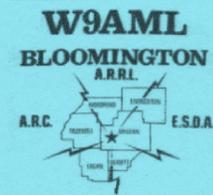


Central Illinois Radio Club August 2015 Newsletter

Next Meeting Wednesday August 26, 2015

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

Short CIRCuits



August 2015

**August Meeting,
Wednesday the 26th
7:00 PM at the Red Cross**

From the President

Natter: verb 1. (**intransitive**) to talk idly and at length; chatter or gossip. Noun 2. Prolonged idle chatter or gossip

For the past couple years I've belonged to the Radio Society of Great Britain, and found it to be a great organization, with a very helpful monthly Journal called RadCom. RadCom publishes notices for club meeting around the country and I noticed that one popular type of meeting for a lot of clubs was the "Natter Night". Basically, this means sitting around and chatting, probably over tea instead of coffee, much as our regular meetings finish up. This month we're going to follow suit. To celebrate the end of summer we'll skip the program and have our own 'Natter Night'. Find out what your friends have been up to and catch up on all the latest news. If you have a "Show and Tell" to demonstrate, by all means bring it. I found a few more ARRL coffee mugs and we'll raffle off the last of those as well.

Heading into September we'll be looking forward to the Peoria Superfest, which is on September 18-20 this year. Saturday the 19th is probably the busiest day. Bob Bruninga of APRS fame will be speaking and there will also be a forum on the Yaesu Fusion System. With a new Yaesu repeater sitting on the shelf, it might be wise for us in the CIRC to attend. It's

always a great hamfest, and I've already got my ticket.

Speaking of Peoria, I had a good time attending the PAARC August meeting on August 14 where I gave the program on W1AW/9 – IL Satellite operations. It was pretty much the same program that you enjoyed (!?) at the CIRC meeting in February. There was good interest in the subject and it was nice to get to know some of the Peoria area hams a little better.

See you at the meeting on Wednesday!

73

Grant Zehr AA9LC

CIRC meeting – August 26, 2015 Agenda

1. Introductions and new members -AA9LC
2. Minutes of July 2015 mtg. - KC9PIM
3. Treasurer's report -KC9SKF
4. Repeater Progress -KJ9P
5. The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -AA9LC
6. Peoria Superfest Sept. 18-20 -N9ZKS
7. Old Business
8. New business
9. Adjourn

Minutes of the July 26' 2015 CIRC Meeting

The July 2015 regularly scheduled meeting of CIRC was called to order by President, Grant Zehr (AA9LC) at 7:00 PM, July 22, 2015.

Copies of the Minutes of the meetings of CIRC were recently distributed to members on the CIRC repeater. On motion by Tom Planer (KJ9P) and second by Dennis

Mills (KE9UA) the minutes of the June 2015 CIRC regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Kathy Huber (KC9SKF) Presented the Treasurer's Report. The current checking balance was \$3,133.61. On motion by Gary Huber (AB9M) and second by Gary Dearth (KD9F), the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

It was noted that the Wheelers Organization, had sent a letter to the Club thanking all members for their help with the 2015 ride.

A discussion of the Club's liability insurance ensued. Secretary Duane Benjamin (KC9PIM) reported that the liability insurance for the club had been renewed with the agent affiliated with the ARRL. The premium remained \$200 per year, but the limit had been increased to \$2,000,000 per occurrence. Copies of the certificate evidencing the insurance had been forwarded to various club officers. A copy had also been sent to Chuck Henderson (WB9UUS) for his discussions with the City of Bloomington.

Tom Planer reported that recent rains again threatened equipment at the repeater site. Water did rise above the level of the batteries. Members moved some additional equipment to the top of the cabinets to keep it safe.

The new repeater has arrived from Yeasu, but has not been removed from its box yet. Some cable work is in process to get it ready to be hooked up. Earl Shaffer (WB9UWA) ran SWR tests on the repeater antenna and coax. The readings were acceptable for now. He indicated that the static we sometimes hear is due to antenna movement caused by wind.

A discussion of the Radio Parity Act of 2015 ensued. The 2015 bills are numbered HR1301 in the House and SB1865 in the Senate. The ARRL is encouraging all members to write their senators and representatives and to send the letters to the ARRL for final delivery. This will greatly speed up the delivery of the mail. For those members that do not have a sitting Senator, the letter should be addressed to Senate staff.

Several members of the club indicated they were interested in supporting the "We Care" ½ marathon on September 25/26. It will follow a course from Eastview Christian Church to the Uptown Normal Circle.

Grant Zehr released the final tally of contacts by type and total points for the club's 2015 field day. We had 1,858 CW contacts, 503 phone contacts & 26 digital contacts. Our total points, including extras and multipliers, came to 8,542.

The group sponsoring "Hop on for Hope" has requested communication and other assistance from the club for their August 1st ride. Jim Baker (WB9EDL) passed out a sign up sheet.

