

# W9JOZ

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## Next Meeting is November 16, 2017

### Fox Hunts

November 19th will be the next one.

Foxhunts are the third Sunday of each month.

Miles and a two-hour time limit

Meet at 1:00 CST at the Sandy Acres Park on the south end of Knox.

Receive a complaint that no one uses the repeater. Joe, KB9KE is back in Golden Living Center and has been monitoring the repeater looking for hams to talk to during his lonesome stay.

With that in mind, I told him that the Saturday evening net will begin on this coming Saturday, the 11th.

If for some reason on a Saturday, I do not show up to run the net would someone please pick it up and take check-ins and comments.



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?

Richard, K9QA is an official ARRL DXCC Card Checker. Contact him at [k9qa@arrl.net](mailto:k9qa@arrl.net) to have your cards checked.

DX Century Club

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# October Events

## Birthdays

November 21 - Chester, KA9FAW

November 24 - Tony, W9AL

November 23 - Jolene Brown

I do not have birth dates for KD9BJP, KA9YOZ, and KC9LHM

## Starke County Amateur Radio Club Weekly 2 Meter Net will be back up on November 11th 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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## 160 Meters Anyone?

Here is an excellent site for learning how to get on 160 meters. <http://k2av.com/>

**“We hope this web site will be a basket of tools for your successful use. Every ham station is different and only you will be able to determine any application to yours. But from years of correspondence, issues detected at one station often repeat at others. So you just might find unexpected opportunities.”**

Editor’s Note: If anyone wants some strong wire to make a 160 meter antenna, please contact me. I have a whole spool of wire. W3ML

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This came from Tom W8FIB in an email he received.

> Dollar Tree has some LED bulbs on sale, 60W, Warm White for a buck each.

The batch I bought are dead quiet for RFI.

> I bought enough to relamp my entire home. Lost about half, to an full S unit of RFI as a result! :)

> If you decide to relamp your home, buy a test LED lamp first, test it, then buy your lights from the same store, so you get the same lot numbers.

> I suspect they are all quiet, but paranoia is your friend. There is a take apart review of these lights at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJWssuCGkC8>

> After watching the review, I think I can see why they are so quiet.

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> 73s and thanks,  
> Dave  
> NK7Z

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## *Handy Hint*



**By Paul S. Ewing - N6PSE**

I am not the QSL Manager for any DXpedition. I don't keep a copy of our logs as that is the role of the QSL Manager. I am frequently astonished at the number of amateurs that fail to keep a proper backup copy of their logs. I am regularly contacted by amateurs that have suffered some form of data loss and they ask me to provide them with their contacts to a particular DXpedition. Sometimes these contacts were made many years ago. I believe that most QSL Managers have strong ethical objections to providing amateurs with their contact data so that they can then seek a QSL confirmation.

As with most problems in life, data loss is preventable by simply backing up your data. Don't use a USB thumb drive as a backup as those are plagued by static discharges that can corrupt the data within. Instead, use an optical drive such as a CD/DVD drive or an external USB hard drive or solid state drive to back up your logs. The few minutes you spend today to back up your log will save you hours of grief down the road.

*<Happy DXing!>*

Thank you to Paul Ewing-N6PSE for his kind permission to print this item. Paul is a noted DXpeditioner having operated from many rare and semi rare spots, including the South Sandwich Islands, Yemen, Myanmar, Eritrea and the South Georgia Islands. He can be reached at pauln6pse@gmail.com

**Note:** Most if not all computerized logging programs include a provision to print a hard copy of the files. In addition to the data backup advocated by N6PSE, it is suggested that you print out a copy of your logs and store them in a safe place. Another layer of redundancy. After all, paper has withstood the test of time over the past thousand years or so! It is not necessary to print your complete log each time, just the additions since your last back up.

Another suggestion is after a day's operation, immediately upload the contacts to Logbook of the World. Having them on LOTW will give you another resource for recovering the information. – de KD9HL

Another interesting website:

**Welcome to KAR - dedicated to Kansas Amateur Radio!**

**Welcome to ham radio nirvana!  
OVER 500 AMATEUR RADIO WEB SITES  
All ham radio links! Nothing but amateur radio web sites!  
The largest ad-free ham linking site on the web.**

<http://ksarrl.org/deeplink/>

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Don't forget the repeater does not have a Beep, so you will not hear one. You be hitting it if you are in or close to Starke County.  
If you are on Fusion digital, then there is a Beep.

