

# RF Feedback

## Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting will again be held at Pagliaccs restaurant 319 Locan Street Mattoon We will meet at 6 pm for dinner then after dinner have the meeting...All amateurs & their guests are welcome

## Minutes of Feb 19 Meeting

An informal meeting was held Those members in attendance were: Ralph-WC9V -Clint-KC9S Alan -KA9Z - Tom-N9PLB - Bill W9LYN - Joe KB9GIK -Sam-K3BY - & Wife Jerry -WX9D- Bob KA9LRZ & wife

Comments about talking to a realtor for advertising in some of the local news papers and see what they can do for us Sam volunteered to talk to Howard Eads & get back to us by next months meeting

Some changes need to be made in this years flyer - Change the time of the closing - Take the entire time out Show it doors opening at 8 am Change the tables line to read "8' Tables \$12.00 ea

Time on the tickets to be marked out Then announced over the PA the changes

Work schedule to be present at March meeting for consideration & changes

Trustees to get together before March meeting to decide the price of prizes and the number of prizes also next step on the sale of the building

Controler to be sent out this week for repairs Ralph to get check from Alan to cover the

estimate cost of repairs Tower section to be put up as soon as weather permits

Comments were asked for consideration of putting the 146.655 & 444.925 repeaters together for use during the Sunday night net and for weather emergencies A couple 220 band radios and a couple of yagi antenna would all we would need then later get a CAT200B could be used...More on this later

Mnutes by ka9lrz

## HF Conditions

By Bill James W9LYN

During the last month, from February 14th to March 13th, the Solar Flux Index varied 5 points. The highest was 76 on February 25th and the lowest is 71 on March 13th. This is the lowest variation than I remember seeing over the period of one month. There were a few days without any Sunspots. Currently,

February 13th, the Solar Flux is at 71. Perhaps we are near the bottom of the Solar Cycle, but we will only know where it was more than six months after the fact

W9LYN saw little activity this past month. There were some 20 meter contacts with Dave-KD9AC using the inverted "L" and one much better contact using the partly repaired 2 element 20 meter Delta loop beam just before he headed home from Naples, FL.

What DX activity there was, was with the 17 meter vertical dipole and the 160 meter inverted "L". A few hours were spent on 160 in the CW version of the ARRL DX contest the third weekend of February. A dozen of the contacts were with North American stations mostly in Central America and the Caribbean.