



**Meetings**  
**July 8**  
**Aug 12**

**It' time to renew your membership in the JARS. Please use the form enclosed to renew and mail to (or take to the next meeting) John, N9WJL**

**1999**

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# **JARS Bandspread**

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# **K9JX**

# 1999-2000 Officers

Elections were held at the May meeting of the Jacksonville Amateur Radio Society meeting and the past officers were all re-elected to the positions that they held in the previous year.

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## 1999 Winter Superfest

Due to the loss of the site for the Central Illinois Winter Superfest we unfortunately have to cancel the event this year. We were unsuccessful in finding an alternate site that would fulfill the needs of the event. Unfortunately most of the bigger buildings that could be used to hold the hamfest are either College or school buildings that we cannot fix a date on early enough to have proper advance publicity. We are still going to work on a solution to this problem and if you have any information that you think would be of help please bring it to the monthly meeting and share it with us.

### WA9GMM - SK

It is with great regret and sadness that I pass along this information. We have lost another fellow amateur and a very good friend to the JARS and myself. Don Mayberry, WA9GMM has passed away. He leaves behind a loving wife Helen, WA9GUJ, and two sons, Rocky, KB9FLS and Mike, WB9RNY. Also 2 daughter-in-laws and several grandchildren. Don and Helen were both licensed in 1962 and had been very active on the air and with local club activities. Don liked to listen to the HF bands later in life and if he didn't check in he would always be listening to the Breakfast Club on 3.973 in the early morning hours. We all enjoyed our QSO's with him on the local repeaters as well. We will miss him on the bands and in our hearts.  
KB9FBI

# 1999 Hamfest Calendar

## July 10

Central Division Convention, Indianapolis, IN Rick Ogan, N9LRR  
5329 Lester, Indianapolis, IN 46208 317-251-4407

## July 11

Kankakee Area Radio Society, Peotone, IL Don Kerouac, K9NR  
6311 East Flora St., Kankakee, IL 60901 815-939-7548  
E-mail: k9nr@juno.com <http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/hangar/5711>

## July 18

Fox River Radio League, Sugar Grove, IL Louis Petkus, K9LU  
2 South 872 Wagner Rd., Batavia, IL 60510  
630-443-8822 (days) or 630-406-1654 (eves) E-mail: k9lu@qth.com  
<http://www.frll.org/hamfest.html>

## July 18

Zero Beaters ARC, Washington, MO Dave Neal, N0PNG  
1917 Powderhorn Pass, Wildwood, MO 63011-1717  
314-532-2477 (days) or 314-458-3254 (eves) E-mail: Dave\_Neal@msn.com  
<http://zbarc.usmo.com/>

## August 7

Western Illinois ARC, Quincy, IL Jim Funk, N9JF  
PO Box 3132, Quincy, IL 62305-3132 217-336-4191  
E-mail: jfunk@adams.net <http://www.qsl.net/w9awe>

## August 8

Hamfesters RC, Peotone, IL David Brasel, NF9N  
6933 West 110th St., Worth, IL 60482  
708-448-0580 E-mail: nf9n@aol.com

## September 18

W9DXCC Convention, Rolling Meadows, IL Northern Illinois DX Association  
Bill Smith, W9VA 1345 Linden Ave., Deerfield, IL 60015  
847-945-1564 E-mail: w9va@aol.com <http://www.qth.com/w9dxcc>

## September 18-19

Peoria Area ARC, Peoria, IL Jim Williams, N9HHU  
Box 3508, Peoria, IL 61612-3508 309-692-3378 Fax: 309-698-8643  
E-mail: jimeoc@worldnet.att.net E-mail: jimn9hhu@juno.com  
<http://www.w9uvi.org>

## September 25-26

Chicago FM Club, Grayslake, IL Mike Brost, WA9FTS  
PO Box 56724, Harwood Heights, IL 60656-0724  
708-457-0966 <http://chicagofmclub.org>

## **NO QUESTION POOL CHANGES--YET**

The Amateur Radio examination question pools remain in a holding pattern pending an announcement from the FCC on license restructuring. No question pools or questions will change anytime soon for any license class.

Last September, the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators' Question Pool Committee announced that all question pool updates were being put on hold until after the FCC had acted on Amateur Radio restructuring (officially known as the Part 97 Biennial Review). Until the September NCVEC QPC announcement, the Advanced class question pool had been scheduled to expire at midnight on June 30, 1999.

Current examination questions and study materials remain valid until further notice. The NCVEC recently announced that it was postponing its annual meeting and won't set a new meeting date until the FCC drops the other shoe on Amateur Radio restructuring. NCVEC members were to meet July 9 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The FCC's action is expected to have a substantial impact on the content of amateur examinations.

## **FCC SETS NEW VANITY FEE**

The fee to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase from \$13 to \$14 starting September 10, 1999.

The FCC has released its FY 1999 fee schedule which rounded down the proposed \$1.42 per year fee.

The FCC continues to receive in excess of 1000 vanity applications per month. During May, the FCC got 1165 vanity applications, all but 141 of them filed electronically.

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## **SPECTRUM PROTECTION BILL ADDS COSPONSORS**

There are now 76 cosponsors for The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act, HR 783. The measure would require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" should the agency reallocate any Amateur Radio or Amateur Satellite service allocations to another service.

"Our regular visits to Congressional offices on Capitol Hill indicate that, while most members of Congress understand and appreciate the benefits of Amateur Radio, some are reluctant to sign onto such a technical piece of legislation without some indication of support from their own constituents," says ARRL Legislative and Public Affairs Manager Steve Mansfield, N1MZA.

HR 783 still must make it out of the House Telecommunications Subcommittee and its parent House Commerce Committee before it goes to the House floor. There's a lot of pending legislation already in the pipeline, however, so that could take some time.

Hams wishing to help the effort to move HR 783 can do so by writing to their member of Congress. Visit ARRLWeb, <http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr783.html> for a sample letter and addresses.--Steve Mansfield, N1MZA

## **W9 QSL Bureau Address Change**

\* ARRL W9 Incoming QSL Bureau address change: Effective immediately, the new address for the W9 Incoming QSL Bureau is: Northern Illinois DX Assn, W9 Incoming QSL Bureau, PO Box 273, Glenview, IL 60025-0237. For more information, contact Bill Russin, N9BR, [n9br@arrl.net](mailto:n9br@arrl.net).

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