

W9JOZ

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November/December 2023

Meetings

November 16th at 7:00 pm.
Knox Community Center.

Remember we do not meet in
December.

If you have something you would like
to present or a video to show, please
email me at w9joz@w9joz.org



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

November 16th

Time will be 7:00 pm

Birthdays

December 7 – Nita, KC9PM

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. ******

Paid Members for 2023:

- 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**
- 18. Jack, KC9WHW**

Please be a member, dues are only \$12.00 a year.

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

SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB031
ARLB031 ARRL Hails FCC Action to Remove Symbol Rate Restrictions

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ARRL Bulletin 31 ARLB031
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT November 14, 2023
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB031
ARLB031 ARRL Hails FCC Action to Remove Symbol Rate Restrictions

The FCC Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Amateur Radio Service rules to replace the baud rate limit on the Amateur HF bands with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit to permit greater flexibility in data communications.

"The Federal Communications Commission today adopted new rules to incentivize innovation and experimentation in the amateur radio bands by removing outdated restrictions and providing licensees with the flexibility to use modern digital emissions," announced FCC.

The announcement can be found online at,
<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-398409A1.pdf> .

The new rules can be found online at,
<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-93A1.pdf> .

"Specifically, we remove limitations on the symbol rate (also known as baud rate) -- the rate at which the carrier waveform amplitude, frequency, and/or phase is varied to transmit information --applicable to data emissions in certain amateur bands," concluded the FCC Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, adopted November 13, 2023. "The amateur radio community can play a vital role in emergency response communications but is often unnecessarily hindered by the baud rate limitations in the rules."

Consistent with ARRL's request, the amended rules will replace the current HF restrictions with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit. "We agree with ARRL that a 2.8 kilohertz bandwidth limitation will allow for additional emissions currently prohibited under the baud rate limitations while providing sufficient protections in the shared RTTY/data subbands," concluded the FCC Report and Order.

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, hailed the FCC's action to remove the symbol rate restrictions. Roderick stated that "this action will measurably facilitate the public service communications that amateurs

step up to provide, especially at times of natural disasters and other emergencies such as during the hurricane season.

Digital technology continues to evolve, and removing the outmoded data restrictions restores the incentive for radio amateurs to continue to experiment and develop more spectrum-efficient protocols and methods while the 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit will help protect the shared nature of our bands. We thank Congresswoman [Debbie] Lesko (AZ-08) for her efforts on behalf of all Amateurs to get these restrictions removed."

An Important Message about ARRL Membership and Printed Magazines:

Subscribe before November 30 to ensure uninterrupted delivery of *QST* and *On the Air* magazines

This message includes information about a recent decision taken by the ARRL Board of Directors about the future of printed magazines (*QST* and *On the Air* specifically) and ARRL membership.

At the ARRL Board Meeting in July, the Directors approved increasing the regular membership dues rate to \$59 a year starting January 1, 2024. They also decided to separate the printed version of all magazines from membership, effective January 1, 2024, making these available as add-on subscriptions. **All ARRL members will continue to enjoy access to the digital editions of all ARRL magazines: *QST*, *On the Air*, *QEX*, and *NCJ*.**

Members will receive their last printed editions of *QST* and *On the Air* magazine as part of membership by December 31, 2023.

Please Review the Following Options

Option 1

Members who prefer to continuing reading the magazines online do not have to do anything. All members can access the digital editions of ARRL magazines at www.arrl.org/magazines, or by using the ARRL Magazines app available from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Amazon Kindle.



Option 2

Members who prefer to continue receiving a printed magazine may add-on a pro-rated print subscription now. A print subscription is \$25 per year. Your magazine subscription will be synced up with your current membership term. **Please subscribe before November 30, 2023, to ensure uninterrupted delivery of your print magazine.** You may subscribe online at www.arrl.org/myARRL (you must be logged into the ARRL website). Look for **ADDING PRINT DELIVERY** toward the bottom of the web page. Select the “Add Print Delivery” button. On the PAY BALANCES screen, click the box for the open order with a balance due, and select the order number to complete the transaction for the subscription. Or subscribe by phone at 888-277-5289 (toll free in the US), Monday – Friday during business hours.

Thank You for Supporting ARRL!

This is only the second time in 22 years that ARRL has raised our dues. The cost of printing and mailing magazines has skyrocketed, well surpassing the rate of inflation in the last several years. As we looked at alternatives, we collected feedback from over 20,000 members who responded to a survey. We learned that members increasingly prefer to read digital editions, and that some members do not want us to stop printing *QST*. Separating the print magazines from the suite of other popular membership benefits ensures we can continue to serve all members now, and into the future.

Please contact ARRL Member Services if we can assist you with adding a print subscription to your current membership, or if you need help accessing the digital editions. We have also produced a short [YouTube video](#) with tips for reading ARRL magazines online.

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ARRL Member Services

Contact Us:

Telephone 1-860-594-0200, or 1-888-277-5289 (toll-free US only)

Monday – Thursday, 8 AM to 7 PM ET; Friday 8 AM to 5 PM ET



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.

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

