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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

The Monthly Publication of the Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club


FIELD DAY 2013 WRAP UP



The August meeting will include a review of Field Day 2013, what we did right and what we can do better. Come prepared to offer suggestions, even if you missed this year! Ken KK9N will provide stats and total points scored for this year as well as sharing Field Day Events of other Clubs.

There will be an update on our Not For Profit Status based on information from our attorney.

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Club Repeaters

W9KXQ/R
(PL 103.5)

147.165+
224.440-

KB9EGI
(PL 103.5)
442.925+

NEXT MEETING August 1, 2013
7:30 PM

MEETINGS TO PLAN FOR

Next Meeting
August 1, 2013
Field Day Wrap-up

**Bond County Fair
Parade
Aug. 6, 2013
Parade Line up help
needed @ 5PM**

BOND COUNTY FAIR
GREENVILLE, IL

Event Schedule @ [Bond County Fair Website](#)

**Parade Traffic
KB9EGI Repeater
442.925 Mhz +**

Welcome to the Bond County Fair!



REPEATER UPDATES
Linked repeater system is operational

W9KXQ 147.165 Repeater site
KB9EGI 442.925 Repeater site



Our 224.44 MHz Linked Repeater will be operational within the next few weeks. Listen for it!
[IRLP Node 4385](#) is on the air on our Repeater System. Thanks Lance K2SGS for your hard work installing the new PiRLP node.

Location for August 1, 2013 Meeting



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



Future Dates:

- August 1, 2013
- September 5, 2013
- October 3, 2013
- November 7, 2013
- December 5, 2013

Field Day 2013 Setup

Devante Griego (KD8KLB's harmonic) & Clayton KC9WZL



David Dooley KA9YOG



Roman KD8KLB
& Devante
Griego

Minutes Highlights for May 2 , 2013



President Ken Norris KK9N called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, June 13, 2013 in Room 104 of the Kaskaskia College Education Center on Third Street in Greenville. There were 11 people present. A quorum was found to be present.

The minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting were approved. Howard N9GEQ reported a balance of \$3348.44.

John W9KXQ reported no change from last month in the status of the 440 repeater.

At the May VE testing there were 2 new Techs and 2 General upgrades. There was testing in June at the Egyptian hamfest. No one passed. There will be testing at Field Day.

John talked to our attorney last night. Our attorney says that the name of our club needs to be the Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc. There was discussion. We should be ready to vote on our revised Constitution and By-laws at our August meeting.

After last month's meeting Les N9MFA and Vince KC9TUM picked up several radios that had been taken out of use by St. Clair County from a Motorola dealer. It appears that those radios cannot be modified for amateur use.

Ken KK9N reported that the Dayton Hamvention went well. Ken had some items to give away from the Hamvention. Ken and John W9KXQ attended Contest University on Thursday before the Hamvention. There is a YouTube video of the sprint contest exercise (Contest University 2013—contesting without radios). Ken showed us a portion of that video.

Hope KA9NRW reported that the emergency communications equipment that was donated to use at the Greenville Regional Hospital is still in storage in the basement of the Court House. Several members said that that was the case at other area hospitals (Jerry, Fayette County; Tim, Breese). John W9KXQ said that the Bond County Health Department does have emergency radio equipment installed.

Ken Norris KK9N asked the trivia corner question: Referring to page 5 of the June OVARC newsletter, was Mandy Baxter operating legally on the *Last Man Standing* television show when she did not identify her call sign? Those present discussed the situation and voiced opinions. At the Hamvention John W9KXQ talked with John Amodeo NN6JA, a producer of the show. The piece on the show was less than 10 minutes long, so it was not required for Mandy to identify her call sign. Ken KK9N said that the radios on the television set were transmitting into dummy loads, so the Mandy Baxter character was not actually broadcasting.

The business meeting concluded at 8:53 pm.

Tonight's program was to discuss plans for Field Day, coming up in nine days. Ken and John have scoped out the location—the Main Pavilion at Patriot's Park. The new rules permit some setup as early as Thursday (total setup less than 24 hours before the contest begins). Some said that they were available on Friday at 6:00 p.m. Ken reviewed the list of who will be bringing what items. The club agreed to order ten Velleman MK 102 Flashing LED kits for the kids to solder together during Field Day (\$2.99 each). Several members agreed to bring soldering irons.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18. Howard sold 50/50 tickets. Ken won and returned his winnings to the club.



