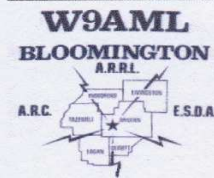


CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

Short CIRCuits



June 2009

From the President

This months meeting is Wednesday the 24th, 7:00 pm at the Red Cross on Westport Ct. We would like to see you there.

From the President

It's hard to believe that it's June already. And time for Field Day. Most of you know this year we are going to be at a new location. I haven't seen the new area but it is bigger than the Red Cross lot/field. This year's Field Day will be at the Old Town Township Town Hall on

The meeting will be the 24th and we will be discussing some final plans, times and needs for Field Day. We need everyone who can to make it to the meeting and out to Field Day activities. Even if you don't operate just coming in support. I know you will have a good time.

Ed, KC9GF

Broadcast?

Yes that is right. Some of our members are going to "Broadcast" on Monday the 22nd of June on WJBC. The interview is scheduled for 11:10. Catch this opportunity we have to promote our hobby.

CIRC April Meeting Minutes May, 2009

May 27, 2009

Vice-President Mike Sallee (KC9FWL) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Twenty one members were present. We welcomed one guest, Thomas Zerebny (KC9LYP) to our meeting. Thomas has been a ham for a number of years and he recently moved into the area for his work.

The newsletter contained the minutes for the April and May meetings. Mike asked if there were any corrections to the April meeting minutes. There were none and Gary Huber (AB9M) made a motion

that the minutes be accepted as published. After a second CIRC May Meeting Minutes by Jim Baker (WB9EDL), the motion passed. Mike asked if there were any corrections to the May meeting minutes. There were none and Gary made a motion that the minutes be accepted as published. After a second by Keith Hanson (AC9S), the motion passed.

Treasurer Norm Huber (N9ZKS) provided a summary of the financial status of the club. He reported that the checking account had \$1,037.58 and the savings account had \$646.23. Eldon Akers (KB9PZA) made a motion that we accept the report. After a second by Grant Zehr (AA9LC) the motion passed.

Mike opened the discussion to items of Old Business. There was no news to report on the effort to add Echo Link to our repeater. Keith reported that he contacted Floyd's son and they will move the equipment into the garage Friday and the "auction" will start at 10 AM Saturday. Norm will send an email to the members and others to make sure they know about the auction. Keith reviewed the equipment that will be sold for Silent Key Floyd Hoffman (W9EX). Norm made a motion that the club purchase the auto-tuner that Floyd provided each year at Field Day. After some discussion, it was agreed we would purchase it at a fair price. After a second by Gary, the motion passed. We plan to sell any remaining equipment at local ham fests.

Keith reviewed plans to provide radio communications during the Kickapoo PowWow the first weekend in June. The dates/times would be Friday, June 5th from Noon to 5:00 PM, Saturday, June 6th from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Sunday, June 7th from 7:00 AM to Noon. He passed around a signup sheet for those that can help.

Jim Baker reviewed plans for the Wheelers Race/Ride set for June 13 at Comlara Park. He discussed equipment that they plan to use. They will have three routes and Jim would like to have a couple of riders with radios on each route and also a Command Post. The event will run from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Jim passed around a signup sheet for those that can help.

Mike opened discussion on how we might mentor new hams to encourage them to become active and get on the air. He talked about the idea from Ed Deutsch (KC9ZEQ) at last month's meeting about having a member adopt a new ham and invite them to their shack to show them around and how they operate. They could also bring the person to club meetings, help them find equipment to use or borrow, and so forth. Keith talked about the value of one-on-one interactions with a new ham. After some discussion, we agreed to continue the discussion at future meetings and work toward a mentoring program. Mike also mentioned we could use the equipment at the Red Cross building as a way to help the new ham get on the air and stay active.

Rick Kempf (WD9HRU) provided an update on the Illinois Repeater Association. We did pay our dues for another year. Rick Ransom (N9YAY) was reelected President for another year.

