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E-Mail Newsletter



Just a Reminder...

CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday each month
at 7:30 PM
KC Greenville Learning
Center
(Kaskaskia College)
209 N. Third St.
Greenville, IL 62246

CLUB NET

Sun. 9:00 PM - 147.165

Linked Repeater System

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Club Repeaters

W9KXQ/R
(PL 103.5)

147.165+
224.440-

KB9EGI
(PL 103.5)
442.925+

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FIELD DAY WRAP-UP!



www.arri.org

PLAN NOW FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

August 2, 2012

7:30 PM




**August 2,
2012
Field Day
Wrap-up**

**Bond County Fair
Parade
Aug. 7, 2012
Parade Line up help
needed @ 5PM**



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The ARRL Letter (<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2012-07-26>)
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REPEATER UPDATES

Linked repeater system is operational

W9KXQ 147.165 Repeater site

KB9EGI 442.925 Repeater site



The UHF Repeater is still in its temporary housing running on low power. The cabinet has been sand blasted and powder coated. We are currently installing new shelving and mounting brackets for the power supply. The process will be chronicled in photos once it is complete.

Location for August 2, 2012 7:30 PM Meeting

Kaskaskia College Center in Greenville (just south of the Dairy Queen on Third St.)



Regular Meeting location Kaskaskia College
Greenville Education Center 209 N. Third St.
Greenville, IL 62246

rear entrance

Future Dates this Location:

July NO Meeting

August 2, 2012

September 6, 2012

October 4, 2012

November 1, 2012

**December 6, 2012-ANNUAL MEETING &
CHRISTMAS DINNER**



Field Day 2012 **Patriot's Park-Greenville, IL**



06/ Photo by Jim AB9NH



Minutes Highlights for June 7 , 2012

President Ken Norris KK9N called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM on Thursday June 7, 2012 in Room 104 of the Kaskaskia College Education Center on Third Street in Greenville. There were 8 people present.

Ken announced that word was received that Larry KC9ITK passed away this afternoon. The club will send flowers, and we will ask John to email arrangements to all members.

The minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting were approved. Howard Wise N9GEQ reported a balance of \$937.20. His report was accepted.

Cary W4GRN reported that since the last meeting Bob KC9BOZ, Les N9MFA, Cary and John W9KXQ cleaned out the 440 cabinet and kept it on the air in another temporary cabinet. John took the old cabinet to get sand blasted and repainted.

The next VE testing will be at Egyptian Hamfest this weekend and at Field Day.

Tim K9XWX reported that Tony, the EMA Coordinator for Clinton Co., asked Tim to join their group, and appointed Tim as the ARES officer for Clinton Co. Several of the members of ARES are interested in getting their ham license. Ken recommended being involved in ARES.

Ken reminded us that next weekend is the car show here in Greenville on June 16. We agreed to have a display. Cary, Tim, and Ken agreed to help. Tim has a 10 x 10 tent he can bring for us to set up under.

There will be no July OVARC meeting. We will have a steak dinner Saturday night at Field Day. Bob KC9AEC joined our club.

Lance asked if we wanted to offer to buy Larry's trailer (KC9ITK). There was some discussion about how it is set up, and what his wife might want for it. We will try to get more information before our August meeting.

Tonight's program was finalizing our plans for Field Day. Tim said he will check his generator to be sure it starts easily. Cary had added local information to about 20 ARRL flyers for Field Day that Ken bought at Dayton. Cary encouraged members to take as many as they can post. Ken will send out a reminder in a couple weeks of who agreed to bring what to Field Day.

Ken went over the software we will use for Field Day. The Field Day Logger software is from N3FJP. We will use the KK9N class, 2A IL. Be sure to load your initials, band, and mode when you begin working one of the radios. When you make a contact enter call, class, and section, then press Enter. Watch for duplicates.

We will start setting up at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Ken reviewed the antennas we will erect. Ken brought his Yaesu Mark V transceiver which will be one of the rigs we will use at Field Day.

