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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

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Club Repeaters

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The Monthly Publication of the Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club

MIDWAY ISLAND 2009



Our Midway Island 2009

A multi national team of 19 operators activated Midway Island in October 2009. The US Fish & Wildlife Service authorized amateur operation from this rare US entity for only a 10 day period, it was the first radio activity in almost 10 years.

Midway Island ranked number 24 worldwide and number 13 in Europe on the DX Magazine's "Most Wanted List". Activity was on 6 meters to 160 meters with up to 6 stations. At least one station was active on 20 meters around the clock for those who need it for a new country. Major efforts was made to meet the demand to the most needed geographical areas, the low bands and RTTY.

Team members were AA4NN, EA1IR, DJ9ZB, KH7U, KI6TVS, KL2A, N1DG, N4PN, N4XP, N6GQ, N7CQQ, WB4JTT, W6KK, W6OSP, WA7NB, W8CAA, W8GEX, WA8NJR, and OK1KT. Off site support was provided by AA1V, W5DNT and W6XA.

Tom N4XP & Dave WB4JTT
Co Leaders for Midway Island 2009

**We will be showing a video of the Operation and
Midway Island! Plan now to be there.**

Mark September 2, 2010 on your calendar now
7:30 PM

MEETINGS TO PLAN FOR

October 7, 2010

ARES and Ham Radio! What it is about and how to get involved.



November 4, 2010

This space needs to be filled with a program announcement for November. If you have a program idea, please contact the Editor.

John

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To see the most current copy go to the following website:

The ARRL Letter (<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/index.html?issue=2010-08-26>)

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REPEATER UPDATES

W9KXQ 147.165 Repeater site

KB9EGI 442.925 Repeater site



All systems are working. Let's use our repeaters!

A 2 Meter repeater, hosted by WS9V in Athens, IL on 147.045+ with 210.7 tone.

Location for September 2, 2010 7:30 PM Meeting

The Sept. 2nd meeting will be in the Kaskaskia College Center in Greenville (the building that used to be the location of the hospital thrift store 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:

