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K9MCE QSN

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Seasons Greetings!





Santa's ready for the K9MCE Christmas party. How about you?! Remember dinner begins at 6:00 pm and not at 7:00 pm.

Club Christmas Party on Wed. December 4th!

Please take note that this month's Macoupin County ARC club meeting is the club Christmas party. Instead of meeting at the Carlinville County Sheriff's Office at 7:00 pm. We will meet instead at Crabby's Supper Club Restaurant, 18838 IL Route 4, Carlinville, IL 62626 at **6:00 pm**.

Festivities commence at 6:00 pm. As of press time, thirty people had not signed up so instead of a buffet, menu orders will be taken instead. Mark, WD9HBF, Jim, N9LQF



and Ron, KO0Z have been hard at work to make this an extra fun-filled family club event just in time for the holidays!



**K9MCE
(N9LQF)
earned 2,310
points running
4A in Field Day!**

The results are in and published in the December 2013 issue of QST. The Macoupin County ARC K9MCE (N9LQF) sent in a claimed score of 1,220 points. When our added points were tallied by the ARRL, the club's final score increased by 1,090 for a total of **2,310 points as a 4A station!** Not bad considering the club experienced stormy conditions late on Saturday and early Sunday morning which

limited operating time!

Other area clubs did well with published scores. The Okaw



Valley ARC, KK9N (W9KXQ) earned 2,228 running 3A in Greenville. The Sangamon

Valley RC W9DUA had 2,280 and the Central IL RC had 4,580 points.

This year, the club kept an electronic logging program which greatly helped with the club score.

Next year, hopefully, Mother Nature will not present the club with as many challenges!

Macoupin County ARC Mission Statement:



We, the undersigned, being desirous of securing for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, by promoting civic interest, specific application, social activities and developing individual efficiency, while improving the general interest in amateur radio, do ordain and establish this Constitution and By-Laws of the Macoupin County Amateur Radio Club Inc., a non-profit corporation. We do further agree that in pursuit of these purposes, this organization shall be non-sectarian, non-partisan and that it shall lend neither support or influence to any political party or candidate for office. The Macoupin County Amateur Radio Club, Inc., shall afford all persons, regardless of race or creed an equal opportunity to join, participate, hold office and enjoy in the benefits of this organization and the challenges of amateur radio.

North Mac Middle School Com-Tech Club Update!

As of press time, the North Macoupin Middle School in Girard has held two club meetings. Both meeting days had well over 70 students attending! Macoupin County ARC club member, Debbie Ochu - KC9ULA is the faculty sponsor.



The club's purpose is to introduce middle school students to the exciting world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Students must meet all school district eligibility requirements and they must have good attendance. The club will offer various technology units and once a student has successfully gone through a unit they will be awarded a meritorious certificate. The first unit is over GPS receivers and geocaching. Ham radio will be offered and KC9ULA has applied for an ARRL grant to purchase a new HF/VHF station for the school. She expects to hear from the League within the next few months!

The students are very upbeat and excited about the club! Debbie is often besieged in the hallway from anxious students asking "When will the next club meeting be held?!"



Club Dues Are Now Due!

As reported in the last issue of K9MCE QSN, club dues are now due! Club treasurer, Jim Pitchford, N9LQF will be happy to take your money, check or money order!

Full Membership is \$20.00/year

Family Membership is \$25.00/year.

Senioir/Student Membership is \$15.00/year.

If you can't make it to the meeting then the club address is as follows:

Macoupin County Radio Club
215 South East St. P.O. Box
253

Carlinville, IL 62626-0253

After the January club meeting, if dues haven't been paid then the roster will be trimmed. Please don't forget to get your

dues in. We would hate to lose you!



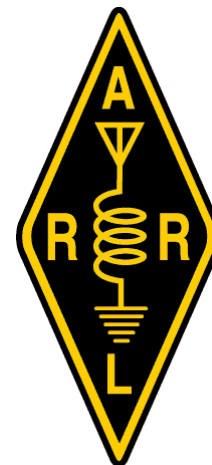
**Don't forget to
pay your dues
to Jim -
N9LQF!**

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Hot Off the Press!**Breaking News**

K9MCE QSN is One Year Old!

January of this year K9MCE QSN debuted. It's been a work in progress, but it's mission is still the same. Which is to provide timely and topical Amateur Radio news not only for the Macoupin County Amateur Radio Club, but for area clubs as well.

