

# Central Illinois Radio Club

## November 2014 Newsletter

**Next Meeting Wednesday Nov 19, 2014**

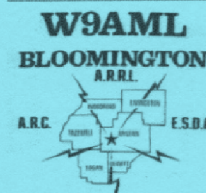
**Set this date aside!**

**Christmas dinner** will be Wednesday, December 3 at the Ozark House - 6:00pm. We will have space reserved in open seating and will be able to order from the menu.

**ARES Meeting December 4<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 7 PM**

# CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

## Short CIRCuits



November 2014

**November Meeting,  
Wednesday the 19th  
7:00 PM at the Red Cross**

### From the President

As I write the November notes, the temperature is in the 20's and snow is falling. Good Grief! Looks like we may be in for another long winter. I did get (almost) all my antenna projects completed, but while I was working on antennas, I postponed some late fall yard work. So I guess I'll be out in the cold again this afternoon clearing out flower beds and pots.

November means Sweepstakes for the contesters among us...I'm wondering if anyone got a "clean sweep" this year. If so let me know and we'll arrange for a round of applause at the meeting on Wednesday.

There was a major DXpedition to the Tromelin Islands this month, which got the local DX'ers fired up. Some of them got an "All time new one" and others were able to get contacts on new modes or new bands. I was able to contact FT4TA for a couple of new bands.

Coming up in early December is the second W1AW/9 operation from Illinois. This one is being organized by Jerry Rosalius WB9Z from Crescent City, IL. Some of our CIRC members will be operating as W1AW/9 from their home stations. I'll be helping out with the satellite operations again.

As you should know by now our November meeting will be on the third Wednesday instead of the fourth Wednesday in order to stay away from the Thanksgiving holiday. That means our meeting will be on November 19, 2014 at the Red Cross at 7:00 pm.

At the November meeting Duane KC9PIM will discuss digital operating using the DM-780 program. DM-780 is part of the Ham Radio Deluxe suite of programs. There are lots of Digital Mode programs out there, but Duane is convinced that DM-780 is the way to go. I'm looking forward to hearing about it!

See you at the meeting!

Grant Zehr AA9LC

### CIRC meeting – November 19, 2014 Agenda

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|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Introductions and new members                    | -AA9LC   |
| 2. Minutes of October 2014 mtg.                     | - KC9PIM |
| 3. Treasurer's report                               | KC9SKF   |
| 4. Two meter net – sign up                          | KC9GF    |
| 5. Radio Room Manager                               | N9ZKS    |
| 6. Reminder – Christmas dinner                      | AC9S     |
| 7. Old Business                                     |          |
| 8. New business                                     |          |
| 9. Adjourn                                          |          |
| 10. Program – Digital Mode Operating<br>with DM-780 | KC9PIM   |

### Minutes of the October 22, 2014 regular meeting of the Central Illinois Radio Club

The regularly scheduled meeting of CIRC was called to order by President, Grant Zehr (AA9LC) at 7:00 PM, October 22, 2014.

It was noted that the minutes of the regular September 2014 meeting had been sent by email to all members on the CIRC reflector. On motion by Dennis Mills (KE9UA) and second by Ed Deutsch (KC9GF), the minutes were unanimously approved.

On behalf of Treasurer Kathy Huber, Norm Huber (N9ZKS) submitted a written report to the members that indicated a balance on hand of \$1,596.74 as of meeting date. On motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Ed Deutsch discussed a plan to assign primary and backup net control operators for the Tuesday night 2 meters net. Several volunteers had already signed up for various weeks. A signup sheet was passed to fill in the vacant positions.

Radio room manager, Norm Huber, indicated feed line to the off center dipole needed to be cut off, re-terminated and re-installed.

It was noted that local hams Art Unwin (KB9MZ) and Jack Hall (W9MBO) were listed as silent key in the recent QRZ magazine.

Grant Zehr announced that the November meeting of CIRC would be held on the third Wednesday of the month

so it would not conflict with member's plans for Thanksgiving.

Keith Hanson (AC9S) announced that the December meeting, which is a Christmas dinner for members and spouses, has been set for December 3, 2014. It will be at the Ozark House at 6:00 PM. Seating will be in the main section and the full dinner menu will be available.

