

R F Feedback

Volume 7 Issue 4 Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub P O Box 91 Lovington IL
61937 April 21, 2008

The next montly meeting will be on April 21, 2008 7 pm at Pagliaccs In Mattoon
IL All amateurs & their guests are welcome

Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub
47th annual Hamfest
April 27th 2008
Fire Station Arthur IL
8:00 am - 3 00 pm

Minutes of March 17th meeting
Public Library Sullivan IL

Clint (KC9S) called the meeting to order A draft of the tickets was passed around for an accuracy check. OKed. Tickets are now printed. Since I cannot find a copy of the work schedule, perhaps you can find a copy. Parking was discussed. Tailgaters will have two rows on the south side of the building. Additional parking is available in the park across the highway, north. Just a short walk. For communication among all the woprkers (US) will be [simplex **147.00**]. Probably no one will be needed at the east door from 7:00 to 8:00. EXAMS will be held if Ralph can make arrangements for some of the Decatur group to do it. We have helped with their exams in the past. Turn about-fair play, right. Will Juhr has reserved 5 tables on the west end as he has in the past. The prizes were discussed. It was decided to make them "cash prizes" I believe the amount was established as \$200.00 first prize and \$100.00 second prize. The tickets only list two prizes. Amateur Accessories is expected to be there, as will Ham Station.

Those members in attendance were Alan-KA9Z, Ralph-WC9V, Vernon-K9SWY, RonWB9ZCN, Byron-K9BFA, Clint-KC9S, Marv-K9MCR, Bill-W9LYN, Dave-KD9AC, Sam-K3BY, Bob-KA9LRZ Minutes submitted by Alan Secretary KA9Z

H F CONDITIONS

During the last month, March 12th to April 15th, the solar flux has varied 22 points from 67 to 89. Currently, at 1509UTC on April 15th 2008, the SFI is at 69 and is predicted to remain near that level tomorrow. There were 19 days WITHOUT sunspots and 16 days WITH sunspots during this period. The number of days WITHOUT sunspots was similar to last month but when three spots crossed the disk the SFI really shot up and remained above 80 for a week. Those spots were near the solar equator and it was not clear whether they were spots

of the “old” cycle or of the “new” cycle. Since then, as Bob has shown us in the e-mail he sent on April 12th, there has been what definitely appears to have been the second sunspot of Cycle 24 since it was well away from the equator at a high solar latitude. However, like the first spot of early January this most recent one also has faded out. In another year or two perhaps we will really have some strong increasing sunspot activity.....

Again there has been no HF activity from W9LYN this past month. PERHAPS, I will get something going to work FJ/DJ2VO. Jurgen from Bonn, Germany, plans to operate CW with 100 watts to a vertical with 24 radials from St. Barthelemy for three weeks from April 18th to May 8th. That island formerly counted with Saint Martin (FS) in the West Indies until the French changed their political recognition of the island such that made it eligible to be considered a new DXCC entity. It became the 338th DXCC entity to count for QSO's after December 14, 2007. There have been a number of operations from there since the first of 2008 but there are still lots of us who need it for “an all time new entity”. Maybe I will get myself out of my rut and get lucky.....

Sam – K3BY has kindly offered to provide us with a program for the May meeting which we have titled “Radio Frequency Identification Tags and How They Work”. Thanks Sam. 73 DE Bill – W9LYN

On Friday morning the retired amateur group meets at D&W restaurant in Mattoon on Dewitt Avenue
at 8 am for breakfast All amateurs and their guests are welcome

We are starting a 75 meter net on a Wednesday evening 7pm Frequency around 38.25 plus or minus 15 k

Meet on this frequency next Wednesday 23rd This will be a trail frequency Stay tuned to Sunday night
net 146 655 tone 162.2 or 444.925 tone 102,5 for further information

Please email Bob ka9lrz@consolidated.net with this information
We would like to hear your comments
Bob KA9LRZ

Your Dues Are Payable NOW
Payable Now

R F Feedback

Your Dues Are

WEEKLY NETS

Saturday Night 10 Mtrs Net 28.400 USB 8 pm

Sunday Night 2 Mtrs Net Tone 162.2 8 pm NCS KA9LRZ

Note: Soon the MARK Repeaters 146.655 tone 162.2 & 444.925 Tone 103.5 will be linked together

sometime before the Hamfest

OUR OFFICERS

KC9S Clint	President
W9LYN Bill	Vice-President
KA9Z Alan	Secretary-Treasure

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KD9AC Dave	3 Years term expites September 2008
K3BY Sam	3 Year Term Expires September 2009
K9BFA Byron	3 Year Term Expires September 2010

[U S MAIL] Contact MARK
P O Box 91
Lovington,IL 61937

E-Mail MARK@QSL.net

Mark Website WWW.QSL.NET/MARK