

Volume 3, Issue 7
OVARC E-Mail

July
2011

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

Inside this Issue

Field Day Overview	1
Future Meetings	2
Meeting Location	3
June Mtg. Highlights	4
More Field Day	5
Website checkout ✓	6
Net Control Schedule	7
GES Hams @ Field Day	8
GES Ham Radio Ops	9
VE Test Date	11
Newsletter Summary	12

Club Repeaters

W9KXQ/R
(PL 103.5)

147.165+
224.440-

KB9EGI
442.925+

The Monthly Publication of the Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club

NO JULY MEETING-Next Meeting Aug. 4th FIELD DAY 2011



Participation in the OVARC Field Day a part of the ARRL Field Day included 7 operators from Greenville Elementary School. Pictured above (L-R) {front row} Emily KC9UBI, Alexis, {back row} Anne KC9UBD, Cameryn KC9SHF, Kaitlynn KC9SHZ and Lawton KC9SHY (insert). Each Operator made at least 5 contacts on the GOTA station and earned a personalized hot chocolate mug compliments of [Jim's Engraving](http://www.jimsengraving.com).

There were over 25 participants that helped to make this year's Field Day a successful operation. A big thanks goes to the operators and our support team including the cooks. During Saturday's operation, we were visited by Chris KC9EIZ & Linda KC9FPG from O'Fallon, IL. Linda upgraded to General at our V.E. Session.



PLAN NOW FOR August 4, 2011 7:30 PM

MEETINGS TO PLAN FOR

No July Meeting

August 4, 2011
 LOOKING FOR A PROGRAM-CONTACT KEN
 KK9N (kk9n@ovarc.net)



The ARRL Letter is published Thursdays, 50 times each year. ARRL members may subscribe at no cost or unsubscribe by editing their Member Data Page as described at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/>.

To see the most current copy go to the following website:
 The ARRL Letter (<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2011-06-30>)
 If you are a member of ARRL, why not sign up for your weekly email copy?



REPEATER UPDATES

W9KXQ 147.165 Repeater site

KB9EGI 442.925 Repeater site



Linked repeater system is operational as of 05-25-2011

With the Assistance of AI WB9YVE, Bob WB9YVG & John W9KXQ 3 new backup batteries were installed at the 2 meter site in mid June.

Location for August 4, 2011 7:30 PM Meeting

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



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

rear entrance

Future Dates this Location:

July—No Meeting

August 4, 2011

September 1, 2011

October 6, 2011

November 3, 2011

OKAW VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 2011 OFFICERS



Ken KK9N, Cary W4GRN, Howard N9GEQ, John W9KXQ
President | Secretary | Treasurer | Vice President
(Photo by Charley KA9NQL)

Minutes Highlights for June 9, 2011

June minutes are on the Secretary's computer somewhere in another state on vacation. The computer refused to spit out the minutes. Look here next month, we may have the June 9th highlights!



Jerry WB9NEY checking his e-mail



**Mark & Bobbi KC9KFD
What did Mark say???**



Clayten is being entertained by our resident Magician Jim KF4NBG



OVARC Information

Repeaters

147.165, 224.440, 442.925

2011 Officers

President

Ken Norris KK9N
KK9N@ovarc.net

Vice-President

John King W9KXQ
W9KXQ@ovarc.net

Secretary

Cary Holman W4GRN
W4GRN@ovarc.net

Treasurer

Howard Wise N9GEQ
N9GEQ@ovarc.net

Repeater Trustees

John King W9KXQ
Don Stover KB9EGI
KB9EGI@ovarc.net

V.E. Team Coordinator

Jim KF4NBG
KF4NBG@ovarc.net

Net Manager

Clareen Dunn KB9BEB
KB9BEB@ovarc.net

Webmaster

John King W9KXQ
webmaster@ovarc.net

Website

<http://ovarc.net>

Field Day 2011 a hit! June 25 & 26, 2011 Patriot's Park Greenville, IL



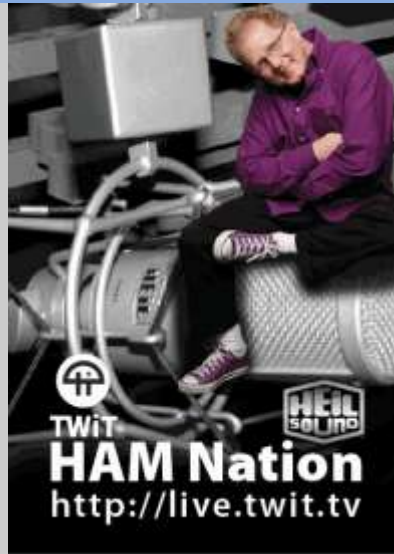
Photos in this issue by Larry KC9ITK,
Kim KA9NQG & John W9KXQ

Website to checkout



<http://live.twit.tv>

“HAM Nation” is a weekly HD video webcast about Ham Radio. It is hosted by Bob Heil K9EID Tuesday Evenings 8:00 PM CDT on Leo Laporte’s TWIT network



FIELD DAY AND FOOD JUST GO TOGETHER!

