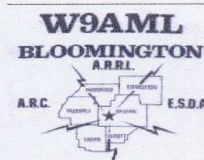


# CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

## Short CIRCuits



October 2009

### From the President

**September Meeting,  
Wednesday the 28<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 PM at the Red Cross  
on Eastport Ct.**

For me, things seem a little slow in amateur radio this month. Too many other things going on. We did get together at Chuck's (WB9UUS) house to put up his 20 meter Monobander. Everything went smoothly and the antenna is up. I hope you have been more active than I have.

I think it would be a good idea to solicit radio activity (no pun intended) among members each month at the meetings. Lets give it a try this month. So, keep track of some of your most favorite moments and contacts on the radio.

Sharing building projects might interest some of the members. Bring your ideas to the meeting this Wednesday night.

Because of the involvement of some of us in emergency communications a few of us have developed a "to go" kit. I will bring the one I have started to show. Keith, AC9S, has a more complete kit than mine. I will see if he will bring his. These kits are good for more than emergency uses. Field day, testing a radio away from your house, or just having things handy in one place are just a few reasons to have a "to go" kit.

We will also pass around the menu for the December holiday dinner. We need to let the people at Swingers Restaurant what we would like. I have to let them know two weeks in advance, so we can't wait until the November meeting to decide.

What do you know about APRS? If you are like me, not much. At the meeting this Wednesday you will have the chance to hear a presentation on APRS by Gary Huber, AB9M. You will be able to ask questions and by the end of the after-the-meeting program you will be able to set up your own APRS. When I rode in the bicycle ride in Springfield I saw some portable APRS packages that they used in the support vehicles to track their locations. Gary will be able to tell/show us how these

are set up. Norm, WB9ZKS has a he uses on his bicycle. I hope he will be able to bring it to the meeting. APRS isn't just for positioning and Gary will be covering other uses.

Hope to see you at the meeting.  
73's  
Ed, KC9GF

### CIRC September Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2009

Vice-President Jim Shaffer (WB9UWA) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Twenty three members and one guest were present. We welcomed our guest, Ian Goldsmith (N9LIO) to our meeting. Ed is in Germany.

The newsletter contained the minutes for the August meeting. Jim asked if there were any corrections to the August meeting minutes. There were none and Gary Huber (AB9M) made a motion that the minutes be accepted as published. After a second by Mike Sallee (KC9FWL) the motion passed.

Treasurer Norm Huber (N9ZKS) provided a summary of the financial status of the club. He reported that the checking account had \$783.31 and the savings account had \$646.23. Norm reported that he just paid the yearly fee of \$72.00 for the P. O. Box, so the checking account now contains \$711.31. Gary made a motion that we accept the report. After a second by Richard Kempf (WD9HRU) the motion passed.

Jim opened the discussion to items of Old Business. Andy Stuffleie (WX9RSO) will be here later and he will have applications for those that want to join our ARES group and he will answer questions on the signs for our vehicles. The sign will be 8" by 17" and the cost will be \$13.90 per sign. We also discussed the Mentoring Program and Jim talked about this being a great way to reach out and make some new friends and also friends for the club. We need to get a list of members who are willing to be a mentor as well as what is their interest and any special radio interests. The names can be shared during the class at Heartland Community College, on the website, and the Yahoo group. Gary offered to setup the names on the website.

Norm read a letter of appreciation from the Tour DeWitt for the assistance we gave to the bicycle ride at Clinton.

They would like to have us help again next year. He also discussed his visit to the Peoria ARES group. They are very active, doing about four community events a year plus assisting in emergencies. They also have a trailer for a Command Post. Rick asked how the dinner went related to the Kickapoo Pow Wow. Keith Hanson (AC9S) said it was just fine and that they would really like to have us help again next year.

We discussed taking down the tower and selling some more items from Floyd Hoffman's estate at the Peoria Ham Fest. Gary suggested that each of us do an inventory of our equipment, attach a value to each item, and name someone or a group to handle the sale. This will help our family deal with the sale of our equipment after we are gone.

Andy joined the meeting and discussed the signs and activities of the ARES group. After some discussion, Ralph Bolt K0HML made a motion that the club pay for 50% of the cost of the first sign. The member would pay the rest and all the cost for any additional signs. This will cost the club about \$140.00. After a second by Keith, the motion passed. Andy is ready to order the signs, but he needs to work with Norm so they can place a deposit of about 1/2 the cost with the order. All members ordering signs should see Norm and pay for their signs ASAP.

Jim opened the meeting to New Business items. Andy and Keith reported on the recent three day disaster drill. Everyone they worked with really thought that the ARES group did a great job. Andy passed out certificates of appreciation to those who participated. We hope to get an antenna at the airport and maybe a local hospital. We do need to improve on how we layout the coax and antennas. Andy invited everyone to attend the next ARES meeting, on October 21 (Monday) at 7:00 PM at the EMA garage. Norm mentioned a card he got from a new firm that sells parts online, called [www.project-parts.com](http://www.project-parts.com).

Jim 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 PM on 146.790 (103.5 PL), the 10 meter Net at 8:30 PM, the 2 Meter Net at 9 PM.

Mark Snyder (AB9MP) made a motion that we adjourn. After a second by Larry Mays (KB9BPH) the motion passed. Grant Zehr (AA9LC) gave a most interesting and exciting presentation on using amateur satellites to communicate. While this form of the hobby has a number of unique challenges, it also requires minimum equipment and even lets you talk to people on the International Space Station.

Submitted by Mike Sallee (KC9FWL)

**A couple of pictures from our high flying tower installer, Erick N9DOA.**



## 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.	146.790	(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	(103.5 PL) 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	Sometimes Trader's Net follows ARES Net held on 442.250
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 ( <b>NEW</b> )
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 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 #

## 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)

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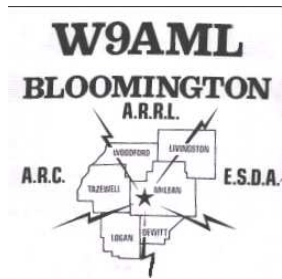
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**Meeting Wednesday October 28**

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