Larry Mays (KB9NPH) had offered to provide certificates to members for various activities supported by the club. We agreed that would be great and we will ask Ed to get with Larry and determine what events we want to create certificates for.

Mike opened the meeting to New Business items. Eldon reminded us that the Princeton Ham Fest will be Sunday, June 7th. Rick talked about a recent article in CQ magazine discussion a 10 meter net in Long Beach, CA. The net uses code and is a great way to keep your code skills current or to improve them.

Mike reminded the members that we have our Coffee Clutch 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 10 meter Net at 8:30 PM, the 2 Meter Net at 9 PM, and the ARES Net at 9:30 PM.

The focus of next month's meeting will be final planning for Field Day. Gary made a motion that we adjourn. After a second by Mike the motion passed. The presentation for the evening was a discussion of Field Day led by Mike.

Keith reminded everyone that we will be hosting our Field Day this year at the Old Town Township building just east of Bloomington. We will be working from inside a building. This was the site of the club's first Field Day, an event that Floyd Hoffman was a participant. Andy Stubblefeld (K9EMA) will provide a power generator from the county EMA. After much discussion, we agreed to operate four stations and named a Station Captain for each one. The four stations will be: 1. Digital –

Gary and Norm Huber, 2. HT sideband – Keith and Gary, 3. Code - Rick, and 4. 6 meter – Earl Shaffer (WB9UWA).

The State Farm club (N1SF) will provide two transceivers and some test gear. We need to contact Chuck Kostelc (N9RZV) to see if he can provide a server and wireless network so we can use a common logging program. We also need to send out press releases ASAP and see if we can get a Proclamation from the Mayor's of Bloomington and Normal. We need to make sure we have manual logs, some clocks that are in sync so manual logging is accurate, and headphones so two people can listen at the same time at each station. Mike will provide the logs.

Reminders will be made on the Tuesday night net. We also agreed that for the next meeting each Station Captain would bring their equipment so we can review what we have and make sure we provide any missing items. Mike will update his Field Day Handbook and bring it to the next meeting. Gary agreed to cook breakfast, so we will meet at the site at 7 AM Saturday, June 27. Then we can setup and be ready to go on the air at 1 PM local time.

Submitted by Mike Sallee (KC9FWL)

Remaining 2009 VEC Test Dates

Please note the location change. We will now test at the: Red Cross Building - Route 9 East - Conference Room

Time: 1:00pm

On the following Saturdays:

7/18

11/14

I am trying to find a better venue, but I want to get the dates published. Rhea at the Red Cross did schedule us for the class room for a couple of the dates, but we are on for the conference room also and it is easier to list a single location.

Thanks --
Keith

Weather Spotting French Style

At the email date stamp of 22:30 hours it reports hail in or around our area arriving at 19:00 after the storms. Well, the video I made of our hail was made at 16:00.

So much for Weather reports here. They report what had happened.

I guess I am spoiled.

A 22h30, l'ensemble des alertes météo sont levées sur la région Aquitaine.

Bulletin d'alerte météo émis le lundi 25 mai à 6h22. Valable du lundi 25 mai à 15h00 jusqu'au mardi 26 mai 2H00.

Bulletin de suivi N°4 à 21h00. Si l'alerte est levée des Pyrénées Atlantiques, via les Landes, la Gironde et la Charente Maritime, des orages forts à très forts sévissent toujours de l'est du département de la Charente à la Dordogne. seuls les secteurs de Ribérac et du bergeracois(jusqu'à Trémolat) sont pour l'instant restés à l'écart. En revanche, de gros orages sont en cours sur un axe les Eyzies-Sarlac-Thivier.

