

R F Feedback

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The next montlymeeting will be on March 17th 2008 7 pm at public library in
Sullivan IL
All amateurs & their guests are welcome

Minutes of meeting - February 18 2008 - Pagliaccs Mattoon IL

Meeting open 6 55 pm Vice President Bill W9LYN Mattoon Repeater status Ralph
(PL Board) purchase audio gain board installed took care of the white noise crash
Both now are working fine Minor details to be worked out then the link will be turned
on Most of the details are still being worked out for the hamfest, parking etc
Bill is to have the work schedule draft ready Will present it to the membership for
consideration and corrections if needed It was suggested that all members park
across the street to free up more parking around the building
Trustees will make decision as to how much cash will be spent and how many prizes
WX9D made a motion to have KA9LRZ & his wife do the concession this year 2nd by
K9MCR Bob will check with his wife then let them know at next meeting

Suggestion to have a 75 meter net some time during the week instead of having one on
Saturday evening It was discussed Ka9lrz was to check the band openings then & report
back at next meeting

Motion to adjourn by K9BFA 2nd by WX9D Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm

Attendance was Bob - KA9LRZ, Ron -N9GIF, Ralph - WC9V, Tom N9PLB, Ron WB9ZTN,
Vern K9SWY, Byron K9BFA, Del KA9TDT, Jerry WX9D Bill W9LYN Marv K9MCR
Minutes by Bob KA9LRZ

H F CONDITIONS

During the last month, from February 13th to March 12th the solar flux has
varied four points from 68 to 72. Currently, at 0105 UTC on 12 March 2008, the
SFI is at 70 and is predicted to remain at that level tomorrow.
There were 20 days WITHOUT sunspots and 8 days WITH sunspots during this
period. This was nearly the same as last month although the SFI was slightly lower.
In the ARRL Propagation bulletin Tad Cook K7RA has been running his own three
month sunspot averaging system and as result of that suggests the sunspot minimum
may have been in October.

There has been no HF activity at W9LYN this past month, not even during the
ARRL DX Contest weekends when I thought PERHAPS I would get on. If you did I
hope you had reasonable luck.

SILENT KEY

We lost a former active member, whom I believe had been ill for several years,

when Richard Simmering – KB9BWT of Shelbyville died February 21st at 79. Among other things he wrote the newsletter for some years before he passed it on to Clint. As Clint said in an e-mail to several of us, “KB9BWT was a joy to have in our club over the years. He will be missed.” Dick was an Army Corps of Engineers veteran of the Korean Conflict, the chief engineer of the Shelby Electric Cooperative until his retirement in 1990, a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and many other organizations according to his obituary in the Charleston “Times-Courier”.

73 DE Bill – W9LYN

Photos from February Meeting

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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 looking for amateurs interested in starting a 75 meter net on a week night sometime in the near future Those of you that are interested and if you know others that are we would appreciate hearing from you Please email Bob ka9lrz@consolidated.net with this information It has been suggested that we have this net earlier maybe as early as 6-7 pm We would like to hear your comments

Bob KA9LRZ

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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 It is

hoped this will promote more useage of both Will be a help during weather emergencies & over all

coverage of the area

OUR OFFICERS

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W9LYN Bill

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KA9Z Alan

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3 Years term expites September 2008

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3 Year Term Expires September 2009

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3 Year Term Expires September 2010

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