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The President's Corner

Well Janet and I are in the new house. Well its not new it's just different.

I am getting to old for moving. I want to thank Garland for all his expert help we couldn't of done it without him. Really busy month for us surgery, lighting strikes and moving.

Now the hard work unpacking and figuring where to put 34 years of stuff in a little trailer.

Club stuff coming up is the picnic and foxhunt I know we will all have fun.

Labor Day is next week, so we better get our snow shovels out and the Christmas shopping done HI HI. Have a great September and I will CU at the meeting.

73

Tony W9AL

September Meeting

The meeting will be held at the Starke County Public Library in Knox on Thursday the 18th.

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From WA9NGO,

Here is the website: www.qsonet.com

You download the software and provide them with a copy of your amateur radio license which you can scan and send to them by email. They will then activate the software and you are in business. It costs about \$30 per year which is a bargain for what you get. If you decide to try it, I'll be happy to help you navigate thru the program.

From W9AL,

A new website to learn and practice Morse telegraphy has been launched:

<http://lcwo.net/> - Learn CW Online

There are already hundreds of training programs, MP3/CD courses and practice aids available, but LCWO follows a radically different concept: While sticking to well-proven methods for learning and practice, all you need for using LCWO is a web browser!

This gives the user the liberty to practice CW wherever an internet connection is available, always retaining the personal settings, scores and statistics. Currently the site, which is available in four languages (English, French, German and Portuguese) offers a complete Koch method Morse course, code group practice, callsign- and plain text training modes and also allows to convert random text to Morse MP3s. A high score list is available to compare results with other users, personal statistics help to track training progress. LCWO.net is a non-commercial project. Creating a free account only takes a few seconds, and you can start practicing CW right away!

by N3JBH on October 12, 2006

FAN DIPOLE OR MULTIPLE BAND DIPOLE SPECS:

(Each leg is shown in length so you will need two legs.)

10 METERS = 8'4"

12 METERS = 9'5"

15 METERS = 11'1"

17 METERS = 12'10"

20 METERS = 16'8"

30 METERS = 23'2"

40 METERS = 32'9"

60 METERS = 43'7"

75 METERS = 60'9"

80 METERS = 65'6"

160 METERS = 123'5"

Ham radio equipment not expensive

By Jeremy Pittari
item Staff Writer

PICAYUNE — Becoming an amateur radio operator may seem like a costly venture, but with some luck and good shopping skills even the most frugal person can become fully equipped.

Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club Vice president Larry Wagoner said that a portable radio, which is good for a coverage area of 15 to 100 miles and puts out about 65 watts, can be obtained brand new for \$130. These units are usually set up to operate off a vehicle's power supply but home power supplies can be purchased for about \$100.

"So we're not talking about incredible amounts of money," Wagoner said.

The size and weight of these radios is comparable to old CB radios. Car antennas can be purchased for between \$20 to \$100 and a home antennas will run between \$40 to \$50. Cable usually runs about 60 cents a foot. For the do-it-yourselfer, antennas can be handmade. If they are built correctly, handmade antennas can work just as well as a store-bought model, Wagoner said.

There are opportunities for those interested in purchasing used equipment at HAM fests. Sometimes used gear can be bought for about 50 percent of the brand new cost, Wagoner said. The local club is planning such an event for Dec. 6, at the Poplarville Fair Grounds.

Those who want to spend the big bucks can look to spend between \$27,000 and \$28,000 on equipment that would work about the same as the cheaper counterparts while only providing some additional features, he said.

"Frankly, those are people that have more money than sense," Wagoner said.

Wagoner said he uses modestly priced equipment and homemade antennas. Even with his equipment he is able to talk with people around the world. To top it off, no one can tell the difference in sound quality, he said.

SIDEBAR ARTICLES

PICNIC COMING IN SEPTEMBER

RADIOVILLE IN OCTOBER

**OUR OWN FOR SALE PAGE IS AT
[WWW.W9JOZ.ORG](http://www.w9joz.org)**



K9CIV, Doc Lockner has several tower items for sale on the web site For Sale page. One is a 65 foot tower. Check it out at <http://www.w9joz.org>

73

Until next month
John
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