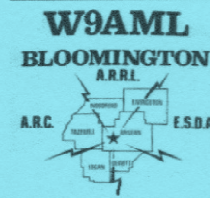


CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

Short CIRCuits



December 2011

From the President

**December Meeting,
Wednesday the 28rd
7:00 PM at the Red Cross**

Well, here we are on the verge of the first day of winter! Fortunately, we have not had any significant amount of snowfall. That to, will probably change in the next 60 to 90 days.

We will have a meeting on Wednesday December 28. The most important thing I can think of, at this time, is that we need to get our dues to Norm with the membership paperwork filled out. This form is on the Club website so print it off and have it ready the 28th or get it to Norm for the record books.

If anyone is in need of something to do on New Year's Eve other than socialize, then dust off the straight key or bug and get on the air for Straight Key Night (SKN) to start the new year. It is not a contest, but a gathering to exchange information, the kind of key or bug you are using and get know each contact. As always, comments for best "fist" and best conversation can be turned in to ARRL with soapbox comments on the evening.

I have been working on a small audio amplifier kit to boost my electronic door bell signal to the basement and kitchen area of our house. The electronic door bell has a connection for external speaker and I am going to boost it up a little so it can be heard over the washing machine in the basement or the mixer the wife is using in the kitchen. It is testing my soldering skills that have become somewhat rusty with age! Once this is done it is on to some cleaning in the shack to make room for the DX-100 project.

I hope everyone has a safe and joyous holiday. Merry Christmas from Carol and myself.

73,

Gary KD9F

CIRC November Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2011

President Gary Dearth (KD9F) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Fourteen members were present. Gary commented that the minutes of the October meeting have been misplaced. Treasurer Norm Huber (N9ZKS) reviewed the financial status of the club. He reported that the checking account had \$374.35 and the savings account had \$648.69 for a total of \$1,023.04. Gary Huber (AB9M) made a motion that we accept the report. After a second by Jim Shaffer (WB9UWA) the motion passed. Norm said he will be sending out renewal forms to the membership. The due date is 2/28/2012.

Gary D opened the discussion of Old Business. He mentioned that Ed Deutsch (KC9GF) and he will attend a meeting with the Red Cross to discuss what we can do for them and what they are expecting from us for emergency communications. They also noted that more and more communications are on HF and more is expected in the future. The ARES group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Red Cross. This will overlap with the CIRC Memorandum of Understanding with the Red Cross. Tom Planer (KJ9P) requested a committee to work with the Red Cross so that we are ready to provide them emergency communication when needed. He also mentioned they have some classes we need to take, like the Disaster Overview Class. On

October 28th, 10 of our members took the class We would like CIRC members, ARES members and SKYWARN members to join with us to assist the Red Cross. Everyone should focus on getting their General ticket, or higher, to be ready to help.

Tom said he gave a recent talk to the Bloomington Women's Club about CIRC and ARES. He said he has been handling track for some nets and we all need practice in taking messages. We should look for opportunities to participate as Net Control and get more practice. Rick Kemp (WD9HRU) talked about the annual SKYWARN Recognition Day Friday December 2 and Saturday December 3. The weather stations will spend 24 hours operating on the ham bands so hams can call in and report the local weather. Lincoln will use WX9ILR. Please call in on one of the frequencies in use, including 2 meters. Gary D reminder everyone that our Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, December 1, at 6 pm at the Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet.

Gary D opened the discussion to New Business. Tom mentioned another Weather Spotting class would be offered soon at the Law and Justice Center. Jim reported on the clubs radio at the Red Cross. Most of his work has been to align the radio. Most items are working. Gary H reported that he is working with the N1SF Club at State Farm to see if the can donate some equipment.

Gary reminded the members that we have our Coffee Klatch at 9:00 am, Monday to Friday, at the Dairy Queen on College Avenue and the 10-10 breakfast at IHOP the 1st Saturday of each month at 8 am. All are welcomed to attend. Bring a friend. And don't forget to check in on Tuesday's to the ARES Net at 8:00 pm, the 10 meter Net at 8:30 pm and the 2 Meter Net at 9 pm. Anyone with an item for the Newsletter should send it to Norm or Ed.

Tom made a motion that we adjourn. After a second by Rick, the motion passed. For the presentation portion of the meeting, Ed and Gary D reviewed the equipment available for bids from Willie Weaver, Silent Key. They used

slides to show the equipment. The proceeds will go to Willie's family. Then Richard Suhadolc (N9CKL) talked about the DXkeeper logging program.

Submitted by Mike Sallee (KC9FWL)

Club Socials

There is a mention of the "Ten Ten Breakfast" above. Truth be told, attendance at the breakfast has been nonexistent for a long time now. A few months ago, I suggested we institute a social get-together for members and wives or significant others. I have not had time to follow up on that. I think it would be great to have an informal dinner at a local eatery.

Next is the need to find a suitable day and location. I'd appreciate it if anyone with some suggestions would communicate them to me or any other club officer.

I suggest the Grand Café for the first location. It seems to be popular with many. Now we need a day/time.

Norm N9ZKS

New Year Is Here!

With the New Year comes the need to renew your membership. I am going to build a new data base for the club membership so I need to start with new application forms. There is a copy of the form attached to this newsletter for those who have not downloaded one from the website. By the way, payment by check would be appreciated.

Thanks.

Norm N9ZKS Treasurer

AREA EXAM DATES

Following is the schedule for W5YI-VEC Amateur Radio exams for the year 2011 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 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.

Test dates for 2012 will be available soon:

The club thanks Keith for his hard work in heading this testing.

Peoria Area Radio Club Testing

In addition on the alternate months VEC exams are held in Morton Public Library.

Contact Bob Bush W9WTF at tigrbob@gmail.com for more information on the Peoria Radio Club testing.

Are We Ready For An Emergency?



-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.	146.940	(103.5 PL) McLean County ARES 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 Newslines
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 Newslines
Thursday	9:00 P.M.	146.850	(103.5 PL) Open Net Peoria
Thursday	9:00 P.M.	146.895	North central IL Traders Net
Sunday	08:15 A.M.	1.815	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 Newslines
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)

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

Daily Coffee Klatch Monday thru Friday
.....9:00 a.m. at Dairy Queen College Hills

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.

CIRC Meeting

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

KC9LYU Echolink Update

The Frequency Is now set to 146.410 Simplex - NO PL
To Connect To Node By Node Number - Dial (DTMF
 Commands) its Node number
To Reconnect Last Station Dial *69
To Connect To Random US Repeater Dial 011 - The 011
 command takes just a minute to connect.
To Connect To Random Link Or Repeater Dial 01
To Disconnect Dial #

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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