



Short CIRCuits

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President Corner

by Jeff Lovell KC9QQM

Greetings to my fellow members!

By now all who were able to attend the Dayton Hamvention have returned and are gleefully reviewing the prizes they brought back.

For myself and Tim Stone, we had a great time and actually came back with most of things are our shopping list!

June 11th we have the annual Wheeler's Metric at Comlara Park. I look forward to seeing others who will be aiding in this event. Thanks to Tom Planer KJ9P for his previous years of heading this event up and running the net.

And as most everyone knows, coming in June is the ARRL Field Day event. Hope to see a great many of the club there. We will be discussing this at length during this coming monthly meeting.

And with that said, a reminder that this Wednesday the 25th, is our monthly club meeting at the Bloomington Red Cross facility. The virtual Zoom meeting will also be run for those what cannot attend in person.

73,

Jeff KC9QQM

CIRC Happenings

Achievements of our members and club events

Dayton Hamvention '22

Photos provided by CIRC members

Ashfall Drill

Provided by Alex Polozoff KA3BQE

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**These are portions from some emails that were sent covering this event. Thanks Alex for the work you did.*

It was a late start as I left the laptop behind. My fault. I was rushing and should have packed the car the night before. So I had to go back home but it was only a few minutes away, fortunately.

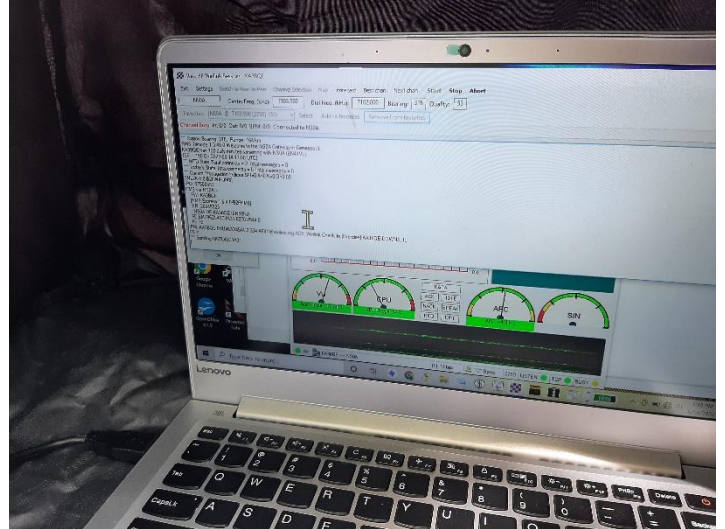


And like Rick and John noted if you are missing one cable it could be a complete failure so I have 2 of everything for cables and antennas. I am not bringing a backup HF rig and soundcard and laptop. But if it is an actual emergency I will bring backups for everything.



That first photo of the FT-891 shows the problem we initially had that the radio booted with Split enabled.

Sigh. I only noticed that after we switched from 40m to 20m to then only go back to 40m where we were able to connect to the NSoA gateway. Took 22m 30s to transfer the message to NSoA. Which is a long time. We were running 40W. Was good to see it actually go through after timing out with another gateway.



Filling out the Winklink form was not trivial but the instructions made sure we filled out everything correctly.



Wild Sumac is a nice spot. A family came to picnic at the shelter behind us. Food smelled good.



One other problem we had was that the soundcard I used was not turned on. So Windows didn't see it. Obviously. Quick fix but just shows how things can go wrong and not work.



Rick has one awesome station set up in the pickup truck.



It is really hard to read my laptop in the sun. Even at full brightness the laptop tent from Olens is highly recommended. I may cut some holes in the bottom to be able to pull cables through. It is cheaper from the Olens website and if you buy more than one the \$10 shipping they charge only adds a few dollars to the cost.



Hopefully now we have two more people that can evangelize Winlink over HF. But I will have another session on May 31 (Tuesday after Memorial Day) also at Wild Sumac at Moraine View State Park. Primarily focused on FT8 and POTA but we can spend time on Winlink. Just ask. I may break out the Wolf River Coil instead of the Magnetic Loop. But the Mag Loop does work well for me. What I might do is set up different antennas in my backyard to use on the Winlink Weekly P2P Net I'm going to start running starting next week. It will only be accessible over 40m. No Telnet.

Alex made an ETO-05 entry at Moraine View State Park as part of the Emergency Transmission test. Alex used a Magnetic loop antenna, to Yaesu 821 HF radio and a sound card connection to a laptop computer. Very similar to a PSK31 data transmission. Alex made Gateway connection with NSoA in Geneseo, IL. 164 km away, on 7.104 Mhz to email the ETO Emergency Situation Form for the ETO test. It was a beautiful day with a slight breeze and Alex's Great Choice of locations. Picnic table was in the shade. Alex used a laptop tent that allowed us to see the computer screen.

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AREA NETS

Tuesday 8:30 pm 28.450
CIRC Open 10 meter Net

Tuesday 9:00 pm 446.640 (456.7PL) Temp on 444.950- 97.4PL
CIRC Open Net

Wednesday 8:00 pm 50.140mhz USB
6M net

Thursday 8:00 pm. 28.450

Thursday 8:00 pm 444.950 (97.4pl)

Sunday 08:15 am 1.915
Open 160 meter AM net

AREA EXAM DATES

Following is the schedule for W5YI-VEC Amateur Radio exams for the year 2022. 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.

PLEASE – Contact Keith AC9S at AC9S@Hotmail.com to sign up.

2022 dates
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 at the Peoria Superfest. ***This might be incorrect with changes due to COVID19.

CIRC Meeting

Fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the
American Red Cross

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 3910

DAILY 1230 UTC OR

2200 UTC 3912

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 (temp on 44.0mhz)
Every Tuesday evening on the ~~44.640~~ 44.950 repeater at 9:00
p.m.

Weekly 6 Meter Net
Every Wednesday evening at 50.135 MHz at 8:00 pm

Weekly 160 Meter AM Net
Every Sunday morning at 1.915 MHz at 8:15 am

75 Meter HF Traffic handling nets

NET / TIME	FREQ khz
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NORTH CENTRAL PHONE NET

M-F 7:00 A.M. central time 3912

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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 146.64 and 444.950 repeaters to attend club meetings.

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