With the exception of each month QSN highlighted K9MCE members and plans are to continue with the tradition. So please don't be shy when Ron - KO0Z asks you if you'd like to be featured! Club mem-

bers want to know your story!

Our newsletter has also featured technical articles on a regular basis and it would like to include more. If you have an article that you'd like to submit or if writing is not your strong suit, but you have an idea that you'd like to submit, then by all means please contact Ron - KO0Z for assistance! Have you tried a new antenna? Was its performance better or worse than expected? Have you tried out any new logging programs or digital modes that

you'd be willing to share with the K9MCE QSN readership?

What would you like to see in your club newsletter?

K9MCE QSN had a great year and it is looking forward to another one in 2014! Happy holidays and seasons greetings to all of our readers!

Cheers!



**Starting at 6:00
pm New Year's
Eve to 5:59 pm
New Year's
Day.**

ARRL Straight Key Night is New Year's Eve

Starting at 0000 UTC (6:00 pm CST) to 2359 UTC January 1, 2014 the time honored tradition of dragging out the straight key and maybe even firing up that old transmitter to make some on-the-air contacts will begin. Fondly known as Straight Key Night (SKN) the idea is to use a straight Morse Code key such as a J-38 to make leisurely QSOs.

This is a fun way in which to observe the New Year by using

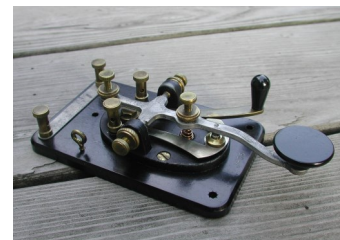
a hand key. The "Best Fist" and the "Most Interesting QSO" awards will be once again offered.

Even if you don't have any vintage gear, newer rigs are welcome. About the only stipulation is that the operator use a straight key to make QSOs.

Watch out for glass arms!

Rules for SKN can be found at www.arrl.org/straight-key-night and reports can be emailed to

straightkey@arrl.org by January 31, 2014. Of course snail mail can be used: ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 by the same date.



Storm Spotting Course Offered Just In Time!



Kudos go out to Jim Pitchford - N9LQF, The Macoupin County Emergency Medical Reserve Corps and Jim Kramper of the St. Louis office of the National Weather Service for an excellent storm spotting course that was offered on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00 pm at the Farm Bureau building in Carlinville.

Nearly 100 people were in attendance and many from the Macoupin County ARC. Alt-

hough the month of November seems far removed from the likelihood of severe weather; less than two-weeks after the NWS class, tornadoes hit Illinois killing six people. The towns of Washington and New Minden were especially hard hit. Just recently, Jim Pitchford, N9LQF was deployed to Champaign County, Illinois with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Suffice it to say that severe

weather knows no boundaries or time frames. It's best to be always prepared.

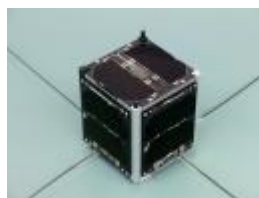
Towards that goal, do you and your family have a severe weather plan in place? Do you have a go-kit ready if you are asked to deploy. Do you check in the weekly ARES net on 147.480 MHz to test your radio and antenna system for county-wide effectiveness?

FUNCube-1 is Now Oscar 73!

On Thursday November 21 upon a Russian Dnepr rocket at 0710 GMT, Amsat UK's FUNCube-1 left the confines of Earth and accelerated to an orbital free fall. The satellite is now orbiting Earth and according to AMAT the satellite's telemetry is being received and all appears to be nominally working! In keeping with Amsat tradition, FUNCube-1 was given the designation "Oscar 73" once it obtained Earth orbit.

Published frequencies for Am-

sat 73 are as follows:
435.150-130 (LSB) 145.950 -
970 (USB) Inverting U/V
145.935 1200bps BPSK



Check out the ARRL website and Amsat website for further satellite information.



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NOAA weather station frequencies

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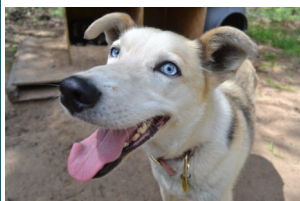
Mine are programmed into the "top" seven channels - meaning the channels with the highest numbers. Since my "usual" channels (SCARC repeaters, simplex frequencies, etc) begin at memory 1, the WX channels are never more than a few clicks away.

Handy in a pinch...

73, Ward N0AX



On Frequency With Mark Kerhlikar, WD9HBF



Boulder, WD9HBF's lead sled dog. Check out those pretty blue eyes!

