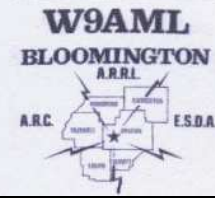


CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

Short CIRCuits



September 2006

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Family Science Day

As I write this we are in the final planning for Family Science Day at Bone Student Center – Sunday, Sept 23 from 2:00 until 8:00. Grant Zehr, AA9LC, Ralph Bellas, K9ZO, and I are going to provide a simulation of the shuttle contact that Grant was instrumental in organizing last year. We intend to have VHF / UHF antennas simulating tracking the shuttle as we play a video of the actual event from last year. We are limited to one 5 ft table with no back board, so there isn't much room for multiple demos. We will report at the next club meeting.

Fall HF Conditions:

The fall DX season is just about upon us. We are close to the equinox with equal amounts of daylight in both Northern and Southern hemispheres so propagation is particularly good on North South paths. In addition, seasonal static levels are beginning to decrease a little which helps enormously with low band dxing. I have been working lots of good stuff on 40 meter CW – Europe, Asiatic Russia, South America, Africa and the Pacific. There is something available almost every evening. I have also been having a blast with Russians on 20 – signal levels haven't been super high, but they are there almost every night – all across the country – Europe through Siberia to the Pacific.

The fall contest season is also upon us – it isn't too late to tune up antennas or get another one up. It is much easier while it is still warm than later in the cold!! I collaborated with Mark, AB9MP, in purchasing some aluminum and plan on a dedicated full

size 40M vertical with lots of radials. I might be able to do a little diversity reception with the Orion II. We will see.

Peoria Hamfest

It looks like Bloomington was well represented at the Peoria hamfest this year. I was great to see so many of you in such a relaxed, collegial space. For the first time I sat on the other side of the table and tried to sell some of Paul Felth's gear for his wife Judy. Paul was a silent key this year. We managed to work deals on some of his stuff, but much remains. I'll list some of it in the "For Sale" part of the newsletter.

Upcoming meetings:

September Meeting – Ralph Bellas, K9ZO is on track to give us an introduction to contesting and dxing. I left it up to Ralph to decide on which he will focus, but he routinely places high in the major contests, he has competed in a previous world radio championship and has helped put a number of rare ones on the air – also, he is high on the DXCC honor role. Clearly this will not be a night to miss.

October Meeting – We are invited to Roger Singley's "shack"– WQ9E – to view his vintage radio collection. I believe he has remodeled the housing for his radios and this ought to be a real treat. Since Roger lives close to Minier we can car pool from the Red Cross building. This will save a little gas and hopefully keep some of us from getting lost. Roger brought some of his collection to a club meeting last year and I was really impressed. He has a lot of the stuff some of us grew up on – Hammarlund, Hallicrafters, Collins,

Drake and others. As the coffee mug that Nettie bought me at Dayton last year says – "Real Radios Glow in the Dark".

Take care everyone. See you Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00pm at the Red Cross on Route 9 East,

Thanks –

Keith
AC9S

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.

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 – 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
Pakratt PL232 - \$25

CIRC August Meeting Minutes

Norm N9ZKS gave treasurer's

37.00 received last month
68.97 spent

current amounts:
SV 639.41
CK 118.12

Gary AB9M motioned to accept, Rick WD9HRU 2nded

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Chuck N9RZV read last month's minutes, Gary AB9M motioned to accept, Rick WD9HRU 2nded

Eric N9DOA thanked us for his "surprise" gift after working at our repeater site.

Our local Echolink connection via KB9LNS link still down, Keith AC9S & Norm N9ZKS,

Keith to speak with John KB9LNS regarding repair activity (sound card) Since we can have multiple nodes into 146.94 / 34, LON (call?) offered a computer for Echolink operation for an alternate site.

discussion ensued, Plus task list of 3 topics:

> KB9LNS link

> Lon (call?) computer/link

> Chuck N9RZV ARC router access ports for Echolink at ARC station. Keith to get ARC contact person info to him.

ARC site antenna work:

ARC head Sondra asked Keith about beam antenna in back yard, plan this next Saturday to install & get out of the yard

(mowing issue). Keith told her we'd take care of it.

Norm N9ZKS to bring a ringo ranger 2m ant he has plus a 440 antenna, Gary AB9M may make duplexer to share the feedline coax between the 2 antennas.

