

# R F Feedback

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**The next monthly meeting will be on July 21st 2008 7 pm at Public Library 2 W  
Water Street Sullivan IL All amateurs & their guests are welcome**

**Please Note : At this meeting there will be a vote taken on lowering the cost of yearly dues or keeping them the same Be there to make your vote count !!!**

## MINUTES OF June 16 MEETING

**Meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm by President Clint KC9S  
Order of business was to vote on wither or not to lower the yearly dues This had  
been tabled several meeting ago..Sam K3BY made a motion to vote on this issue at  
the next Meeting Bill W9LYN 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried...**

**146655 Caldwell repeater is still under repair Ralph WC9V will give us a report at next meeting if not repaired before then..**

**There was discussion to pay for the gas & one meal to the fellow coming down from Chicago to talk to us about the D-Star System.. Sam K3BY made motion to do that, Seconded by Bill W9LYN Motion carried.**

**At 8:15 pm motion from Sam K3BY to close meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill W9lyn Motion carried**

**Dave KD9AC made a presentation on Shortwave receiving with the Ten-Tex PC radio model RX-320 D It was a interesting presentation...Thanks Dave**  
**Minutes written by Bob KA9LRZ** **News Editor**

**Members present at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were as follows: Bob KA9LRZ, Alan KA9Z, Sam-K3BY, Clint-KC9S, Bill W9LYN, Dave KD9AC, Ralph WC9V, Jerry WX9D**

## HF CONDITIONS

**During the last month, June 10<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the solar flux has varied two points from 65 to 67. On June 12, 2008, the SFI was at 67. There were 25 days WITHOUT sunspots and 11 days WITH sunspots during this eight day longer period than last month. The number of days WITHOUT sunspots was slightly higher and the number of days WITH sunspots was higher than last month.**

All of this means that with an apparent solar minimum in October 2007 we are still not seeing the expected increases in the solar flux or sun spot numbers. Tad Cook-K7RA in the ARRL Propagation Bulletin ARLP029 of July 11<sup>th</sup> mentions the possibility that since Cycle 23 had a double peak we may be having two dips in the minimum. That is based on an observation that the minimum is usually about seven years after the peak. Cycle 23 had two not very distinct peaks in the late spring and summer of 2000 and fall and winter of 2001-2002. It would appear that we may not be able to count on regular long distance openings on ten meters for some years but that we will just have to wait and see what happens....

There were plans to get W9LYN in the IARU contest last weekend but that did not happen. However, when looking for something else on the WEB it was interesting to see that Ralph Bellas-K9ZO from Bloomington, IL (a big time DXer with whom Dave Riddle-KD9AC traded beams years ago) operated the contest from Bermuda-VP9 land.

On Friday morning the retired amateur group meets at Pagliaccs Logan Street 8 am for breakfast All amateurs and their guests are welcome

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**WEEKLY NETS**

**[[NEW ]] Tuesday 7 pm 80 mtrs Informal Net 3.825 Initial contact 444.925  
then move over to 80 mtrs**

**Saturday Night 10 Mtrs Net 28.400 USB 8 pm**

**Sunday Night 2 Mtrs Net Tone 162.2 8 pm NCS KA9LRZ (See Note)**

**Note: The MARK Repeater 146.655 tone 162.2 is temporary off the air due to lighting strike last weekend It is being repaired In the mean time the net will be held on 444.925 Tone 103.5**

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