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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
442.925+

The Monthly Publication of the Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club

FIELD DAY WRAP-UP

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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=2012-07-05>)
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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



Field Day with Ken KK9N **Solar Powered CW Station**





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



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FIELD DAY PHOTOS

KC9VAK & Brother Matt



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Adam (K9XWX's Harmonic) & W9KXQ



KK9N & KC9SHZ



KA9NQK @ GOTA



Jordie & brother Lawton KC9SHY



KC9KFD & KC9WGB



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N9LIS-Steak anyone?



N9LIS fixing Pancakes



Website to checkout
Field Day photos.
See if you can find
yourself?



This site will eventually hold all of our

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



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

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



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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

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Regular Events

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

If the Weather Net is
Active

Regular Net will not be held!

Visit Us on the Web!!!

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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 8—John W9KXQ
- July 15—Clareen KB9BEB
- July 22—Tim K9XWX
- 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

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



Clayten listening to 40 Meters



Emily KC9UBI working PSK-31



What were these 2 up to?



My View from Here! John W9KXQ

June is history, and as I write this, today is the 9th day in a row for the temperature to be over 100 degrees. It is just plain HOT! Field Day 2012, however, was actually pleasant this year. The weather cooperated and we erected and torn down our antenna systems without any injuries. That is always a concern and I appreciated everyone pitching in to make sure it was a safe event. Field Day was without our friend Larry KC9ITK who always took such wonderful photos and of course Betty his XYL always made sure we had cookies and other treats to eat. Thankfully, Bobbi KC9KFD took over the photographer's role and I saw Donna KA9NYF sneak in a plate of homemade cookies. Thanks to both of these ladies for filling in. Everyone that in anyway helped to make this Field Day a success is to be commended. Many of our younger attendees took part in a "scavenger hunt" which was planned by Ken. Learning some of the Morse Code letters and sending them was part of the hunt. It was fun to help teach the code again as well as watch faces change when they realized that the were successful. If you missed out on this year's Field Day, why not start planning now for next year. Field Day is always the 4th full weekend of June.

The week prior to Field Day several members participated in Greenville's first DIY (Do-It-Yourself) show in conjunction with the Greenville Graffiti Car Show. It was a successful day and we had the opportunity to expose our hobby to many people who visited our display. Tim K9XWX provided the tent and two videos displays showing how Amateur Radio helps in times of emergency. The organizers are already planning a repeat show at a different time of the year and we will be included. One of my favorite displays was Greenville College's Science students who made "homemade Ice Cream" in about a minute. The Ice Cream was good too.! The Optimist Club had Root Beer Floats for \$2 on a hot day. It was a well attended event.

Make sure you check out the back page, HB1390 is law in Illinois. Ham Radio operators were successful thanks to the efforts of many. **73 from up here!**

Photos by
KC9KFD

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



Our Photographer—
Her radio was ?





FBI: Hundreds of thousands may lose Internet in July

According to a news releases by the FBI, Internet users may not be able to use their computers after July 9, 2012. The FBI obtained a court order that directed at temporary fix for the “re-directed DNS”. The order expires July 9th.

To check your computer to see if it has been infected you can go to this website: <http://www.dcwq.org> . If you missed the news reports on this virus, one source is found on the KMOV.com website here: [KMOV](http://www.kmov.com).

This site is a safe site and is recommended by the FBI.

*Greenville
Graffiti*



Ken's Trivia Corner (KK9N)

At Field Day 2012, who was their who has been licensed the longest & who was licensed the least amount of time?

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
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**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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AN ACT concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

**Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by adding
Section 11-13-1.5 as follows:**

65 ILCS 5/11-13-1.5 new)

Sec. 11-13-1.5. Amateur radio communications; antenna regulations. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no ordinance or resolution may be adopted or enforced by a municipality after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly that affects the placement, screening, or height of antennas or antenna support structures that are used for amateur radio communications unless the ordinance or resolution:

(i) has a reasonable and clearly defined aesthetic, public health, or safety objective and represents the minimum practical regulation that is necessary to accomplish the objectives; and

(ii) reasonably accommodates amateur radio communications.

A municipality may not regulate the antennas or antenna support structures that are used for amateur radio communications in a manner inconsistent with this Section.

This Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.

There is a long list of people involved in seeing HB1390 become law. This is the short list, everyone of you that sent a card, email or made a phone call on behalf of this bill are to be commended. Rep. Chuck Krezwick, WV9C was the original sponsor of the bill and along with ARRL HQ and our local reps, Charlie Richy K9DUE. Our local Senators and Representatives! all played a part.

Thanks to everyone that helped!

July 2012

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- ***Community Service***
- ***Emergency Communications***
- ***Learn new technologies for fun***
- ***Worldwide Friendships***
- ***A Fun Hobby!***