OVARC Information

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147.165, 224.440, 442.925

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2013 OVARC Officers



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Cary W4GRN, Sec.



Howard N9GEQ, Tres.

CONTEST CORNER

The Original ILLW
International

Lighthouse-Lightship Week (ILLW)

AUGUST 1 through AUGUST 8, annually

ILLW — International Lighthouse-Lightship Week

The ILLW event runs for a full week, known as "**The International Lighthouse-Lightship Week**" or **ILLW**. These dates include the August 7th date that is considered "National Lighthouse Day," during which many lights are open to the public.

[Rules](#)



Website to checkout



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Thanks to Bobbi KC9KFD for
our Facebook Page**

[Facebook Field Day Photos](#)



Ham Nation broadcast live from Dayton Hamvention (George, Gordo, Bob) May 17, 2013

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

**Hosts: Gordo WB6NOA,
Bob K9EID, George W5JDX,
Leo W6TWT**

**Wednesday Evenings
8:00 PM CDT**



**Jim KF4NBG
at Dayton Hamvention
May, 2013**

Check Jim’s website here:

**[Ham Shack
Essentials](#)**



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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

First Thursday of the month
at 7:30 PM,
KC Greenville Learning Center
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209 N. Third St.



If the Weather Net is
Active

Regular Net will not be held!

Visit Us on the Web!!!

<http://ovarc.net>

[Field Day 2013 Photos](#)

Net Control Schedule



Claren, 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 28—John W9KXQ
Aug. 4—Ken KK9N
Aug. 11—Claren KB9BEB
Aug. 18—Tim K9XWX
Aug. 25—Kris WB9SLM
Sept. 1—NO NET LABOR DAY
Sept. 8—John W9KXQ
Sept. 15—John W9KXQ
Sept. 22—Ken KK9N

[Download 2013 Schedule here](#)

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FIELD DAY 2013 Activities

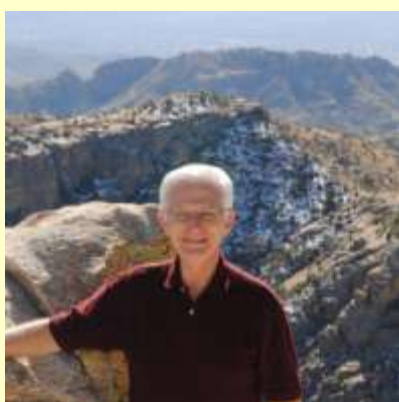


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At the June 13th meeting the club authorized the purchase of 10 LED kits for teaching kids how to solder. The kits complete with batteries were a hit.



My View from Here! John W9KXQ



[Sue Stone](#), passed her Technician Exam on Tuesday July 24th and is anxiously awaiting her new call letters. Hopefully she will have them shortly. Her next step will be to apply for the Vanity Call sign of K9SXO, her late father's call letters. Yes, I did write about Sue in my July "My View From Here". As she studied for her Technician, I learned that she had earned her Novice Class license when she was 9 years old (just a few years ago) WN9HAA. Back then, the Novice Class license was the entry level license, good for only 1 year and not renewable. You had to demonstrate that you could send and receive 5 words per minute in Morse Code plus pass a written exam. Had she upgraded to Technician

at the end of that year, she would have been issued the call W9HAA. Although Sue is much younger than me, I also was first licensed in the time when my Novice Call was KN7QLL and upon passing my Technician Class exam had my call letters changed to K7QLL. For you *old Morse Code types* that call was fun to send. How I ended up with W9KQ was the just the luck of the draw., but it has stuck, as I have held this call since 1968.

August 1, our next meeting, coincides with the beginning of the [Bond County Fair](#), which runs through August 6th. On Tuesday, the 6th OVARC has been asked to help Allan Davis WB9YVE line up the parade. This will be an opportunity to wear our [red shirts](#) (show our colors). We will be using the KB9EG1 repeater and Allan, Bob WB9YVG and Jerry WB9NEY can use your help. The Parade is at 7PM, so help is needed from 5PM on. Plan now to come out and help. Enter the Fairgrounds at the South Gate. You will not be charged admission if you are coming to help. Just tell the people at the gate.