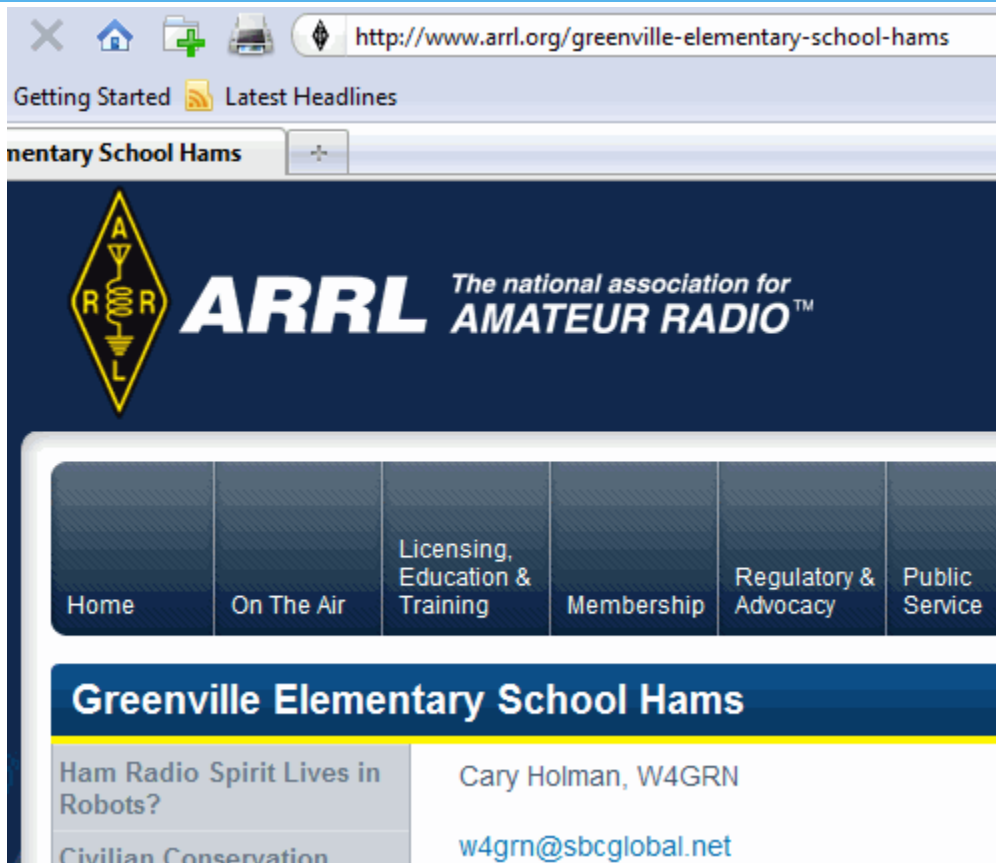
Sept. 2, 2010—Room to be announced

Oct. 7, 2010—Room to be announced

Nov. 4, 2010—Room to be announced

Dec. 2, 2010—Christmas Annual Meeting

Cary, W4GRN's article on Greenville Elementary School Hams is now available on ARRL website. Check it out! Great job Cary!



Minutes Highlights for August, 2010

Vice-President Hope Walker KA9NRW called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM on Thursday August 5, 2010 in Room 118 of the Kaskaskia College Education Center on Third Street in Greenville. There were 13 people present. The minutes of the June 3, 2010 **meeting were approved. There was no meeting in July following Field Day. There was no treasurer's report.**

Jim Thibeault KF4NBN reported that the next VE testing will be this coming Saturday in Highland. Four new amateurs got their license at the testing at the Egyptian Hamfest.

Hope thanked everyone who came out to help for Field Day. We were a little short on operators and hope to improve that next year. Ken had a slide show running of images from Field Day 2010. Members expressed appreciation to Larry KC9ITK for taking so many good photos of our 2010 Field Day operations.

Hope asked if there was interest in a field trip to a meeting of the Centralia amateur radio club and to tour their museum. Several expressed interest.

Several in attendance said they planned to go to the Hamfest in Carlinville Saturday. One of our members will pick up a radio there that has been donated as a memorial to one of the new GES hams, Josh Brannon KC9SIA.

Ken KK9N asked tonight's trivia question: The sun is advancing into its next solar cycle. What number is it (24), when is it expected to peak (late 2010 and 2011). Several members knew the answers.

Ken KK9N reported on Field Day 2010. Our contacts included: 210 CW, 6 digital, 217 phone for a claimed score of 1,298. With 690 bonus points our point total was 1,988. We had four main operators (Jim, Jerry & Ken) plus three young operators.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.





OVARC Information

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FREE PRODUCTS FROM



Welcome to Gmail

In this always stay connected world where amateur radio was the early means of connecting to each other, Google has now provided several free applications that may make your life simpler (or more complicated). If you haven't checked out some of these free apps, send your browser to www.gmail.com. Create an account and check out the fun apps such as "Google Voice, Google Call Phones and Google Latitude.

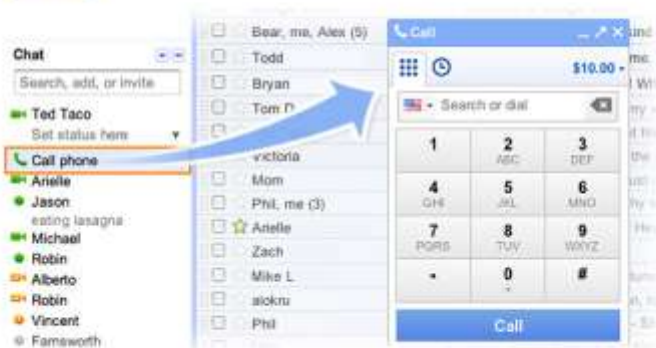


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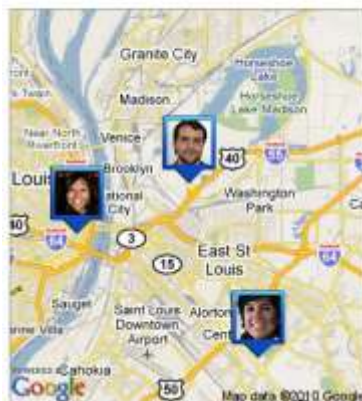
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Latest news: [Make and receive calls in Gmail](#) Wed Aug 25 2010

Google Voice lets you manage all your phone communications and seamlessly make and receive calls on any of your existing phones. But what if you don't have your phone with you? Or what if you're in a place with ...

