



# K9MCE QSN

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## K9MCE Club Meeting on Wednesday 2 October

Mark your calendars now and plan on attending this month's meeting of the Macoupin County Amateur Radio Club at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 2nd. We meet on the second floor of the Macoupin County Sheriff Department, 215 S. East Street, Carlinville, IL 62626.

Prior to the club meeting the club has an informal dinner gathering at Reno's Pizza in the Carlinville Square starting around 5:00 pm.

This month's presentation immediately after the business meeting will feature a DX video. This will be an entertaining program that you will not want to miss!

The club also offers FCC license exams after the meeting. Call Bill, W9FJ@ 217-854-8261. Don't forget to bring photocopy of your FCC license and a non-programmable calculator along with some pencils.



Macoupin County Sheriff's Office in Carlinville...K9MCE's meeting location.



K9MCE monthly pre-meeting pizza gathering at Reno's in Carlinville. Pictured from left to right: Hugh, AB9UB, Gary, K9AUB, Mark, WD9HBF and Ed, KC9QHJ.

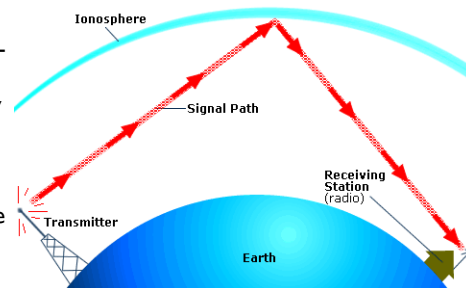


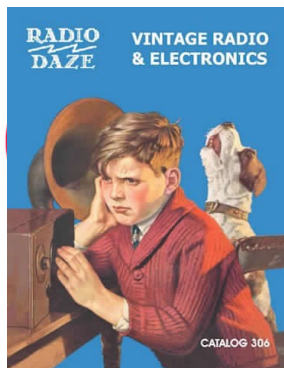
The best pizza around! We gather around 5:00 pm before the monthly club meeting. Everyone is invited for some great food and great company!

## Fall: A Great Season For DXing!

On Sunday, 22 September, the sun passed the Earth's equator. Astronomers call this event the Autumnal Equinox. This is a great time of year for DXers. In the northern hemisphere, static from thunderstorms is greatly reduced and for a limited time there is equal hours of day and night which makes for some rather good ionospheric conditions to support DX! If you haven't tried it already, a great website to check on solar conditions that in turn affects Earth's ionosphere which in turn affects DX can be found at this URL:

<http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/>





## KO0Z Closer to Being Fully QRV!

Tnx to Jim, N9LQF and his blood, sweat and maybe some tears and some equipment loan from Skip, WS9V; Ron, KO0Z is now closer to being QRV from DC to Light! A few weeks ago, Jim dropped by to erect his Rohn 25G forty foot tower. Ron's never had a 25 G so this tower installation is quite new for him. However, N9LQF is a Rohn pro and he is able to overcome almost any difficulties. His expertise is greatly appreciated. KO0Z would be remiss if he also did not mention that along with Jim, N9LQF, Mark, WD9HBF, Garry AC9FF and Bill W9FJ made up the concrete crew that worked with over 8 cubic yards of concrete for KO0Z's tower bases.

Ron is planning to make the Rohn 25 G his HF tower. From it he will have his Cushcraft A-4 triband yagi, a Cushcraft rotatable WARC dipole and a sloper. On his 48' Rohn HDBX he will operate 6 meters up through 3.4 GHz.



Jim-N9LQF "aeronautical mobile!"

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## 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.

## K9MCE Members Help Out with Bicycle Ride

On Sunday, September 8, Jim-N9LQF, Mark-WD9HBF, Walt-KB9ENT, Bill-W9FJ, Debbie-KC9ULA, Roman and Ron-KO0Z helped out with communications for the Springfield Capitol Century Ride. The morning started off cool and rainy. Thunderstorms were in the area, but intrepid bicyclists, nearly 500, braved the elements to ride!

Jess Hunter-KC9QEA acted as net control on the 444.600 Springfield repeater and he did a fine job. Jim-N9LQF per-

formed the duties of Ops 2. Mark-WD9HBF, Walt-KB9ENT and Bill-W9FJ were stationed at ICS 6 which is the rock pile on Thayer Road and part of the 100 mile loop. Debbie-KC9ULA, Roman and Ron-KO0Z worked ICS 3 at the intersection of John's Creek and Auburn Roads. It is part of the 40 mile loop.

This was Debbie's first communications event and both she and Roman really got into it. Roman made a sign and stood in the roadway to assist bicy-

clists with making the correct turn.

The day started off cool and rainy, but later the sun poked out from behind the clouds and it soon got hot and muggy. Around noon a volunteer came by with lunch for the checkpoints volunteers along with a neat T-shirt!

Fortunately there were no major incidents and the many of the riders expressed their heartfelt thanks for the communications support! We're ready to do it again next year!