August 3, is the West Central Hamfest, sponsored by Macoupin & Montgomery County Amateur Radio Clubs and held at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds, Carlinville. We need to support their efforts to keep Hamfests alive in Illinois. Plan now to attend and bring a friend or two. Hope to have an eyeball.

Next Meeting is Aug. 1, see you there! **For Now— from up here! 73!**

Field Day 2013

Solar Contact



WB9SLM & KA9YOG



Weather?



KC9HCD & KC9BOZ



Jeremy & W4GRN

KC9TUM-Steaks!



N9LIS cooking Breakfast

Inside our Trailer

Cleanup Detail (K9XWX & KA9NQK)





Thanks to Doug Sigrist of Rural Comm for providing Internet Service at our Field Day Site. With the bad weather we experienced, the Internet was invaluable. Check out their website: [Rural Comm](#)
 Another big thanks goes to Mark Gan Custom Communications for installing the Internet equipment and getting it operational



You can order your shirts from Chrystal using this online form: [Order Shirt](#)
 Specify "Red Polo for Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club"

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Ken's Trivia Corner (KK9N)

What is it?>>>>>>

The answer and a prize for the winner will be given at the August 1, 2013 meeting





Dues for 2013 due January 1, 2013

Dues for 2013 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



Testing Opportunities

**Jim Thibeault KF4NBG
OVARC VE Team**

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

**Saturday August 3, 2013 3:00 PM
Louis Latzer Memorial Library
Highland, IL**

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.

FOR SALE

Ken KK9N has the following equipment for sale. Please contact him directly for more information

KK9N@ovarc.net



Yaesu FT-897 HF/VHF/ UHF Transceiver – 160 to 6 meter 100W, 2 meters 50W, 440 MHz 20W. Comes with MH-59 advanced microphone,

Rigblaster Plug-n-Play computer interface and LDG AutoTuner Interface. \$600



Elecraft KX1 QRP Transceiver – 40 and 20 meters 5 watts. \$200



Marc N9LIS, Sue K9SXO(soon!), John W9KXQ, Cary W4GRN

New Hams

Sue Stone KC9ZKC

UP GRADES

**Dennis Warren KA9YTV Now W9DAW
(Extra)**

Hamfests

**Aug. 11, 2013—SCARC Hamfest (St. Charles, MO)
SCARC**

IL Section Manager

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Kermit Carlson, W9XA@arrl.org



Just like Dad's ham-fest used to be!

GPS N39.18.455 W89.52.671

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
(SETUP AT 6:00 AM)

Macoupin County Fairgrounds
Carlinville, IL

DOOR
PRIZES!

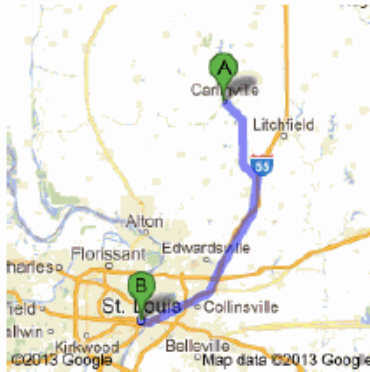
- > Indoor-outdoor flea market
- > Forums
- > VE testing
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2013 WEST CENTRAL IL OLD FASHIONED HAMFEST



Saturday 3 August

DIRECTIONS: Easy to get to and it is only an hour away from St. Louis. Take I-55 north to the Carlinville, Exit 60 off ramp. Proceed 12 miles on IL Route 108 into Carlinville. Turn north on IL Route 4 and a few miles north of town on the east side of the road is the Macoupin County Fairgrounds, home of the most fun hamfest in the area! From Springfield, IL take I-55 south to Exit 60 and then follow the directions above.

Talk-in will be provided on the WS9V linked repeater system 444.250 MHz (103.5 pl)

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&

the Montgomery County AR Emergency Corp, W9BXR



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the flyer

Saturday
August 3
7AM-1PM

Macoupin
County
Fair-
grounds

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- *Worldwide Friendships*
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