I don't know why Yaesu did not include a Beep like on older repeaters, but they chose to only do it on digital.  
Our repeater runs Fusion digital and Analog 24/7.

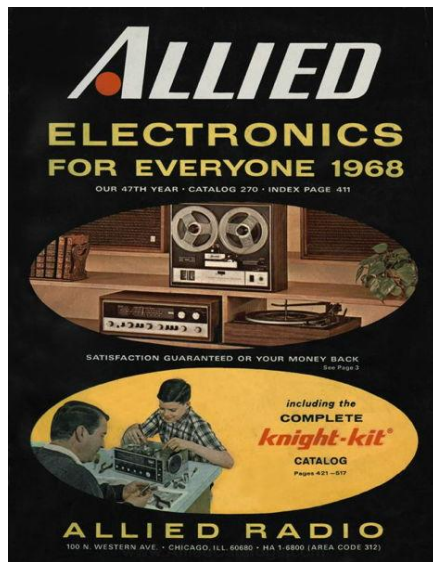
**So, use it. It is there to be used.**

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## Catalogs are about possibilities

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

When I was a kid, I used to regularly get catalogs, such as the Allied Radio and Lafayette Radio catalogs shown below, and pore over them for hours. Even if I couldn't afford to buy the latest Knight-Kit or Lafayette shortwave radio, I could imagine what it would be like. These catalogs were chock full of possibilities.



I spent many hours poring over the Allied and Lafayette catalogs as a kid. These two are from 1968, when I was 13 years old.

So, you can imagine how I felt when, last Thursday, I found both the Autumn/Winter 2017 DX Engineering catalog and the 2018-2019 Newark Electronics/element14 catalog in my mailbox.

[DX Engineering](#) has really taken the amateur radio world by storm over the last ten years or so. I probably don't have to tell you about that. If you're an active amateur radio operator, I'm sure that you have heard about—and probably ordered from—DX Engineering.

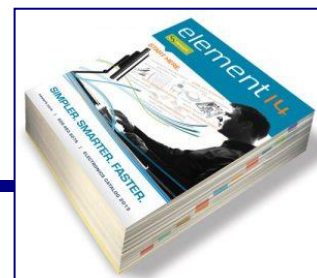
I think that DX Engineering did a very smart thing by investing the money in a print catalog. There's something about browsing a print catalog that is just more satisfying than browsing online.

DX Engineering has just about everything you need to have fun with amateur radio. The one glaring omission? They still don't carry my study guides!

The [Newark/element14 2018-2019 catalog](#) is a completely different beast. Amateur radio operators are only a small part of Newark/element14's market, but one nonetheless. They have, for example, attended the Dayton Hamvention for many years.

As such, the catalog is not a "ham radio" catalog, but if you build stuff at all you'll find something of interest in its 1,799 pages. It includes nearly any kind of electronic part that you might need.

The section that might you might want to start with is the "makerspace" section. In this section, you'll find Raspberry Pis, BeagleBones, and even micro:bits. They really have



everything, though, including passive and active components, connectors, cable, and enclosures.

Like I say, these catalogs are all about possibilities. You can search each company's website and find the parts they carry quickly and easily, but that experience is just not the same as browsing a print catalog and daydreaming about what you might find there.

So, get your own copies—they're free—and page through them. I'd be surprised if you didn't run across something that you didn't know about before, and it gave you some ideas about your next amateur radio project.

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I have two different types of roof towers for sale. One is about 3 feet high and the other one is a heavy-duty 5 foot, four legged tower with rotor plate. If interested, please email me. W3ML

We have several **new** pieces of equipment for sale on our For Sale Page <http://www.w9joz.org/forsale.htm>

Please check it out.

Free: 3 Motorola-type Mobile Radios - one is set up to work cross-band 2-6 others are in the 2 meter or 440 meter band. Will not ship.

Email John at <mailto:w3ml@w3ml.com>.

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If you have something for the newsletter, please send it to me before the 20th of the month.

See you at a meeting.

73

*John*, W3ML