"Mark's first QSO was at his Elmer's QTH on CW."

A cold, blustery Tuesday evening with the temperature in the low twenties, a few days before Thanksgiving on the plains. A fine time to visit a friend so that I can conduct an interview for this month's featured K9MCE club of Modesto, IL. Every Mark and I share a lot in the elementary school am a retired high school enjoy ham radio and a my. Both Mark and I wines and desserts! We much more active in that music, but he plays while interview and good fortune was smiling on me. The Kerhlikar's knew I was coming and they had a nice fire going in the wood burning stove and the radiant heat was most welcome!



Mark was fifteen years old in 1977 when he earned his novice license and obtained his present call sign, WD9HBF. Mark first became interested in ham radio when his brother obtained a Hallicrafters shortwave receiver and together they'd listen to HCJB in Ecuador and other distant and exotic international shortwave stations! His brother also had an ARRL Handbook which Mark made a point of to read. His brother went on to engineering which Mark started to pursue, but his love of music and of music theory beat out differential equations and resonant circuits back to second place. These were fun times to be growing up in Springfield, IL! Later, Mark tested with the Sangamon Valley ARC and earned his General class license. In fact, Skip, WS9V was one of his VEs!

Mark's most memorable QSO was his very first CW contact while operating at his Elmer's, Steve Clark - K9BJ, QTH.

station with a WD6 on to quickly add with me while I was from the ARRL in station consists of a transceiver which GAP Titan vertical. Kenwood TMV71 The Kerhlikar's have have room for an intends to follow in put up his own 40 looking forward to experimenting with wire antennas on his country home. Mark also recently acquired a 3 element yagi which he plans to put up on his Rohn 25 G 60 foot tower. Right now he has a Cushcraft VHF/UHF yagi up on the tower.



WD9HBF worked a California prefix in is call sign. Mark went that his most "cool" QSO was operating WIAW this past July Newington, CT! WD9HBF's vintage Kenwood TS 520 HF feeds a dipole antenna and a For VHF/UHF Mark runs a and a Kenwood THF6 HT. some wooded farmland so they antenna farm and Mark fully Garry's AC9FF example and to meter loop antenna. HBF is

Mark's future ham radio station goals are to continue finishing his indoor shack. He just had pine flooring laid and it looks very nice. He plans to add a desk and shelving to round out his shack. I noticed that he already has a bed in the shack for working late night DX. All that's missing is a small cooler to hold beverages to aid him in working DX, contests or as net control. He also plans to earn his Worked All States Award (WAS) and to pursue HF digital communications.

And speaking of net control, for the past year, WD9HBF has been the primary voice of the Macoupin County ARC weekly Thursday night net on 444.250 MHz at 8:30 pm. When Mark first took the reins as net control he sounded like he'd been doing it all of his life. I couldn't imagine him getting any better, but he has! His voice invites hams to join the net and he skillfully moves the net along without it becoming "rushed" and he does an excellent job of providing another means to get club and ham radio information out to the deserving! The net is so popular that many times there are more regular



Sledding on the winter trail with WD9HBF.

On Frequency With Continued...

check-ins from hams outside of the club then from club members.

Service and friendship are the cornerstones of Mark, WD9HBF's Amateur Radio Service world. Mark feels that ham radio's future is bright because of the Amateur Radio Service's ability to provide hams as a resource to help mitigate a disaster. Mark pointed out that in the Aux-Comm course that he participated in last April, the instructors said, "if you get nothing else out of this course the thing to keep in mind during a disaster is, 'Here I am, What do you need and how can I help?'" For that very reason, WD9HBF feels that amateur radio will always have a place in the RF spectrum as it continues to grow and lead the way in communications and it will always be a reliable resource during emergencies.

On a personal note, I have to write that Mark excels at serving the Macoupin Club. Service and friendship are not just mere words for him. Mark lives them! He not only serves as club net control on Thursdays, but he is also the secretary. More importantly, WD9HBF invites hams to check out our club and once they've joined he is there to help them get more involved with the club and Amateur Radio in general. In my November CQ column, I wrote down my thoughts as to what qualities makes for a good club. In my opinion, one of the most important aspects to a good club is someone to lead the way in making a newcomer feel not only invited, but welcome as well. Furthermore, once someone has joined the club it is important to continue to make that individual feel welcomed and Mark is extraordinarily talented in doing so for our club. K9MCE is indeed fortunate to have WD9HBF serve as our unofficial club greeter!

