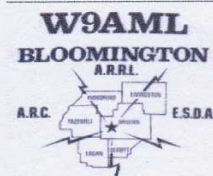


CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

Short CIRCuits



October 2008

From the President

October Meeting – Wednesday, October 22, 700pm at the Red Cross on Route 9 East.

Andy Stubblefield has generously agreed to provide a tour of the dispatch center for McLean County – this is where communications for most of the county agencies, police, sheriff, fire dept, etc are coordinated. This is an outstanding offer on Andy's part and will provide us an insider's view of how professional communicators and communications are done. This is one worth attending!! We will meet at our normal time at the Red Cross and do an abbreviated business meeting; Andy will then lead us to the center for the tour.

Emergency Communications

As our representative on the McLean County Disaster Committee I attended the fall emergency tabletop exercise for McLean County on September 22nd. During this exercise I participated in the EMA (Emergency Management Agency) group with Andy and we subsequently brainstormed the role ham radio might play in current emergency communications. Note that the tabletop exercise was a "dry run" of the real exercise (of a major event in the County) which will be held next fall. This will be a big deal, an extended effort, and will probably tax our abilities to the full. Luckily we have time to prepare.

On October 14 Andy drove Rick Kempf and me to an open house at the City of Peoria Office of Emergency Management. Hams have their own comm. Center and a wealth of equipment and volunteers. We agreed to collaborate in the future – we can surely learn a lot from them. They are a very organized group well

integrated with the rest of Peoria's emergency responders.

One thing – we will need to do the FEMA introductory courses if we formally become a part of EMA. I have done IS-100 and 200 and still need to do 700 and 800. According to Chief Raney all volunteers need to complete are the introductory courses of IS-100 and IS-700. The courses are on-line, free and really very long or difficult. They basically all deal with Incident Command which is how all emergencies in the US are managed. We have to know how it works and the terminology if we are to be able to integrate with any of the city and county infrastructure.

Solar Minima – Hallelujah!!

This week I saw sunspot numbers of 24 and solar flux of 72. While that may not be really high, it was enough to open 15 meters to Europe Thursday morning. Signals were pretty strong. I am not sure how much of this was due to seasonal change, but it sure has been a long time since I have seen 15 open and it was might welcome. Anyone for F2 on 10??

Dean is Back!!

Dean Lacy, AA9BS, called me on 2 yesterday (Thursday). He is recuperating from his neck surgery and sounded like his old self. Welcome back Dean! It was great to hear you on the air.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner will be Thursday, December 4 at 5:00 in the Swinger's Grill – same place as last year in the same room. Socialize at 5:00pm and orders taken at 5:30. We will have the same limited number of entrees as last year.

Elections

Radio Club – not National, hi hi! Our club elections are rapidly approaching. Chuck, N9RZV, is heading the nominating committee, so please let him know if you are interested or even willing to run for an office. I believe a club like ours needs a steady turnover in its officers if it is to remain healthy, so please consider serving in one of the positions.

Chuck needs your names!!!

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

Sept Circ 9-24-2008 Minutes

Keith AC9S started meeting.

sign in sent around

Norm N9ZKS read treasurer's report.

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72. box fee
277. ins
95.61 misc
82. postage/del
526. spent

275.36 overall total

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OA 1,323.20

Gary AB9M 1st, Rick WD9HRU 2nd

Old Business:

same 1st & 2nd for minutes as printed, carried.

Rick N9CKL tower work was successful. deck-mounted beam worked like low angle NVIS for following weekend's contest.

Peoria Superfest came & went.

Nominating committee, Chuck N9RZV, needs to call people to see if they will be on the committee. October

Keith called a few places regarding Christmas party to see locations & menu.

Swingers needs \$450 upfront to schedule room, 22 people min to cover expenses, order off the menu. Voted choice for Swinger's, motion carried. Dec 4th, 5:30 then 6pm, first Thursday of Dec.

