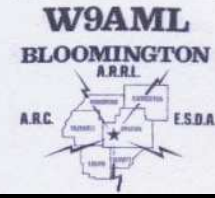


# CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

## Short CIRCuits



November 2006

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### October Meeting – Vintage Radio

Wow – what a treat! I was blown away by Roger Singley, WQ9E's, vintage radio collection. When I wrote the intro to the October meeting I had no idea just how extensive Roger's collection was. Imagine an entire large basement with floor to ceiling shelves every 8 feet or so stacked with vintage radios. I am not sure what the count is, but it must have been close to 200. I think Roger has at least one of everything built with tubes, if not, it certainly seemed like it. This isn't just a collection of cold and dusty radios, most have been restored to operating condition and many have been physically refurbished to like new condition. This is more like a museum. All could be turned on and an antenna switched to them. Hammarlund, National, Drake, Collins, RME, Central Electronics, Heath, Ten Tec, Johnson. You name it and Roger has it.

Thanks to Roger and his wife for hosting us. The radios, hospitality, and the deserts were wonderful!

**See the full set of pictures in this newsletter.**

#### Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6 at Ned Kelley's in Bloomington. We can plan on the dinner itself around 6:00 with socializing beginning at 5:00 – 5:30. Meals can be whatever you choose from the standard menu. I look forward to the event, we had a great time last year.

#### Elecraft Kit

I recently had an old/new experience. I haven't built a kit over 20 years – back when Heathkit was the gold standard. There is still a lot of Heathkit gear in my shack, although sadly, most of it is no longer "in the line". Anyway, I needed a calibrated signal generator to check the sensitivity of the new Orion II – yes it is on the fritz – and ordered the Elecraft XG2 mini-kit. Wow, have things gotten small! The parts, although not surface mount sized have really shrunk. It went together easily, once I picked up a lighted magnifier, and worked first shot. I don't think the instructions were up to Heathkit standards, but they were surely clear enough to get the job done. The XG2 is a slick little device that will allow the selection of 1 or 50 microvolts on 80, 40 and 20. It is a tiny little device, just an unenclosed circuit board that many builders are evidently carrying in eyeglass cases. Looks like it would be ideal to give quick receiver checks at hamfests.

#### Paul Felth's (NQ9M) estate

Many thanks to Dean, AA9BS, for taking Paul's gear to another hamfest. He sold all the remaining equipment, thus freeing up Judy's garage. Looks like it takes a master hamfester to get the job done!

#### Red Cross Tower Work

Thanks to Norm, N8ZKS, Gary, AB9M, Eric, N9DOA, Jim, Wb9UWA, and I am not sure who else for completing feedline and rotator control line work at the Red Cross Building last Saturday. We now have a fully operational station, HF and VHF. We had VE testing at the same time, although no one showed up we had a good time rag chewing. Maybe next time?

#### November Meeting – 11/22 – Elections

We will elect a new slate of officers at our November meeting. If you are interested in running for office or know someone who is please let me know. Serving the club is a great experience and everyone should have a chance.

Gary, AB9M and Norm, N9ZKS, are going to give us a tutorial and demonstration of the club's D700. This is a complex little beast and it will be good to have an overview by two experienced ops.

Take care everyone. See you Wednesday, November 22, 7:00pm at the Red Cross on Route 9 East,

Thanks –

Keith  
AC9S

### JOTA THANK YOU

Gary and Norm,

On behalf of Troop 28 I would like to thank you for hosting us for JOTA. The scouts had a great time and are looking forward to a repeat next year. They never stopped talking about it the whole trip home! I am really surprised that more troops don't take advantage of this incredible opportunity to enable their scouts to talk to other scouts around the country and world.

Thanks again for hosting JOTA! Hopefully next year communications in the district will be improved and yield a better turn out.

Tim Cook  
SM Troop 28

## NOTE

If you are getting this by snail mail and have an email address, please give the newsletter editor the email address. That will insure we can get you an Adobe copy of the newsletter in time for the meeting and will lessen the pressure on the treasury. Thank you all.

## Bloomington VEC Exam Dates - 2006

Dates for 2007 to be determined. Look for them soon.

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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 ( <b>NEW</b> )
Sunday	8:30 P.M.	147.075	Open Net with Newline

## 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)

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

## LOCAL DX PACKET CLUSTER INFORMATION

"DX spotting network" - N9PE (Memorial Station) 144.91 MHz - 1200 baud - Connect to N9PE - Contact AB9M or KB9LNS for more info.

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Please fill out the membership application included with this newsletter. This will help us insure our contact information is correct. Also please take the time to think about and let us know what you would like the club to do. If you are active in a part of our hobby please consider volunteering to provide a program for a meeting this coming year.

## THINGS TO PONDER

Also, how many would like to try to have a scheduled night or afternoon at the Red Cross Station on a regular basis operating the completed station? Bring your opinions to the meeting Wednesday. We would need a member with the appropriate license class to act as control operator. Would anyone like to set up a special event operation at the Red Cross and publicize it in conjunction with a Red Cross event so as to get out in front of the public?



A future member?



More gathering time



Roger's normal operating location



Part of the collection



Gathering time







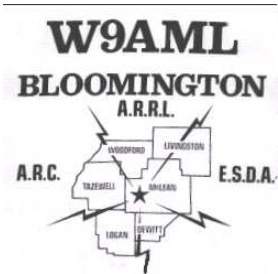






**Meeting Wednesday November 22**

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