

RF Feedback

New Hamfest Location for 2007

New location

New location for Hamfest 2007 will be the Fire Station West of the location it was last year. The hamfest will be on Sunday April 29, 2007 Will start at 0800 More information see the Flyer

Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting will be held at Pagliacci's Restaurant at 319 Logan Street in Mattoon IL at 6 pm The meeting will follow the dinner There will be NO program this month

Minutes of Jan 15 meeting

An informal meeting was held - Those members in attendance were - Bob-KA9LRZ-Alan-KA9Z Byron-KB9BWS-Bill-W9LYN-Jerry-WX9D-Vernon-K9SWY-Sam-K3BY-Marvin-K9MCR-Dave-KD9AC

Bill James W9LYN volunteered to do the work schedule again this year and will have a draft of this at the March meeting

The hamfest this year will be held at the Fire Station in Arthur Ralph is to meet with them to finalize everything

We have the club house appraised now and will continue trying to sell it

Weekly Nets

SATURDAY NIGHT

10 METERS NET 28.400USB 8 PM CST

SUNDAY NIGHT

2 METERS MARK NET 146.655 T 162.2 8 PM

H F CONDITIONS

During the last month, from January 9th to February 14th, the Solar Flux Index varied 19 points. The high was 92 on January 9th and the low is 73 on February 14th. Thus there was less variation with the high ten points lower and the low two points higher in value than last month. During the last month there was one broad, low peak of nearly a week in late January and early February that reached 90. It was associated with two small but persistent sunspots moving across the Earth-facing side of the Sun. Currently, February 14th, the Solar Flux is at 73. It has not been quite this low since the end of December.

W9LYN saw only moderate activity this past month. The two element 20 meter delta loop beam is still only partially repaired for use on the low end of the band. Hence, it is the 17 meter vertical dipole and the 160 meter inverted "L" with the tuner at its base that have been used as antennas.

Some time was spent in the CQ WW 160 meter CW contest the last night of the last full weekend in January and 51 contacts were made running about 100 watts to the inverted "L". The great majority (86%) were with U.S.A. and Canadian stations. The Europeans worked (8%) included the Azores (CU), France (F) and two new ones for me, Scotland (GM) and the Isle of Man (GD).

There were also single contacts with South America --Netherlands Antilles (PJ2), Africa--Morocco (CN) and Oceania--Hawaii (KH6). Among the good ones that "got away" were a station in Chile and another in New Zealand.