Gary the last Thursday of November is Thanksgiving, so (1) do we meet on regular time or more it up a week. To be published in next newsletter.

Keith called Russ Murray about the Kickapoo Pow-Wow.

Norm & Gary JOTA to be at outside of LeRoy on Fr/Sa/Su Oct 17, 18 & 19 at Howard virgin forest off Rt150. Gary wants to make sure there is enough people and equipment so scouts can make contacts. wear club shirt, need folks at home as well to make contacts to locally. Focus is primarily get hams there. Since Norm is a scout, his call will probably be used as equipment is preprogrammed calls, macros. Plenty of opportunity for people to be outside, feel the outdoor experience & help give the youth access to ham radio.

New business:

Norm, we lost our 10-10 spot with the restaurant closing. Will try the IHOP for the next meeting.

Keith went to their McLean county Emergency Management Agency coordinators, NIMS, IEMA,

hams are welcome & recognized to be part of the exercise. Tabletop planning for a large scale tornado. This requires us to study & take the NIMS courses. Dan N9NSN asked if the course information is made part of the newsletter. Norm mentioned previous MC EC Rich N9YAY was our contact & we got some information to take the courses in preparation. Keith also contacted Andy Stubblefield, so we have more updated organization where hams would best fit in time of need.

Andy also has offered the McLean county EOC tour for next month.

Keith added the hams that did participate in last year's event were well accepted and were complimented on their efforts.

Norm gave talk on Chanute AFB scouting event last weekend. Boys got a chance to participate to space, radio (swl, broadcast & ham), also had a PhD speaker at Goddard space center. contact with International Space Station (ISS) over Hawaii to Rantoul. In this, Norm found a twin with the same motorcycle and radio

Motion to adjourn; Keith 1st, Chuck 2nd

Gary AB9M put on presentation on DX labs logging software, link on CIRC website to get.

SALE ITEM

Hy-Gain TH3-MK3 3-el, 10-15-20M beam, 8db gain, 1 KW rating, \$250. WA9BJU, Gary Frankeberger, 663-9211.

Thanks.
--73

NOTICE FROM YOUR TREASURER

Just a reminder that the year is coming to an end. Everyone except KC9GF and our "Complimentary" members will have their membership

expire on New Year's Eve. Please make the Christmas Dinner more pleasant for your Treasurer by slipping the filled out application and your payment in an envelope and mailing or delivering it to me early. The application lets me check that my data is correct as well as making sure I credit those hard-earned dollars to your membership. A *CURRENT* application form is included in this newsletter. No fair using those three or so year old ones floating around with the old dues amount. 73, N9ZKS

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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 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(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**)
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 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).

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 #



MONTANA HAM ASSISTS IN RESCUE OF FELLOW AMATEUR 600 MILES AWAY

From the ARRL News

On Sunday, September 21, Bob Williams, N7ODM, of Bozeman,

Montana, was just tuning around on 40 meters, giving his rig a test just before a scheduled QSO with his brother Rich, K7URU, in Spokane, when he heard a faint CW signal around 1 PM (MDT): Glenn Russell Ruby Jr, W7AU, of Corvallis, Oregon had broken his leg and was using a portable radio and Morse code to send out a call

for help. Williams said he was able to understand the injured man's code even when his signal became very weak.

"He called me. He must have heard me testing out the radio. When I finished, I signed off with my call, and then I heard, 'N7ODM, this is W7AU/7,' so I

answered," Williams told the ARRL. "I told him to go ahead, I had solid copy. He told me that he was a hiker that had fallen and broken his leg. He identified himself as Russ, provided information as to his GPS coordinates, the shelter, food and water on hand, as well as his detailed physical condition. He told me exactly who I needed to contact for assistance."

