

Central Illinois Radio Club

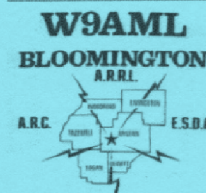
March 2015 Newsletter

Next Meeting Wednesday March 25, 2015

**Thank you for your 2015 dues!
The club appreciates your support.**

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

Short CIRCuits



March 2015

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

Our March meeting will be on Wednesday March 25, 2015 at 7:00 at the Red Cross building. See you there!

Grant Zehr AA9LC

From the President

March has been a busy radio month here. The first weekend in March featured the ARRL DX phone contest. This contest is a lot of fun for North American operators, because the DX stations all get points for working US and Canadian stations. My brother-in-law Dale AA9TY came over and we chased DX for most of the afternoon and evening. His station is still in boxes after a move, so he was happy for a chance to get on the air.

The same Saturday morning we held our "CIRC Winter Tech Day" at the Red Cross building. The crowd was a bit down because of the last minute schedule change, but those able to attend had a good time. Two of us worked on kits, Jeff spent some time debugging the Arduino code for his latest project and Jim and Chuck did some work on their repeater. We used the basement classroom which actually worked out well since it has wall mounted power source and desks which fit below nicely. Some contacts were made from the club station as well. Perhaps we could do something like this on a regular basis.

Your board and repeater committee met to discuss options available to CIRC in planning for our repeater as we go forward. A considerable amount of time has been spent by that group and by individuals in the group as we work out what our best option might be. Stay tuned! There will be an update at the meeting on Wednesday.

This month we're going to try using the internet link at the Red Cross meeting room to view a video about the 2014 World Radio Team Championship. It was held in New England last year and featured contest teams from around the world. The trial run went great so here's hoping the technology works on Wednesday!

CIRC meeting – March 25, 2015 Agenda

1. Introductions and new members -AA9LC
2. Minutes of February 2015 mtg. - AA9LC
3. Treasurer's report -KC9SKF
4. Field Day 2015 -KC9FWL
5. Nominating Committee -KC9GF
6. Repeater Project -AA9LC
7. Family Science Day -KC9GF
8. Old Business
9. New business
10. Adjourn
11. Program – World Radio Team Championships - 2014

Minutes of the February 25, 2015

CIRC Meeting

1. Grant, AA9LC, opened the meeting as president. We did a round of introductions with a welcome to new visitor - WA9W (Gene) from Chenoa.
2. Minutes of the January 2015 meeting were accepted by unanimous vote. Dennis, KE9UA, made the motion, seconded by Tom, KJ9P.
3. Kathy, KC9SKF, gave the treasure's report - \$2073.61 balance. Accepted by unanimous vote. Gary, AB9M, made the motion, Dennis, KE9UA, seconded.
4. Grant, AA9LC, brought up field day 2015. We agreed to hold it again at the Old Town Hall. Keith, AC9S, will make the reservation.
5. A nominating committee was formed for elections at the May meeting. Committee consists of: Gary, AB9M, Norm, N9ZKS, Ed, KC9GF. They will create a slate for the May election.
6. Radio Room Access – Norm, N9ZKS, has the list of people who have been trained on the equipment in the room. Since so much time has elapsed Norm will

orient a person the first time they want to use the equipment. Call Norm to arrange the orientation. He will have a sign-in sheet and accompany the person on first use. After that you can just call to schedule. There will be a sign-in sheet and the Red Cross will provide back door access code.

7. New repeater Project. The fund drive was a resounding success with lots of contributors. \$605 was donated prior to the meeting with at least \$400 raised during the meeting. Special thanks to Gene, WA9W, who made a \$300 donation at the meeting.
8. Online swap meet – Glenn, WA9GCK, is organizing. Please send an email to Glenn with items you wish listed. His email address is in QRZ.
9. FCC paperless licenses. Grant, AA9LC, noted that the FCC has stopped issuing paper licenses. The presence of your call in the FCC ULS database constitutes your license. If you wish you can print a paper copy from the database.
10. Winter Activity Day – was originally scheduled for February 28, but due to a conflict with a Red Cross activity is now moved to March 7.
11. Old Business:
 - a. Club constitution – the officers will update the constitution to reflect the new dues and our policy of allowing newly licensed people a year's free membership. We will look at the changes next month.
 - b. Ed needs ideas for the upcoming Family Science day at ISU. Crystal set construction was mentioned.
 - c. Norm will give the annual donation for our website - \$50. Gary, AB9M, made the motion, seconded by Gary, KD9F.
12. New Business:
 - a. Jim, WB9EDL has committed the club to providing communications for the Wheelers Bike Club ride on June 13. Location is Evergreen Park again.
 - b. Norm, N9ZKS, will check on Miles of Smiles to see if we can help with communications.
13. Motion to adjourn by Tom, KJ9P, seconded by Ed, KC9GF.
14. The February program was Cherry Pie night. Thanks to everyone who brought a dessert. We had a wonderful time.

Respectfully – Keith, AC9S

ARLB014 Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Introduced in Congress

The following was passed on by Gary KD9F Remember, we have a government of representatives. You have to let them know what we want them to do.

Subject: ARLB014 Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015
Introduced in Congress

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From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT March 9, 2015

To all radio amateurs

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ARLB014 Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Introduced in Congress

"The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015" - H.R. 1301 - has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions. US Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced the bill March 4 with 12 original co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle – seven Republicans and five Democrats. Kinzinger also sponsored "The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014, which died at the end of the 113th Congress. H.R. 1301 is an essentially identical piece of legislation.

"The introduction of H.R. 1301 with so many original co-sponsors, so early in this session of Congress, is very encouraging," said ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN. "Several additional members of Congress already have agreed to be co-sponsors. This bill has momentum, but introduction is only the first step. Many of the next steps will be taken as ARRL members contact their US Representatives urging co-sponsorship and thanking them as they sign on to the bill."

If Congress approves the legislation, and it is signed by the president, H.R. 1301 would require the FCC to amend its Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply the three-part test of the PRB-1 federal pre-emption policy to include homeowners' association regulations and deed restrictions, often referred to as "covenants, conditions, and restrictions" (CC&Rs). At present, PRB-1 only applies to state and local zoning laws and ordinances. The FCC has been reluctant to extend the same legal protections to include such private land-use agreements without direction from Congress.

H.R. 1301 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), chairs that panel's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, which will consider the measure. The League had worked with Walden on the 2014 bill during the 113th Congress.

Among H.R. 1301 initial co-sponsors is Rep Joe Courtney (D-CT), who attended the ARRL National Centennial Convention last summer to speak with League officials and those attending the event about the earlier bill.

Craigie encouraged ARRL members to urge their US House members to sign on to the bill as a co-sponsor. The ARRL has an H.R. 1301 resources page on its website at, <http://www.arrl.org/hr-1301> .If the House member is already a co-sponsor, call the member's local office or send an e-mail via the member's official website to express their thanks. She called on League members to encourage other hams to do the same, and to be sure to refer to the bill by its number, H.R. 1301.

"Remember what those pile-ups on the W1AW portable stations sounded like last year?" Craigie said. "Let's be that avid in calling for even greater support in Congress for this essential legislation."

Pictures From The "CIRC Winter Tech Day"





The above continues our “Pictures of The Shacks” This is the operating position of Masa, AB8MQ when he joins our Sunday morning AM Net on 1.915 MHz at 0815 in the morning. Get that cup of coffee and join us.

-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
		Back Up	
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
147.390	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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Web Page

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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 2015, 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.

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.

1/24 Done
3/21 confirmed
5/23 confirmed
7/25 tentative
11/07 tentative

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.