

R J Feedback

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The September meeting will be at the Airport Steak House Coles Co Air port on Route 16 East of Mattoon at 6 pm for those of us that might want a bit to eat with Meeting to start at 7 pm

This month will be the election of officers & replacement of one Trustee

Also Bill James will finish his program on "Old Time Radio" which he did not get To finished at the Library a couple of months ago...

Minutes of last Meeting

Since there was no regular meeting last month No minutes were taken

On Saturday there was a luncheon at noon and presentation by Kermit W9xa on D-Star systems in Arthur IL at Yoder Kitchen Those in attendance were Bob-KA9LRZ, Sam-K3BY, Bob-KB9PXK, Tom-N9PLB, Keith-KX9K, Dave-KD9AC, Ralph-WC9V, Byron-K9BFA, Gary-W9DMD, Bill-W9LYN, Clint-KC9S, Steve-NR4S, Ron-WB9ZCN, Vern-K9SWY, Alan-KA9Z, Kermit-W9XA



H F CONDITIONS

During the last month, August 12, to September 10, 2008 the solar flux varied about three points. On August 12th and

September 9th the SFI lows were 65.2 and on August 23rd the high was 67.9. Again, the last time the SFI reached 70 was May 18th so the plot of the solar flux now has remained a nearly flat squiggly line for nearly four months. In addition, the entire month as been WITHOUT sunspots. Hence, the question of WHEN conditions will improve remains.....

Looking at the "traditional" WEB spotting sites "DX Summit"

<http://dxsummit.fi/CustomFilter.aspx> and "Ham Radio Deluxe DX Cluster"

<http://www.ham-radio.ch/dxc/> one sees at least some activity reported on all of the HF bands despite the low solar flux. The busiest band seems to be 20 but there is also a good bit of activity on 40 meters. A unique feature of "Ham Radio Deluxe DX Cluster" is that clicking on any call sign (in red) whether it is the DX station or the reporting station brings up QRZ.com information on the licensee and his address, etc. This has been very handy for me. "DX Summit" has long been a favorite of mine because there is a window where one can put in a prefix to see what activity has been reported from that entity during any year. Or one can easily find out if a particular DX operation or operator is or has been reported on the air.

Felipe – PY1NB has recently added what Bill – NG3K describes as a "remarkable second generation spotting application that integrates data from packet cluster, qrz.com and 425 DXN (an Italian DX newsletter). It may be found at <http://www.dxwatch.com> When you have it up, you can click on "dx spots" and create a "filter". For example, needing ASIA for WAC on 160 meters,

I clicked on (AS Asia) under “continent”; (4 - central zone of NA) under “DE station”; and (160m) under “band”. When I clicked on “proceed”, the system brought up those stations that had been reported recently from Asia on TopBand. One minor disadvantage is that you have to log-in with your call sign and a password. Also, sometimes I can not get the system to work and I have not figured out whether it is me or the WEB site, but it is great when everything is working!

Remember that MARK will be running our Tenth DX competition based on your license class and that those members holding DXCC’s compete in as a separate group. The event begins the last weekend of October and ends just before our Christmas party. 73, Bill – W9LYN

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

WEEKLY NETS

**Tuesday 7 pm 80 mtrs Informal Net
3.825 Initial contact 444.925 then over
to 80 mtrs**

**Saturday Night 10 Mtrs Net 28.400 USB
8 pm
Sunday Night 2 Mtrs Net Tone 162.2
8 pm**

OUR OFFICERS

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