According to Williams, Ruby had slipped on a wet rock and broken his leg while out hiking in the Buck Creek Pass area of the high Cascades in Western Washington, 600 miles away from Williams. "Russ really had his act together," Williams said. "Before he even called for help, he set up his tent. It was raining when he fell, so he climbed into his tent and got into some warm clothes and had a snack of sunflower seeds and dried apricots. After that, he strung up a wire antenna, fired up his Elecraft K1 and called me." Williams said that Ruby told him he had a "couple of weeks worth of battery power" for the radio.

Ruby asked Williams to notify the Snohomish County Search and Rescue in Washington State. "I didn't have their number, so I called my local 911 dispatcher. All they had was the info for King County in Washington, so I called them and they gave me the number for Snohomish. When I got a hold of Snohomish County Search and Rescue, they asked me to obtain additional info from Russ, such as the color of his tent and if he was in a clear or wooded area, and remain in contact with him as long as possible," Williams said.

"Russ and I were able to maintain contact until about 8 PM on Sunday, during which time I was able to pass additional traffic between Russ and Search and Rescue, but then his signal got so weak where I couldn't copy it anymore. Before he faded, we had agreed to try and make contact in the morning. I tried, starting around 6:30, but he never heard me. I finally heard him calling me around 9 on 7.051 MHz. We kept

in contact until he was evacuated from the site by Search and Rescue at about 10:35 AM," Williams told the ARRL.

On Sunday, rescue crews reached Ruby, who had set up camp on Buck Creek Pass, at about 6000 feet just west of the Chelan County line. He was taken to safety Monday on horseback. Williams said that bad weather Sunday prevented a helicopter rescue: "It was snowing all night; Russ told me that when he woke up Monday morning, his tent was all covered in snow."

"I just happened to be at the same frequency," Williams said. "It's just a stroke of luck that turned out great. It was quite an experience. I'm just glad that he was a ham radio operator and that I was able to talk to him. It made the difference for him. What I did was not anything special. I'd like to think that any ham in Montana would've done the same thing."

Here are a few of pictures of the "Tower Disassembly Team" at work.





SILENT KEY EQUIPMENT SALE

Mel Lenczewski, KG7EV

I have been asked by Mel's wife to list the following equipment for sale. All of this equipment is in excellent to very good condition and working 100%. Most all has original packing, manuals and receipts. All equipment is located in Sycamore, IL.

If you have any interest in this equipment please contact **Fran Lenczewski** directly at kg7ev@yahoo.com or call 815-761-7220

Thanks

Bob Yurs W9ICU - EC DeKalb County

Icom 746Pro with matching power supply. As new, original packing \$1175.00

Icom 706MKIIG HL Vhf/Uhf Transceiver, includes MB-62 Mobil mounting bracket - OPC-581 seperation cable - MB-63 Mounting brackets As new original packing \$900.00

MFJ-949E Versa Tuner - 300W As new, original packing \$125.00

MFJ Anylizer Mod. 259B As new, original packing \$225.00

Yaesu/Vertex VX-150 2meter HT - Includes extra battery pack, manuals, cigar lighter adaptor and Speaker Mic. As new, original packing \$125.00

Radio Shack 10 meter mobil 25w w/10m mag mount antenna. Like new, original packing \$75.00