Bulletin de suivi N°3 à 19h00. après les orages, parfois accompagnés de grêle sur le département de la Gironde (Medoc mais aussi libournais) et de la Charente Maritime, de nouveaux orages accompagné de chute de grêle se développent actuellement du Sud-Est du département de la Dordogne au Lot et remontent vers le nord en s'intensifiant. Un orage plus isolé mais aussi accompagné de grêle remonte de Jonzac en Charente Maritime vers Cognac et Aigre en Charente.

Larry – K9ORP/F

A BIG HUGE THANK YOU LETTER

A good read which lets us know what it takes to pull off a relatively small group ride. It makes you feel good to know how your help is appreciated.

Our BikeStrong Metric Benefiting the Lance Armstrong Foundation on June 13 was a huge success. An event like this has many components that all need to work together to make it work. I'd like to thank, in no particular order, those who played a part in making our ride a great one.

Doug Oehler for promptly providing answers to my questions (which were many) and giving advice when needed. I now have an understanding of what he's done for the club these last 5 years. Thanks Doug!

Doug Welch for securing food donations, particularly Avanti's, and generally overseeing all food related needs. He was indispensable in the process, especially on ride day.

Avanti's for donating yummy gondolas for our post-ride lunch.

Bob Wills for being involved from day one and helping with anything and everything, most notably using his trailer to pick up supplies and haul them to

the park. In addition he let us use his tents (he set them up as well) and secured the services of the Hudson Fire Department. This ride would not have happened without Bob.

The Hudson Fire Department for volunteering their time and resources. It was a huge relief to know we had capable trained hands to handle any emergency situation that came up. Fortunately we didn't have any. Thank you so much guys!

Mother Nature for giving us a perfect day for our ride.

Jim Baker for securing a most generous donation from the Midwest Food Bank as well as lining up our radio communications, the Central Illinois Radio Club (CIRC). He was heavily involved in the entire process and was a HUGE help with many things.

The Central Illinois Radio Club for providing radio communications. They were efficient, professional, and downright impressive. It was also a huge relief for me to know we had capable hands handling this need. They were WB9UWA Jim Shaffer, KB9FPY Ron Reoder, KD9F Gary Dearth, K9EMA Andy Stubblefield, WD9HRU Rick Kempf, AB9M Gary Huber, N9ZKS Norm Huber, and WB9EDL Jim Baker.

The Midwest Food Bank for donating a huge amount of snacks, drinks, and supplies.

Jim Kaiser for his help and insight on registration and finances, both before the event and on ride day, and post ride too! He also led training rides twice a week which is a big commitment, and he did all this while trying to plan a wedding! Yes, he's getting married on July 5 so be sure to congratulate him next time you see him.

John Welch/Pepsi America's Inc. for donating ample amounts of soda and Gatorade for the ride.

Great Harvest Bread for donating a generous amount of "race rolls".

Scott Richardson for producing the ride brochures, (which was a big and unexpected commitment for him), as well as handling all publicity, which he did extremely well. We had a great turnout in large part to all the efforts Scott made to promote the ride and get the word out. And for everything else he does for the club. Thanks Scott!

Meijer for donating a generous gift card for ride supplies.

Extreme Motors and Jerry Erb for donating the use of vans for SAG service.

Vitesse Cycle for donating the use of a van and a mechanic for the ride.

Jerry Erb and Bill Johns for driving the SAG vans and doing a terrific job of handling all things SAG, which is a huge thing to do. Also for putting up signs directing people to the park.

Francesca Erb for organizing all the bakers for the wonderful baked goods we had at the ride and being willing to help with anything else.

Sir Richard Verdery for leading training rides.

Sir Richard Verdery/Fellowship of Christian Farmers for letting us use so many of their coolers. What a huge help!

All the Wheelers who baked goodies for the ride. They were all delicious and it's such a nice thing to have at a ride. There was barely any left over!

All the Wheelers who showed up for the training rides to not only get some miles in but to help the newcomers.

All the Wheelers who helped or offered to help with various ride related things, especially set up and take down on ride day. I'm not going to list them for fear of forgetting someone for they were many, but I know who you are. Thank you so much!!!

