



Short CIRCuits

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From The President

by Rick Suhadolc NgCKL

The Corona-19 Virus spread is finally subsiding. The Illinois Governor has rolled out a 5 level approach on May 15th. We are in Level 2 under a Face mask order, when in public. A Level 3 was announced starting Friday May 29th allowing groups to less than 10 with Face Masks and opening Restaurants with outdoor seating. So glad to see our Circ Members are all healthy and have all come thru this pandemic. The CIRC Meeting on May 27th will again be a Zoom Virtual Meeting.

May-June is our Tornado and Thunderstorm awareness months and a safe, well grounded Radio Antenna system needs to be inspected to verify good ground connections. I had an Erico Grounding System Virtual

Seminar this week and had a Very good Graphic used for Railway Grounding. I thought it could be useful for our Amateur Radio Operators. I believe Tom Planer and I both have 3 Point Grounding System 240VAC Grounding Meters that send a Microampmeter 240v battery generated current thru the ground and then a third electrode at the midpoint as a voltage divider reads the actual resistance to be less than 3 ohms.

Rick
NgCKL

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

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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.

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AREA EXAM DATES

Following is the schedule for W5YI-VEC Amateur Radio exams for the year 2020. 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;

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

The Metric currently scheduled for Saturday, June 13 is TBD. We are going ahead with basic planning, but only marketing by email and free posts to minimize costs in case we need to cancel. Paid registration will not begin until it is clear that the event can proceed safely. If it appears that we can't ride and eat together by June 13, then there may be sort of alternative solo ride event. Still very TBD.

Calendar of Events

Daily Coffee Klatch Monday thru Friday

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

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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75 Meter HF Traffic handling nets

NET / TIME	FREQ khz
NORTH CENTRAL PHONE NET	
M-F 7:00 A.M. central time	3912
ILL. PHONE NET	
M-F 4:45 P.M. central time	3857
SUN. 8:00 A.M. central time	3940
ILLINOIS SIDEBAND NET	
M-SAT. 6:00 P.M. central time	3905
75 METER INTERSTATE SIDEBAND NET	
DAILY 0100 UTC	3985
ITN INDIANA TRAFFIC NET	
DAILY 1230 UTC	OR
2200 UTC	3912

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