

The topic of creating a Nominating Committee for 2012 officers was discussed. We also talked about when to elect officers and when they would be installed. It was decided that Tom and Norm would look for a copy of the By Laws and determine what they say about all of this. We need to notify ARRL and the State of Illinois when we install new officers. Ed Deutsch (KC9GF) talked about making some great contacts on his Flex radio using just 5 watts. Rich also talked about contacts, including one in Africa. Overall the bands continue to open up. Jim talked about his Mickey Mouse radio and an AM radio that he converted to 160 meters for listening. Rich discussed an article in Defense Electronics about the Army's efforts to purchase a large number of new radios to test. The will be replacing all of their radios in the near future. The cost per radio works out to be about \$8,000 each.

Ed reviewed some nets that are active and mentioned that they are redoing the script and members list for the 160 meter net that meets Sunday morning. Grant made a motion that we update the newsletter to show the various

sideband traffic nets. After a second by Tom, the motion passed.

Gary reminded the members that we have our Coffee Klatch 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 ARES Net at 8:00 pm, the 10 meter Net at 8:30 pm and the 2 Meter Net at 9 pm. Anyone with an item for the Newsletter should send it to Norm or Ed.

Ed made a motion that we adjourn. After a second by Norm, the motion passed. For the presentation portion of the meeting, Rich and Jim showed pictures and discussed the contest station in Trivoli, IL that is being setup by Craig Thompson. Trivoli is east of Peoria on route 116. It is on 17 acres and most of the discussion was about all the towers and antennas being setup

Submitted by Mike Sallee (KC9FWL)

McLean County ARES/SKYWARN October Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2011

Member Andy Stubblefield (K9EMA) called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Thirteen members were present. Andy passed out an agenda for the meeting, a sign-in sheet for attendees, and we proceeded discuss the agenda items.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday the 16th of November at the Grand Café restaurant in downtown Bloomington. This will be our Christmas dinner.

1. Andy reviewed the MCDC Disaster Drill conducted October 1. Overall it was an excellent drill as it pointed out areas that need to be changed or modified. The drill started late and the news media did not show up. Andy was expected to handle 4 radios, doing different things with each. He could not do this, showing the need for more operators. Overall there was confusion as to who was to do what for a couple of positions and BroMenn had confusion in there emergency room. So the flow of injured into and out of the hospitals was not smooth. A detailed review of the drill will be held next Tuesday. Contact Andy if you want to attend; everyone is welcome.
2. Andy said that they are now going to plan the drills for the next three years. For 2012 it will be a Strategic Stockpile disaster and 2013 it will be an Airport disaster. For 2012 the communication focus will be on StarCom, so we will have to decide what to do for radios. If you have any

suggestions for drills, let Andy know. We might be able to get something for 2014.

3. The presentation planned for tonight was cancelled. Those making the presentation have been getting ready for certification of their Technical Rescue Team in Champaign/Urbana this weekend. The presentation will be rescheduled.
4. We are planning to have a joint meeting with the McLean County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps early in 2012. We are going talk to them about what our AREAS/SKYWARN group can do for them.
5. Tom and Andy met with the local Red Cross chapter to see what they expect from us and what we can do for them. Tom said the Red Cross no longer has any radios; they will use landlines and cell phones. We need to be ready to help them with communication if the disaster impacts the phones. We should each have a TO GO kit ready. It should include a radio, long live battery and a good antenna. We will need to be able to communicate on HF (not just via a repeater). This is because the repeater could be down and we will need to communication into various counties served by our Red Cross chapter. We may also need to communicate with other Red Cross chapters.

Tom plans to schedule a drill where we go out to distant locations and see how well we can communicate via our ARES net. He also has copies of the volunteer form for the Red Cross. They have changed some of their procedures, so

we can now volunteer just to do communications as an ARES member. Please see Tom for an application form. With training, we could also provide an initial assessment of the disaster, thus assisting the Red Cross by also being able to communicate this to them. The next class will be Saturday October 29th, from 8 am to Noon at the local Red Cross office. Let Tom know if you plan to attend.

- 6. In February we will have a First Aid class with the Health Department and the Medical Reserve Corps. There is a small fee (like \$5) for a book and the instructor.
- 7. We will NOT have a meeting in December.
- 8. Tom and Andy met with the Red Cross and discussed the Memo of Understanding (MOU). One word needs to be changed. When that is done, the CIRC and Red Cross will sign the MOU. It will cover the CIRC and our ARES group, so we do not need one from each group.
- 9. Andy distributed copies of the agenda for the October meeting of the Tri-County ARES group. They have changed their name to Central Illinois ARES group. Anyone is welcome to attend, just let Andy know. Please review the agenda as it

includes the repeater frequencies being used by Tazewell, City of Peoria, Woodford and McLean counties for ARES activities. We should add them to our radios so we are ready if we get called out to another county to help.