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HAMFEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Peoria Superfest: September 18-19, 2010—Ham radio, Computer and Electronics Show
Exposition gardens Fairgrounds, Peoria, IL

Friday Setup day: From 2PM to 8PM—Outdoor Flea Market : Hours Sat. 7A-4P & Sun. 7A-2P
Indoor Commercial Exhibits Sat. 8A 4P & Sun. 8A-2P

Advanced admission \$6 (2 stubs), Gate \$8 (1 stub) Children under 12 free. Outdoor Flea Market spaces \$5 each.

Contact w9uvi@arrl.net for indoor information.

Online at: www.peoriasuperfest.com (buy tickets online)

The Peoria Superfest 2010 will have an ARRL Meeting, forums on Saturday, a special D-STAR presentation and live demo of PAARC's D-STAR

WorldRadio Online

WorldRadio is now on-line including back issues to **it's February 2009 debut.** The online monthly publication takes the place of its predecessor the newsprint version. Check out the August 2010 issue for up to date articles. These are downloadable. Stop by and give it a try. (<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/WorldRadio.html>)



Regular Events

Club Meetings

First Thursday of the month
at 7:30 PM,
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If the Weather Net is
Active

Regular Net will not be held!

Visit Us on the
Web!!!

<http://ovarc.net>

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.

Sept. 5 NO NET-LABOR DAY

Sept. 12 WB9SLM—Kris

Sept. 19 KB9BEB—Clareen

Sept. 26 KA9NRW—Hope

Oct. 3 W9KXQ—John

**Net Control Schedule can be
found at www.ovarc.net/calendar**

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

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*Articles, New Items,
Corrections, etc.*

Josh Brannon KC9SIA Receives W9YCI Memorial radio

On Friday afternoon, August 20, 2010 Josh Brannon was awarded a new ham radio that was donated by the family and friends of Don Thompson W9YCI. Don passed away in late July, 2010. Jimmy and Joyce Cary, long time friends of Don made possible this gift. At the presentation, John King, President of the Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club (OVARC) read aloud Don's biography followed by presentation of a framed print of the biography. Cary Holman, Secretary of OVARC made the presentation of the handheld ham radio along with a hat with



the radio manufacturer's logo on it. The ceremony was attended by Josh's parents Carl and Kim Brannon and sister Sarah along with several members of the club.

Cary Holman had the honor of teaching Josh how to operate his new radio.

The **WGEL** Daily News
101.7 FM

8-25-2010

Check this URL

<http://www.wgel.com/daily/2010/08-25-10.htm>

Josh KCSIA and his parents are mentioned on Tuesday 08/24/10 news broadcast and on WGEL's website.

Thursday, August 26th issue of *The Greenville Advocate* featured an article about Josh. Check out page 4

This is the biography presented to W9YCI's XYL



JOSHUA C. BRANNON, 1/26/2000

Joshua is 10 years old and lives in Greenville, IL. He has 1 brother and 2 sisters. He is a bright young man with a creative mind and a love for learning. His special interests are technology, reading, art, and sports. He is very creative and is fascinated with drawing and design. Most recently he has been designing his own board game which his friends have enjoyed

playing. He was so excited for the opportunity to learn ham radio communications last spring, and disappointed that his family budget did not allow for the purchase of a radio right away. Josh will be very delighted to receive a radio.

Joshua is the recipient of a new Yaesu handheld radio "FT270R/E". Given to him in memory of Don Thompson "W9YCI" by long time friends James & Joyce Cary "WX9DX & KA9UBJ".

Don Thompson W9YCI



“Donald G. “Tommy” Thompson, W9YCI was a lifelong resident of Springfield, IL. He was 81 years old, born on September 22, 1928. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1947-1955. He met Selma Joseph, also serving in the Navy and they married October 9, 1955. Don and Selma raised five children and have seven grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren. Don retired in December 1990 from the Illinois bell Telephone (AT&T) after 35 years of service. In retirement he enjoyed gardening, growing, growing some of the best tomatoes and vegetables around.

Don was an avid and popular amateur “Ham” radio operator in Springfield and the surrounding communities. He contributed time and equipment to many voice & digital repeater sites across Illinois.