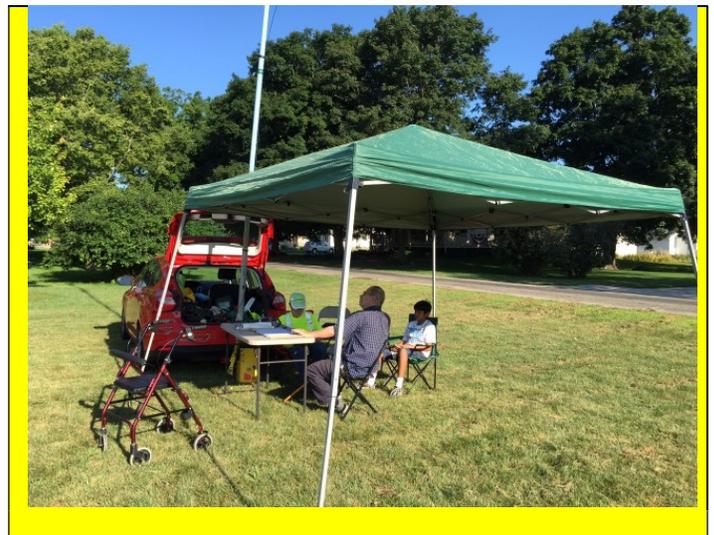
There being no further business, and on motion by Mark Snyder (AB9MP) and second by ED Deutsch (KC9GF), the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Following the business meeting, Masa Yamamoto narrated a very interesting power point presentation of his personal collection of "boat anchor" transmitters, receivers and related equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Benjamin (KC9PIM), Secretary

HERE ARE SOME OF THE PICTURES FROM THE W9AML "Hop on for Hope" Support team





Tom's (KJ9P) antenna mount is nested aluminum tube fit into a "hinged" socket mounted in a trailer hitch. The pole is light enough for one man setup. It is strong enough to require no guys in low winds.

Continuing our "Member's Shacks" below is Norm N9ZKs's NASA control center as described by his wife Kathy KC9SKF.



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.

Bylaws

SECTION 1. Meetings.

Regular meetings of the club shall be held monthly at such place as the president may direct. The president may change or omit any meeting in the best interest of the club, providing timely notice is given to the membership. Special meetings may be called by the president upon the written request of any five members of the club. Notices shall be sent to all the members advising them of the special meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted.

SECTION 2. Dues, Fees and Assessments.

The membership shall run from January 1st. through December 31st. of each year. The annual dues shall be \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) per single household, payable on or before December 31st. of each year.

A grace period of one month will be allowed during which dues can be paid. Membership dues shall be prorated.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS

Pursuant to article II of the constitution the annual election shall be by secret ballot with nominations being made from among the membership. Prior to the election, the president may appoint a nominating committee charged with presenting a nominee for each office to be filled. The post of secretary and treasurer may, at the discretion of the club membership, be combined.

Re-typed: 11/21/2010 KJ9P

By-Laws of the Central Illinois Radio Club

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SECTION 2. Dues, Fees and Assessments.

The membership shall run from January 1st. through December 31st. of each year and dues for same shall be payable on or before January 1st of 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. The President may waive annual dues for any individual or family membership if, in his opinion, the dues would be a significant financial burden to that individual or family. 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.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS

Pursuant to article II of the constitution, the annual election shall be by secret ballot with nominations being made from among the membership. However, subject to the unanimous consent of all voting members present, the secret ballot requirement may be changed to a public ballot.

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.

SECTION 4. ROTATION OF OFFICERS

A member shall not be elected to hold the same office for more than 2 full consecutive terms. However, a member shall, following a break in service of at least two years, be eligible for election to an office he/she has previously held.

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-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 Newsline
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	8:00 P.M.	28.450	Vertical polarization is encouraged but not required
Thursday	9:00 P.M.	146.760	(162.2 PL) Open Net with Newsline
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 Newsline
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

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 APRS	Digipeater
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	
147.015	NX9M	Normal ARES Alt.	88.5 (open*)
147.075	W9UVI	Washington	156.7 CTCSS
147.105	WA9RTI	Decatur	103.5
147.150	WD9FTV	Bloomington	103.5
147.390	WB9DUC	Pontiac FARA	127.3
442.250	WA9RTI	Decatur (ARES)	103.5
442.700	WB9UUS	Normal	107.2
442.825	KG9DW	Hayworth	141.3pl
443.800	K9HGX	CENOIS ARC	123.0
444.175	K9MCA	Decatur	100.0
444.2375	WX9WX	Normal - DStar	
444.700	KD9AKF	Hayworth - DStar	

* 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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AREA EXAM DATES

Following is the schedule for W5YI-VEC Amateur Radio exams for the year 2015, at the Community Room of the Bloomington Public Library located at the intersection of E. Olive St. and S. East ST. Entrance off of S. East St.

Setup is from Noon to 1:00 normally. Exams begin at 1:00 P.M.. 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.

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3/21 Done
5/23 confirmed
7/25 confirmed
10/17 confirmed

All tests are at the Bloomington Public Library - Community Room.

Tests begin at 1:00pm.

Please refer any questions to:

Keith Hanson, AC9S
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Exams' in Morton are held at the Morton Public Library, 315 West Pershing at 12:00 Noon the third Saturday of even numbered months and. Sep 21 (Superfest),
Contact Bob Bush at tigrbob@gmail.com for more info.