Ken also showed a Ham Nation program from last year, Episode 5. Gary Pearce KN4AQ of AR-VideoNews.com explained the purposes of Field Day. One aspect of Field Day is a contest, so you can make more contacts if you only take the time to say the basic information—call, class, and section. Gary estimated that 30-40,000 amateurs participate in Field Day in a typical year making it the largest amateur radio event each year. You can find Field Day locations at www.arrl.org/field-day-locator. There you can search by zip code or by the call any given club uses for their Field Day event.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Cary Holman W4GRN
Secretary



OVARC Information

Repeaters

147.165, 224.440, 442.925

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FIELD DAY PHOTOS

KC9VAK & Brother Matt



KC9UBD & W9KXQ



Adam (K9XWX's Harmonic) & W9KXQ



KK9N & KC9SHZ



KA9NQK @ GOTA



Jordie & brother Lawton KC9SHY



KC9KFD & KC9WGB



KC9SPA & N9LIS



N9LIS-Steak anyone?



N9LIS fixing Pancakes



Website to checkout
WB9SLM. It has
Check it out!



This site was suggested by Kris
equipment for sale and/or swap.



<http://swap.qth.com/>



“HAM Nation” a weekly
HD
video webcast about Ham
Radio.

Hosts: Gordo WB6NOA,
Bob K9EID, George W5JDX,
Leo W6TWT
Wednesday Evenings 8:00 PM



Episode 57



Ham Nation Episode 57

www.jimsengraving.com

ILLINOIS ARES SSB HF NET 3.905 MHZ LSB

W9FX calls a net at 1630 local time on the first and third Sunday of every month. They are called by Sections and Bond County is in Section or Region 8

Bond County will be called and someone who is an ARES member, or ARES volunteer can check into the net. Every HF station in Bond County is invited if they would like to come on-board. Multiple pathways into your county with information is the goal.



WINLINK 2000



OFFICIAL DIGITAL MODE OF ILLINOIS ARES

Sometime during the week prior to the weekend of the 2nd Sunday Tim will post a message to the Illinois ARES Digital Working Group list with information specific to that month's test. subscribe here:

Illinois ARES Digital Mailing List
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IL_ARES_DWG

Tim McDonough, N9PUZ
 IL ARES Assistant SEC - Digital Operations
 Sangamon County, Springfield, IL



Regular Events

Club Meetings

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 at 7:30 PM,
 KC Greenville Learning Center
 (Kaskaskia College)

REMINDER!
The Extra Class Question Pool is EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Visit Us on the Web!!!

<http://ovararc.net>
fieldday.ovararc.net/

If the Weather Net is
Active
Regular Net will not be held!

Net Control Schedule



Clareen, KB9BEB is our Net Manager. The Okaw Valley ARC holds a weekly net at 9:00 PM on Sunday evenings. The net control stations are on a rotating schedule.

- July 29—Kris WB9SLM
- Aug. 5—Howard N9GEQ
- Aug. 12—John W9KXQ
- Aug. 19—Clareen KB9BEB
- Aug. 22—Tim K9XWX
- Sept. 2—>>>NO NET<<<<<<<<
- Sept. 9—Kris WB9SLM
- Sept. 16—Howard N9GEQ
- Sept. 23—John W9KXQ
- Sept. 30—Clareen KB9BEB

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 Event Notices,
 Ideas for Programs, etc.

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 Corrections, etc.



**GES Ham Radio Club
Activities**
JUNE 16, 2012
Greenville Graffiti & DIY



Clayton listening to 40 Meters



Emily KC9UBI working PSK-31



What were these 2 up to?



My View from Here! John W9KXQ

July 2012 has been the hottest month on record with the most days over 100 degrees. It has been too hot for any antenna work at the W9KXQ farm. Some DX contacts on HF and inside projects have replaced the outside work. The KB9EGI UHF Repeater cabinet project has ground to a slow crawl due to the temperatures in my garage. Progress is being made and the crew will be planning a day to finish the project. The Repeater will be changed to a CTCSS required tone of

103.5 Hz to activate it once we complete this project. If you are into your radio programs, go ahead now and add the CTCSS Tone Frequency so that when we turn it on you will still be able to access the KB9EGI repeater.

