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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 IN REVIEW



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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

**NO
JULY
MEETING**

**Next Meeting
August 1, 2013**

June Meeting Photos, do you see yourself?



June meeting included Field Day Preparations and Asset Assignments along with instruction for equipment operation



REPEATER UPDATES
Linked repeater system is operational

W9KXQ 147.165 Repeater site

KB9EGI 442.925 Repeater site



Due to Field Day, no work was performed on the UHF Repeater. Hopefully it can be completed before the August 1, 2013 meeting. [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 (see "[My View From Here](#)")



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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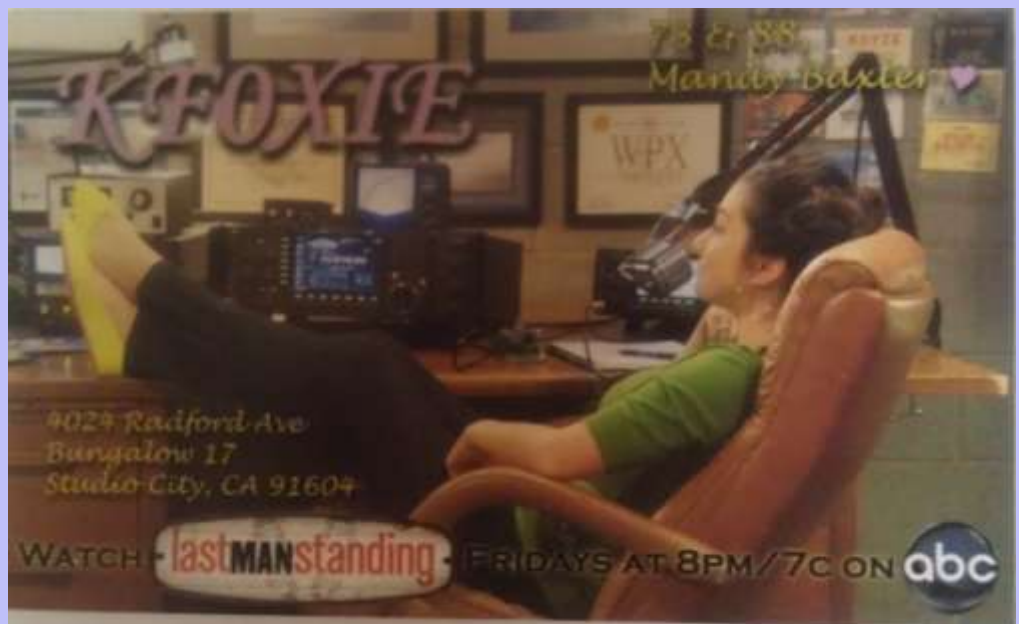
Tim K9XWX, VP



Cary W4GRN, Sec.



Howard N9GEQ, Tres.





Website to checkout



**Like Us on Facebook
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

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Sangamon County, Springfield, IL



Regular Events

Club Meetings

First Thursday of the month
at 7:30 PM,
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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 14—Kris WB9SLM
July 21—Claren KB9BEB
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
[Download 2013 Schedule here](#)

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FIELD DAY 2013 Activities

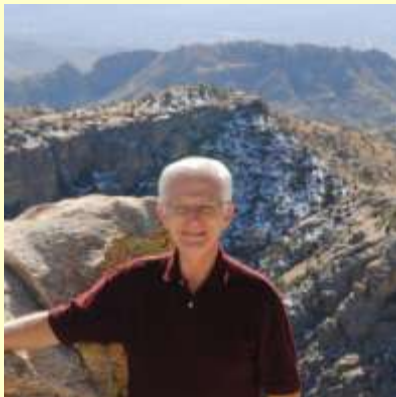


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At the June 13th meeting the club authorized the purchase of 10 LED kits for teaching kids how to solder. The kits complete with batteries were a hit.



My View from Here! John W9KXQ



Field Day 2013 is now history. Another successful but wet Field Day event. Successful as all 4 stations were up and operating, the antennas went up and down without any injuries and we survived the storms and rain! Field Day is that once a year event that provides an opportunity for us to test our "emergency preparedness" and share our hobby with our neighbors and friends who know little about amateur radio. Our site was visited by a couple from Clinton County who heard about us via the news media. Also, a first for OVARC, Nori Stone, Miss Bond County Fair Queen and her mom Sue Stone paid us a visit. Sue's father, K9SXO-SK had encouraged Sue to get her ham license in her early years. She al-

most did it then and later in life, she tried again—attending a class offered by OVARC—to get her Novice License. Back then, Morse Code was still a requirement—I was teaching the code—Sue was one of the best code students I had ever taught. Life got in the way and she was unable to take her exam. Sue and Nori were given the grand tour of our Field Day site, complete with KC9WZL's explanation of the GOTA station. Sue contacted me a few days later, she said the sound of Morse Code coming from the radios along with the contacts and sounds of the radios brought back great memories of her Dad and growing up around Ham Radio. She wanted to know if she passed her test, could get obtain her Dad's call letters. Since he held a 1x3 call after getting his Extra Class license I assured her that it was indeed possible. Sue is a high school English teacher and has already started to study for her Technician license. Sue's story is but one example of the influence Ham Radio has had and how a Field Day exposure can spark a new interest. Look soon for K9SXO to once again be on the air.

Every year, there are club members who help set up and tear down Field Day, yet they go un-recognized. As I was taking photos, I caught [David Dooley KA9YOG](#) again installing lights and electric cords so that the night operations have lights over each station. David has provided this service for as long as I can remember. Thank you David for a job well done.

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"



Ken's Trivia Corner (KK9N)

Who was our youngest and oldest operator at the OVARC Field Day 2013 site?

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



Margaret Pauline Bunting
7/19/1930 - 6/30/2013

Margaret Bunting passed away peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by her family, Sunday, June 30th at 1:23 a.m.

Margaret was the XYL (Wife) of the Chuck Bunting (K9RDC – SK) and mother of John Bunting (N9IKZ – SK). She is survived by her daughter, Christy White and friend Rich of St. Louis, her son Michael and his fiancé Brenda of Dallas, brother Paul McNeely (Bev) of St. Louis and grandchildren , Adam and his fiancé Abby and Emily White all of Greenville.

Services were held Wednesday July 3, 2013 Chuck & Margaret were active members of OVARC during its early years. They hosted Field Day at Bunting Marina and Greenville Airport for several years



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.

New Hams

Thomas Lang KC9YYH
Richard Bigler KC9YYG

UP GRADES

Dennis Warren KA9YTV Now W9DAW
(General)
Buddy Carroll KC9YYI (General)

Hamfests

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



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Field Day 2013 Guests



KC9WZL with Bond County Fair Queen
Nori Stone



KK9N with Bond County Coroner
Anthony Brooks



Greenville Police Officer Russ Rieke &
Coroner Brooks learning about the
GOTA Station (KC9SIK & friend look on)

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- *Emergency Communications*
- *Learn new technologies for fun*
- *Worldwide Friendships*
- *A rewarding Hobby!*

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