

Fun at Dayton

or imbedded, doing all the heavy lifting. As the ARRL and Rob Sherwood have shown in the lab, the Software Defined Radios, whether with internal processors like Ten Tec and Elecraft, or external like Flex Radio, are the highest performing rigs on the market.

I felt the flea market was very good both Friday and Saturday mornings. Interesting that people seemed to leave it the afternoon though. There was a lot of excellent looking classic gear. I am still kicking myself for letting a mint looking S-Line get away. I did manage to find a good looking MN7 antenna tuner for my Drake 7 line.

At coffee the other morning Don, K9DW, mentioned that he had listened to a conversation on 14.185 between the owners of Flex Radio, Elecraft, and SteppIR. They felt great about the Hamvention, and had orders to fill through the summer from it. So – in that aspect, at least, ham radio is alive and well. It is interesting that these three, along with Ten Tec, represent a new breed of cutting edge American companies who are turning software-defined radios (and antennas) into a competitive advantage.

A final thought on the Hamvention – if you are in the market for gear, it is worthwhile ordering during the hamfest because outstanding deals abound and there is generally no tax or shipping.

Take care everyone. I will see you at 7:00pm at the Red Cross building across from the Route 9 Airport Fire Station.

73's

Keith
AC9S

Don't forget the daily coffee klatch at the Dairy Queen at 1528 E. College, Normal Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM

By Norm N9ZKS

It was a great trip to Dayton. The weather co-operated, keeping the rain to nights, not during the flea market. I enjoyed a great three days in my two-room suite at Wright Patterson AFB for what they were charging at the Days Inns off of I-75 for one night. Friday I even took the "alternative routes" suggested by the Hamvention to avoid the construction on I-75. It sure was a nice drive around the perimeter of Dayton although it was unnecessary in my opinion. Especially at \$4.49 a gallon for diesel. Being on crutches due to my broken leg, I had brought a wheel chair which I used Friday. I found that everything is set up for standing attendees though so I went back to crutches. I attended a number of the forums and picked up a new Rigblaster Pro, DSP speaker, a new battery for my D7 and my annual update to Travel Plus.

Saturday afternoon I made the mistake of being at the wrong place at the wrong time though and broke a bunch of plastic on the front of my pickup. Big problem was that I tore the transmission cooler loose and that made the truck un-drivable. I am saving diesel, so I guess there is a bright side to it all.

My session on Sunday went very well, there were a number of bicyclists who were impressed by a fixed gear track bike with dual band coverage and APRS. I also made contact with a group of Boy Scout amateurs who are working to promote ham radio stations at Scout camps and Scout events. This should do much to help our hobby grow.

One downer on the weekend, I still haven't won any of the many prizes given away at Dayton. See you there next year!

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Submissions for the newsletter must be received by the 10th of the month and may be snail or e-mailed to the editor at:

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Nets in the Area

Mon thru Sat	9:00 A.M. CT	14.2475 (HF)	Displaced Peorians
Monday	9:00 P.M.	146.730	123.0 PL Open Net
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
Wednesday	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 Newline
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

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

Central Illinois Area Repeaters

Freq	Callsign	Location	PL
145.390	N9EZJ	Lincoln	103.5
146.730	K9HGX	Decatur	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
147.100	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**)
444.350	W9EX	Normal	107.2

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

** Repeater RX with tight carrier squelch and loose tone squelch (107.2)

=== 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 Baker's Square at Vernon Ave. and Veterans (Just south of College Hills Mall).

CIRC Meeting

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

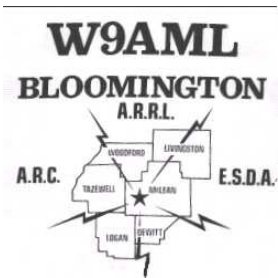
KC9LYU Echolink Update

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 #



Meeting Wednesday May 28

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