



# Short CIRCuits

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## President Corner

by John Payne AC9TN

Time flies when you're having fun, right? It's been over a month since I assumed the role as your CIRC President. Thanks for your understanding as I continue my flying/instructing hobby!

In spite of the 2 meter repeater being out of service, we continue local QSO's and nets on our UHF repeater (444.95 +5.0 MHz 97.4 Hz). A Tuesday net is at 9pm, while Thursday net is at 8pm. Join us! Also, for those with 6 meter privileges, we meet at 8pm on Wednesdays, except the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday when our membership Zoom meeting occurs. Join us at any or all of these gatherings!

We continue our search for a suitable in-person venue for our monthly meetings while the Red Cross location remains unavailable. Happily, the spirit of gathering and of giving is still "20 over" among our members! Thanks to Duane KC9PIM and Susan for hosting their excellent Fall party again at their home in Towanda. Becky Baker KA9ROY played some mean Steel Drums there.

Great job, Becky! What a fun evening it was.

The weekly Monday and Friday DQ coffee klatches at 0900 are still going strong. Keith AC9S is still administering licensing tests with his intrepid VE team at least on a quarterly basis. Friends helping friends. I feel proud to be part of this happy group. We bid a fond farewell to Greg Kellerman KC9WVR who is about to start a new life in Missouri. Best of luck, Greg, and many thanks for your years of friendship and service to the club!!! Continued thanks to Jim WB9EDL and Becky Baker KA9ROY who have been awesome in arranging social dinners for the group!

Not much to report yet regarding the mentorship challenge I introduced in last month's President's Corner. Step up, you Elmer Mentor, hihi.

Thanks for reading this John AC9TN

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### Operating in Germany

Article & photo by Ed Deutsch KC9GF

When we visit our daughter in Bielefeld, Germany, I like to take along my HF radio. This time I have my latest acquisition, an Icom IC-7000.

Well, let me back up a little and tell you what it takes to operate in the EU. It's not complicated like in the past when you had to have a "reciprocal" license from the country you wanted to operate from. All that is needed now is to carry a copy of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations agreement (CEPT). For those interested here's a link for you: <http://www.arrl.org/cept> & <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Reciprocal%20operating%20of%20forms/DA-16-1048A1.doc>.

For those who aren't advanced or extra class holders cannot operate in the EU. <https://www.qsl.net/oh2mcn/cept.htm>. Another reason to upgrade.



It is a challenge to pack when you have heavy equipment. Thanks to equipment getting smaller I can take everything in my suitcase. This time I brought my IC-7000, an Alinco switching PS, LDG 100 tuner, a small power/SWR meter and an LDG 4:1 balun. I left wire here for an antenna on a previous trip. In the process of setting up the station I ran into a major problem; the Alinco PS doesn't switch between 120V and 240V. Not to worry, I ordered a step up/down transformer for Amazon EU and got it in 2 days.

To many things going on here, so I just got everything together last week I will have only a week to operate, but DX-peditions sometimes are only a week long. I hope I will be able to get digital going. I'll let you all know how it goes.

In the past I was able to setup in our 3<sup>rd</sup> story bedroom, but this time I setup in a second story storage room. Nice area for a station but it isn't heated. The antenna goes to an upper window and down to a tree to the north.

Ed, DL/KC9GF

## Member Receives Young Achievers Award

Photo & article by Hari Rebba YU2SPZ

Happy to share the news.

Dhruv Rebba (KC9ZJX) received the 'International Wireless Communications-RCA Young Achiever's Award 2021' in Las Vegas on 9/30/2021.

Dhruv is 4-H Youth in Action 2022 STEM Pillar National Award Winner. (National 4 H Council's Legacy Award) sponsored by @HughesNet!

<https://extension.illinois.edu/news-releases/illinois-teen-wins-national-4-h-award-local-global-stem-education-activism>







## CIRC Fall Fun Fest

Photos by Ed Deutsch

\*\*A quick shout out to the Benjamin's, who are ALWAYS quick to help and have for so many years, open their home to the club for this fall activity. This is what make this club so special. Thanks Duane and Susan – Jeff KC9QQM \*\*











# AREA NETS

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

Tuesday 9:00 P.M. 146.640 (156.7PL)  
CIRC Open Net

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

Thursday 8:00pm 444.950 (97.4pl)  
440 NET

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

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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.

PLEASE – Contact Keith AC9S at [AC9S@Hotmail.com](mailto:AC9S@Hotmail.com) to sign up.

2021 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  
1 Westport Dr.  
Bloomington, IL 61704  
\*\* Until further notice the meetings are virtual and only for members. We are sorry for any inconvenience. \*\*  
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# Calendar of Events

Daily Coffee Klatch Monday thru Friday  
\*\*\*\* The weekly Coffee Klatch has been moved to the 146.64 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 146.640-repeater at 9:00 p.m.

Weekly 6 Meter Net  
Every Wednesday evening at 50.135 MHz at 8:00 P.M.

Weekly 160 Meter AM Net  
Every Sunday morning at 1.915 MHz at 8:15 A.M.

## 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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### 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
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### 75 METER INTERSTATE SIDEBAND NET

DAILY 0100 UTC	3985
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<b>ITN INDIANA TRAFFIC NET</b>	3910
DAILY 1230 UTC	OR
2200 UTC	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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