- 10. Norm noted that the October issue of CQ focuses on emergency communications. Various members discussed nets that they have been listening to or joining related to ARES in our state. You can now get a NOAA 5 minute rush hour weather forecast at 0700, 0715, 0730, and 0745 Monday to Friday mornings on 147.195 - PL 97.4. Lincoln weather is working to restore and use 147.345 – PL 103.5 again.
- 11. Tom would like all of us to bring our GO KIT to a future meeting. He will let us know which one. Have you registered with ARRL as a member of ARES? Have you completed the four required FEMA classes on communications? They are IS-00700a, 100a, 200a, and 800b in that order.

Those attending were: Gary D, Gary W, Norm, Kathy, Roberta, Jay, Ron, Doreen Roeder (N9OSU), Josh Galladay (KC9UJS), Mike, Tom, Andy, and Ed.

Submitted by Mike Sallee (KC9FWL)

AREA EXAM DATES

Following is the schedule for W5YI-VEC Amateur Radio exams for the year 2011 at the **Normal Fire station at 1300 E College Avenue. It is at the intersection of College and Blair Street, with parking behind the Fire Station, entry off Blair.**

Setup is from Noon to 1:00 normally. Exams begin at 1:00 P.M. Questions may be directed to Keith Hanson via email preferably ac9s@mchsi.com or (309) 378-4416

Please bring two forms of identification. You must have a Social Security Number. We cannot administer a test without your SSN. You will need a copy of your Current license plus any CSCE you want to apply.

Test dates for 2011 will be the following Saturdays:

- January 8 Done**
- March 12 Done**
- May 14-Done**
- July 16 Done**
- November 12 Coming Up Soon**

The club thanks Keith for his hard work in heading this testing.

Peoria Area Radio Club Testing

In addition on the alternate months VEC exams are held in Morton Public Library.

Contact Bob Bush W9WTF at tigrbob@gmail.com for more information on the Peoria Radio Club testing.

This is a list of some of the traffic handling nets on lower hf.
This is a work in progress

*ARES 3.905mhz 1st& 3rd Sunday 4:30pm local time NCS, W9FX
NCPN 3.912mhz M-F 7:00am local time (North Central Phone Net)
ISN 3.905mhz Daily 6:00pm local time (Illinois Sideband Net)KA9MZJ
Net Manager
IPN 3.857mhz M-F 4:45pm local time (Roll call on 3.940mhz only on Sunday morning
8:00am, after the IL/EMG net)(Illinois Phone Net)
IL/Emergency Net 3.940mhz 8:00am Sunday (Roll call)
9RN 7.280mhz M-F 11:00am local time (Ninth Region & CAN)
ITN 3.910mhz Daily 7:30am& 3:30pm (Indiana Traffic Net)
TCC 14.345mhz Daily 2:00pm (Good listen, mostly a closed net)
(EAN, CAN,& PAN) (Coast to coast)
75MISBN 3.985mhz Daily 0100Z 8:00pm Summer 7:pm Winter Traffic Net
Most all the region nets are on 7.280mhz and start around 10:00am local time (Zero's at
10am& Fifth region at 10:30am)
75 Meter Interstate Sideband Net 3985khz 0100Z Daily (Wed NCS)
NTS Net Manager Illinois Sideband Net 3905khz 6:00pm Daily*

**If you have a QR reader on
your Cell phone / PDA read
this.**



The following three pages are the current Constitution of the Central Illinois Radio Club. Please review since we need to revise it to confirm with our current needs as well as the states requirements for tax exempt organizations.

Central Illinois Radio Club Constitution

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Central Illinois Amateur Radio Club of Bloomington, Inc., desiring to maintain the pleasures, benefits and services of amateur radio, hereby enact the following constitution as our governing law to promote better cooperation, to develop individual efficiency, and to generally further the interest of the amateur radio service in our community, State and Nation.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be accomplished by expressed desire and compliance with membership requirements contained in the by-laws.

Voting rights shall extend to all paid up members currently holding valid amateur radio licenses.

A paid up member is any member whose dues are current. Each officer or director of the club must be a member who holds voting rights.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

SECTION 1.

The officers of this club shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

SECTION 2.