Bicyclists stopping by to say, "Thank you" and to



Jim-N9LQF, Debbie-KC9ULA and Roman at ICS 3



Roman directing traffic on to Auburn Road.



A number of bicyclists headed towards Auburn



Walt, KB9ENT at ICS 6, photo by Mark-WD9HBF

## Your ARRL Central Division Contacts:

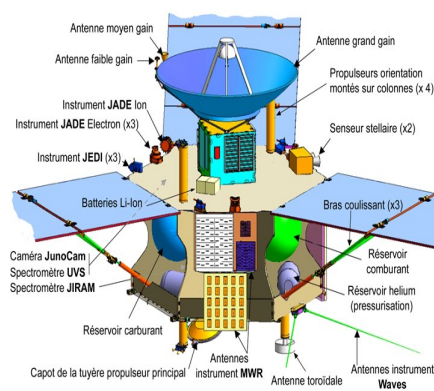
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# NASA Asks Hams To Say, “Hi” to Juno!



How many K9MCE members plan to be QRV and to help out NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) with this fun event!!!!



Ham Radio Community Invited to Say “HI” to Juno Spacecraft 09/04/2013

NASA's Juno spacecraft will fly past Earth on October 9 to receive a gravity assist, putting it on course for Jupiter. To celebrate, the Juno mission is inviting Amateur Radio operators around the world to say “HI” to Juno in a coordinated Morse code message. If enough operators participate, Juno's “Waves” radio and plasma wave experiment should be able to detect the message. The Say “HI” to Juno web page will be updated with additional information as the event approaches. All transmissions will take place on 10 meters, with the precise (suggested) frequency determined by the last letter of your call sign (see Juno Flyby Table in “Photo Gallery” below).

Sponsors say Juno will have a better chance of detecting signals from many operators if the transmissions are spread out across the spectrum. The Juno Waves instrument is a broadband receiver, and the detector being used for this event has a passband that's 1 MHz wide.

While the Waves instrument is sensitive to radio signals in all amateur bands below 40 MHz, sponsors chose 10 meters, because experience with the University of Iowa instruments on the Galileo and Cassini Earth flybys showed significant ionospheric shielding at lower frequencies. Sponsors actually are hoping for poor band conditions on October 9, so an appreciable fraction of the radiated energy can escape the ionosphere into space.

Indicators on the Say “HI” to Juno web page will instruct participants when to transmit and when to stop transmitting. Each will have a timer to indicate how long until you switch from one mode to the other mode.

Stations should transmit a legal station identification as the FCC or non-US regulators require.

Stations with directional antennas should check the web site for information on what headings to use during the event. Visit the Say “HI” to Juno web page for full details and to obtain the latest information. The activity begins October 9 at about 18:01 UTC and continue until about 20:41 UTC. Operators taking part should make sure their computer clocks are synchronized to network time prior to the event. The web page will

indicate when you start or stop transmitting (key down/key up).

Participants can receive a QSL card for contacting Juno. E-mail your call sign and mailing address. Additional information is available at NASA's Juno web site and the Mission Juno web site. — NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory; thanks to John Andrews, ACØXY



**Mark October 9th on your calendars!**



## W6P QRV at Henry's Rabbit Ranch

Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts and a general lack of club interest only a few K9MCE club members participated in the W6P Route 66 special event station on Saturday, September 14th. By the evening of Friday the 13th, the only club members to activate the special event would be Ron-KO0Z and Debbie-KC9ULA.

As it turns out Ron and Debbie made it down to Henry's Rabbit Ranch around 10:30 am on Saturday morning and by 11:30 Ron and Debbie erected the vertical mast, strung up the antenna, laid out the coax and hooked up the TS2K and they were on the air as W6P! Ron and Debbie were using their Kenwood TS 2000 with one-hundred watts feeding a multiband dipole configured as an inverted Vee. The weather was very nice and shortly around noon, Bill-W9FJ arrived and he participated in the special event. Not too long later, Lou-KC9YFU joined in with the fun and soon everyone was making contacts and enjoying a good lunch from Hardees in nearby Staunton! Paul-KC9YCP along with Roman made it by and joined us for lunch and some of the activities.

W6P was operating on 20 meters and unfortunately there was a DX contest going on at the same time so trying to find a clear frequency and putting up with the QRM made for very difficult copy. However these intrepid K9MCE/W6P ops plugged on and had fun even in spite of the QRM. Later on that afternoon, Mark-WD9HBF got on site and made some Qs! Towards the end of the afternoon it just made more sense to chase DX and the ops got a few pointers on how to break up phone pile-ups by Ron-KO0Z and soon everyone was having fun to see how many tries it took to break up a pile-up! Since the band was rough going, Lou knew a friend in nearby Staunton who owns a Japanese radio taken from a downed Zero from Pearl Harbor and Lou brought it by for us to examine this fascinating WWII artifact. I thought to myself that it is poetic justice that a WWII veteran, Bill-W9FJ was there to look at it!

