

# W9JOZ

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## The President's Corner

Well the Indiana QSO party is over for this year and some of us went to Hugh's house for the clubs participation in it. All had fun! I went to Hugh's for a few hours and then went home to work the party from my QTH. Around 9:15 I turn everything off and relaxed the rest of the evening. I was wiped out and couldn't talk anymore.

Field Day is one month closer and I know a few of us can't wait. Don't forget the next few meetings you can start to bring can goods in for our food drive. We as a group need to beat last year's donation. May 10<sup>th</sup> is the ARES/RACES meeting at the library 7pm. May's Foxhunt will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the South Bend's hamfest will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

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Tony W9AL

## Meeting is May 20th.



From the Desk of the Vice President

### Ramblings of the Vice President

Okay where was everybody on Saturday, you all missed the Indiana QSO Party at Hugh's. All that did attend had a good time. Thanks to David Kd9u for the tasty refreshment that he made, it was real good. He also was gracious enough to bring his Kenwood radio. It worked like a champ. I didn't get there until after the troops had everything setup so a big thanks to all that did the work. Hugh made a real good pot of his chili, look out Levi you have some competition. I do not know how many contacts were made total. I made 11 at Hugh's house and 18 at home before the bands got too noisy for me to concentrate on what I was doing I pulled the plug at 9:30 pm. It was a long day for me I was up at 5:00 a. m. and couldn't go back to sleep. So much for that.

Field Day is approaching rather quickly so everyone get your think cap on for the May meeting. And on another note, I hope all of you went out and voted it is your duty to elect somebody even if they are all crooks. If you didn't already do it, please fill out the census forms and send them back otherwise you will be getting a visit from your local census worker.

Enough for this month

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Randy

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## SIDEBAR ARTICLES

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**FOR SALE ITEMS ON THE WEBSITE WILL BE FOR ONLY CLUB MEMBERS  
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010**

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

**We have several results in for the INQSO Party here in Starke County. Below is a list of what was reported.**

Hugh reported we had 37 and an estimated 555 points from my house, 18 of the *counties*, all for the club W9JOZ. 10 club members came by to assist also. Here is a list of those that attended the QSO party at my house Paul N9QYK, Don Kc9QFS, David KD9U, Joe KC9NFD, Dwight KC9DHD, Jolene, Tony W9AL, Randy KC9ISJ, Bill WC2O, and Ken KC9MQD.

Tony reported that he ended up with 80 phone contacts and 3860 in points.

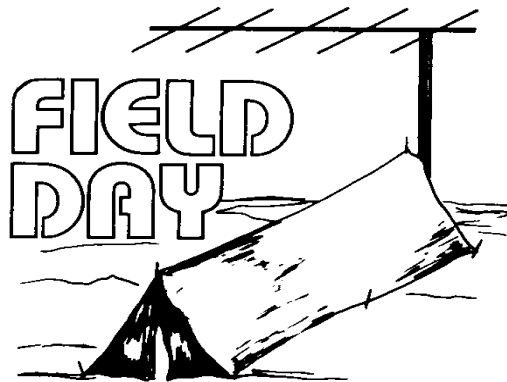
Dwight said Jolene and I made a total of 25 contacts, 18 in Indiana, and the 2 bonus stations. We were a portable station set up at the Grand Kankakee Marsh on the Kankakee River, using a Yaesu FT-857 with a G5RV antenna battery powered, all out of the back of our pickup truck. We had a lot of fun and also got a pretty good sun burn, but it was a good test for my equipment for Field Days, it took us only about 15 minutes to set up and be on the air. This was our first contest. We had a lot of fun.

David made 29 contacts.

Randy made 11 at Hugh's house and 18 at home.

John made 60 contacts, 13 of which were CW and count for 2 points each, with an estimated score of 4650.

This should give us a god Club score again this year. We will report the scores as soon as we get them.