N9LIS Sunday AM Pancakes with KC9SPA helping



N9LIS cookin’ the steaks



Clayten enjoying Marc’s Pancakes



KA9NQL & WB9NEY front & center with KK9N next in line

WorldRadio

ONLINE

<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/>

ARES HF Digital Net July 11, 2011

The Illinois ARES HF Digital Net meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5:00pm local time. The mode used is **Olivia 16/500** and the frequency is **3.590 (dial) USB**

Regular Net Control:
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
 (Kaskaskia College)
 209 N. Third St.
 Greenville, IL 62246

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 eve-

nings. The net control stations
 are on a rotating schedule.

July 3 NO NET 4TH OF JULY
July 10—John W9KXQ
July 17—Clareen KB9BEB
July 24—Hope KA9NRW
July 31—Kris WB9SLM
Aug. 7—Howard N9GEQ
Aug.14—John W9KXQ

**Visit Us on the
 Web!!!**

<http://ovarc.net>

OVARC

P.O. Box 3
 Greenville, IL 62246
*Club Information, Dues,
 Event Notices,
 Ideas for Programs, etc.*

E-Mail Newsletter

John King W9KXQ, Editor
 Email: W9KXQ@ovarc.net

*Articles, New Items,
 Corrections, etc.*



Field Day with GES Ham Radio Operators

7 operators from Greenville Elementary School join the OVARC Field Day activities. 5 of the students have their license and 2 are working on theirs.



Cameryn KC9SHF helps Emily KC9UBI make her first contact on the GOTA station as Kris WB9SLM keeps the log



John W9KXQ with Grandson Clayten front of Club Logo Sign



My View from Here! John W9KXQ

Bright and early (9AM) on Saturday June 25, a crew of Amateur Radio Operators showed up at Patriot's Park to begin another successful Field Day exercise. Will our score be on the top of the list? No, I don't think so, but just the same ours was successful, we were able to install and take down 3 antenna systems without any injuries, we weathered 2 very serious storms only losing one antenna support during the second storm, we had over 25 participants, 7 of which were elementary school kids 3 of which participated for the

first time. The food was fantastic thanks to Marc N9LIS for stepping up to cook at the last minute. He was present to cook the steaks and returned Sunday morning preparing his world famous pancakes. Yes that is me eating my share. (now back to the diet). Each year at field day, we are able to try new antennas, new modes and meet new friends. We had visitors from O'Fallon and Champaign, Illinois, and we held a V.E. Test Session with a successful upgrade to General. I spoke with one of our young operators' mothers who told me her child had a great afternoon with us. You can see our many successes, so yes, even though several of our members were unable to make it yet, they helped in advance of the event. I appreciate each of you that helped in any way to make this a "successful" event. Ken, KK9N is to be commended for an outstanding job of guiding us to this success.

On a sad note, our dear friend Rick WA9RAV passed away June 12, 2011. Rick was a strong supporter of OVARC and will be greatly missed. I was able to attend his funeral, flowers were sent on behalf of the Club.

REMEMBER NO JULY MEETING 73 from up here!! (well up here next to the pancakes)

GES Ham Radio Club Members

Photos in this issue by Larry KC9ITK,
Kim KA9NQK & John W9KXQ



Kim KA9NQK helps Emily KC9UBI catch the calls as they work the GOTA station.



Anne KC9UBD looks on as Cameryn KC9SHF show Kaitlynn KC9SHZ how to adjust the GOTA station radio.



John W9KXQ & Anne KC9UBD preparing to make a contact.



One of Jim's (KF4NBG) works of art was spotted at his Field Day Station. This one really lights up with changing colors at night. If you would like one for your station contact Jim: jim@jimsengraving.com Jim was pondering the next QSO>>



New Technician Study Guide Now Available for download



On March 25, 2011 Cary W4GRN, Kim KA9NQG & John W9KXQ were on hand at the Greenville Elementary School to introduce Ham Radio. This was followed up by 13 kids signing up for our study course after school at GES. The first session was held March 31 with Charley KA9NQL, Cameryn KC9SHF & John W9KXQ on hand to introduce the new Technician Study Guide in the PowerPoint format. The Study Guide was edited

by Melissa Bohannon with help from Cary, Charley and John. It is now available here. ([download](http://www.w9kxq.com/study.htm))[<http://www.w9kxq.com/study.htm>]

Ken's Trivial Corner

From what "Grid Square" did the Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club operate from for Field Day this year?

