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Elections will be held at January Meeting on the 17th.

See the Candidates Election

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Watch for email about absentee ballots, if you can not attend the meeting.



The annual election of officers will take place by paper ballot at the January meeting.

The meeting will be at the usual place the American Legion in North Judson.

ONLY 2007-08 PAID UP MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE.

Discussions will be centered on the holidays and what Santa brought everyone for Christmas as well as the new officers'

proposals for the New Year.

Be sure to attend to vote for your choice of candidates.

Current Nominations

President

KC9ISJ

W9AL

Vice President

KC9ISJ

WO0P

KB9OLZ

Treasurer

KC9HUG

KC9HUD

Secretary

KC9HUD

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Officer**

N9CPX

Types of Coax Cable and Line Loss Calculator



"The true
meaning

of life is to

plant trees
under

whose shade
you

do not expect
to

sit."

DX News

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K9CIV advised that there have been a lot of DX stations on the Air lately.

Those of notable mention are FJ5KH and the FJ/OH2AM on Saint Barthelemy.

Two Antarctica stations have been

working around 14.315. 3Y0E will be there a while with a new amateur running barefoot and a 4BTV.

Also on the bands:

3D2/R, ROTUMA. Tony, 3D2AG, is now very active as 3D2AG/p until the

end of January. Most of his activity has been on 20 meters CW, but he has been on 20 meters SSB and 40/17 meters CW.

Hamfests / For Sale- new item

The next hamfest for die-hard hamfesters is not until February 23, 2008.

Cabin Fever Hamfest
LaPorte Amateur
Radio Club
<http://www.k9jsi.org>

LaPorte, IN Civic
Auditorium

Palstar DL2K
Dummy load and watt
meter. Has fan and
lighted meter with
switch on front.
Great condition
\$140.00.

Contact Rich, K9CIV

Upgrade your Operator's License

A new class will be forming in this New Year. It will be for the study of General Class license.

Tony, W9AL will be leading the class and

will be assisted by a couple more hams. Location will be determined as soon as he can schedule a meeting room somewhere

convenient for most people.

Watch web site and e-mails for more information.

Articles

All the articles this month come from various places.

Safety

As we wind up '07 and head in to 2008, I want to take an opportunity to thank all the Starke County Amateur Radio Club Members who attended and participated in the club activities last year and hope you all enjoyed it. Weather has certainly been a major topic of discussion around here this past month. However, before I give you a few tips about that, I first want to wish each of you a very happy and healthy Happy New Year.

Traveling by automobile can become quite difficult as roads become impassable, covered with snow and ice. Ice could bring down power lines cutting off power to your home for extended periods. Extreme cold can make it dangerous just to be outside as frostbite and hypothermia could occur.

Just remember to be safe and be prepared, In your car have a snowbrush, shovel and a little bag of kitty litter case you are stuck. Extra gloves and a blanket will help if you are stuck too. At home if you have a generator, make sure you have some gas around the house so you will not have to venture out in a storm. Most important BE SAFE and be aware of your surrounding.

Hope to see everyone next year and remember to be radioactive.

Tony W9AL

Sharpen your skills by working a contest.

January, 2008

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year Contest	0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1600Z-1900Z, Jan 1 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Jan 1 (432)
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 5 to 2400Z, Jan 6
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2400Z, Jan 6
Hunting Lions in the Air Contest	0000Z, Jan 12 to 2400Z, Jan 13
Midwinter Contest, Phone	0800Z-1000Z, Jan 14
NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	0900Z-1059Z, Jan 13
DARC 10-Meter Contest	0400Z-1200Z, Jan 19
LZ Open Contest	1200Z, Jan 19 to 1200Z, Jan 20
UK DX Contest, RTTY	1200Z, Jan 19 to 1200Z, Jan 20
Hungarian DX Contest	1800Z, Jan 19 to 0600Z, Jan 20
North American QSO Party, SSB	1900Z, Jan 19 to 0400Z, Jan 21
ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes	0100Z-0300Z, Jan 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	1200Z, Jan 26 to 1200Z, Jan 27

**Candidates speak out as to why they should be the
new Club officers.**

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For office of President we have KC9ISJ and W9AL.

KC9ISJ:

Hello everyone,

I am humbled and honored for the opportunity to serve as the club President/Vice President for 2008 . I'd like to thank the person who nominated me for the position. As club president/vice president I will do my best to keep our club the best in Starke county.

I am fairly new to ham radio I've only had my ticket a couple of years and I have a lot to learn from the club members that have been involved for many years. I don't know if I'm the right choice for either position but I'll give it my best shot if elected

I will try to find a location that suits everyone
notice I said try

I will try to get our attendance up. It would be nice if all the members would attend

I will try to find a better location for Field day.

We all know who our club members are but does our communities. We should be involved with them.

