

R F Feedback

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The next monthly meeting will be at the Coles Co Airport at 6 pm For those of you that would like a bite to eat before the meeting All amateurs & their guests are welcome We Are to meet there, then have a short business meeting Then continue over to Eastern IL To the lab where Sam K3BY will give a talk on (RFID) Radio Frequency Identification Tags This should be an interesting talk

HF CONDITIONS

During the last month, April 15th to May 14th , the solar flux has varied some four points from 67 to 71. Currently, at 1504 UTC on May 14th 2008, the SFI is at 68 and is predicted to remain near that level tomorrow. There were 21 days WITHOUT sunspots and 9 days WITH sunspots during this period. The number of days WITHOUT sunspots was slightly higher and the number of days WITH sunspots was considerably lower than last month. Today, however, there a couple of areas just rotating into view on the sun that MAY develop into sunspots in a few days. They are near the equator, so if they do develop into sunspots, they will likely represent “old” cycle (Cycle 23) spots.

Carl, N4AA, in today's issue of “QRZ DX”, which I receive in PDF format via e-mail, laments about conditions. He says, “Be thankful for 20 meters. The old standard has been the one sign of stability for us as we continue to float along the bottom of solar cycle 23.”

He also reminds everyone of the International Emergency Communication Frequencies 14.270, 7.050, and 7.060 and suggests they be avoided during the emergencies in Myanmar (cyclone) and China (earthquake). (Remember his newsletter is going out to DXers who have large beams and sizable amplifiers!) Wonder if any traffic can be heard here on any of those frequencies?

Yet again, there has been no HF activity from W9LYN this past month. The operation by Jurgen, FJ/DJ2VO from St. Barthelemy in the West Indies, that I thought I might get on for, appears to have gone well, since there are many reports of his activity on 80 through 17 meters shown on DX Summit. Oh well, there is another operation scheduled from St. Barthelemy from 22-26 May by Harry, AC8G. Perhaps that, together with a trip this weekend to the Dayton HamVention, will nudge me out of my rut..... 73 DE Bill – W9LYN

Note: No minutes of the April meeting was available

New Friday Morning Breakfast Meeting Place

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

We are starting a 75 meter net on a Wednesday evening 7pm Frequency around 38.25 plus or minus 15 k Meet on this frequency This will be a trail frequency Stay tuned to Sunday night net 146 655 tone 162.2 or 444.925 tone 103.5 for further information Bob KA9LRZ



WEEKLY NETS

Saturday Night 10 Mtrs Net 28.400 USB 8 pm

Sunday Night 2 Mtrs Net Tone 162.2 8 pm NCS KA9LRZ

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