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Central Illinois Winter Superfest

Its time for the superfest again. We need to all pitch in to help make this hamfest possible. If you can help in some area please let us know so you can be put into a spot at a time when you would be most needed. If you have door prizes, please bring them to the meeting on Tuesday. If you have 50/50 tickets please get them turned in as soon as possible to N9WJL. We are also looking for a truck to haul tables.

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C U at the Superfest
Tim, KB9FBI

Meeting Day Will Be Voted On At the January Meeting

We have several members that just cannot make it to a meeting on a Tuesday night. The last two months we have been having two meetings a month to see if there was enough support for a meeting night change. As it turns out, one of the regular meeting nights we barely had enough for a quorum and at the other regular meeting we did not have enough but on the special Thursday night meetings we had enough members present to almost fill the room. I would say that there is plenty of support for moving the meeting to a Thursday night and we are looking at the Second Thursday night of each month. If you have any comments please call me or send me a note at kb9fbi@fgi.net We will vote on a meeting night change at the January meeting.

KB9FBI

Cronkite on the News

Veteran newsman Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, says that co-anchoring CNN's live coverage of John Glenn's return to space was -- in his own words -- an opportunity to report this occasion the way television used to cover such events. But the man dubbed as America's most trusted voice when he anchored the CBS Evening News also says that the TV networks don't do as well as they used to in covering foreign news

According to Electronic Media, Cronkite takes note of ongoing cutbacks in staff and news bureaus. He says that it is not good enough to rely on local reporters and a handful of correspondents who fly in and report minutes after learning how to pronounce the name of the country they've just landed in. To quote KB2GSD, "The networks are simply letting down the American public."

BALLOTS COUNTED IN ARRL BOARD RACES

Two incumbent ARRL directors and three incumbent vice directors were among the successful candidates for contested seats on the ARRL Board. In addition, two new vice directors were elected as ballots were tallied November 20 at League Headquarters by the ARRL Committee of Tellers. Retaining their ARRL Board seats were Central Division Director Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, and West Gulf Division Director Jim Haynie, W5JBP. Metzger tallied 1846 votes to outpoll two other candidates-- Henry B. Ruh, KB9FO, who got 1468 votes and Richard David Klatzco Jr, N9TQA, who got 1297 votes. Incumbent Central Division vice director Howard S. Huntington, K9KM, beat back a challenge from Mike Hoshiko, W9CJW, by a vote of 2748 to 1849. Metzger and Huntington will serve two-year terms. (ARRL Letter)

SATERN ENDS EMERGENCY OPERATION

After 19 days in emergency mode, SATERN--the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network--discontinued its daylong operation on 14.265 MHz on November 16. The net had operated the all-day sessions since late October to support the Hurricane Mitch flood relief effort in Central America.

SATERN Director and Salvation Army Maj Pat McPherson, WW9E, says the net has gone back to its once-daily nets (1500 UTC weekdays; 1530 UTC Saturdays) on the same frequency. "Any traffic from the affected area will be accepted then," he said. "If the need presents itself, we will go back to the emergency format of the daylong net."

Many stations in the US have been participating in the net to relay health and welfare traffic to and from relatives, to aid in assessing damage and the emergency needs of victims, and to assist other relief agencies in the region. Ham radio continues to be one of the primary means of communication in Honduras.

McPherson said SATERN handled more than 500 pieces of health-and-welfare traffic in the days immediately following the disaster activation, plus an untold amount of emergency, logistical and strategic traffic. "The value of Amateur Radio's use during disasters has again been demonstrated," McPherson said.

The FCC had accommodated the SATERN operation by declaring a communications emergency on 14.265 MHz. The emergency declaration was rescinded November 17 after the net returned to its regular schedule.

SATERN continues to accept health and welfare inquiries via its Web site, <http://www.angelfire.com/il/satern411/satframe.html>. The Salvation Army is calling Mitch "the worst Atlantic hurricane in two centuries." The death toll has risen above 10,000 people. Damage to the region has been estimated at \$4 billion
(ARRL Letter)

SOLAR UPDATE

Propagation prognosticator Tad Cook, **K7VVV**, Seattle, Washington, reports: Solar activity was down this week, with average solar flux off by 30 points and sunspot numbers down by over 24 points when compared to the previous week. Average geomagnetic activity was down also, but a week ago we were hit by a major geomagnetic storm that drove the planetary A index to 60, the Boulder A index to 36, and the College A index (from Alaska) to 90 on November 13. This was caused by a major proton flare, and while it had a devastating effect on HF propagation, VHF users enjoyed some interesting conditions.

