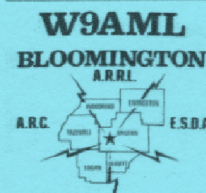


# Central Illinois Radio Club July 2015 Newsletter

**Next Meeting Wednesday July 22, 2015**

# CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO CLUB

## Short CIRCuits



July 2015

**July Meeting,  
Wednesday the 22nd  
7:00 PM at the Red Cross**

### From the President

The Central Illinois Radio Club Field Day is now completed and in the log. We had another great effort, in my humble opinion, and the CIRC continued a FD tradition dating to 1933 (the first ARRL Field Day). For me there's always a sense of relief (that all the work is over) and also a bit of disappointment that all the excitement is over (at least for this year).

With our decision to operate in the 2A class we had a busy CW group which put a LOT of QSO's in our log, and we kept the phone/digital station busy as well. The result was a high score, almost double our typical tally in recent years. We tried some different things this year, and some of them worked great. Others, not so much. But we did get some answers to the interference problem which has plagued us for many years. This years' experience will surely help us as we plan for 2016.

Amateur Radio news continues in other areas. In Washington, the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 has been introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate (identical bills). This would help licensed radio amateurs who live in communities with CC&R restrictions to install outdoor antennas. This is a worthy goal, and needs our support. Let's all contact our Representative and Senators and urge them to sign on as sponsors of this bill. Without antennas, amateur radio scarcely exists. There's lots of information at the ARRL site.

Washington is also the home to the Federal Communications Commission. That's not exactly news, but I'll use this spot as a reminder that we need to be familiar with Part 97 of the FCC regulations. For

example, I just realized recently that when operating with a special event call sign, we are required to identify with our own call sign (in addition to the event call sign) periodically. There are lots of rules in Part 97, and it is a good idea to remember (and follow) all of them!

This month's meeting will feature a presentation by Masa Yamamoto AB9MQ about restoring and operating older ham radio equipment. Masa has a great collection and a lot of experience working on classic gear. I'm looking forward to his presentation. It will be a great meeting...see you there!

73

Grant Zehr AA9LC

### CIRC meeting – June 22, 2015 Agenda

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| 1. Introductions and new members                             | AA9LC  |
| 2. Minutes of June 2015 mtg.                                 | KC9PIM |
| 3. Treasurer's report  | KC9SKF |
| 4. Repeater Progress   | AA9LC  |
| 5. The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015                      | AA9LC  |
| 6. Field Day 2015  | KC9FWL |
| 7. Old Business  |        |
| 8. New business  |        |
| 9. Adjourn   |        |
| 10. Program – Restoring and Operating Classic Radios – AB9MQ |        |

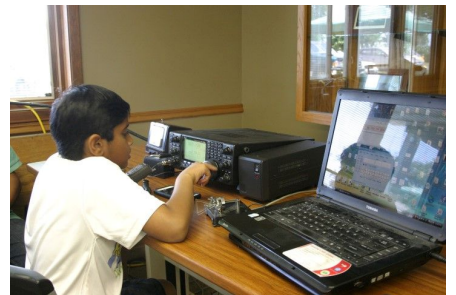
### Minutes of the June 24' 2015 CIRC Meeting

The minutes are vacationing in Florida so we will review them at the meeting if the salt water and beverages dry.

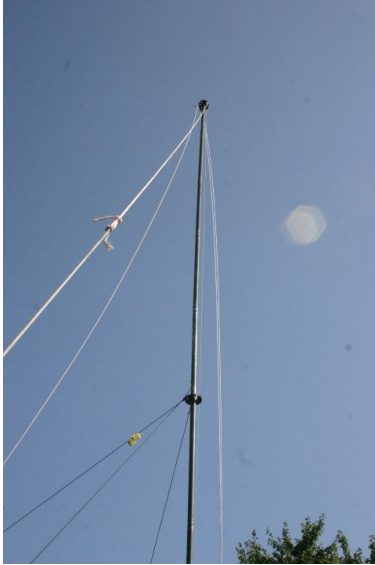
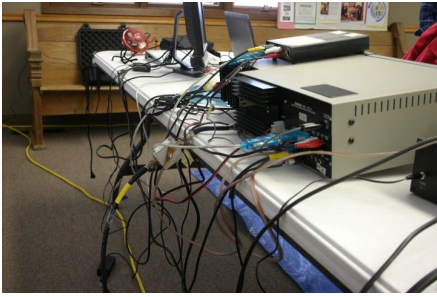
### HERE ARE SOME OF THE PICTURES FROM THE W9AML FIELD DAY 2015



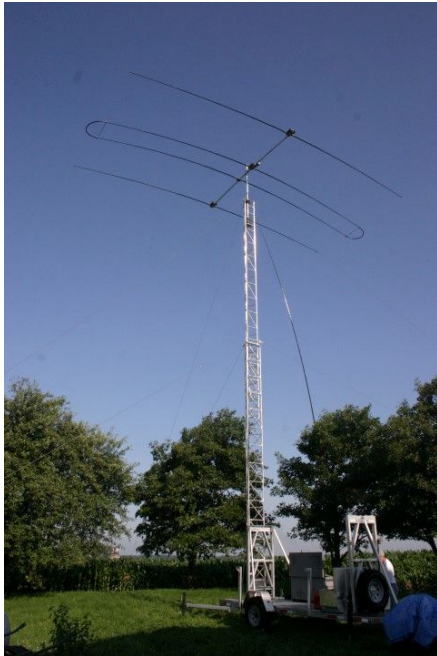




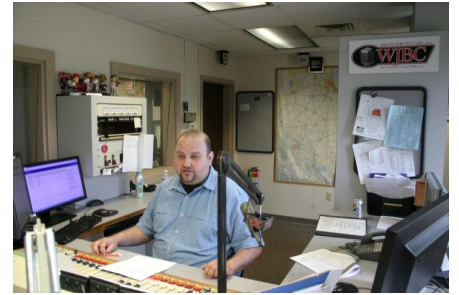












The above pictures are not in any order.  
Enjoy. If you missed it, mark your  
calendar for next year so you don't let  
anything make you miss the fun!



## -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
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 P.M.</b>	<b>146.730 123.0 PL Open Net</b>

(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 Radio Club

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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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## Central Illinois Area Repeaters

Freq	Callsign	Location	PL
144.390	N9PE-2	Bloomington <b>APRS</b>	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	<b>156.7</b> 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

## 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:

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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),  
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