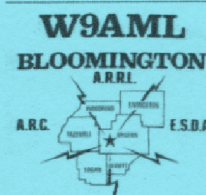


Central Illinois Radio Club September 2015 Newsletter

Next Meeting Wednesday September 23, 2015

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

Short CIRCuits



September 2015

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

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Grant Zehr AA9LC

From the President

I had really planned to make this the year that I carefully checked all the transmission lines at the home station and replaced and repaired as necessary. For any number of reasons, the project never got started. So, if the calendar here is correct, I better get going. It's September already and a few recent mornings have been chilly enough for a jacket, so fall is coming on fast and winter will not be far behind. The summer really did seem to fly by for me this year.

And the past 2 years have flown by as well. At the September meeting the CIRC will install our new slate of officers and I'll be handing the gavel over to Dennis KE9UA. Thanks to everyone who has helped with all the CIRC activities and projects over the past two years. There is a lot of work involved to provide the communications for races and other special events, administer the VE licensing tests, keep the club repeater up 24/7, keep our club station in order, set up and operate our Field Day event, provide programs and coffee for our monthly meetings, demonstrate amateur radio at ISU, and to do all the other things that CIRC does here in our community. I've enjoyed my term and I look forward to enjoying the meetings over the next year with Dennis wielding the gavel.

The regular September CIRC meeting will be on Wednesday September 23 at the Red Cross building in Bloomington. Following our business meeting Tom KJ9P will demonstrate his Arduino CW reader. It's a small device based on an Arduino microcontroller board which listens to the audio from your receiver and prints the text on a small LCD panel. This is a great way to get familiar with the Arduino board. It should be a good meeting. See you there!

CIRC meeting – September 23, 2015
Agenda

1. Introductions and new members -AA9LC
2. Minutes of August 2015 mtg. - KC9PIM
3. Treasurer's report -KC9SKF
4. The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 KC9FWL
5. Repeater Progress -KC9QQM
6. Dates for Nov. & Dec. CIRC events -AA9LC
7. Old Business
8. New business
9. Installation of New Officer -AA9LC
10. Adjourn

Program: An Arduino based CW Reader -KJ9P

Minutes of the August 26' 2015 CIRC Meeting

The August 26, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting of CIRC was called to order by President, Grant Zehr (AA9LC) at 7:00 PM.

The President asked all members and guests to introduce themselves. It was noted that two guests, Jerry Parr (K7OU) of Phoenix, AZ and Doug Svitchen (N9IQT) of Bloomington, IL, were present.

Copies of the Minutes of the meetings of CIRC were recently distributed to members in the CIRC Newsletter which was made available on the Club reflector. On motion by Norm Huber (N9ZKS) and second by Keith Hanson (AC9S) the minutes of the July 2015 CIRC regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Kathy Huber (KC9SKF) Presented the Treasurer's Report. The current checking balance was \$2,901.71. On motion by Dennis Mills (KE9UA) and second by Dick Dubroff (W9XW), the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

A discussion of Amateur Radio Parity Act was then held. It was noted that the ARRL was asking all members to

contact their legislators expressing support for this Act. Mike Sallee (KC9FWL) indicated he would be happy to assist any CIRC member make the appropriate contact.

Grant indicated he had received the annual request from the State to renew its corporate documents this September. The current Secretary, Duane Benjamin (KC9PIM), indicated he would do this.

Norm Huber reminded everyone that the Peoria Superfest would be held from September 18 to 20. Norm has several advance tickets available for sale.

President Grant Zehr then discussed the current status of responsibility and authority for operation of club radio stations under the club's constitution and federal regulations. Grant read the full text of a Resolution of the CIRC Board of Directors that was approved at the August 24th 2015 meeting of the Board. The resolution restated that the ultimate responsibility for oversight and control of club radio stations was with the CIRC Board, with operational matters to be entrusted to Board appointed Trustees, and further required periodic reporting of all radio station and repeater activities to the membership.

It was noted that the Club did not elect a 2015-2016 member-at-large to the Board of Directors at the May 2015 meeting. On motion by Tom Planer (KJ9P) and second by Gary Huber (AB9M) it was moved that the May 2015 minutes be retroactively amended to indicate

that Keith Hanson (AC9S) was elected to the position of 2015-2016 member-at-large to the Board of Directors.

Jim Baker (WB9GDL) gave a report on the success of the recent "Hop for Hope" that the club assisted with communication and related services. Jim passed on the thanks of the event sponsors to the club and members that participated.

It was noted that several of the club's events have resulted in requests for QSL cards. Tom Planer indicated he would make and donate a small supply of QSL cards for both W9EX and W9AML.

A discussion was held regarding the September 26, 2015 ½ Marathon to be run from the Eastview Christian Church to Downtown Normal. A manager for the Club's efforts is needed.

Gary Huber indicated there was an opportunity for any member that was interested in DXing to meet with several local experts and to learn, first hand, how to become more proficient in this portion of the amateur radio hobby. Interested individuals can contact him at AB9M@ARRL.net.

On motion by Tom Planer, seconded by Dennis Mills (KE9UA), the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Benjamin (KC9PIM), Secretary

-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 Newslane
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 Newslane
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 Newslane
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	
		Clinton	
146.985	KA9YPK	Normal ARES Alt.	88.5 (open*)
147.015	NX9M	Washington	156.7 CTCSS
147.075	W9UVI	Decatur	103.5
147.105	WA9RTI	Bloomington	103.5
147.150	WD9FTV	Pontiac FARA	127.3
147.390	WB9DUC	Decatur (ARES)	103.5
442.250	WA9RTI	Normal	107.2
442.700	WB9UUS	Hayworth	141.3pl
442.825	KG9DW	CENOIS ARC	123.0
443.800	K9HGX	Decatur	100.0
444.175	K9MCA	Normal - DStar	
444.2375	WX9WX	Hayworth - DStar	
444.700	KD9AKF		

* Repeater is currently in open mode with pl for those with QRM

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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 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.