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The President's Corner

There is no meeting in December, just a technical class on the 11th and the Christmas Party on the 14th.

The nomination for the elected officials in our club will end on the 1st of December. January meeting will be on the 15th, when the elections will be held. As they say in CHICAGO vote early and often. HI HI

REMEMBER all nominees get your platforms to John, W3ML by Dec 19th so it can make it in the newsletter.

Hope to see everyone at the PARTY and remember to be radioactive.

CU at the meeting
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No Meeting

The Christmas dinner will be at the WOODEN NICKLE on December 14th at 5PM. It's going to be \$10.00 per person, tip and tax included.
You will have to pay for your own DRINKS.

Antenna Building Class

December 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Knox Library Meeting Room.

Christmas is 26 days away. Hope Ham Santa finds my place as well as yours.

Indiana Section Manager

Most of you know that John, W3ML is now the Indiana Section Manager. He has been active working with the state staff to increase participation and update the job descriptions of the appointments.

There will be some changes coming in; who is and who is not appointed to an Indiana ARRL position.

John officially takes office on January 1, 2009.

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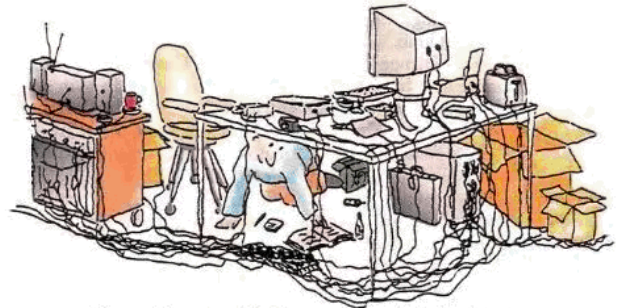
2009 Indiana-Michigan-Ohio Skywarn Advanced Spotter training

“Severe Weather - A Midwestern Perspective” is the theme of the 2009 Indiana-Michigan-Ohio Skywarn Advanced Spotter training. The all-day seminar will focus on the specific types of severe thunderstorms which occur in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Date of the seminar is Saturday March 28, 2009. There is a change of location: it will be held at the Maple City Chapel on US 33 just southeast of Goshen. Lunch/snacks are included. Speakers at the seminar are all experts in their fields. Chris Novy WA9V - who spoke in 2007 - will be returning to make a presentation on storm spotting. Ron Przybylinski KC0WWE - science officer at NWS St Louis - is one of the world’s leading experts on squall lines. His presentations include analysis of a tornadic squall line which affected Chicago and northwest Indiana, as well as an in-depth look at the November 5, 2005 Evansville tornado. The third speaker is Al Pietrycha KB0ZXY - science officer at NWS Goodland, Kansas.

His primary area of interest is mesoscale and storm scale studies, and he is also involved in the spotternetwork.org website. The seminar will conclude with a panel discussion.

More information, registration, and any updates will be available in the near future on the IMO website at www.imoskywarn.org \$25 per person, for more info <http://www.imoskywarn.org/>

More wires....now add an HF rig, an amp, a VHF/UHF rig, an antenna tuner, a TNC, a Rigblaster, 2 keys & 3 mikes, several power supplies, a coffee pot. and coax from 4 HF antennas & 2 VHF/UHF antennas.



“Now, if you can find the power switch, flip it on.”

and then my linear went

BOOM !

Oh well, I
guess no more
megawatts
on 2 meters



SIDEBAR ARTICLES

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

NEW NET MANAGER STARTING THIS MONTH IS HUGH, WOOP. BE SURE TO EMAIL YOUR REPORTS TO HIM.

Accepting Change

Just like the change of season so does our life, nothing remains the same forever. In my life as an Amateur, 25 years, I have heard many times that this change is going to be the ruination of our hobby and frankly it hasn't yet. But, we can by our negative attitude cause the inevitable. There should be no fear in changing. Change is good! We must look to the brighter side of things and work towards the future and give up the past. The phrase "I had to do it and it was good enough for me" is not going to increase our number and make our hobby flourish but it will do just the opposite and we can't afford the loss of any more frequencies or operations due to the loss of operators. Let's not run off the new Amateurs. Let's make them feel welcome whatever the outcome of the FCC rules that will be changing in the near future.

