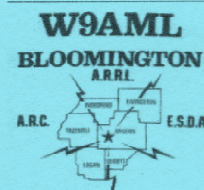


Next Meeting Wednesday Oct 23, 2013

Central Illinois Radio Club October 2013 Newsletter

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

Short CIRCuits



October 2013

**Oct Meeting,
Wednesday the 23rd
7:00 PM at the Red Cross**

From the President

The fall weather continues to be generally pleasant and antenna work continues in the CIRC community. Gary AB9M is replacing his tower and beam with new tower and and a new HyGain TH-7 tribander. Work should be winding up there this week. Keith AC9S is making plans for a tower and antennas at their new home. Keith and Jim WB9EDL are doing some serious re-cycling by taking their Rohn steel tower sections over to Peoria to have them re-galvanized. It's rather a lot of work to get the tower down and haul it over, but if the tower is coming down anyhow, it makes great sense. We'll be expecting a report on how it works out for them.

With the help of Dennis KE9UA, Tom KJ9P, Keith AC9S and Gary AB9M I was able to get my tri-bander (now a five bander) back up on my tower. With the WARC kit installed the TA-33 now covers 12 and 17 meters along with 10, 15, and 20 meters. The VSWR was rather high initially, but settled in after I repositioned the balun and clipped out an unneeded connecting strap. That last step involved reading the instructions, a step I had apparently neglected earlier! Others are no doubt finishing up their antenna projects as well.

With the late fall coming on, there are lots of operating activities and contests on the HF bands. This weekend there were at least 2 QSO parties going full speed. The ARRL Sweepstakes contest is in November with both CW and phone contests (on separate weekends). There are lot's of stations (in the US and Canada) participating and it's a good way to build your skills while adding stations to your log for the WAS awards. Check the ARRL website for information on the correct "exchange" for the Sweepstakes contest. Or ask one of the club "Old Timers" who have done Sweepstakes before. Maybe this will be the year AA9LC gets on the air for Sweepstakes.

This will be a bonus month for the club, with Duane KC9PIM inviting the club out to his place for an old fashioned wiener roast. It should be great fun! Bring the family!

Our meeting this month should be a good one, with Bob Risser KB9BOJ discussing how to get one of the small "USB DVB-T Sticks" running as a HF/VHF/UHF receiver. It's an inexpensive way to get a REALLY full coverage receiver working and to get some experience with SDR technology. This type of receiver was featured in the January 2013 issue of QST ("Cheap and Easy SDR" p. 30), so you might want to look at that article again before the meeting.

See you on Wednesday!

Grant Zehr AA9LC

CIRC meeting – October 23, 2013
Agenda

1. Introductions and new members
2. Minutes of September 2013 meeting - KC9PIM
3. Treasurer's report -N9ZKS
4. Station manager's report -KJ9P
5. Repeater Committee report
6. Bylaws changes -KC9PIM
7. SK equipment donation update -AA9LC
8. Half Marathon report
9. Route 66 participation update -AA9LC
10. Tower and zoning update -KE9UA

Minutes of the September 25, 2013 regular meeting of the Central Illinois Radio Club (CIRC)

September 25, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of CIRC was called to order by incoming President, Grant Zehr (AA9LC) at 7 PM.

It was noted that the minutes of the regular August 2013 meeting had been published in the September Newsletter. On motion by Gary Huber (AB9M) and seconded by Dennis Mills (KE9UA), the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Norm Huber (N9ZKS) reported that the club's checking account currently had a balance of \$581.03 after prepayment of the fee for next year's Peoria Super fest. On motion by Ed Deutsch (KC9GF) and seconded by Tom Planer (KJ9P), the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

The club then discussed the need for an interim manager for the club's radio station. Tom Planer offered to fill the post. On motion by Gary Huber and second by Keith Hanson (AC9S), Tom was unanimously appointed to be the interim station manager. Tom indicated his first action will be to complete the inventory of equipment on loan from the SF club and make a recommendation as to which equipment is not currently needed.

Vice President Jim (Earl) Shaffer (WB9UWA) spoke on behalf of the Repeater Committee and noted that the Committee needed a chairperson. He recommended that Dennis Mills (KE9UA) fill that position. On motion by Gary Huber and second by Tom Planer, Dennis Mills was appointed to the position.

Rick Suhadolc (N9CKL) indicated he had begun negotiations with the City of Bloomington to draft a lease for space on the Hamilton Avenue water tower for the club's repeater antennas, transceivers and related equipment.

Chuck Henderson (WB9UUS) then discussed a proposed sequence of events to transfer the repeaters from the current site to the proposed water tower site.

A discussion then ensued regarding the ownership of ham radio equipment at the McLean County EMA site.

Duane Benjamin, KC9PIM, then discussed his invitation to club members and their families to attend a club wiener roast to be held on Saturday, October 19th at 6:30 PM on his farm 5 miles east of Towanda, IL (24251 E 1900 North Rd, Towanda, IL). Members are asked to bring a dish to share.