Connie KB9IGT mentioned inclement weather is pending this weekend, planned starting at 5pm Friday night instead.

More details regarding mounting, arms, rotor & controller discussed.

Dan's K9OAT & N9NSN, Norm N9ZKS, Jim WB9UWA and more planned to install. A show of hands for attendees.

New business:

A UHF MiCOR surplus repeater at State Farm has been offered to N1SF per Gary AB9M, Mike W9FWL not here to discuss.

Gary suggested we could have installed at Corn Belt site aimed this way for crossband. Discussion ensued.

Estimated changeover to amateur use perhaps \$500 for crystals, retuning circuits, cavities.

Keith AC9S to talk to Mike tomorrow about acquiring process.

Connie KB9IGT, noted the Ecology Action Center has waste recycling project including electronic equipment, She or Chuck N9RZV will send information to Norm. (done)

Norm N9ZKS said the Boy Scouts of America has new group for older youth in the 14 to 21 year range, called "Venture Crew", it focuses on interests and hobbies for that age group. Events like JOTA, etc. The core team of "Venture Crew" will attend our next month's meeting to see what we do as hams & tell us what their interests are & how we can better address the youth and Amateur Radio.

Concern about Mykal's situation, Ron KB9FPY would be happy to bring him to meetings. Eric N9DOA offered to provide Mykal's email address so we could contact him as he's moved recently.

Rick WD9HRU talking about ILLINOIS Repeater Association with 440 link coordination (range 440-442). Doesn't appear to be a problem. Jim WB9UWA has radio almost ready, just tweeking now.

Keith / future programs:
Ralph K9ZO / DXing or DXpeditions, contesting... for September.

Roger WQ9E in Minier, to host us over to show his vintage radios, for October

Mike Salee N9WFL, made a monetary donation to the club for various usage.

Introductions around. Had 1 visitor Keith "Mike" Ogan, invited by Gary AB9M.

Discussion about our current ARRL affiliation, dues, etc.

Eldon KB9PZA has some out-of-date information on the website, Gary AB9M to assist getting corrected.

Meeting adjourned, Rick WD9HRU motioned, Connie KB9IGT 2nded. Carried.

17 attendees

VERIZON WIRELESS NETWORK CARD

Hi Norm. I would like to offer an Internet PC card to be used on a laptop for the Verizon wireless network. It works through the Verizon Cellular network. I have just recently canceled my service with them and no longer need it. I will gladly give it away at no cost. Thanks, David Peters/KA9NAQ/309-287-9058.

Bloomington VEC Exam Dates - 2006

11/11 Osborne Room

1:00pm

Osborne Room
Bloomington Police Department 434-2290
305 S East St
Bloomington, IL

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AC9S

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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 Newslines
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	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 (NEW)
Sunday	8:30 P.M.	147.075	Open Net with Newslines

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

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

* 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.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION COMING

Clean out your garage or basement this fall. Sponsored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Ecology Action Center and the University of Illinois Extension, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection will take place **Saturday, October 7, 2006** from **8 AM-3 PM** at the **Interstate Center**, 2301 W. Market St. in Bloomington. This is your chance to get rid of any potentially hazardous materials you may have around your house or garage.

Acceptable wastes: oil-based paints, paint thinners, pesticides and lawn chemicals, old gasoline, pool chemicals, mercury, cleaning products, hobby chemicals, household or lead acid batteries, solvents, drain cleaners, aerosol products, fluorescent bulbs, and fire extinguishers. The materials will be collected by the IEPA and properly disposed of. We will have a special Saturday Collection of Electronics at

this Event. Get rid of your unwanted electronics on Saturday, October 7.

Help us spread the word. If you have anyone you can tell or if you have a newsletter, email group, even a group of friends that might benefit from knowing about this event, please let them know. For more information see Our website www.ecologyactioncenter.org

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They can be reached at (309) 454-3169, fax (309) 454-7508
11am-6pm Monday thru Thursday,
11am-5pm Friday.

Morton Testing:

Generally, testing will be held on the third Saturday of the even numbered months.

Testing starts at noon and will end at my discretion.

If you plan on testing be sure to be there by noon.

Testing fee is \$14.