What is change? Change is a break in the normal routine. A threat to our security (safe zone) either at home, our work and, yes, even our hobby; an alteration in our current lifestyle or the way we do things. The unknown, the ambiguous, the uncertainty one must face after a loss of feeling safe in what and how we got to where we are. The changing of old beliefs, attitudes and values that we think are okay for the current times. The modification of current patterns of social interaction and conduct in adjusting to an altered change occurs. A change of status quo to what we think is right and unsettling of the calm and peace previously established in the way we got to where we are.

Here are some irrational beliefs we have about change? I could never adjust to that change. Yes, you can if you don't fight it and make the best of the situation. Why did this happen to me? It didn't only happen to you it happened for you and the rest of us. Change is bad. No, change is actually good and will build character. If I ignore it, it will go away. No it won't go away, it will go on and you'll be left behind. You'll begin to frustrate yourself in your attempts to gain control and to fix the non-fixable.

Many of you have heard the ole timers say, "What ever happened to the good ole day when" and you can fill in the rest. Those days are still here. No one is saying that we should forget the past but we should make it part of the future by being able to submit to change and look back and see how much better the hobby would have been in the past had it been available then.

What are some benefits to be gained by adjusting to change? Of course we can start with individual, personal, social, and emotional growth. We can restore a sense of order and purpose in our life. Take a relaxed point of view about the realities of life, and open acceptance of the inevitability of change and adaptation for the future. Increase our personal, family, marital, or hobby productivity, giving us a chance to use our positive qualities and attributes to their fullest, validating our self-worth and goodness. Last, but not least, getting on with our life with a minimum of delay, confusion or complications resulting from the turmoil of change.

I hope you join me in bringing in the New Year with a positive attitude towards whatever changes the FCC will bring our way and make the best of the circumstances and move on with the greatest hobby one could part of. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you, from the home of NB4K.

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Great Lakes Division

A little FYI that I found
Randy
kc9isj

LONG ANTENNAS MAY HARM HT'S

I have an Icom Z1A HT that is broken at the moment because I used one of those 18 inch or so antennas on it. The strain of that extra length loosened the antenna jack's grip on the case and eventually caused the conductor between the antenna center pin and the HT circuit board to break.

I still have the radio in pieces, but cannot quite find an easy way to access the point where re-soldering is needed.

If I had it to do all over again, I would not put that long whip on a consumer grade radio like we have for our ham radio hobby. To be honest, I think the performance of the stock antenna was just as good or better on 2 meters.

The moral of the story is to think through the mechanical realities of putting an after market accessory on your expensive radio gear. If you do, you may well decide that what you have is good enough.

ARRL adds new search section for members.

If you are a member of the ARRL, amateur radio's national organization, you have a new benefit. They recently added a database of past QST issues to where you can search for a topic, and then download the monthly magazine and read the article.

ARRL Members can access the *QST* magazine archive online, from December 1915 through December 2004. Archive results are intended for personal use only, and may not be freely distributed or copied.

Add this to the issue you get every month and you can't beat it for representation in Congress, legal issues, and a now, plus the monthly magazine, an archive of QST's dating back 89 years. All this for \$39.00 a year.



Hugh says,

“Attached are pics of the copy of the 2m/70cm Arrow satellite antenna that Mike WB9L helped me put together and adjust for SWR. It came out to 1.0 to one on 145.410!! The 440 side was 1.5 to one at 435.600, if I remember right. Just right for satellites!

Thank you, Mike WB9L and Don WA9KRT for your assistance.

BTW although stricken with SAD (satellite antenna disease) I am beginning to feel better already!”

Have nice holiday season and be sure to come to the meeting on January 15th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

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John

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