As for our club, Mark feels that it is strong and that it offers a variety of activities. He'd like to see the club offer more activities that are geared to bringing people together such as fox hunts, ham radio show and tells, showing off skills such as repairing vintage radios, or sending CW etc.

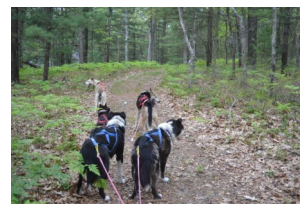
Although ham radio is big Mark's life, his wife, Denise is bigger part. She, like her enjoys cooking. Denise's baking desserts, while Mark's in breads, and I am here to that she is an awesome pie. They are also very actively with their church St. Paul's an in Springfield. Denise is teacher and she works at the School for the Visually Im- When I asked Mark what interests besides ham radio Denise quickly added, "He's a of the Springfield Choral



part of an even husband, specialty is specializes tell you baker! involved Episcopal-also a Illinois paired. other he has, member Society!"

I'd imagine that Mark has a lovely voice which goes hand-in-hand with his love for music. Mark has two step-children Jennifer and Michael. Mark and Denise have two grandchildren Jonah and Kolton. Denise and Mark also another large family which is also their passion. Together they adopt "rescue dogs" and Mark loves to train them into becoming dog sled teams. Their dogs are Boulder, Thunder, Luigi, Hotwire, Johnny Doidge, Chato, and Johnny. They have three indoor dogs Buttercup, Sadie and Summer. In addition, they also have a horse and some mules! Just taking care of the animals is a full time job!

The American philosopher and essayist, Ralph Waldo Emerson mused that if one makes a difference in another's life then that person is successful. Here's to the continued success of the Kerhlikars!



The sled team in action, getting ready for snowy weather.



"The Kerhlikar's enjoy adopting and taking care of rescued animals."



One of WD9HBF's station accessories...

ARRL Illinois Section Manager News

By Tom Ciciorda - KA9QPN



SM--Tom Ciciorda KA9QPN, ASM/SRM--Ron Morgan, KB9NW, ASM/SEC--Brad Pioveson, W9FX, ASM/ASEC--Shari Harlan, N9SH, ASM for Youth--Neil Gebhardt, KB9ZGZ, ACC--Joe Serocki, N9IFG, SGL--Charles Richey, K9DUE, STM--Roy Eades, KA9MZJ, PIC--Fritz Bock, WD9FMB, TC--John Dinella, WA9IL, OOC--Tim Childers, KB9FBI, ASEC--Curtis Williams, W5DTR, ASEC--Kelly Robertson, KC9FVK, ASEC--Pat Ryan, KC6VVT, ASEC--Pat Stowell, N9PN, ASEC/Digital Ops--Danny Pease NG9R
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From the top...

**Several times a year, it falls upon me to be contacted by a family member of a recently deceased ham. The conversation is some variation on a theme of "where/how do I get rid of all of this 'stuff'?" My drill for this occurrence is to have someone from the closest club contact the relative and let things progress from there. It has always worked out, and I've never heard any negative feedback. However, there is a better way. First, I am not one bit embarrassed by making the following statement: If you do not make provisions to facilitate the disposal of your ham-related possessions after your death, you are doing a gross disservice to your survivors. Foremost among the reasons for pre-planning is that you may unintentionally prolong the grieving process by requiring your heirs to at least supervise a possible stranger going through your favorite toys. On the heels of that is that by and large, we have spent a lot of money in accumulating our gear over time. A life's collection of electronics is an asset and should be treated as such. Proper inventory should be kept and plans made to recoup some of that asset in cash--cash that your family might need if your departure is prolonged or untimely. And, there's no one who can pre-plan for this but *you*. You should compile a proper inventory of your equipment. This should include serial numbers and approximate purchase cost. (Note that a lot of what I've just described is also a good drill in case of theft, or natural/manmade mishaps. Try to explain Amateur Radio to an insurance adjuster.) Also, a list of other things like books and magazine collections should be compiled as well. All of this is going to be a dynamic listing, kept current as things come and go. And, it needs to be kept in a safe place where your family knows how to access it. On your password protected and encrypted Linux box is probably a bad idea. People are going to be upset and in no mood for puzzles. The most difficult part is going to be finding a trusted individual outside of your immediate family who is willing to help your survivors navigate through your stuff. This is the person who is going to help your spouse get the prevailing buck for your equipment if it goes for sale. He/she will know where to contact help to remove your antennas from the roof and uninstall gear from the family car. In case your plans call for donating your gear: making sure that it gets to a place where it will be appreciated and used. In short: someone who will carry out your final wishes to the best of their ability and help your family get on to the new normal. It goes without saying that your entire plan should be committed to writing, and your family needs to know all of the details. They should have the contact info for your 'trusted individual'. And, know who he/she is personally. Again, there is something profoundly disturbing about a total stranger rummaging through one's dead relative's most prized possessions. Everyone dies. It's usually a fairly traumatic passage for those who are left behind. But, you have it within your power to assure a level of comfort after you are gone. Make plans for orderly disposal of your station and its trappings. It's only right.