The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. The election shall be held at the first regular meeting in May, of each New Year. Newly elected officers shall be installed at the first regular meeting of September. The manner in which said election is conducted is as provided in the by-laws.

SECTION 3.

Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by an election, at the next regular meeting or as soon as practical after such vacancy has been determined to exist.

SECTION 4.

An officer may be removed from office upon a motion made in writing and approved by a three-fourths vote of the voting membership.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The **president** shall preside at all meetings of the club and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. The president shall enforce due observance of this constitution and by-laws. The president shall decide all questions of order and sign all official documents that are approved by the membership. The president shall perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of the president.

The **vice-president** shall assume all duties of the president in the absence of the latter.

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The **secretary** shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members and carry on required correspondence for the club. The secretary shall keep the constitution and by-laws of the club and have a copy available at each regular and special meeting of the club. The secretary shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted there on and shall permit the same to be consulted by any member upon request.

At the expiration of the secretary's term of office, everything in the secretary's possession belonging to the club shall be turned over to the successor to the office.

The **treasurer** shall receive and give receipt for all monies paid to the club. The treasurer shall pay no bills without membership authorization. A verbal report of the receipts disbursements and funds on hand shall be submitted to the membership at each meeting.

The treasurer, at the expiration of the treasurer's term of office, shall turn over everything in the treasurer's possession, belonging to the club, to the successor to the office.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of directors shall consist of the current officers of the club, the immediate past president of the club and one board member elected to the board by the membership.

The election is to be held with the regular annual election of officers in the same manner.

The board of directors shall, with the approval of the membership, appropriate such moneys as required for the purchase and upkeep of all club property, real estate, equipment, etc.

The term of office of the board of directors shall be for one year. Any vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same manner provided for the filling of vacancies among the officers.

The board of directors is custodian of the club amateur radio station and is hereby authorized, whenever necessary, to appoint a trustee for said station.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

The bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At all meetings a quorum shall consist of those paid up members present. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of the club and in all matters requiring a vote of the membership.

In absence of specific requirements in the constitution to the contrary, a simple majority of those members present shall constitute passage.

ARTICLE VI - DUES AND FEES

The membership may levy such dues, fees, or assessments as necessary for the conduct of the business of the club within its object as set forth in the preamble of this document.

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ARTICLE VII - BYLAWS

This club shall have full power to make bylaws for governing this club, management of its affairs, affixing of rates of contribution and shall have power to change, alter, add to or amend these bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

The president may appoint committees to carry out the activities of the club.

Bylaws

SECTION 1. Meetings.

Regular meetings of the club shall be held monthly at such place as the president may direct. The president may change or omit any meeting in the best interest of the club, providing timely notice is given to the membership. Special meetings may be called by the president upon the written request of any five members of the club. Notices shall be sent to all the members advising them of the special meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted.

SECTION 2. Dues, Fees and Assessments.

The membership shall run from January 1st. through December 31st. of each year. The annual dues shall be \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) per single household, payable on or before December 31st. of each year.

A grace period of one month will be allowed during which dues can be paid. Membership dues shall be prorated.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS

Pursuant to article II of the constitution the annual election shall be by secret ballot with nominations being made from among the membership. Prior to the election, the president may appoint a nominating committee charged with presenting a nominee for each office to be filled. The post of secretary and treasurer may, at the discretion of the club membership, be combined.

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-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.	146.940	(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	(103.5PL) 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	<i>Sometimes</i> Trader's Net follows ARES Net held on 442.250
Thursday	7:00 P.M.	50.135	Open 6 meter Net
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
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 Coffee Klatch 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.

Weekly 6 Meter Net

Every Thursday evening at 50.135 mHz at 7:00 P.M.

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 WX RACES	103.5
146.730	K9HGX	Decatur(Echolink)	123.0
146.790	WD9HRU	Bloomington	103.5 Anti PL on 107.2
146.850	K9PEO	PAARC	103.5
146.940	W9AML	McLEAN CO ARES	103.5 CTCSS
146.985	KA9YPK	Clinton	
147.015	NX9M	Normal ARES Alt.	88.5 (open*)
147.075	W9UVI	Washington	103.5 CTCSS
147.105	WA9RTI	Decatur	103.5
147.150	WD9FTV	Bloomington	103.5
147.345	K9ZM	Lincoln ESDA	103.5
147.390	WB9DUC	Pontiac FARA	127.3
442.250	WA9RTI	Decatur (ARES)	103.5
442.700	WB9UUS	Normal	107.2
443.800	K9HGX	CENOIS ARC	123.0
444.175	K9MCA	Decatur	100.0

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

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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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