob Heil, K9EID SK

"Our beloved founder, Dr. Bob Heil, K9EID, is now a Silent Key. Bob fought a valiant, year-long battle with cancer, and passed peacefully surrounded by his family. Bob's lifelong passion for amateur radio was clear to everyone involved in the hobby. Everything Bob did for the betterment and growth of amateur radio - from his instructional handbooks and countless presentations to his support of the ARRL and youth programs - was based on the foundation and spirit of service. Bob was an Elmer to all of us. While Bob's presence will dearly be missed, his impact on the hobby and everyone in it will forever be felt.

On behalf of Bob to all ham radio operators worldwide, 73."

Senate Bill S.3690 Introduced to Eliminate Private Land Use Restrictions on Amateur Radio

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ARLB003 Senate Bill S.3690 Introduced to Eliminate Private Land Use Restrictions on Amateur Radio

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ARRL Bulletin 3 ARLB003
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT February 15, 2024
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB003
ARLB003 Senate Bill S.3690 Introduced to Eliminate Private Land Use Restrictions on Amateur Radio

On January 30, 2024, US Senators Roger Wicker (MS) and Richard Blumenthal (CT) introduced S.3690, the Senate companion bill to H.R.4006, introduced last June. Both bills reflect the Congressional campaign efforts by the ARRL to eliminate homeowner association land use restrictions that prohibit, restrict, or impair the ability of an Amateur Radio Operator to install and operate amateur station antennas on residential properties they own.

The text of bill S.3690 can be found at,

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/3690/text> .

Amateur Radio Operators repeatedly are relied upon to provide essential communications when disaster strikes, but their ability to do so is being impaired by the exponential growth of residential private land use restrictions that hinder their ability to establish stations in their homes with which to train and provide emergency communications when called upon.

In announcing the introduction of S.3690, Senator Wicker said: "Because communication during natural disasters is often hindered, we should be making every attempt to give folks more options. Reliable access can make the difference between life and death in an emergency. Our legislation removes roadblocks for amateur radio operators looking to help their friends, families, and neighbors."

In a similar announcement, Senator Blumenthal stated: "Our measure will help clarify the rules so ham radio enthusiasts can successfully continue their communications. In the face of emergency or crisis, they help provide vital, life-saving information that allow listeners to properly and safely respond, but prohibitive home association rules and confusing approval processes for installing antennas have been an unnecessary impediment. The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act resolves these bottlenecks and ensures that radio operators can function successfully."

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, Chair of the ARRL's Government Affairs Committee, both extended on behalf of ARRL, its Members, and the Amateur Radio community their thanks and appreciation for the leadership of Senator Wicker and Senator Blumenthal in their continuing efforts to support and protect the rights of all Amateur Radio Operators.

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Handy Hint

A Little Dab Will Do It

By Steve Mollman-KD9HL

Do you remember the Radio Shack product called Archer TV Tuner Cleaner? It was a small aerosol can of chemicals that when sprayed into a TV tuner would clean and lubricate tuner contacts. Many of us used it for TV's and scratchy pots, etc. With the demise of Radio Shack, it is no longer available. There are products available that mimic and possibly improve on Radio Shack's product. DeOxit D5, CRC QD Electronic Cleaner, WD-40 Specialist Contact Cleaner and others are readily available.



Besides cleaning and lubrication pots, there are a number of other uses for these products.

1. PL-259 and other co-ax connectors.
2. Plug-in Integrated Circuit chips (IC's)
3. Vacuum tube bases and their sockets.
4. USB connectors
5. RJ-45 connectors
6. Computer connectors
7. Wall Sockets and their plugs
8. Light Bulbs.

While improving conductivity, they will be easier to attach together and reduce wear.

My personal favorites are the co-ax connectors and light bulbs. The Zinc alloy used in light bulb bases and their sockets seems to grow together, sometimes making them hard to remove. (*Metallurgists call this process "Metallic Bonding" a type of chemical bonding that arises from the electrostatic attractive force between conduction electrons and positively charged metal*). A small squirt on the Bulb base will make it easier to screw in and remove.

It doesn't take much. Like the old Vitalis Hair Tonic Ads used to say "A little dab will do it".

A freebie anecdote: Radio Shack sold the Archer TV Tuner Cleaner AND a product called Archer **Color** TV Tuner cleaner that had identical ingredients but cost 40¢ more. Marketing at its finest!

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

When people see my **radios**
and think I'm rich



Bro, I'm just irresponsible

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

Paul also has a Zenith Stereo, late 1950s Model MJ 1035-1. 11 tubes, wood cabinets with extension speaker. Chassis is a 12 Joiz or 11 Joiz, plus working extra receiver. \$80.00 or best offer.

ALS-1306, AMPLIFIER, HF+6M, SOLIDSTATE, 1200Watts PEP, 220VAC

No longer need it as I went to Flex Radio. Asking \$1200.00 comes with power supply.

A good deal for a ham that wants an Amplifier. This sells for \$3999.95. Recently back from Ameritron where they put in a new FET and went over it to be sure it was working in proper order.

John, W3ML



Astron

Astron 28-volt power supply. Model LS-10A. For Sale for \$75.00.

Sells for over \$200.

John W3ML



If you have something for the newsletter, please send it to me at the club email.

See you at a meeting.

73

John, W3ML

