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President Corner

by John Payne AC9TN

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CIRC Happenings

Peoria Superfest!!!

Saturday the 18th was date for the Peoria Superfest. I believe we all were ready for it to come around again after a year off. This year brought a new location (2 if you count the East Peoria Dome that ended up not being available due to a storm earlier this year) and some confusion once we all got there!



The club had rented 3 spaces and Ed Deutsch KC9GF and Dennis Mills KE9UA rented 2 each for themselves so all together we had 140' of space to sell our wares. There was quite a load of items from the club as well as the rest of us and all in all the selling went pretty well.





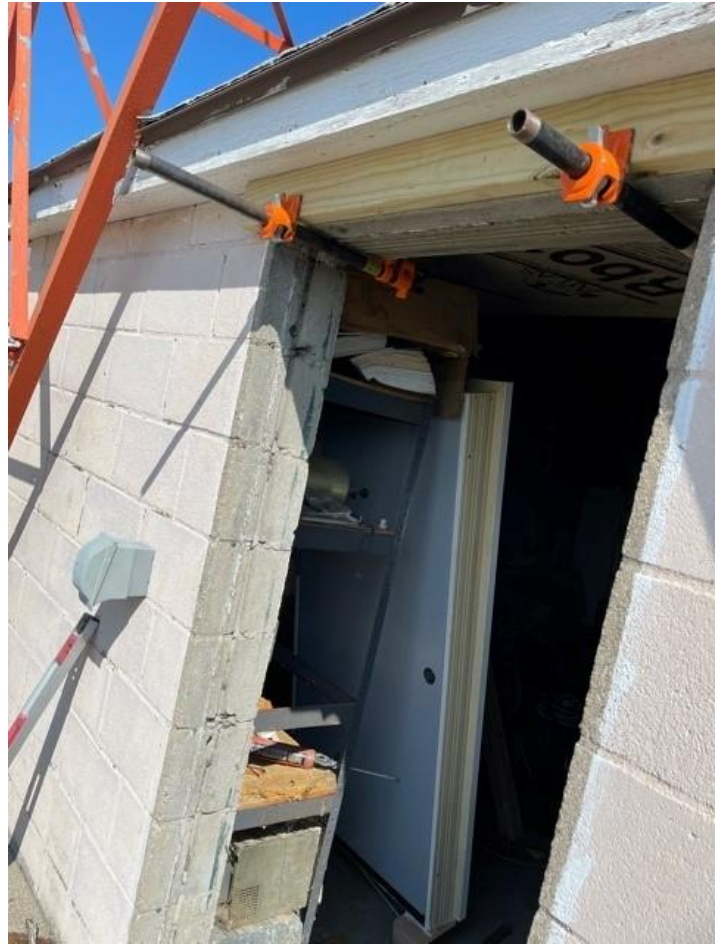
It was the typical mid-September day with it cool in the morning and turning to a hot sunny day by mid-morning. Thanks to Russ WD9FVI and Keith AC9S for the coverings they brought. (and the water and ice, Russ!) Things pretty much dried up by noon, so a number of us left. Thanks to Ed for bringing his camera to add shots to my own to document the event. On a bright note, the Dayton Hamfest is a go for 2022!!



Jeff KC9QQM

A NEW Door!

On Saturday the 13th of September a number of club members made their way to the repeater site to help Jim Baker WB9EDL install the new steel door in the repeater building. With Jim very busy in his own business, we give him a hats off for the time and effort it took to slide this project into the rest of what he is doing. This new door is part of a number of projects at the repeater site to better it. Here are some shots of that work!





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I had to shorten John letter to fit the first page, here is it in its entirety – Jeff

In my first days as president of the Central Illinois Radio Club, I find myself reflecting on my relatively short experience as a member of the club, as a licensed ham, and on my role for the next year. *These* thoughts have left me both humble and grateful. Thanks for your confidence in me! I laughed as I remembered my promotion from copilot to Captain at Flexjet. My head was so swelled, I could hardly fit through a doorway. Hihi! I can assure you; no “big head” this time with this role.

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Emphasis will be on completing our tasks at low cost to the club - our cash resources are limited! In our club, we enjoy a cross-section of members that is quite representative of the national amateur radio population. That brings me to the **second** goal. This goal will be to grow our membership ranks in ways that will ensure the club’s survival in Central Illinois for many years to come. Looking for a volunteer as Membership Chairman to setup a team to get going on this all-important membership enhancement goal.

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<http://www.qsl.net/wgam/>
 Bloomington, Illinois

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

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 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. **

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
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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Member at large: Duane Benjamin (KC9PIM)
Newsletter/Web Editor: Jeff Lovell (KC9QQM)

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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