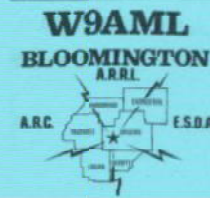


**Next Meeting Wednesday February 27, 2012**

# Central Illinois Radio Club February 2012 Newsletter

# CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

## Short CIRCuits



February 2012

### From the President

**February Meeting,  
Wednesday the 27th  
7:00 PM at the Red Cross**

Message from the President.

Well, we now have HF capabilities in the new operating position. Thanks to Tom, KJ9P, and Norm, N9ZKS and anyone else that helped get things going. On the agenda for the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> will be the VHF/UHF antenna situation. 2M not functioning and the UHF does not resonate in the ham band, so we will be looking at replacement.

Since this is the February meeting, that means that it is Cherry Pie night. Could be whatever kind of goodies you can bring to the festivities. I will bring some various soft drinks, if someone can get us the coffee.

Hope all those that went to Winterfest in Collinsville had a good time. Frank, W0KH, and a group from the Quad Cities sent me some pictures of some very clean boat anchors that they took home. The funny thing is that I ran into his travel mates but never found him! Guess I had my eyes trained on the table items. Well, headed to warm weather for four days. See you at the meeting.

73,  
Gary KD9F

### Membership Dues

. Thank you for taking care of this annual renewal. Your support will help us provide opportunities to learn, support our community and have fun related to the hobby of amateur radio

Thanks and 73 - Your treasurer Norm N9ZKS

### Minutes CIRC January 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting 2013

Our president, Gary, KD9F, opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Because of the abbreviated December meeting there were no minutes taken.

Treasurer's report: Norm, N9ZKS, reported we have \$1033.52 in our checking account.

Tom, KJ9P, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Gary, AB9M, seconded and was unanimously accepted.

Norm asked who isn't receiving the news letter. Some of the e-mail addresses aren't correct. He wants to get them right.

Gary, KD9F, asked if anyone remembers how much we agreed to sell the Kenwood TS-430S for. Gary made a motion to sell it for \$150, Tom, KJ9P, seconded and all approved. It was also agreed that we would sell the radio to Jim, WB9UWA.

Red Cross radio room update: Tom, KJ9P, reported he needs warm weather to get outside to put connectors on coax. (Since then he did get a couple warm days. All the work is and he sent a couple pictures to everyone who is on the Midlands group mailing list.)

Norm asked if anyone has started an inventory list of what the club owns. If you do he please send it to him. If you have any club items please send a list of what you have to Norm.

Tom volunteered to donate a computer to use at the Red Cross radio room.

Regarding the RC radio room, Gary, KD9F, asked if there will be a check in-check out procedure for the key. Tom: the Red Cross still needs access to the room. They have a few things in the room they need to get to. There was more talk about how we should handle club member access to the room. Tom and Gary will talk to Sandra about rules for access to the building. (Since the January meeting Tom talked to Sandra and he will report at the February meeting)

Gary, KD9F, brought up that it is time to give our annual donation to QSL.NET who hosts our W9AML web page.

Norm said he has it on his list to send them a check. Josh, KC9UJS, made a motion to send what we sent last year (\$50.00). Jim, WB9EDL, seconded the motion and all agreed.

#### New Business:

Gary, KD9F, asked if Mike, KC9FWL, is working on an ISS contact at the Challenger Learning center at Heartland Collage. Since Mike wasn't able to make the meeting the question wasn't answered.

Norm talked about JOTA that is coming up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October. (Jamboree On The Air)

Jeff suggested we promote kids day at the Family Science Day (Coming up on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>) to bring more young people into Amateur Radio.

Gary, KD9F, found five new hams in Pontiac who went to Kankakee to take their test. He commented that we don't advertise our testing dates north of Bloomington-Normal. We may bring more members into the club if we do.