Micronta 12v Power Supply 60w, 2.5amp. Like new \$15.00

Pyramid 12v Power Supply 10amp. Used but good working condition \$15.00

Duplexer Model CF-706. New \$35.00

B&W TVI Low Pass Filter Model FL-10/1500. New \$45.00

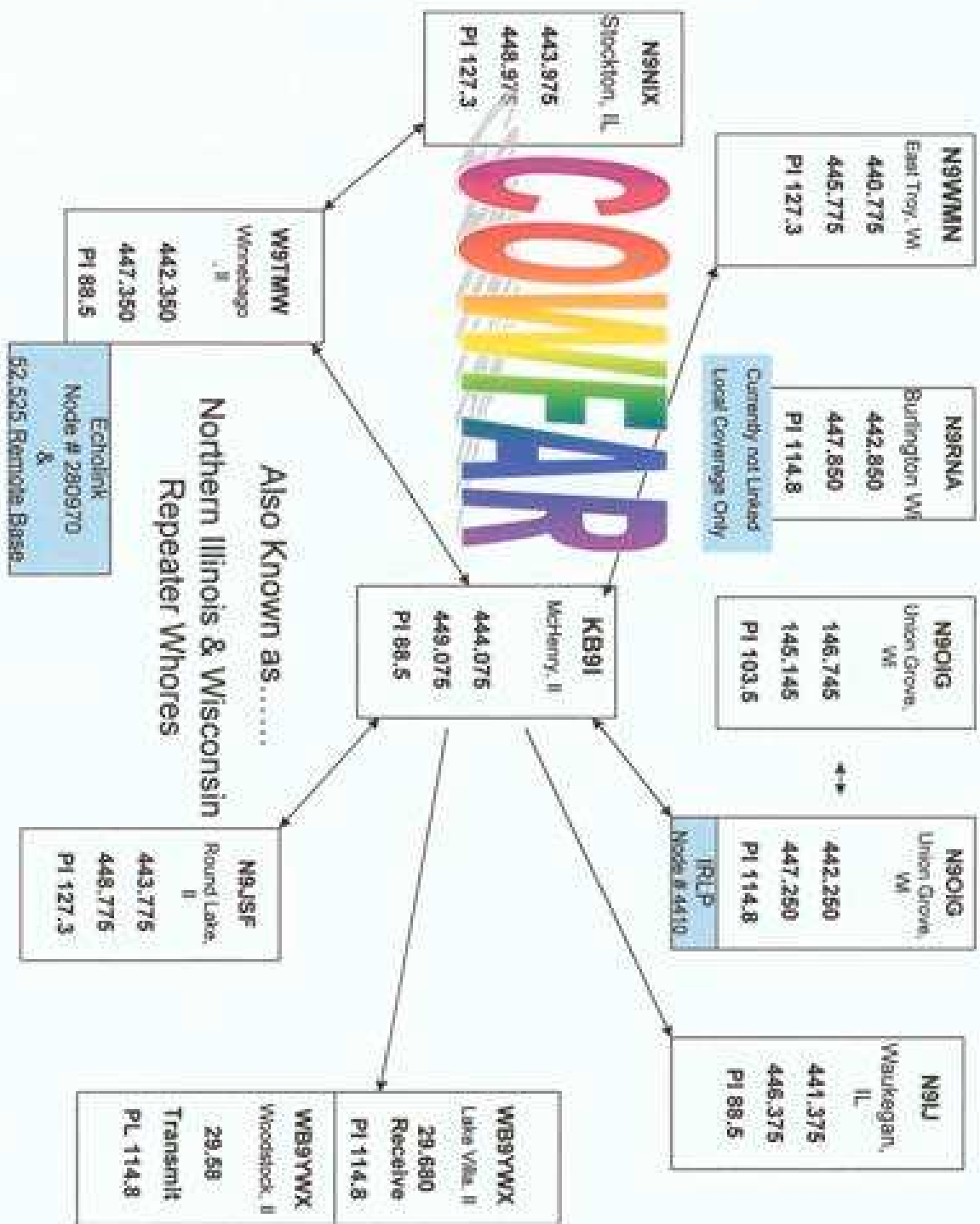
B&W 5 Position Coax Switch. Good Condition \$15.00

Bucking Current Generator Mod. 475-430. Good Condition \$5.00

Archer SWR Meter. Good condition \$5.00

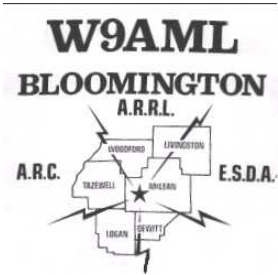
Archer Coaxial Surge Protector. New in package \$5.00

Dummy Load 15w mod. Like New \$15.00



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