Don was there in the worst of weather helping to pull helix cable up a 350ft. Tower, snow up to the top of his boots, late into the evening, jut to put a UHF Ham radio voice repeater on the air in Springfield, IL. This was commonplace with Don. He was always helping everyone with his or her projects. The W9YCI Packet BBS was on the air for almost two decades, with VHF and UHF links going everywhere. He did help maintain digital radio links all over Illinois. For years Don was a member of a group of guys referred to as the “52 Fly” that chatted on a frequency of 146.52 MHz FM. They talked to each other every day, some had base stations, and others were mobile on their way to work. Don enjoyed telling others about “Ham” radio. May of his friends and him would talk to Ham Radio stations on 2 meter SSB all over the USA, Canada, and Mexico...

Two Meter Radio in Memory of W9YCI

Friends and family of Don Thompson family have purchased a new Yaesu FT270R/E Handheld Radio and donated it to Josh KC9SIA one **of our new ham radio operators in memory of Don's many years of contributions to Amateur Radio.**



Thanks to Jimmy WX9DX & Joyce KA9UBJ for their help in honoring their long time friend and fellow ham Don W9YCI .





- The FCC denied on August 9, 2010 two *Petitions for Rule Making*: one to prohibit what the petitioner called “the false or unauthorized use of an Amateur Radio call sign,” and one to wishing to expand privileges on the 15 meter phone band for General and Amateur Extra class licensees.
- See *Denial Letters* (http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2010/db0809/DA-10-1464A1.pdf) & (http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2010/db0809/DA-10-1465A1.pdf)

Commodore USA to release updated Commodore 64

According to Darren Quick in Gizmag “Commodore USA has just announced that it has reached a licensing agreement that will allow it to produce a full line of new Commodore branded All-in-One (AIO) keyboard computers and intends to start selling an exact replica of the original beige chassis C64. Cue some misty eyed reminiscing from a large part of our readership.

Because users would think the original 8-bit C64’s specs a bit lacking nowadays and would find the prospect of loading games from a tape drive positively antiquated, the updated Commodore PC64 will include an Intel Atom 525 CPU with NVIDIA Ion2 graphics, 4GB DDR3 memory, 1TB Hdd, HDMI, DVD/CD optical drive (Blu-ray optional), dual-link DVI, six USB ports, integrated 802.11n WiFi, bluetooth and a 6-in-1 media card reader.” Click on the link below to read the entire article

<http://www.gizmag.com/updated-commodore-64/16156/>



The original Commodore 64 in stylish beige



Ken's Trivial Corner

What year were Q-Codes originally adopted and what service were they originally used for?

The answer and a prize for the winner will be given at the September 2, 2010 meeting.

By Ken Norris KK9N



**Dues for 2010 due
January 1, 2010**

**Dues for 2010 are \$15.00
per member per year.**

**You can pay Howard N9GEQ at club
meetings or send a check made pay-
able to Okaw Valley Amateur Radio
Club P.O. Box 3 Greenville, IL 62246**

**Highway Patrol Episode Featuring
Ham Radio & ARRL Available on
Hulu**

<http://www.hulu.com/watch/104147/hig...0,vepisode.1.0>

**Highway Patrol is a syndicated action
crime drama series that aired from
1955-1959.**



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

**Technician Class Questions Change
July 1, 2010**

**End of Summer Session-Saturday
September 11, 2010 10:00 AM**

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

KC9RPF	Mike Huff
KC9SHF	Cameryn Gan
KC9SHG	Travis Neer
KC9SHW	Cody Finley
KC9SHX	Logan Hilmes
KC9SHZ	Kaitlynn Smith
KC9SIA	Josh Brannon
KC9SIB	Tyler Bryant
KC9SIC	Maddy Balducci
KC9SID	Allison confer
KC9SIJ	Alex Moeller
KC9SIK	Justin Rieke
KC9SHY	Lawton File
KC9SPA	Irene Seale

HamFests

**Peoria Superfest
Sept. 18-19, 2010**



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A Google Calendar has been added to our website. Click on **Calendar of Events** from our main webpage www.ovarc.net.

You can park your browser on www.ovarc.net as you can access QRZ.com from the main page.


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Club Events Calendar
Includes Net Controls & V.E. Testing



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