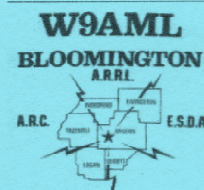


Next Meeting Wednesday Sep 25, 2013

Central Illinois Radio Club September 2013 Newsletter

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

Short CIRCuits



September 2013

**Sep Meeting,
Wednesday the 25th
7:00 PM at the Red Cross**

From the President

September is here and mostly gone already. October is coming up fast. The Peoria Superfest was last Saturday. That means fall is upon us and cold weather is on its way. And that means it's time to get those antenna projects finished up. I decided this was the year to rebuild my satellite antennas. For good measure I also decided to upgrade my old TA-33 beam to a TA-33 W model. That meant adding a dipole element so the old tri-bander will now work on the 12 and 17 meter bands as well. With all the disassembly, scraping, wire brushing, shopping for new hardware, greasing up the nuts and bolts, climbing, hauling, and reassembly I'm exhausted. My XYL observed that I've become something of an "outdoorsman". If you count time spent on the roof and the tower, I guess she's right!

This is my first month as president of CIRC, and I want to express my appreciation to all the outgoing officers for their service to the club over the past few years. Gary, Ed Mike and Norm have done a great job and I'll try to carry on the tradition, along with our other new officers.

Wednesday will be our next meeting. Since we don't have a program scheduled for this month, I'm taking the liberty of grabbing the time slot to look at what we've been up to as a club over the past few years and where we might want to go over the next 12 months. Come with ideas, there will be time for discussion.

I'm giving Norm a tentative agenda for our meeting so he can add it to the newsletter. You can see what's coming up at the meeting if you're interested. If you have items to add to the agenda, let me know and I'll be sure they are included.

Grant Zehr AA9LC

CIRC
Agenda for Meeting
September 25, 2013

1. Minutes of the last meeting
2. Treasures report
3. Progress report and changes – CIRC club station
4. Repeater committee report
5. Status of equipment at EMA Center
6. New business

Program – CIRC Planning for the Next Year – Grant Zehr AA9LC

CIRC Aug Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2013

Vice President Ed Deutsch (KC9GF) opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Ed said the minutes from the June and July meetings had been published in the Newsletter. There were no questions or corrections. Tom Planer (KJ9P) made a motion that the minutes be approved. After a second by Gary Huber (AB9M) the motion passed. Norm (N9ZKS) give the Treasurers Report. We have \$1,317.71 and a few outstanding bills. Mike Sallee (KC9FWL) moved that we approve the report. After a second by Dennis Mills (KE9UA) the motion was approved.

Old Business: Tom Planer (KJ9P) gave a report on the ARES/SKYWARN group. He sent out three reports to assist people in being the Net Control operator for the ARES Net. He is the McLean County Emergency Coordinator. He provided a CD to anyone interested in

learning more about being involved in SKYWARN. He also mentioned a couple of online classes for a refresher on weather spotting. He said he sent out QSL cards from Field Day and provided QSL cards for Josh Golladay (KC9UJS) to send for the special call sign while operating at the McLean County Fair.

Gary Huber (AB9M) discussed the N1SF club at State Farm. The club has been reformed with a new name. They are working on how they want to provide the equipment to the CIRC that they are not using. Gary will keep us informed as things are decided. Duane Benjamin (KC9PIM) said we can make a contract that shows the equipment we have from them is under our control and thus we can get it insured with the other club equipment. Tom, Gary H, and Jeff Lovell (KC9QQM) will complete an inventory of club and N1SF loaned equipment that we have.

We have equipment at Norm and Duane's homes and also at the Red Cross station. Tom will work with them to get a final list of all of our equipment. We can then discuss what to do with the equipment we do not need or want.

New Business: Ed said he liked the idea of having pictures and an article about member's ham shacks. We can place them in the newsletter (send to Norm) and on the website (send to Jeff). Just do your own write-up and pictures and send them along. He also said it would be a good idea to have the members take turns being Net Control for the Tuesday 9 pm W9AML net. Ed will send out the preamble that is used. We can add it to the website. Jeff said he could setup a calendar on the website and members could sign up to be the Net Control operator for the dates they want.

Dennis talked about the problems he is having with his neighbors and the Town of Normal over the antenna and tower he got a permit to install. Others commented on what rights we have as ham operators to add a tower and antenna on our property. He was given some suggestions to help with the legal issues, including contacting the special lawyer at the ARRL that handles such issues. Dennis will keep us informed of what happens.

Josh asked if the club is will to assist with the We Care Twin City Half Marathon on September 28th. We did this last year. A number of members volunteered to help. Josh will follow-up for us.