KL7SIX awoke to find what he described as a wild auroral display, and he mentioned that the one a week previous was the biggest in 10 years. VE6NM in Alberta reported hearing VE7SKA the loudest, along with some VE8 beacons on 6 meters.

Other than auroral propagation, the big VHF news of the week was the Leonid meteor shower. The shower did not turn out to be the hoped for meteor storm, but many hams observed both the meteors and some interesting propagation modes.

This space is reserved for some of your commits and ideas.

Jacksonville Amateur Radio Society - Roster

Callsign	Name	City	
K9LTI	Thomas E. Glossop	Ashland	
K9LUO	George M. Strawn	Jacksonville	
K9QLL	Paul R. Engle	Franklin	
K9RVK	Richard Blough	Jacksonville	
K9VPX	Coy Burnett	Jacksonville	
KA9HXV	Harry W. Hunter	Alexander	
KA9VXU	Mary L. Hunter	Alexander	
KB0HOO	Charlie Collier	Quincy	
KB9EYB	Ron Ward	Springfield	
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KB9KHP	Margo A. Gilmore	Jacksonville	
KB9KHQ	Kaye Green	Jacksonville	
KB9KHR	John Green	Jacksonville	
KB9KHS	Oadie Carter	Jacksonville	
KB9KHT	Gary VanBebber	Jacksonville	
KB9KHU	Roy L. VanBebber	Murrayville	
KB9KHV	Wayne VanBebber	Murrayville	
KB9KOT	Jack Trumbo Sr.	Jacksonville	
KB9KOU	Henry Harris	Jacksonville	
KB9KRK	Larry Spoon	Beardstown	
KB9MGX	Michael E. Lowe	Virginia	
KB9SIW	Russell Flynn Jr.	Lincoln	
KD9UL	Bruce Boston	Beardstown	
KE9GU	Jim Chute	Rushville	
N9IDN	Joan Chute	Rushville	
N9MAF	Al Tabor	Pawnee	
N9OVB	Mickey Jones	Jacksonville	
N9PCT	Claude A. Curry	Jacksonville	
N9QJM	Russell Ward	Jacksonville	
N9QOI	James A. Daniel	Virginia	
N9UHA	Nancy Trone	Beardstown	
N9WJL	John Adcock	Jacksonville	
N9WJM	George Mellor Sr.	Murrayville	
N9WQK	Craig R. Schmitz	Meredosia	
N9WRA	Ken Kolberer	Jacksonville	
W9FIF	Robert Daniel	Virginia	
W9HA	Steven Tuma	Jacksonville	
W9OES	Vincent C. Berkman, EC	Jacksonville	
W9UFL	Joseph F. O'Reilly	Jacksonville	
W9ZIT	Williard A. Prewitt	Jacksonville	
WA7AVC	Gordon L. Cady	Seattle	
WA9GMM	Donald E. Mayberry	Jacksonville	
WA9GUJ	Helen M. Mayberry	Jacksonville	
WA9UQC	Ernest Launer	Virginia	
WB9RNY	Mike D. Mayberry	Jacksonville	
WD9FYZ	John W. Corder	Jacksonville	

We Need Your Help

Your club needs your input on what kind of activities we should take part in. Please send or tell one of the club officers what you would like to see the club do more of. Do you like club picnics? Do you want to take part in Parades, Special Events, hamfest, and fieldays? What format would you like to see at the meetings? What would make you want to attend the meetings more often? Send us your ideas!

Web Page

The Club pages have been updated recently. Some new stuff has been added to the main page and a new set of Ham Radio links on the HAM page. Check it out at <http://www.qsl.net/k9jx/>

Do You Belong?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed.
Or are you just contented, that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay at home and crab both long and loud?

Do you take an active part To help the Club along,
Or are you satisfied to be The kind to "just belong"?

Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick,
Or leave the work for just a few and talk about the clique?

There is quite a program scheduled that means success, if done,
And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.

So attend the meetings regularly, and help with hand and heart.

Don't be just a member, but take an active part.

Think this over, Member, are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an active Member? Or -- DO YOU JUST BELONG?

--Author Unknown