We need to have a fundraiser to help offset Field day expenses ie garage sale bake sale or car wash.

As club President or Vice President I will be open to all suggestions from anyone

Thanks from all who nominated me

Randy Stafford
kc9isj

W9AL:

Everyone knows me, and being the Vice President for the last year you have seen what I have done. I have Taught Hams, Organizing training sessions, attending all club events and have been a mentor to some of you. The main thing is to keep the club strong, growing and moving in the right direction.

Sure, I can list a bunch of date and accomplishments but I am not, you know who I am and what I have done. If you like, the ways things have been vote for me if you want to try someone else vote for Randy. No matter how this election turns out I will be there supporting the hobby and the club.

73 Tony W9AL

For office of Vice-President we have KC9ISJ, KB9OLZ, and WO0P.

The same write-up will be used for KC9ISJ see above.

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WOOP:

Although I did not even consider going for any position at the club these are the character qualities that I consider when I think about leadership.

Alertness, Being aware of what is around you so to make the right response

Boldness, Confidence that what you have to say or do is true, right and Just.

Contentment, Happiness does not depend on material conditions.

Determination, Purposing to accomplish the right goals, at the proper time regardless of the conditions or opposition

Discernment, Understanding the deeper meaning of why things happen around us.

Diligence, Staying the course, completing what you have started, investing extra time and energy if necessary to get it done.

Endurance, The inward strength to withstand the conditions so you may do your best.

Enthusiasm, so you may give it the best effort.

Patience, Waiting without giving in to a false or unneeded deadline

Resourcefulness, Uses for that which others would have overlooked or discarded.

Responsibility, Knowing and doing what is expected of me.

Self control, Rejecting wrong desires and doing what is right

Wisdom, Seeing life's situations from a perspective that transcends current circumstances.

I feel that I have most these qualities.

Hugh Vales
WOOP

KB9OLZ:

I am not use to this kind of writeing and not good at spelling ut here gose.

I would like tohelp the club any way I can try to improve the membership bring more Hams to Starke County as I have in the past inprove relationship with County offical's and Ham radio work with other officers in the club and any thing to keep us move forward for the good of all involved. I have been the ARES EC for Starke County scense 2003 an ARRL member from 1997 and a Ham from 1996 upgrade to Gen in 6-2007 then Extra in 9-2007 I have help teach tech classes from 2004 hear in Starke Co. and from 1999 in Porter Co. I was president of Porter Co. club for 2 years (2005,2006) and a board member from 2000 -2006 reg member of that club from 1996 to 2007 I held several post with the PCLEPC and there drill commety from 1991 to 2002 a member of South Haven Civel Defense from1990 to 2002 Director from 1996 to 1999 asst Director from 1999 to 2002 also a member of PCEMA1999 a member of CERT from 2003 I am involved with Skywarn from 1984 and am a certifide spotter in all of northwest Ind. and Eastern ILL. now am the Starke Co. Director SCRACES member as you can see I am involved with Emergency Service I have had schooling from County, State, Fed. training so if elected I will do the best I can to be of help.

Gary E. Kletz Sr. KB9OLZ

For office of Treasurer we have **KC9HUG** and **KC9HUD**.

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KC9HUG:

I, Janet Langer have been nominated for the club's treasurer's position. I have worked with people for over a quarter of a century. That's a long time.

My experience for becoming treasurer is my vast knowledge of adding and subtracting in a column and making sure it's correct.

I can use colored pencils if you want me to, or I can use markers to highlight the totals. I will do my best to the best of my ability.

I have helped the club with field days and other special events that we have had and I contacted our local vendors for donations for food and drinks and they even gave us banners free of charge. My nomination is a surprise and if you read this and feel I can handle the treasurer's job elect me

Janet Langer

KC9HUD:

Why I feel I should be elected for treasurer/secretary.

From the office of Dawn Quaife, KC9HUD, your current club treasurer/secretary.

As you know we will be holding elections this month. Having been involved in amateur radio since 2005. I am co-owner trustee of the n9Lv repeater. I am a domestic engineer with plenty of time to devote to the club. I have come to enjoy the comrodery amongst club and non club members.

If re-elected I will help the club raise money for different types of events. To help with cost of the activities like field day, radioville, classes to bring in new hams and many other exciting things we get ourselves involved in.

Since being elected I have established a bank account for the club. Kept accurate records, and given my treasurer report at the meetings each month.

I am asking that you give me yet another term and vote for me on January 17.

Thank You,
Dawn kc9hud

For office of Secretary we have KC9HUD.

Same write up as above.

For office of Public Information Officer we have N9CPX.

N9CPX:

Nothing submitted as his computer has been down and no one is running against him.

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Go here to make a map of the world centered on your coordinates. <http://hem.passagen.se/sm3gsj/gcm.htm>



Your map will fit on a normal page 8 x 11.

Until next month

73

John

W3ML