



Short CIRCuits

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From The President

by Rick Suhadolc NgCKL

Today feels like we have entered the twilight zone. Who would have thought a virus, the size of which, could fit 20 of them on a needle point, has brought the World to its Knees, with only 241,555 World cases of a strain of flu virus, out of a World population of 7.7 billion. Some say the world economy, will be in a recession, for the next 18 months, before things are back to normal. No matter what side of the globe you are on, travel and customs will never be the same. The world has entered a new era of lock downs, border check points, and medical vaccine requirements. The governor of Illinois, and the Bloomington-Normal community, has asked for employees to work from home, and limit groups to 10 or less. Our

own club CIRC, has started a DQ Net, each day at 9am, on 146.940Mhz, repeater, instead of meeting in person. The next CIRC meeting on March 25th at 7pm, will be a virtual meeting, to a call-in number, or web site. (see this newsletter for more information). One thing is for sure, we will get through this, nothing lasts forever! We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Be patient the sun will come out again. Stay healthy, and if you do feel ill, please get to your primary physician!

Rick

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A New Way To Meet

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With the rise of Coronavirus and everyone being isolated, a new way of meeting is needed. Granted the repeater is working great and certainly is there for reasons such as what we are experiencing right now.

Zoom is a on line virtual meeting company which some of us has used before. Starting this month, we will be trying our using Zoom (Zoom.us) as the meeting place for the CIRC monthly meeting.

The invite with the link will be coming out to all members who are on the CIRC Google Group email reflector. You can join on your smart phone or home PC, with or without a web cam.

The monthly Zoom meeting will be set up as a reoccurring meeting so we won't have to send a new one out every month. Initially we will have this set up for March through June.

If anyone has questions please let me know. Jeff - KC9QQM

**** The weekly Coffee Klatch has been moved to the 146.94 repeater for the time being. Remember the new PL is 156.7hz ****

AREA NETS

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

Tuesday 9:00 P.M. 146.940 (156.7PL)
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

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 an FCC issued FCC Registration Number (FRN) or Social Security Number. We cannot administer a test without your FRN or SSN. You will need a copy of your Current license plus any CSCE you want to apply.

2020 dates;

5/25 *canceled 7/18 11/4

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),

CIRC Meeting
Fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the
American Red Cross
1 Westport Dr.
Bloomington, IL 61704

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.

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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, the CIRC and its members welcome all to use the 146.94 repeater and to attend club meetings.

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