**"Lighten up, Francis." The notorious Velveeta (or do you say 'Valve-eater?') and ham radio television commercial is being aired again. And again, we hear the low moan of those stricken by the prop CB radios in the background. TV and film very rarely get things like Amateur Radio even remotely right. We know this. John Amodeo NN6JA and his crew are doing their best with Last Man Standing to introduce and maintain accuracy. I'm sure that there are plenty of other folks in Hollywood who are trying the same thing with other productions which use ham radio as a prop or plot device. But, accuracy is the first thing to go when balanced against the quest to entertain. So, what to do? Simple. We as a group can own this stuff, flawed or no, and use it as a conversation starter to get people interested in the Service. We can bounce past the inaccuracies and correct them later when we get down to Elmer's business. The other two options when asked for an explanation by a lay person would be to mumble and walk away, or go into a tirade over the inaccuracies and lose the questioner in minutiae and jargon. Either one of those does not serve our ultimate purpose, which is to explain our passion so well that anyone who hears just wants to drop everything and join our ranks.

**SKYWARN Recognition Day is laid on for 7 December from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC. Most National Weather Service forecast offices are mounting some type of participation with the area SKYWARN partners and activating their in-house amateur stations. Some offices are having open houses in conjunction with the on-air event. Check with your local NWS office for their plans.

Get informed...

**As I write this, the K9W Wake Island DXpedition is winding down. By all accounts, a good time was had by all, and there were plentiful contacts. Of note is the approval of the operation for DXCC credit and the QSO between the team and Illinois Congressman Brad Schneider. That contact was facilitated by Wally Klinger W9BEA. Wally had originally contacted Representative Schneider to address concerns about obtaining access to US possessions abroad for DXpeditions. One thing led to another, and the contact happened shortly after. Most important was the purpose of the trip, which was to commemorate and honor the "Forgotten 98". These men were civilians: employees of Morrison Knudsen Corporation who were trapped on Wake Island by the Japanese invasion, forced to work to build infrastructure for the invaders, and then summarily executed when the Japanese thought that the US was going to retake the island. It's a story that I had not heard until this exercise was laid on.

**Also ongoing at this time are relief efforts in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan's passage over the Philippines. Even five days later (at this writing), the full measure of the disaster is still being assessed. As is the case in nearly all of such events, Amateur Radio is the only

means of communication until temporary infrastructure repairs can be affected. Please avoid 7.095 MHz for the duration as that is being used for emergency traffic.

Around the Section...

**The Kishwaukee ARC/DeKalb County ARES was involved in providing communication for two events in Sycamore during the last month. The first was the CROP Walk for Hunger held on 20 October, involving 16 hams and 138 walk participants. The second was the annual effort as Parade Marshals for the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade held on 27 October. This is one of the Big Deals in the area for the year, involving 22 operators to help organize the procession of 120 units and 12 high school bands. Well done on these two high visibility events.

**And, finally: Fritz Bock WD9FMB sends "The Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club participated in two public service events on October 12 and 13. The Goodwill Forward March and Run comprised a 1 mile march and both 4 and 8 mile runs. The Saturday event was the first run for Goodwill in Peoria and PAARC was pleased to participate. Proceeds from the run are used to further veteran services in central Illinois as well as the General Wayne A. Downing Home for Homeless Veterans located near downtown Peoria. Club members covered key intersections used by the runners' as well strategic locations within the Springdale Cemetery and Park. Amateur Radio Operators included, Darhal, K9DRF as net control, Dwight, WD9HZK, John, KB9TNZ; John, N9FAM; Jon, NM0O; Larry, KC9QYA; Jim, KC9FWR; Mark, W9WGN; John, N9YUY; Merle, KB9VQH and Fritz, WD9FMB. On Sunday, October 13, four members of the Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club provided logistical and medical team emergency communication support during the 36th Bank of America Chicago Marathon. The group manned Aid Station number 10. This is the 5th year the Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club has supported the marathon and the 5th year the organizers have used amateur radio to support the runners. Amateur Radio Operators (assisting with the Marathon) included Jim, KC9FWR; Ron, KB9NW; Mark, W9WGN and Fritz, WD9FMB."