**It is coming soon, are you ready!**

## Poem

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?  
Or are you contented that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend meetings and mingle with the flock?  
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part to help the work along?  
Or are you simply satisfied to be a "just belong"?  
Do you work on committees to see there is no trick?  
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?  
Come to meetings often and help with hand and heart.  
Don't be just a member but take an active part.  
Think this over fellows: you know right from wrong.  
Are you an active member or do you just belong?

Author unknown

Brought to us by John, N9YRX or Jim, WD9EYB, depending on whom you ask. -ed. Borrowed from the Bandspread WVARA Newsletter.



# SEVHF Conference

On April 23-24, in Morehead KY, the SEVHF society held its annual conference. Meeting was held at Morehead State University at the Space Center. For anyone interested in Astronomy, this is the place to be. Very interesting work is being done with the large radio dish telescope, not to mention building satellites for launching on other payloads. The dish on the hill is 21 meters, good size and may possibly be active on the ham bands some day off the moon.

Lots of interesting presentations, K5QE Marshall gave talks on his contesting from grid el58 in the swamp. Also has an upcoming rare grid on 6 meters June 29-30 - July 1-2 from Texas. SSB only or CW.

K4TO Dave had a virtual tour of his antennas and shack, a truly amazing man who has done so much.

WB8IFM Gerd gave an excellent program on Lightning protection. Take off the coax and unplug power, ground all the gear is only way to prevent damage.

W3HMS John gave an excellent program on 23cm EME.

Lots of others speakers, who were way over my head on technical subjects.

Great banquet and speaker. Food was good and the hospitality of SEVHF society was great. Next year will be Huntsville, AL end of April.

[www.svhs.org](http://www.svhs.org)

[www.csvhf.org](http://www.csvhf.org) Central States conference in St Louis July 23/24. Shaping up to be a good time.

73's Tom WA9NGO

## NOTICE

Tom would like to know if there is anyone interested in sharing expenses for trip to St Louis for CSVHF conference. Would be willing to share gas and hotel expenses for July 22 to 25th. Contact Tom directly at [wa9ngo@hotmail.com](mailto:wa9ngo@hotmail.com)



## THE RADIO SIDE OF THE GO-KIT

We as ARES /RACES members always talk about the GO-KIT. Having a 72 hour bag is recommended with food, clothes and personal items. We all know what we are supposed to have but have you thought of the equipment you will likely need too. Here are a few things I thought of, can you think of anything else to add?

- A handheld radio, preferably dual band (able to receive two stations simultaneously on the same or different bands – VHF/UHF), with a minimum power output of 5 watts.
- Photocopy of the radio's manual
- DC “car” adapter or AC adapter/charger for the handheld radio(s)
- Extra batteries and/or dry cell converter with extra dry cell batteries
- Photocopy of your current FCC Amateur license
- List of the area repeaters with their offsets and PL / CTCSS tones
- List of contacts and their phone numbers
- Higher gain “rubber duck” antenna(s) for your handheld radio(s)
- Counterpoise for handheld radio long enough for the lowest frequency that you can transmit on, made of small gauge wire
- Expedient/Expendable J-pole (300 ohm twin lead) or other antenna, and support hardware
- Reasonable length good quality coax cable with connectors already installed
- Barrel connectors for mating PL-259 (the “standard” UHF type) connectors together
- BNC to SO-239 or SMA to SO-239 adapters, depending upon the handheld radio(s)
- Combination speaker/mic for the handheld radio
- Headset, headphones, or earphone for the radio(s) to be used
- Small assortment of hand tools
- Soldering iron and rosin core solder
- Electrical tape
- Pair of work gloves

- Flashlight and/or small battery powered lantern. (extra batteries, too)
- AM/FM radio with additional batteries
- Notepads and writing equipment
- ARRL Radiogram and ICS forms



John borrowed this from a friend, whose son took this picture.

Until next month,  
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John, W3ML