



**Directions: To Roger's (WQ9E)**

We are located at 5087 Mackinaw Road on the west side of the road just before it forms a "T" intersection with Olympia Road. The easiest route from Bloomington/Normal is to take Route 9 west out of Bloomington and continue going straight west. Do not follow Route 9 when it turns north to Danvers but instead continue going straight; you are now on Route 122. Route 122 will turn south almost immediately after it begins but instead of turning keep going straight (due west) and you will be on Townline Road. You will stay on Townline Road for several miles until you come to the first stop sign. Turn left at this

stop sign and you will be driving south on Mackinaw Road. You will pass through 3 stop signs (Rt. 122, Stringtown Road, and Lagoon Road). We are located about 1.5 miles south of the third stop sign. After the third stop sign, the road will curve right (west) and then left (south); just follows the curves as your only other option is a corn field. We are located on your right (West) just before you reach Olympia Road.

To summarize, go straight west out of Bloomington using Route 9, 122, and Townline road until you reach the first stop sign, which is Mackinaw Road and turn, left on Mackinaw Road.

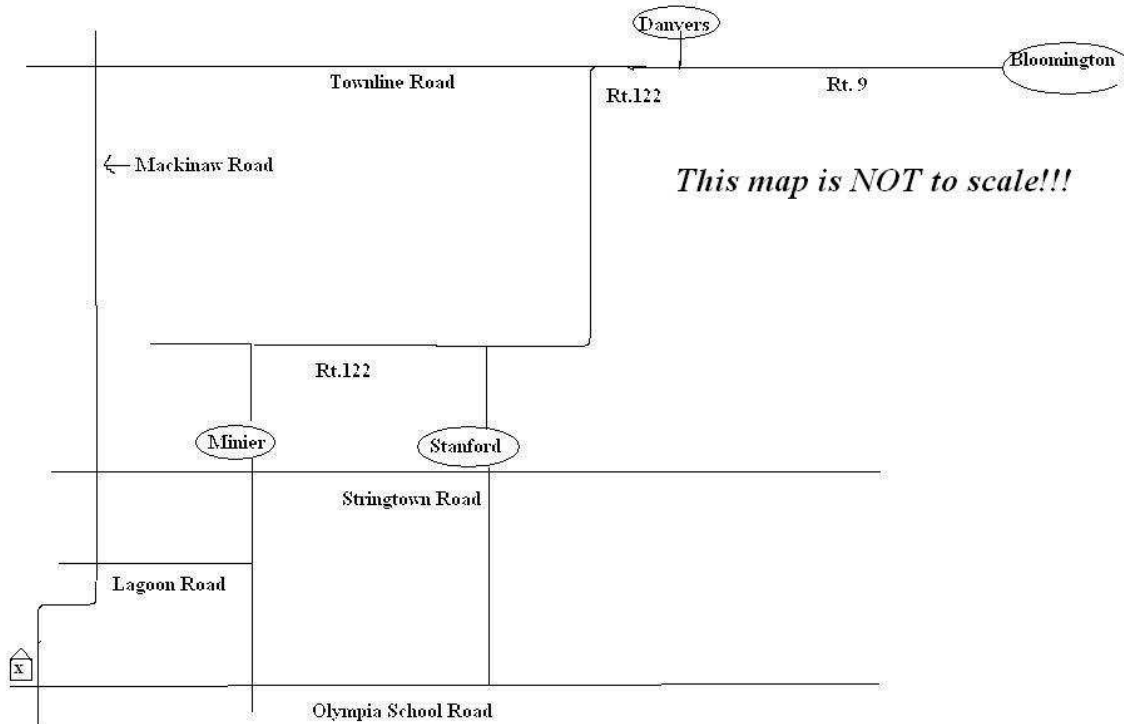
Also see the attached map.

If you live in South Bloomington and are familiar with Stringtown and/or Olympia Road those are other alternatives; just follow them until you get to Mackinaw Road.

If you decide to take Rt. 122 instead of Townline watch your speed closely from the time 122 begins until you pass over the Tazewell county line unless you care to make a donation to the village of Stanford!

73, Rodger WQ9E and Maureen KB9WIA

(309) 392-2465  
email: WQ9E@DTNSpeed.net



**For Sale**

from Paul Felth's estate (NQ9M)

CDE Rotator control box - \$75

MFJ Grand Master Keyer - \$50  
Vibroplex single paddle - chromed - \$100

Alinco 35 amp power supply - Pakratt PL232 - \$25  
metered, variable voltage - \$100

Yaesu HF Linear FL7000 solid state, 600 watts, 160 - 10. - \$750

RF Concepts 2 / 440 HT amp - 5 in and 30 out on 2, 20 out on 440. - \$80

## 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.

## EXTREME CW CONTEST

<http://www.alg.demon.co.uk/xcw/2006rules.htm>

At last - my kind of contest!

### OBJECTIVE

To promote contacts between radio operators interested in improving their morse code skills when sending and receiving messages under difficult operating conditions.

This operating event is an opportunity to remember the bravery and dedication of the countless unsung heroes who have manned their radio

stations for as long as it took to ensure that important morse code messages reached their destination, while gaining an appreciation of what it's like to maintain effective morse communication under stressful and difficult circumstances for long periods of time.

Suggested eXtreme CW (XCW) operating conditions include:

- using a simple straight key and paper logging throughout the event;
- operating from a cold, unheated shack;
- using a morse key strapped to your leg;
- using an unusual source of power;
- taking part in this event despite, perhaps, high levels of QRM, or restricted antenna space;

- using vintage station equipment typical of an earlier period.