We had a good discussion about the Corn Belt Tower and the water tower on Hamilton Road. We discussed various issues, advantages, and costs. Other options like Watterson Towers are not available. We agreed that a number of items needed to be addressed and a committee was formed to define what needs to be done and the cost. Tom will lead the committee and it will include Chuck Kostelc (N9RZV), Jim Shaffer (WB9UWA), Rick Kempf (WD9HRU), Chuck Henderson (WB9UUS), and Rick Suhadolc (N9CKL). Rick will contact the IRA to discuss various issues.

Keith mentioned that the next Social Dinner will be Thursday, September 19 at Beningos Italian Restaurant (610 W Chestnut St, Bloomington). We will meet at 6 pm. Duane offered a wiener roast at his farm on Saturday October 19 at 6 pm for another Social Dinner.

Ed reminded the members that we have our Coffee Klatch at 9:00 am, Monday to Friday, at the Dairy Queen on Veteran's Parkway. 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.

Dennis Mills (KE9UA) made a motion that we adjourn. After a second by Dave Baines (KE9BA) the motion passed.

Submitted by Mike Sallee, KC9FWL

Vertical Thursday

CQ CQ looking for any vertical 10 meter stations. We have been meeting every Thursday night at 8PM on 28.450 Mhz using vertical polarization. Please join us. We encourage you to try vertical, but if you are horizontally polarized, you are welcome too, but signals may be difficult. Several of us regularly use vertical

and we are finding that with simple verticals mounted only 20 feet off the ground our signals are over S9 to each other and often well over S9. This is a vast improvement compared to using horizontal yagis that are often pointed the wrong direction resulting in weak signals. We welcome you to experiment here on this net and as with the other, it is totally casual. To set the net apart from the other 10 meter net, we are calling it Vertical Thursday. Please join the fun.

73, Jim Shaffer, WB9UWA.

**Ham Radio Publications Pioneer,
Visionary, Iconoclast
Wayne Green, W2NSD, SK**

09/15/2013

Wayne S. Green II, W2NSD ("Never Say Die"), of Hancock, New Hampshire, died September 13. He was 91. A well-known and often outspoken figure during what some consider Amateur Radio's golden years in the 1950s and 1960s, Green helmed *CQ Magazine* for 5 years before becoming the self-proclaimed "El Supremo and Founder" in 1960 of 73 magazine, which he published until 2003.

"The purpose of [73] at that time was to get more hams building equipment," Green recounted in a [radio interview](#) several years ago. A hallmark of 73 was Green's iconic, rambling, and wide-ranging "Never Say Die" editorials, in which he rarely missed an opportunity to tweak the ARRL and his magazine competitors for their perceived shortcomings. In 2012 Green contributed back issues of 73 to [Internet Archive](#).

"Wayne will be remembered in many different ways by many different people, but he will be long remembered," said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "He maintained his membership in the ARRL despite being a persistent critic. In the early days of packet radio he gave me some good advice as to how the ARRL should promote the new technology: 'Talk about it as if everybody's doing it, and eventually they will be.'"

Indeed, Green often was ahead of the curve in promoting such technologies as single-sideband phone, solid-state, FM, and the marriage of computers and ham radio, and he went on to found and publish *Byte* and other computer-oriented publications. "I live mostly in the future," Green was quoted as saying.

Former ARRL Contributing Editor Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, once wrote in his "Surfin'" web column, "We take computers and the Internet for granted today. I first became interested in computers when Wayne Green, W2NSD, started writing about them in 73 magazine in the 1970s. Back then, you had to build your own from scratch or from kits."

Green maintained a larger-than-life presence, even in the years after he faded from the Amateur Radio spotlight, and he never did really retire. "Hey old buddy, I will miss you," radio talk show host Art Bell, W6OBB, posted to Wayne Green's [blog](#). "NEVER SAY DIE is a phrase that will be with me till it's my time." Green was an occasional guest on Bell's "Coast to Coast AM" overnight talk program. There hardly was an issue that Green would not confront, and he expounded a variety of unconventional science, health, and medical theories — from cold fusion and the moon landing to AIDS and cancer cures. He continued to [write](#) and speak frequently on these topics and others, as well as on public policy, even at hamfests where he was a guest.

The "Final" in his blog sums up Green's overarching philosophy. "Wayne Green passed away September 13, 2013 in a peaceful, painless transition from this life on Earth. An eternal optimist, and one who loved to share his never-ending zest for life, he was a friend to many and will be missed greatly. Wayne was not afraid of dying and was very much ready to embark on his next great adventure to the afterlife."

From <http://www.arrrl.org/news/ham-radio-publications-pioneer-visionary-iconoclast-wayne-green-w2nsd-sk>

-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 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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