There is a lot going on in our hobby, even when the sunspots don't cooperate we still have the ability to make long distant contacts on 2 meters. Many mornings in the W9KXQ shack I hear distant repeaters 1/2 to full scale as well as distant traffic on 146.52 Simplex. Give .52 a listen, you might be surprised what you may hear and be able to work. While on the subject of working stations, those of you who work HF might be interested to know that 2 special event call signs were activated to coincide with the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games. [2012L](#) based in London, England and [2012W](#) based in Barry, Wales will be on the air and hope to make some 80,000 Qs during their operational period. Read more [here](#).

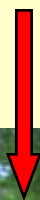
The Bond County Fair comes around every year and Alan Davis WB9YVE has served as the Parade Chairman for many years. This is one of the few events that we are invited to help with using Amateur Radio. August 7th is this year's parade date. If you can make it out to the Bond County Fairgrounds to help with this event, make sure your handheld is charged and set on our UHF Repeater frequency 442.925 Mhz. + and show up from 5 PM on. Parade is at 7PM. AI WB9YVE Bob WB9YVG & Jerry WB9NEY can use your help! **73 from up here!**

Photos by
KC9KFD

OVARC FIELD DAY 2012 PHOTOS PARTRIOT'S PARK GREENVILLE, IL



Our Photographer—
Her radio was ?



Field Day Photos

We have a special place to view more Field Day photos. A new batch of photos arrived and will be posted soon.

Check this out

<http://fieldday.ovarc.net/>



Ken's Trivia Corner (KK9N)

At our Field Day 2012, who was their who has been licensed the longest & who was licensed the least amount of time? (Name & Call Letters)

The answer and a prize for the winner will be given at the August 2, 2012 meeting



Dues for 2012 due January 1, 2012

Dues for 2012 are \$25.00 per member per year, second family member is \$10. Student dues \$5 per year

You can pay Howard N9GEQ at club meetings or send a check made payable to Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club P.O. Box 3 Greenville, IL 62246



**Larry Shenkel
KC9ITK
Silent Key**

Larry L. Shenkel, age 72 of rural Pocahontas, passed away Thursday June 7, 2012 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. He is survived by his wife Betty, Daughter Kathryn Wagner & Step-children Mary Kay Schrage & grandson Aaron KC9IYX, Patricia Zurliene, Glen, Thomas, Michael & Mark Rakers. Services were held June 11th in Pocahontas. Full obituary can be found [here](#). Larry was OVARC's Photographer.



Testing Opportunities

**Jim Thibeault KF4NBG
OVARC VE Team**

Contact Jim KF4NBG
(618)-409-8284
BecomeAHam@yahoo.com

**Extra Class Questions Changed
July 1, 2012**

Saturday August 4, 2012

Courtesy call or e-mail appreciated. Two forms of ID required (one with photo). If upgrading, original, plus copy of both license and any Certificates of Successful Completion (CSCE's) are required.

New Hams

**Mark Hardy KC9WGB
(Bobbi KC9KFD's husband)**

UP GRADES

John Ferrara KC9VCP

Hamfests

St. Charles Amateur Radio Club

Sunday August 12, 2012



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BOND COUNTY FAIR

GREENVILLE, IL

**Parade Traffic
KB9EGI Repeater
442.925 Mhz +**

**Fair Parade
Aug. 7, 2012
Parade Line up help
needed @ 5PM
WB9YVE-Parade Chairman**

Welcome to the Bond County Fair!

2012 Bond County Fair • August 2 - 7

SCHEDULE OF ATTRACTIONS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 AM • Dairy Show

6:00 PM • Carnival Opens

7:00 PM • Parade

After Parade • Makers Project - Activity Building



August 2012

**Okaw Valley Amateur
Radio Club**

Watch Ham Nation Episode
57 here to learn about the
tubes on George's work-
bench. [Episode 57](#)

Ham Nation Now on
Wednesdays 8PM CDT

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