The answer and a prize for the winner will be given at the August 4, 2011 meeting



By Ken Norris KK9N



Dues for 2011 due January 1, 2011

Dues for 2011 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



Rickey (Rick) A. Vaughn WA9RAV (ex-N9YFO) passed away Sunday June 12, 2011. Rick was 57 years old and an avid Amateur Radio Operator. Rick spent a great amount of time since his retirement and accident at the Greenville McDonalds where he was seen on a regular basis.

He grew up and lived his entire life in Greenville. He graduated from Greenville High School in 1971. He had worked at Basler Electric, Nevco Scoreboard, and drove a milk route for Prairie Farms. He then went to work as a guard at the Vandalia Correctional Facility retiring in 2003. He was a member of The Bond County Farm Heritage Association, The Hill's Fort Society, and the Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club. Shortly after his retirement he was disabled in a power-parachute accident.

Rick is survived by his Wife, Cathy (KB9WRM); Mother, Marie Vaughn; Son, Shawn Vaughn; Daughter, Mrs. Brandon (Sherry) Trovillion; and Step-Sons, Robbie Neer (KB9HYJ), Travis Neer (KC9SHG) and grand-children including Cody Finley KC9SHW.



Testing Opportunities

**Jim Thibeault KF4NBG
OVARC VE Team**

Louis Latzer Memorial Library
1001 9th St.
Highland, IL 62249
Contact Jim KF4NBG
(618)-488-6411

BecomeAHam@yahoo.com

**General Class Questions Changes
July 1, 2011**

NO SCHEDULED SESSIONS FOR SUMMER

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

KC9UBC	David Bare
KC9UBD	Anne Ennen
KC9UBE	Harley Feaster
KC9UBF	Jackie Forys
KC9UBG	George Timmermann
KC9UBH	Katelyn Thomason
KC9UBI	Emily Unterbrink
KC9UDN	Chloe Matute
KC9UDO	Brandon Reeves

**David KC9UBC joins sister Helen KC9PPG &
George KC9UBG joins brother Matt KC9PBD**

HamFests

Zero Beaters July 17, 2011

www.zerobeaters.org



IL Section Manager

Thomas Ciciora, KA9QPN@arri.org

Central Division Director

George "Dick" Isely, W9GIG@arri.org

Central Div. Vice Director

Kermit Carlson, W9XA@arri.org



Fred AA7BQ, Owner


“Effective today, the QRZ Callsign database is changing the way we serve callsign data to our web (browser) based users. These changes have been brought on by a steadily increasing number of automated systems that access the QRZ data in so-called hidden or stealth mode. Such systems create a significant load on the QRZ servers and in doing so, deprive ordinary users of the performance that they deserve.

These robots (or 'bots') come in many forms. Some are designed to scrape the entire website for every piece of information we have. Others, known as "log checkers" are programs written by hams that repeatedly query the QRZ servers while working through lists of 10's of thousands of callsigns, doing it as rapidly as possible. Finally, some logging programs provide "auto fill" features that use the QRZ servers in the background to fetch callsign data as soon as the user types in a callsign.

For the past several years, QRZ has provided an XML Data service that was specifically designed to serve automated requests such as those described above. The XML service is an extremely lightweight and flexible system that places less than 1/10 of the load on our database that a "stealth" callsign lookup does on our regular pages. In addition, our advertisers are being deprived of ad exposures by these programs which routinely ignore or discard all such non-callsign data as they scrape our site. . . .

These limits are designed for fairness and the vast majority of our ham users will never be affected by them, aside from the new requirement that you must be logged in to see callsign data. Note as well that when looking up or viewing your own callsign page that the act does not count against your daily lookup limit.

We ask for your support in accepting these changes and understanding that they were necessary in order to maintain the high level of service and support that our users have grown accustomed to.”
Click this [link](#) to read Fred’s entire message

<p style="text-align: center;">July 2011 Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Inside This Issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Day Coverage • June Meeting Highlights • GES Hams at “Field Day 2011” • HAM Nation And Much More... 	
<p><i>Want to become a Ham Radio Operator???</i> Contact us at http://ovarc.net P.O. Box 3 Greenville, IL 62246</p>	<p>Amateur Radio Is...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community Service</i> • <i>Emergency Communications</i> • <i>Learn new technologies for fun</i> • <i>Worldwide Friendships</i> • <i>A Fun Hobby!</i> 	