Dates are as follows:

10/21/06

12/16/06

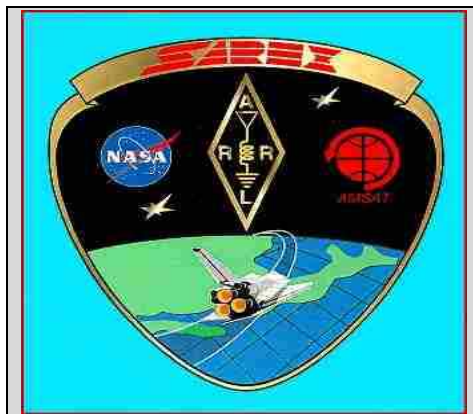
Test location:

Morton Public Library

315 W Pershing St.

Morton, IL

Call (309) 263-2200 for more info



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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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Jack Gerritsen (Ex-KG6IRO)

The Federal Case against Jack Gerritsen (Ex-KG6IRO) is now done, pending the appeals process by his court appointed attorney. As you remember, Jack was convicted back in Dec 2005 for his 6 Federal crimes.

Today, 9-18-06 at 1:45 P.M. at the Roybal Federal Court, 255 E. Temple St., Los Angeles, Room 850. There were approximately 16 hams and Law Enforcement represented at the sentencing, as well as Mr. Gerritsen's family. Prior to sentencing, Mr. Gerritsen addressed the court stating "I would like to apologize to the Government, the FCC, and the Amateur Radio Community,I'm sorry and I apologize to everyone here." The Judge listened to the defendant's attorney who recommended 2 years for his sentence as a more than appropriate sentence for this case. The USDA Lamar Baker said that based on his prior actions/convictions, the government recommends that the term of 46 months (3 yrs, 8 months) would be a more appropriate sentence on this case.

After the Judge heard both arguments, he brought down the following statements/sentence: "How many times have you said you would not do this again"? But based on your history, you come back again and again for this. I believe you will continue to do it, and it would send the wrong message to others, that 5 years is not long enough either! Your 15 prior misdemeanor convictions, transmitting from the roof of the

Court House, bringing a suspicious package that was blown up at another federal building, including the possible loss of life when looking for a missing vessel and when the Red Cross had it's disaster, that this is all significant enough and substantial to bring the following."

"You are hereby ordered to pay a fine of \$225.00 to be paid immediately, and on count 1, you are fined \$15,000.00 to be paid through the Probation dept."

"I sentence you on, Count 1, (U.S. Title 18, Section 1362, Transmitting on a Government Freq.) for a term of 84 MONTHS (7 years), with 2 years supervised probation upon completion of your sentence. On your additional counts, they will run concurrent with count 1."

"You must participate in substance abuse (Drug treatment) and alcohol classes/program, paid for at Mr. Gerritsen's expense."

"You cannot use any moniker including your previous Amateur radio license call sign. You can only use your real name when identifying yourself."

"You cannot OWN, POSSESS or USE any radio broadcasting equipment."

Mr. Gerritsen will be on 2 years supervised probation when he gets out of Federal prison, and it is the court's recommendation he remain in custody in the Southern California area.

2006 Peoria Superfest Just a few pictures from the CIRC area.



DECATUR OLD FASHIONED HARVEST SATURDAY - Oct. 21, 2006

8:00AM - 1:00PM Richland Community College
Corner of Rea's Bridge & Brush College Roads
DECATUR, ILLINOIS
OUTSIDE FREE FLEA MARKET SETUP AT 8:00AM

Admission fee \$5.00 per person, age 16 and above.



Indoor Flea Market and Commercial Space
Available—\$5/table Come Rain or Shine!!!
Hamfest Info: Will Jahr, K9VQA, Chairman
Ph. (217) 429-6434
E-Mail: k9vqa1@juno.com

License Exam starts at 10:00 AM Walk-In Only
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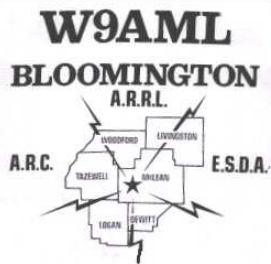
Valuable Main Drawing held at 1:00pm
--PLUS Hourly Drawings

Refreshments will be available
Talk-in Frequencies
146.730- pl 123.0
442.250+ pl 103.5



Meeting Wednesday September 27

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