



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

Official Reorganization of OVARC Adopting New Constitution & Bylaws

Attorney Brock Willeford will be on hand to help us conduct the required organizational meeting and adopt our new constitution and Bylaws. The proposed Constitution will be emailed prior to the meeting and any last minute changes will be made prior to the vote. Upon the completion of these legal steps, Attorney Willeford will file our request for a tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service. Questions prior to the meeting can be emailed to OVARC@ovarc.net

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Club Repeaters

W9KXQ/R
(PL 103.5)

147.165+
224.440-

KB9EGI
(PL 103.5)
442.925+



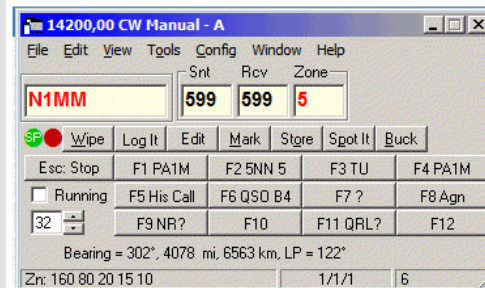
Contest Logging Software

Free Software for Phone, CW, and Digital Modes

N1MM Logger Features

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5. Advanced features
6. Radio support
7. Hardware Support
8. Import/Export features

Ken, KK9N our in-house contest expert will provide a hands on guide to the easy setup and use of the Free N1MM Software



The QSO Entry Window



NEXT MEETING
November 7, 2013
7:30 PM

MEETINGS TO PLAN FOR

Next Meeting
November 7, 2013

**New Constitution & By-laws
Presentation and
vote to adopt.**

December 12, 2013
**Christmas Dinner & Annual
Meeting,
Election of Officers**
Cunetto's
Rt. 127 & I-70
Greenville



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REPEATER UPDATES
Linked repeater system is operational

W9KXQ 147.165 & 224.44 Repeater

KB9EGI 442.925 Repeater site



Our **224.44 MHz** Linked Repeater is operational as of Aug. 14, 2013
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 November 7, 2013 Meeting



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

Future Dates:		
November	7	2013
December	12	2013
January	2	2014
February	6	2014
March	6	2014



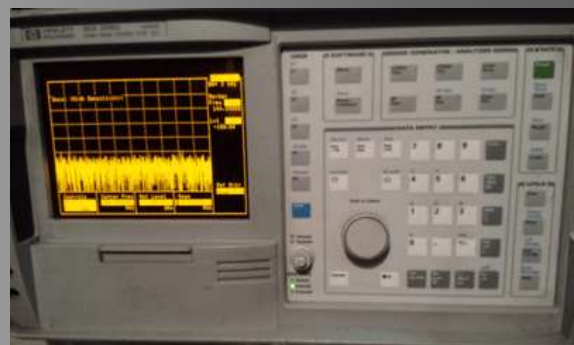
October Meeting Highlights

Radio Performance?

How is Your Radio Performing?

At the October meeting, we provided a opportunity to check out handheld radios, HF radios, and mobile radios at our Radio Lab. We had one Radio Lab Service Monitor on site to test these radios. It was a fun evening of learning more about our radios. The Radio lab was complete with a Spectrum Analyzer, wattmeters, dummy loads and 12 volt power supplies.

Are you on Frequency?



Minutes Highlights for October 3 , 2013



President Ken Norris KK9N called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM on Thursday October 3, 2013 in Room 107 of the Kaskaskia College Education Center on Third Street in Greenville. There were 15 people present.

The minutes of the September 5, 2013 meeting were edited and approved. Howard Wise N9GEQ reported a balance of \$3170.16. The treasurer's report was accepted.

John W9KXQ reported that the Sub-Audible Tone Circuit PL should be operating on our 440 repeater by the end of the calendar year. John reminded us that IRLP & Echo-Link information connected to our repeaters is on the club website.

Jim Thibeault KF4NGB reported that the next VE testing will be this coming Saturday in Highland. One tech is scheduled to take his exam. At the September testing one person passed his General class exam.

Ken reported that Mr. Willeford, our attorney, has sent us copies of the edited constitution and bylaws for OVARC. In the next few days John W9KXQ will send the documents out by email to all members. If you question anything in the documents or have suggestions, let John know right away. We need to circulate a final version to all members before our November meeting. We want to be able to elect our Board of Directors and officers at our November meeting, before our Annual Meeting in December. We will need to have five people serve on our Board of Directors. People can serve as both directors and officers. John had a copy of our incorporation document with the State of Illinois, which has been approved.

Announcements

Ken has two tables confirmed at the Halloween hamfest in Kirkwood, MO, on October 26. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. Over 1,000 attended this event last year.

The visit to K9CT was set up for November 9, but there were problems with that date. Ken is looking for another date to visit K9CT.

Our Christmas party this year will be on December 12. Look for details in the November newsletter.

Ken showed us a DX Code of Conduct and urged everyone to follow it. It is available at www.dx-code.org.

