



Meetings

Dec. 2, 1997

Jan. 6, 1998

**Wareco Training Center on East Morton Ave.
Jacksonville, IL.**

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JARS Bandspread

J.A.R.S. Inc. Newsletter
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Central Illinois Winter Superfest

The 1997 Central Illinois Winter Superfest will take place on December 6, 1997 at Turner Junior High School in Jacksonville. We will limit the amount of tables this year to somewhere around 120. This should ease the burden on finding enough tables to fill the school. The south hallway that leads to the restrooms will not be used for flea market. Rooms in this area will be used for testing and talk-in. Mike Myers, N9OFP has informed me that there may be less cafeteria tables in the future as they are in the process of replacing the tables with the type that we used down the middle with chairs attached. As this happens it will further strain our ability to provide enough tables.

We hope you will be able to attend and help with the hamfest this year. We are getting more and more vendors calling in for tables every day now. We will need more help with the club table this year as we have a consignment of ARRL publications that we will be selling. Helen, WA9GUV may not be able to help in the kitchen this year (see below), so more help may be needed there. Please come to the meeting next Tuesday night to help us finalize plans for the hamfest.

WA9GMM

Long time club member Don Mayberry has underwent surgery recently. We wish Don a speedy recovery

W9ACU - SK

Amateur Radio and many of us have lost a great friend. Francis F. Walton, W9ACU passed away on October 20, 1997 marking the end of an era in Amateur Radio for west central Illinois. Francis joined the ARRL in 1925 at the age of 15 years old and obtained his Amateur Radio License in 1926 as 9ACU. Sometime in the latter 1920's the Department of Commerce (which controlled Amateur Radio at the time) added the W to the front of everyone's call, to make Francis's call W9ACU. Francis used batteries, a wind charger (out of necessity because it was before they had electricity on the farm), and home brewed radio equipment to make his first contacts.

Francis was a wealth of information about the beginnings of Amateur Radio as it was in its infancy when he first got involved. The ARRL had just been established some 10 or so years before he was licensed. There was never a time in Francis's life that he was not active on the radio aside from the world war II years when all of Amateur Radio was banned. Francis F. Walton was a hams ham. His radio career spanned more than 70 years. A truly great man that I am proud to say was my friend. I am sure a lot of you as well as I will miss him dearly.

Tim KB9FBI

1925 Call Book

Jacksonville

9ATT - Claude B. Vail, 607 N. Diamond	10w
9BYX - Henry J. English, 844 W. College	15w
9CLZ - James M. Martin, 117 S. East	50w
Other Area Hams	
9ANU - John H Martin, Chandlerville IL	5w
9AVE - Paul F. Cooper, Astoria IL	20w
9DDO - Earl C. Briar, Virginia IL	25w
9CHA - Richard N. Lynn, Virginia IL	12w

Information supplied by Francis Walton, W9ACU out of the 1925 US Commerce Commission Amateur Radio Callbook.

W9ACU Memorial Fund

Several area Amateur Radio Operators have established the Francis F. Walton Memorial Scholarship Fund. The goal is to raise enough money (around \$6000) in 3 years for this fund to be a perpetual scholarship administered by the ARRL to be granted annually to some young Ham in W9ACU's name. A fitting tribute to a man whose involvement in Amateur Radio spanned more than 70 years. The JARS has made a donation and committed to make donations in January 1998, and 1999. If you would like to donate as an individual or wish more information contact KD9UL or KE9GU.

New Club Website

We have a new website that will run in conjunction with the current site. In checking on a tip received from another ham I have found that there is a web site created by another ham called QSL.NET that hosts free web space to other Amateur Radio Operators. I requested and received space for the club at: <http://www.qsl.net/k9jx/> There is also a new address to send information to the club: k9jx@qsl.net

The ham that owns the space for QSL.NET asks for no payment for his services, but if you would like to donate to help offset his cost for bandwidth, he will accept donations.

50/50 Drawing Tickets

As a reminder to those how have not returned their 50/50 tickets or the money for them, we need these to be turned in as soon as possible. It will be a lot easier on the Ticket Chairman if he has these in his hand a couple of days before the Hamfest, so don't make his job any harder than it has to be. Hopefully many will return them at the December meeting on next Tuesday. Tickets need to be turned in to Mickey Jones, N9OVB.

Help Support Your Hamfest!!!