**And, a very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving to you and yours!

Ye Olde Traffic Report DE KA9MZJ...(welcome back!)

Illinois Side Band Net - Net Manager WB9QPM

Daily on 3905 at 1800 local time

QNI 261 QTC 52 Sessions 31

Illinois Phone Net - Net Manager K9GYI

M-F on 3857 at 1645 local time

Sunday on 3940 at 0810 local time - right after the Illinois Emergency Net

QNI 242 QTC 19 Sessions 27

Illinois Emergency Net - Net Manager K9HEZ

Sunday on 3940 at 0800 local time

QNI 65 QTC 4 Sessions 3

North Central Phone Net - Net Manager K9HEZ

M-F on 3912 at 0700 local time

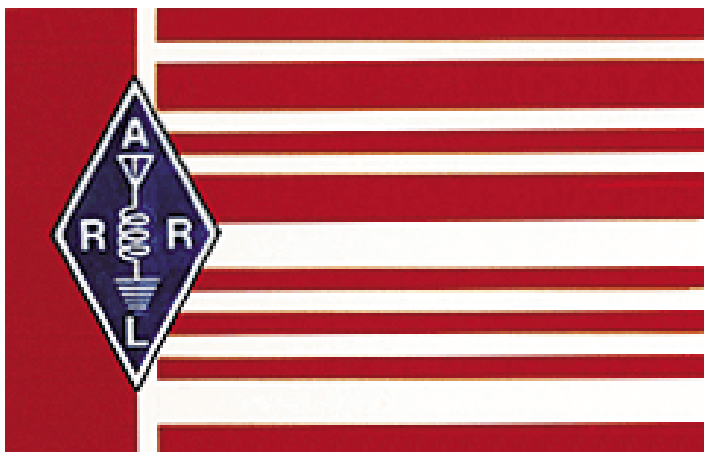
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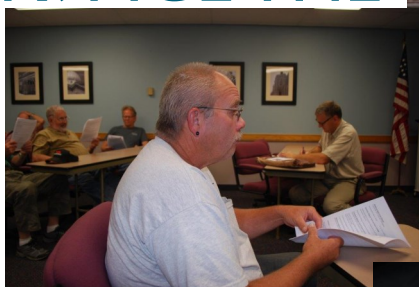
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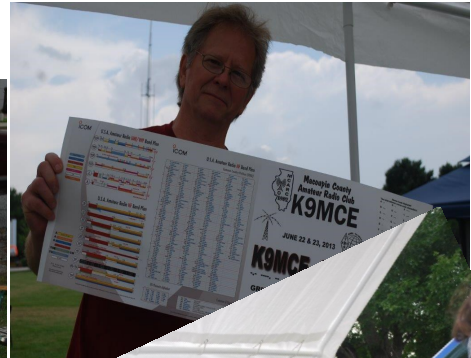
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K9MCE THE YEAR IN REVIEW



...A 2014 PHOTO ESSAY





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1 <i>Clinton Cnty ARES Net @ 8:30 pm, 444.250 (103.5 pl)</i> <i>Okaw Valley ARC Net @ 9:00 pm 444.250 (103.5 pl)</i>	2 <i>W9EVY Memorial Net@ 8:30 pm, 146.820</i>	3	4 <i>Club Christmas Party, 6:00 pm at Crabby's in Carlinville!</i>	5 <i>K9MCE Club Net, 8:30 pm 444.250 (103.5 pl)</i> <i>Macoupin Cnty ARES Net, W9FJ Net Control, 9:00 pm on 147.480 simplex</i>	6	7 <i>ARRL 160 Meter Contest</i>
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29 <i>Clinton Cnty ARES Net @ 8:30 pm, 444.250 (103.5 pl)</i> <i>Okaw Valley ARC Net @ 9:00 pm 444.250 (103.5 pl)</i>	30	31 <i>ARRL Straight Key Night.</i> <i>Happy New Year!</i>				

K9MCE***Christmas Party!***

Wednesday December 4 at 6:00 pm

Crabby's Supper Club - Carlinville, IL

Located on IL Route 4 just south of the
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K9MCE QSN Wishes Everyone a Joyous Holiday Season!



Season's
Greetings with
all good
wishes for the
New Year