Antenna Corner

Ken Norris KK9N asked the trivia corner question: What antenna was pictured in the October newsletter? (Ken said it is a bowtie antenna.) What frequency is it for? What is it used for? No one present knew any more about the antenna. John said that he will research the answer for our November meeting.

Trivia Corner

What is AX.25, what was it originally use for and what is it used for today? The answer is It was the first protocol for packet over phone lines with home made modems in the late 1970s. APRS still uses the AX.25 protocol today. Jerry knew most of the answers. The business meeting concluded at 8:20 pm.

Program:

For tonight's program two service monitors and a spectrum analyzer were available to test members' radios. John tested the frequency transmitted and the deviation of several members' radios on 146.52, a standard 2 meter simplex frequency.

Cary Holman W4GRN, Secretary



OVARC Information

Repeaters

147.165, 224.440, 442.925

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Tim K9XWX, VP



Cary W4GRN, Sec.



Howard N9GEQ, Tres.

CONTEST CORNER

[Contest Website](#)

**ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB
2100Z, Nov 16 to 0300Z, Nov 18**

[Rules found here](#)

[DX Code of Conduct](#)

Website to checkout-

[Click Here](#)

N1MM Logger Software is Free. This complete Website has all of the answers for using the amazing software. The software is available for download directly from this site, or you can get it here.

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Wednesday Evenings
8:00 PM CDT
twit network <http://twit.tv>

Weekly HD video webcast about Ham Radio.

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

Evansville Hamfest

Presented by [EARS](#) and [The Ham Station](#)



Saturday, November 30, 2013
8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Central Time)

[Vanderburgh Co. 4-H Fairgrounds](#) Auditorium

Admission \$8.00 (Talk-in 145.150- Tone 136.5)

ILLINOIS ARES SSB HF NET 3.905 MHZ LSB

The net is called 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

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[Field Day 2013 Photos](#)

If the Weather Net is
Active

Regular Net will not be held!

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.

Oct. 27—Ken KK9N
Nov. 3—John W9KXQ
Nov. 10—NO NET-Veterans Day
Nov. 17—Ken KK9N
Nov. 24—Claren KB9BEB
Dec. 1—NO NET
Dec. 8—K9XWX
Dec. 15—WB9SLM
Dec. 22—W9KXQ

[Download 2013 Schedule here](#)

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*Club Information, Dues,
Event Notices,
Ideas for Programs, etc.*