Jeff Wells and the LAF for being wonderful partners and collaborators in this process. In addition to providing volunteers, Jeff handled t-shirt design and printing, printing of the brochures, and online registration. He was always easily reachable and easy to work with. It was a pleasure doing "business" with you!

The LAF volunteers who helped out on ride day with registration, parking, and food/rest stop preparation. I inadvertently gave them the copy of the pre-registered riders that wasn't in alphabetical order but they handled it well anyway. Sorry about that!

The Community Cancer Center for having a booth and providing free sunscreen packets.

Kroger for donating a gift card to buy ride supplies with.

Casey's for providing a generous supply of ice so we could keep everything cool!

Mike Steffa and Comlara Park for donating the use of the Osage Shelter and providing us with extra tables for the site. It was a great venue and they were easy to work with. Thanks so much!

Craig Ryan for mapping the routes, marking the routes, and printing the route maps. It's such a huge thing to take care of and he does it so well I

didn't even need to do anything really, just set Craig loose. Thanks Craig, you did an awesome job!

Scott Vogel from the Red Cross for providing me with misc. info I needed for the ride.

Denny's Doughnuts for providing coffee and doughnuts the morning of the ride.

As you can see, there were many hands involved in this effort and I hope I didn't forget anyone. I am truly humbled and appreciative of all the work everyone has done. Together we raised a lot of money for two very excellent causes. Thank you all so much!!!

-Tom Breitbarth



ARES Is Back!

I took a break from putting this newsletter together to take part in the first participation in a weather net in a large number of years. Andy, K9EMA was out of the area so Keith, AC9S stepped in to take charge and headed for the EOC. Jim, WB9UWA and Norm, N9ZKS headed out to find some good sports from which to observe the incoming weather. We were happy to be able to report nothing to the EOC. After the Severe Thunderstorm Warning expired and it was determined that the next wave of weather was becoming much less violent, the weather net was shut down and we returned home. It was an uneventful operation but even that taught us some things. We will be better next time.

Norm, N9ZKS

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	8:30 P.M.	28.450	CIRC Open 10 meter Net
Tuesday	9:00 P.M.	146.940	(103.5 PL) 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	9:00 P.M.	146.760	(162.2 PL) Open Net with
Newsline			
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 (NEW)
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)

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

Daily Coffeeklatch 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.
 10/10 Breakfast
 First Saturday of every month at 8 a.m. in the IHOP in the Lowes lot near the Red Cross on Rt. 9.
 CIRC Meeting
 Fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Red Cross building in Bloomington (Just north of the airport).

Central Illinois Area Repeaters

Freq	Callsign	Location	PL
145.390	N9EZJ	Lincoln	103.5
146.730	K9HGX	Decatur(Echolink)	123.0
146.790	WD9HRU	Bloomington	
146.850	W9UVI	Peoria	
146.940	W9AML	Bloomington	103.5 CTCSS
146.985	KA9YPK	Clinton	
147.015	NX9M	Normal	88.5 (open*)
147.075	W9UVI	Washington	103.5 CTCSS
147.105	WA9RTI	Decatur	103.5
147.150	WD9FTV	Bloomington	
147.345	K9ZM	Lincoln	103.5
147.390	WB9DUC	Pontiac	127.3
442.250	WA9RTI	Decatur	103.5
442.700	WB9UUS	Normal	107.2 (open**)
443.800	K9HGX	Decatur (ARES)r	123.0
444.175	K9MCA	Decatur	100.0

* Repeater is currently in open mode with pl for those with QRM
 ** Repeater RX with tight carrier squelch and loose tone squelch (107.2)

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 #

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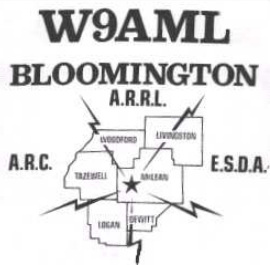
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