## Bloomington VEC Exam Dates - 2006

11/11 Osborne Room  
1:00pm  
Osborne Room  
Bloomington Police Department 434-2290  
305 S East St  
Bloomington, IL  
Keith R Hanson  
AC9S  
(309) 378-4416  
[AC9S@mchsi.COM](mailto:AC9S@mchsi.COM)

## 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

(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)

## 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.

## WEATHER RADIOS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ARRL and Citizen Corp are teaming up to assist local school districts (if they need the help) to set up and register their NOAA Weather All Hazard Public Alert Radio. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Department of Education, and the Department of Homeland Security are partnering to launch a significant nation-wide project to distribute 80,000 NOAA Public Alert Radios to U.S. public schools throughout the nation. The radios are designed to signal different types of alerts ranging from weather emergencies to child abductions, and from chemical accidents to acts of terrorism. The radio acts as a sentry, standing guard 24/7, to sound an alarm when danger threatens. If your ARES group would like to assist Citizen Corps in this project, please contact your local Citizen Corps Council to offer assistance. Where there isn't a Council, please contact local Emergency Management. Contacts should not be made directly to local schools but, instead, should be made by Citizen Corps and Emergency Management to local school district superintendent's offices to ensure a coordinated plan. Assistance to schools will be provided at the request of, and in coordination with, the school district.

To locate your State Citizen Corps Council log onto

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/citizenCorps/statepoc.do>

To locate your local Citizen Corps Council log onto:

[http://www.citizencorps.gov/councils/find\\_council.shtml](http://www.citizencorps.gov/councils/find_council.shtml) or

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/citizenCorps/mycouncils.do>

To locate state offices and agencies for emergency management, you can log onto:

<http://www.fema.gov/about/contact/statedr.shtml>

To get contact information for local emergency management offices, you can email or call IAEM, The

International Association of Emergency Managers, at <info@iaem> or 703-538-1795x2 to ask for your local contact or you can click on the link for the state web sites at

<http://www.fema.gov/about/contact/statedr.shtml>

The NOAA Web site <http://public-alert-radio.nws.noaa.gov/> is the primary location for information and updates for Citizen Corps and associated volunteers for this project. The following links contain background information about the program including a document on frequently asked questions and answers about the program, Citizen Corps volunteer material for the NOAA Public Alert Radio Program, a copy of the letter that went to the schools along with a descriptive and informational brochure about the radio distribution program. If your ARES group takes part in this project with Citizen Corps or your local Emergency Management office, please report this activity to Steve Ewald, WV1X, [sewald@arrl.org](mailto:sewald@arrl.org) at ARRL Headquarters and to your ARRL Section Manager.

NOAA Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/NOAA-FAQ-update-1-9-29.pdf>

Citizen Corps Volunteer Information

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/CitizenCorpsVolunteerInfo20062.pdf>

Public Alert Letter for Schools

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/PublicAlertLetter2006.pdf>

Public Alert Radio Brochure

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/PublicAlertRadioBrochure.pdf>

### AMERICAN RED CROSS: DISASTER VICTIM SAFE AND WELL REGISTRY

In July, the American Red Cross launched a "Safe and Well" Web site to provide families with a tool to exchange welfare information with loved ones and friends in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

The site allows a disaster victim to select and post standard messages for friends and family that indicate the victim is safe and well and

will make contact when they are able. Those worried about the safety of a victim can access the site, enter either the name and telephone number or name and complete address of the person in question, and view their "safe and well" messages. See

<https://disastersafe.redcross.org/>

-- Les Rayburn, N1LF, Helena, Alabama, National Communications System; Navy MARS; ARES; SHARES; Skywarn. *Taken from The ARES E-Letter and The American Radio Relay League.*

**K9ZO - Ralph as part of the ZL8R team; great operation. Thanks Ralph!**

### ZL8R - KERMADEC

According to one of the operators the team will go QRT at 2200Z on October 17th.

The Micro-Lite Penguin team has done an incredible job operating all bands from 160 through 10 meters. They seem to have created their own "propagation" as the solar activity numbers seemed to indicate that the higher frequency bands would not allow communications from Kermadec. Their signal was never "rock crushing" but was, for the most part, quite readable. "Excellent operators who have 'great ears' " was seen and/or heard many times from those working them. I'll speak for at least most DXers in saying THANK YOU to the *Penguins* for making this one available for us. I have to say the amount of "garbage" associated with many DXpeditions was conspicuously absent during ZL8R's operation. Could it be that "the message" is finally being heard? If so, it's about time and those of us who have been pleading for an end to poor operating habits are pleased to "not" hear it. QSL ZL8R via

VE3XN. - from this weeks  
QRZ DX

Best regards,  
Gary - AB9M

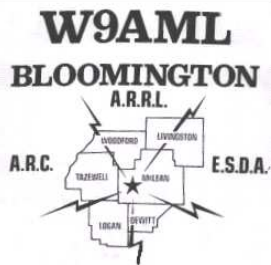
### Touring the States

What your newsletter editor does on his time off. I took a 5790 mile trip out to San Francisco up to Portland and back via the north western states. Rex (My yellow Goldwing) has now been in 36 states. It was a great trip starting with the Bun Burner Gold (1500 miles in 24 hours ) run to Nevada, wandering cross-country in Nevada, up the coast from San Francisco to Portland and back across the Rockies and plains home. Now I need to plan my next adventure.



**Meeting Wednesday October 25  
See directions and  
Location Inside**

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