Gary Huber announced that he was donating 4 coils of hardline totaling 485 ft. The hard-line is to be used for club purposes or, if not needed, to be sold by the club to generate cash for the treasury.

Dennis Mills then recounted the status of various actions by the Town of Normal through its attorney to deny him the use and enjoyment of his amateur radio tower structure. He noted that the antenna structure (tower) was built in accordance with the permit issued to him by the Town. The Town is apparently objecting to the fact that he installed an antenna on his antenna structure.

Duane Benjamin (KC9PIM) then indicated that the Constitution/By-Laws Committee had proposed changes to the club's By-Laws. Several copies of the draft were handed out to members in attendance. A copy will also be posted on the club reflector and web site in the near future.

The president then announced that silent key and club member, Ellen C Hardy (KA9CJA), had left her ham radio equipment to the club. The club will send acknowledgement of the gift and express its condolences to Ms. Hardy's family.

Josh Golladay (KC9UJS) then discussed the ½ marathon that was being held this coming weekend. The sponsors had again asked for club members to volunteer. Start and finish is to be on Rabb Road at the East View Christian Church. Josh also discussed a Cub Scout JOTA event to be held October 19th.

The president then introduced guests Jim Austin KE7MVO and his wife Sonia Austin (W7WTE) from Yuma Arizona. He also greeted new club member Ed Borst K0UWM.

Ed Deutsch reported that immediate past president Gary Dearth was recovering from surgery and was in month long rehab at St. Francis in Peoria. On motion by ED Deutsch, with second by Norm Huber, the club voted to send flowers to Gary Dearth.

Gary Huber, (AB9M) announced that the inactive State Farm Radio Club, N1SF, had officially changed its name to State Farm Retirees, Alumni and Associates Radio Club. The call and license remains the same.

Incoming president, Grant Zehr, announced that following the meeting he would make a presentation and then lead a discussion of future directions of the club.

On motion by Ed Deutsch and second by Josh Gollaway, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Benjamin (KC9PIM), Secretary



AB9M ant going up KJ9P-AB9M and family



**AB9M old tower coming down Workers
AC9S-AA9LC**



WA8MCD New Antenna



AB9M's Antenna AA9LC and AC9S on tower.



The great Party at KC9PIM's Farm

-Nets in the Area

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| 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 Tazewell County ESDA Net |
| Tuesday | 8:00 P.M. | 146.790 (103.5 PL) McLean County ARES/Skywarn 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 Newline |
| 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 | 7:00 P.M. | 50.135 Open 6 meter Net |
| 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 |
| Sunday | 08:15 A.M. | 1.915 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 Newline |
| 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)

Regular Calendar of Events

Daily Coffee Klatch Monday thru Friday

.....9:00 a.m. at Dairy Queen Veterans at Cub's

.....**XYL's Join the OM's Monday and Friday**

Weekly ARIS/SKYWARN Net

Every Tuesday evening on the 146.790 repeater at 8:00 p.m.

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.

Weekly 160 Meter AM Net **NOTE FREQUENCY**

Every Sunday morning at 1.915 MHz at 8:15 A.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)

AREA EXAM DATES

Following is the schedule for W5YI-VEC Amateur Radio exams for the year 2013. 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.

Remaining Test dates for 2013 will be the following Saturdays:

November 9

Central Illinois Area Repeaters

| Freq | Callsign | Location | PL |
|---------|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 144.390 | N9PE-2 | Bloomington APRS | Digipeater |
| 145.390 | N9EZJ | Lincoln WX RACES | 103.5 |
| 146.730 | K9HGX | Decatur(Echolink) | 123.0 |
| 146.790 | WD9HRU | McLEAN CO ARES | 103.5 Anti PL on 107.2 |
| 146.850 | K9PEO | PAARC | 103.5 |
| 146.940 | W9AML | CIRC Club - ARES Back Up | 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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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 should be received by the 15th of the month and may be snail or e-mailed to the editor at:

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**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CLUB CONSTITUTION
AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS**

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.

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.

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.

By-Laws of the Central Illinois Radio Club Constitution

Bylaws

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SECTION 2. Dues, Fees and Assessments.

The membership shall run from January 1st. through December 31st. of each year. ~~The annual and dues for same shall be \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) per single household, payable on or before December 31st. January 1st of each that year. A grace period of one month will be allowed during which dues can be paid.~~

Annual dues shall be \$30 per year for a single member household and \$40 per year for a multiple member household. A determination of the household status shall be made once per year at the date of application and resulting dues shall not change during the year. Membership dues shall be prorated with respect to members that join during the year.

A person who has never previously held membership status in the club shall have his/her dues waived for the first year or remaining portion thereof.

The members may, by vote of a majority of paid up members, set such other fees or assessments as may be necessary or desirable and are in the spirit of the preamble of the constitution of the club.

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SECTION 3. ELECTIONS

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Prior to the election, the president may appoint a nominating committee charged with presenting a nominee for each office to be filled. Any member present may also make a nomination. The post of secretary and treasurer may, at the discretion of the club membership, be combined.

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