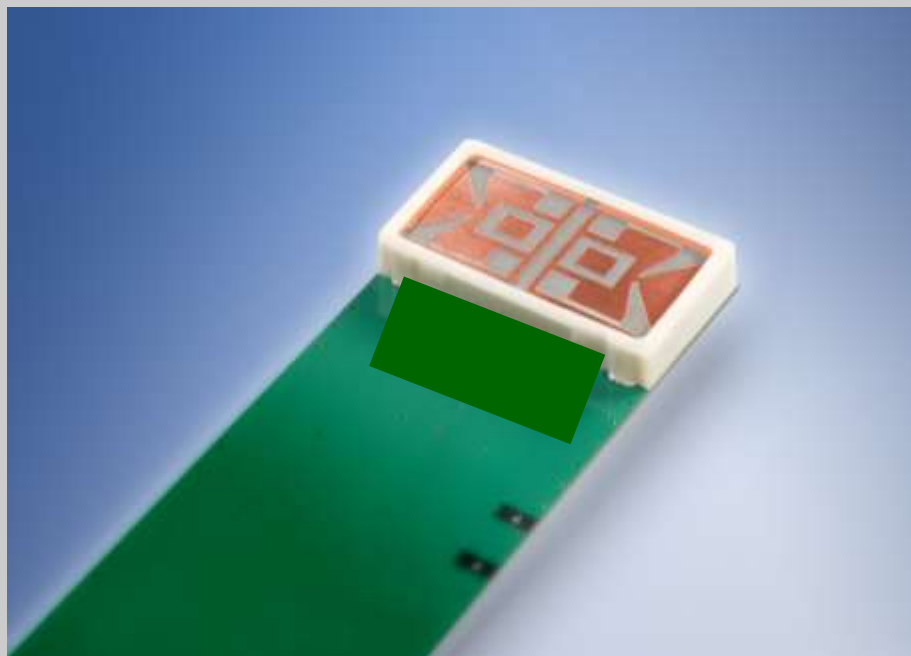
E-Mail Newsletter

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

*Articles, New Items,
Corrections, etc.*



2013 Activities



**Antenna?
What is it?
What Freq.?**



My View from Here! John W9KXQ



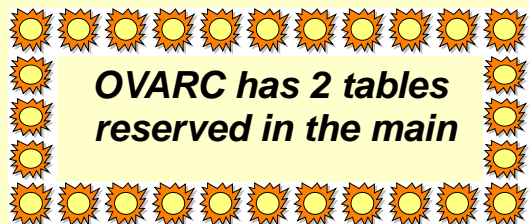
I was not the only one disappointed when we were unable to reschedule the trip to K9CT's contest station. Hopefully we can get this on Craig's schedule for March or April 2014. It would have been a great field trip, but schedules were conflicting on several fronts for the Nov.9th date. Ken KK9N is working on a new date for us. The November Club meeting will be a very important meeting for all of us to attend. We expect to vote the new Constitution and Bylaws into existence and take care of a few other actions so that our ultimate goal of "Tax Exempt Status" can be obtained. Admittedly, this meeting is a legal necessity, but over the long haul the Club will be better off when we have obtained this status. As I have searched around the Internet to find interesting websites to publish here, I have found more and more Amateur Radio Clubs that are have incorporated and obtained their Tax Exempt Status. This action will make it easier for our family's to donate equipment or money on behalf of us when we reach the "Silent Key" status. Amateur

Radio is still a very viable and important part of our Club's mission and taking the opportunity to help sustain the club by this "legal" change only makes good sense and probably should have been done before this. I encourage you to make the November meeting a priority.

Speaking of priorities, it is a great time to get the Christmas meeting on your calendar. December 12th is the second Thursday, not the first. I have already been made aware that this date poses conflicts for some of us, but that will always be a problem. For those of you who don't have a conflict, plan now to come and join your fellow club members for a meal and some Christmas fun. I know that the cost of the dinner is getting a little out of reach for some of us and we are looking into ways to bring that back down. We have finally managed to get the kid's prices down where our young families can more afford to bring the kids. I don't have a final price for this year as of this writing, but will work to have that in the next week or so. Cunetto's has been reserved for us for Dec. 12th.

Plan Now for Nov. 7th, see you there! **For Now— from up here! 73!**

Welcome to the Saint Louis Halloween Hamfest



Sponsored by Saint Louis Amateur Radio Club

22nd Annual HALLOWEEN HAMFEST

**Saturday October 26, 2013
Kirkwood Community Center
111 S Geyer Road Kirkwood, Missouri
7:30 A.M. to Main prize
drawing at 12:00 P.M.**

Talk in 147.75/147.15

Thanks to the Telephone Employees ARC

GPS Coordinates are 38.34.848N by 090.25.004W



Plenty of FREE Parking



2 Rooms FULL of Swap Tables and Vendors



Hourly Door Prizes



VE Exams



**Over 1000 in attendances for 2012!
2 rooms with 100 tables!**



FCC NEWS

A Petition to Expand Technician 10 Meter Privileges filed by the Toledo Mobile Radio Association {TMRA} was dismissed Oct. 17, 2013. TMRA had requested that Technicians be permitted to operate in the FM portion of 10 meters from 29.52 to 29.7. The FCC stated “We conclude that TMRA has not presented grounds for the Commission to revisit the question of operating privileges for Technician class licensees,” in denying the petition. The FCC said that Technicians may transmit through repeaters licensed to a General class or higher licensee that have an output channel in the 29.5 to 29.7 MHz segment, as long as the repeater has a 2 meter or 70 centimeter input.”TMRA claimed that amending Section 97.301(e) of Part 97 would extend the voice privileges for Technicians to “coincide with today’s technician advancement of the Amateur Radio Service.”



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Ken's Trivia Corner (KK9N)

In contesting, what is a Country file and why is it important to update it before each contest you participate in? “

The answer and a prize for the winner will be given at the November 7, 2013 meeting



Dues for 2014 due January 1, 2014

Dues for 2014 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

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Testing Opportunities

**Jim Thibeault KF4NBG
OVARC VE Team**

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

**Saturday November 9, 2013 10:00 AM
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

Robert Vago KC9ZRA

UP GRADES

Hamfests

Halloween Hamfest Oct. 26
2013 ARRL Midwest Convention
November 8 & 9, 2013



FOR SALE

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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. \$500



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The Lebanon Amateur Radio Club
Presents the



2013 ARRL Midwest Convention November 8 & 9, 2013

Public Service and Emergency Communication

Cowan Civic Center
500 E Elm St.
Lebanon, MO 65536

[Website here](#)



NO CHARGE to enter the convention!!

Many notable guest speakers covering such topics as:

- DXing/Contesting
- Emergency Preparedness/Communications
- Technical aspects of Amateur Radio
- Representatives from the W0 QSL Bureau

Special guests including, Dave Sumner, Bob Heil, Gordon West and Carole Perry, Astronaut Steven Nagel.

- Youth Programs
- Kansas City CW Pileup Contest
- Radio Beauty Contest hosted by the Collins Collector's Association and Electric Radio

Talk-in on 146.700 Duplex, -Shift, 88.5 Tone
Many prizes will be given away including HF radios and Shack Accessories!

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- *Emergency Communications*
- *Learn new technologies for fun*
- *Worldwide Friendships*
- *A Hobby without borders!*

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