Ed, KC9GF, volunteered to organize the next club social that will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in March. If anyone has a suggestion what restaurant we should go to please send an e-mail to Ed ([kc9gf@yahoo.com](mailto:kc9gf@yahoo.com)).

Gary, AB9M, needs a contact with FT5WQ which is a station on the island of Crozet. "Call him any time" If you hear FT5WQ and he makes a contact he will give a \$50 gift certificate. (He's desperate) Phone #: 662-0604

Jim, WB9EDL, put in a plug for the local nets. He said this lots of fun and camaraderie.

8:00 PM on Tuesday on 146.70, tone 103.5

8:15 PM on Tuesday on 28.450 USB

9:00 PM on Tuesday on 146.94, tone 103.5

Tom, KJ9P, made a motion to adjourn and Bob, KB9BOJ seconded and all agreed.

## **American Red Cross to Phase Out Emergency Communication Response Vehicles**

02/21/2013

The American Red Cross has made the decision to phase out and decommission its Emergency Communication Response Vehicles (ECRVs), due to changes in technology, as well as a new satellite system and other factors regarding the vehicle fleet. "Retrofitting the decade-old vehicles with new equipment is not a good use of donated funds, as the long-term strategy is to move to more portable systems," American Red Cross Disaster Services Technology Manager Keith Robertory, KG4UIR, told the ARRL. "This is consistent with the trends in the telecom and technology industries."

The American Red Cross will be removing the Amateur Radios from the ECRVs as part of the decommissioning process. These radios will either become part of the deployable inventory or provided to the local American Red Cross chapter to build local capacity. Equipment that can be used by the American Red Cross will not be phased out with the vehicle. According to Robertory, every communication capability of the ECRV already exists -- or will soon exist -- as a rapidly deployable kit that can be loaded on *any* vehicle that is owned or rented by the American Red Cross, providing more flexibility in shaping its response to match the disaster.

"From a radio perspective, the American Red Cross has a variety of different kits for amateur, business and public safety bands covering HF, VHF and UHF with portable radios, mobile units and base stations," he explained. "Two-way radio remains a valuable tool, providing communications in the initial days or weeks of a disaster, until normal communications is restored. Each American Red Cross chapter should continue with -- and improve -- the relationship with their local Amateur Radio operators. In a disaster, Amateur Radio will be the fastest deployed radio network because operators already live in the impacted communities."

Robertory called the ECRV operators "the key to the success of the ECRV program through the years," saying their skills, dedication and flexibility have made the ECRV one of the most visible aspects of the American Red Cross Disaster Technology team. The ability to establish connectivity and communications remains vital to the American Red Cross, and their skills will continue to be needed as the American Red Cross implements new technology strategy and tactics. The commitment and flexibility of technologists -- including radio operators -- is what makes technology on a disaster successful. Building our future path based on the lessons we have learned is important to keep us all successful."

Radio amateurs who are concerned about how the decommissioning of ECRVs will affect opportunities to serve the American Red Cross can be assured that such opportunities still exist. "This should not be seen as a setback for those radio amateurs who are working with the American Red Cross," said ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, K11U. "In disaster response, adaptability is critical and keeping up with new technology is essential. This all must be done with a mind toward an effective and efficient response. Amateurs have played an important role in assisting the American Red Cross with their mission and I know we will continue to do so in the future."

Information about how to purchase these vehicles will be shared at a later date.