Under Old Business, Josh Golladay (KC9UJS) indicated plans for a local Jamboree On The Air had to be cancelled. Norm Huber indicated he did attend the JOTA event held in the Scout Camp in West Central Illinois. He set up 4 antennas and had good participation in the event.

On motion by Dennis Mills and second by Ed Deutsch, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Benjamin (KC9PIM), Secretary

#### KP1-5 DXpedition

Re: Navassa (KP1) DXpedition

Dated: 22 October 2014

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has notified the KP1-5 Project that they will be the team to activate Navassa Island (KP1) in January 2015. The DXpedition will be a maximum of fourteen days. The exact dates in January will be determined by USFWS mission requirements and weather windows. Our experienced team of fifteen is complete and is ready for the challenge. The weeks ahead will be extremely busy as the team has less than 90 days before the DXpedition comes on the air.

January is the month of minimum bird nesting activity and this is the primary reason USFWS is asking that the operation be completed during that month. However, the weather is unpredictable in January and because Navassa is surrounded by cliffs, this may preclude a safe landing by boat. For safety reasons and in order to maximize our time on the Island and on the air, a helicopter operation is planned. Navassa is over 100 miles (160 km) from the nearest helicopter staging point and as many as ten round trips will be required at the beginning and end of the operation. Obviously, this means that there will be a significant cost for activating this #1 ranked DXCC entity.

In the next few weeks, we be working with USFWS and as details firm up, we will issue periodic press releases. Check our webpage, <http://www.kp1-5.com> for more details of the operation and how you may financially support this DXpedition.

The KP1-5 Project team has committed to fund 50% of the total costs. We are hopeful the DX community at large will fund the remainder. for The KP1-5 Project,

Bob Allphin, K4UEE, President

Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, Vice-president

Mike Thomas, NA5U, Secretary

#### The November SET

On the 16<sup>th</sup> ARES District 7 held an exercise to test the ability to provide communications across the district by radio alone. I operated on 40 and 80 meters from my home station and then operated from the Red Cross on VHF. The exercise was successful and contacts were made with Peoria, Champagne, O'Fallon, Vermillion Co. and Tazewell Co.

Thanks to those who joined me during this exercise.

An exercise like this or the regular ARES net allows everyone to gain experience in seeing how propagation changes over a few hours. It also provides experience in dealing with interference as the bands filled up with contesters followed the sun. One also gets some familiarity with the other members of the emergency teams.

I know that we have a number of members of CIRC that are willing to respond in times of emergency. We do need to maintain our contacts with our neighbors and the other state ARES groups for mutual aid.

To facilitate this, the ARES District 7 EC, Fritz, WD9FMB is coming to the Red Cross on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> to meet with us and give us a chance to plan our level of participation in ARES. I would appreciate everyone who is interested in participation setting aside that evening starting at 7 PM for a planning meeting.

Thanks,

Norm Huber, N9ZKS

## -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	8:30 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
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 Newslines
Sunday	8:30 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. **Recent changes** 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 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)

## Central Illinois Area Repeaters

Freq	Callsign	Location	PL
144.390	N9PE-2	Bloomington <b>APRS</b>	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	103.5 CTCSS
146.985	KA9YPK	Clinton	Back Up
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

## Central Illinois Radio Club

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**Secretary: Duane Benjamin (KC9PIM)**

**Treasurer: Kathy Huber (KC9SKF)**

**Newsletter Editor: Norman Huber (N9ZKS)**

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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## AREA EXAM DATES

Following is the schedule for W5YI-VEC Amateur Radio exams for the year 2014. at the Community Room of the Bloomington Public Library located at the intersection of of E. Olive St. and S. East ST. Entrance off of S. East St.

**This is a CHANGE of LOCATION.**

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@hotmail.com](mailto:ac9s@hotmail.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.

**The first test dates for 2014 are the following Saturdays:**

1/18 - Done

3/15 - Done (9 participants - All got Tech 2 also got General)

5/03 - Done

7/19 - Done

11/08 - Done

**Exams' in Morton** are held at the Morton Public Library, 315 West Pershing at 12:00 Noon the third Saturday of even numbered months or as noted. Feb 15, Apr 19, Jun 21, Aug 16, Sep 20(Superfest), Oct 18, and Dec20  
Contact Bob Bush at [tigrbob@gmail.com](mailto:tigrbob@gmail.com) for more info.