



Short CIRCuits

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SERVING CENTRAL ILLINOIS AMATEUR RADIO SINCE 1921

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From The President

by Jim Baker WBgEDL

The last two weeks have been very busy for our club. Saturday June 8th several club members meet at Duane KC9PIM's to set up the logging and networking systems for the field day operation. We had several radios to test the radio to computer operation. We accomplished this task. We did find some networking glitches just as we were trying to log our first contacts. Greg KC9WVR was able to straighten out the issues and it worked fine for the rest of the weekend.

Saturday June, 15th was the Wheelers bike ride at Comlara Park. The radio station set up went well but the weather did not cooperate for the ride. Wind, rain, lightning and thunder kept the attendance quite low as compared to other years. Our assistance was very much appreciated.

Field day preparations began Friday afternoon. The weather did not cooperate again as rain, thunder and lightning forced us inside to do what we could. Saturday morning after a wonderful breakfast we resumed our

antenna and station set up. The digital station gave us some problems trying to get it on the air. These were fixed later into the evening and a combination of PSK-31 and FT-8 contacts were made through out the remainder for the contest. Phone and CW contacts were evenly split as well. We began to dismantle the operation a bit early due to threat of bad weather and rain. As a club we extend our appreciation to the ladies that provided our delicious food and clean up and to all others that helped with the event. In all, it was a very good Field day weekend. We made a good number of contacts, enjoyed the fellowship of setting up and taking down the stations, operating different radios and we all remained safe. Thanks to all that helped.

73,

Jim WBgEDL



2019 Wheeler's Metric

Article by Jeff Lovell KC9QQM

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On Saturday the 15th, 13 fearless members of the CIRC came out to facilitate the communication for this year's metric. As we all noted this was an unusual event as in the many years I and other have helped, this was the first time we have both much cooler weather and rain for most of the ride.



For the first hour or so it was just cool and most of the riders were out then. We looked over the maps and had members head out to the far corners of each loop as well as 1 SAG wagon and 1 SAG motorcycle, thanks Norm! A few hams were biking it, Jim and Kyle, but after it started raining and 1 big lightning strike, they came back.



Thanks to Norm N9ZKS for the tripod, fiberglass and aluminum poles and Jim WD9EDL for the antenna and coax to get things set up for a station. We used the clubs Kenwood D-700 dual band mobile rig with Ed's KC9GF icebox batteries. Thanks to Ed for getting the manual on his phone as for a while I could not figure out how to even move between the dual receivers. The station was set up under the pavilion this year due to the rain but as a general consensus we preferred this and will try and do so next year also.



I was net control and overall communication was good. We mainly used 146.52 simplex but at times we needed to get the additional range offered by the 444.350 repeater in Gridley. It was noted by Earl WB9UWA, that the D-700 transmission on UHF through the repeater was low in frequency. After some fiddling around with the menu and button on the radio Earl and I were able to use the VFO and set it to 5khz high for the 444.350 repeater and the audio was better.



The number of riders was much lower than the normal, around 60 registered this time as compared to normally around 200. While the cooler temps were nice, the wet and wind were not. A nice lunch was cooked out for everyone. Things wound down by noon so we tore down and headed out. Thanks to the following ham who came out to help.





Earl WB9UWA

Jeff KC9QQM

Rick N9CKL

Jim WB9EDL

Norm N9ZKS

Gary KD9F

Willis KC9RFR

Ed KC9GF

John AC9TN

Greg KC9WVR

Dhruv KC9ZJX

Hari KD9LLR/VU2SPZ



AREA NETS

Tuesday 8:30 P.M. 28.450
CIRC Open 10 meter Net

Tuesday 9:00 P.M. 146.940 (103.5PL)
CIRC Open Net

Thursday 8:00 P.M. 28.450
Vertical polarization is encouraged but not required

Sunday 08:15 A.M. 1.915
Open 160 meter AM net

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If you are wondering where all the nets are, it was brought to my attention that many of these are no longer in operation. I have left the ones the CIRC handles directly.

If you want another net listed, please send me an email directly and please verify it is a current net and I will add it to the list.

Jeff KC9QQm

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AREA EXAM DATES

Following is the schedule for W5YI-VEC Amateur Radio exams for the year 2018. 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.

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.

2019 dates;

July 20 2:00pm

Nov. 9 TBD

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),

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
American Red Cross
1 Westport Dr.
Bloomington, IL 61704

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, the 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 emailed to:
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