## -Nets in the Area

Mon thru Sat	9:00 A.M. CT	14.2475 (HF) Displaced Peorians
Tuesday	9:00 P.M.	146.255 (103.5 PL) Woodford County
Tuesday	7:15 P.M.	146.910 Tazwell County ESDA Net
Tuesday	8:00 P.M.	146.790 (103.5 PL) McLean County ARES/Skywarn Net
Tuesday	8:30 P.M.	28.450 CIRC Open 10 meter Net
Tuesday	9:00 P.M.	146.940 (103.5PL) CIRC Open Net
Wednesday	9:00 P.M.	147.060 Open Net Has Newline
Wednesday	9:00 P.M.	442.250 103.5 PL ARES Open Net
Varies	147.100	103.5 PL <i>Sometimes</i> Trader's Net follows ARES Net held on 442.250
Thursday	7:00 P.M.	50.135 Open 6 meter Net
Thursday	9:00 P.M.	146.760 (162.2 PL) Open Net with Newline
Thursday	9:00 P.M.	146.850 (103.5 PL) Open Net Peoria
Sunday	08:15 A.M.	1.915 Open 160 meter AM net
Sunday	7:00 P.M.	146.985 Clinton ARC net
Sunday	8:30 P.M.	147.075 Open Net with Newline
Sunday	9:00 P.M.	146.730 123.0 PL Open Net

(Please help me keep this list correct. I know it may not be up to date at this time. Norm N9ZKS)

## Regular Calendar of Events

**Daily Coffee Klatch** Monday thru Friday **NOTE CHANGE**

.....9:00 a.m. at Dairy Queen Veterans at Cub's

**Weekly ARIS/SKYWARN Net**

Every Tuesday evening on the 146.790 repeater at 8:00 p.m.

**Weekly 10 Meter Net**

Every Tuesday evening at 28.450 MHz- at 8:30 p.m.

**Weekly 2 Meter Net**

Every Tuesday evening on the 146.940-repeater at 9:00 p.m.

**Weekly 6 Meter Net**

Every Thursday evening at 50.135 MHz at 7:00 P.M.

**Weekly 160 Meter AM Net NOTE FREQUENCY**

Every Sunday morning at 1.915 MHz at 8:15 A.M.

**CIRC Meeting**

Fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Red Cross building in Bloomington (Just north of the airport)

## AREA EXAM DATES

Following is the schedule for W5YI-VEC Amateur Radio exams for the year 2013. at the **Normal Fire station at 1300 E College Avenue. It is at the intersection of College and Blair Street, with parking behind the Fire Station, entry off Blair.**

Setup is from Noon to 1:00 normally. Exams begin at 1:00 P.M.. Questions may be directed to Keith Hanson via email preferably [ac9s@mchsi.com](mailto:ac9s@mchsi.com) or (309) 378-4416

Please bring two forms of identification. You must have a Social Security Number. We cannot administer a test without your SSN. You will need a copy of your Current license plus any CSCE you want to apply.

**Remaining Test dates for 2013 will be the following Saturdays:  
March 16**

**May 11  
July 20  
November 9**

## Central Illinois Area Repeaters

Freq	Callsign	Location	PL
145.390	N9EZJ	Lincoln WX RACES	103.5
146.730	K9HGX	Decatur(Echolink)	123.0
146.790	WD9HRU	Bloomington	103.5 Anti PL on 107.2
146.850	K9PEO	PAARC	103.5
146.940	W9AML	McLEAN CO ARES	103.5 CTCSS
146.985	KA9YPK	Clinton	
147.015	NX9M	Normal ARES Alt.	88.5 (open*)
147.075	W9UVI	Washington	103.5 CTCSS
147.105	WA9RTI	Decatur	103.5
147.150	WD9FTV	Bloomington	103.5
147.345	K9ZM	Lincoln ESDA	103.5
147.390	WB9DUC	Pontiac FARA	127.3
442.250	WA9RTI	Decatur (ARES)	103.5
442.700	WB9UUS	Normal	107.2
443.800	K9HGX	CENOIS ARC	123.0
444.175	K9MCA	Decatur	100.0

\* Repeater is currently in open mode with pl for those with QRM

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The CIRC is a not-for-profit ARRL special service club whose purpose is to advance the service of Amateur Radio. Located in Central Illinois, CIRC and its members welcome all to use the 146.94 repeater and to attend club meetings.

**Submissions for the newsletter should be received by the 15th of the month and may be snail or e-mailed to the editor at:**

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