By six o'clock that evening the station was torn down and since most people couldn't make it on Sunday, it was decided not to be QRV on the 16th as originally planned. All-in-all it still was a fun event and put 28 Qs into the logbook. Not as good as last year's 200 plus, but at least we made the effort. Six European countries were worked as well as a few Canadians. Maybe next year will be better!



This a genuine Japanese WWII radio taken from a downed Zero from Pearl Harbor that Lou-KC9YFU brought for us to examine.

***“All-in-all, not a bad day. The weather was nice, the band conditions were busy, but we made 28 QSOs.”***



Henry's Rabbit Ranch on Historic IL Rte 66 in Staunton.



Lou-KC9YFU operating W6P with Bill W9FJ looking on.



Ron-KO0Z, Debbie-KC9ULA and Bill W9FJ operating W6P! Photo by KC9YFU



Bill-W9FJ getting ready to erect his portable multi-band antenna.

## Tuesday, Nov 5th: Skywarn Training Offered!

Jim Kramper, N0LSX from the St. Louis National Weather Service Office (NWS) will be offering a Skywarn Storm Spotters course on Tuesday, November 5th from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at the Macoupin County Farm Bureau. The Bureau is located at 220 N. Broad Street in Carlinville. It is near the IGA and next to the car wash.

The event is sponsored by the Macoupin County Public Health Department. Any class is a great way to learn more about weather. There is an especially strong need for 88D Doppler Radar is not as accurate 70 Hence, NWS meteorologists need good events, but with storm damage reports as Jim Kramper is an experienced meteorologist and his classes are not only informative, but they are fun to attend as well. Reserve November 5th on your calendar now! Please note: There will be an additional NWS Storm Spotter Class to be held on Monday March 3, 2014 at Lincoln Land Community College at 6:30 pm. Tnx to Tim -N9PUZ for the update!



County Emergency Management Agency and the Macoupin one with an interest in weather is encouraged to attend! This weather and to become a registered NWS Storm Spotter. good, accurate storm reporting in this area because the WSR-miles out from its location due to the curvature of the Earth. reports from trained spotters with not only severe weather well.

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## Keep Your Communications Skills Honed. Springfield Run Needs You!

Sunday, 20 October is the day for runners around the area to participate in the Springfield Running Club Run! Three events are being offered. A 5K, 10K and a 15K run with as that large, good, effective communications event! Here's your chance to get expertise with our community. The run-community just what Amateur Radio is all



many as 3,000 runners expected to participate. With crowds is a must and our club has been invited to participate with this ence with a net control situation and to share your time and ners are appreciative and it is another opportunity to show the about!

Start getting a Go-kit together now for the have extra batteries? Do you have a map, Bring along some water.

event. If you have an HT make sure it is charged and do you binoculars, snacks and a blanket? Bring rain gear just in case.

With such a large number of runners there will be a need for many hams to provide communication.

~~Jim, N9LQF will have more details at this month's club meeting.~~

## IL QSO Party To Be Held On Sunday Oct. 20th



The Illinois QSO Party is an 8-hour event, usually held on the third Sunday in October. The event is open to all radio amateurs and it uses 160 through 2 meters. The QSO Party begins at 17:00 Z on the 20th and ends at 01:00 Z on the 21st.

IL ops exchange RST and county. For example, if using phone, KO0Z would say, "WIAW your RST is 5x9 in Macoupin County, over." Using CW, KO0Z would give out, "WIAW, RST 599 Macoupin Cnty. BK de KO0Z." If I worked Mark on phone, I would say, "WD9HBF this is KO0Z, Mark your are 5x9 in Macoupin County, over," and then Mark would give me my report.

Ops outside of IL will give RST and state or country.

CW contacts count for 2 points each; whereas, phone contacts count for 1 point each. IL counties, states and countries count as multipliers.

There are five entry classes: IL Fixed, IL portable, IL mobile, IL Rover and Outside IL. The difference between a mobile and a rover is a rover will travel to many different counties; but, a mobile station will travel to another county and operate from there.

Anyone from K9MCE interested in participating in this fun event!!!!

## Peoria Superfest Recap

Saturday September 21st, four club members made it to the annual Peoria Superfest. Jeff-KC9WZO, Bill-W9FJ, Debbie-KC9ULA, Roman and Ron-KO0Z. Unfortunately, Bill and Ron agreed that the hamfest attendance was down from prior years, but the hamfest was still worth the drive up to Peoria. Our IL ARRL Section Manager Tom Ciciora, KA9QPN and ARRL IL Emergency Section Coordinator Brad Pioveson, W9FX put on a good presentation over EmComm in Illinois. The headliner guest speaker was Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC. K4ZDH spoke about how the FCC is still actively enforcing spectrum violations; however, the commission is not as public about it as it was a few years ago. Hollingsworth compared it to the IRS, "You don't hear much about what is going on in the IRS until the agency makes a case and issues a fine." He went on to say that the ARRL does an excellent job of representing Amateur Radio's interests before the FCC. As for vendors, the count was down, but Tower Electronics, West Mountain Radio, WB0W, Inc., Amateur Accessories and Jim's Engraving (KF4NBG) from Pocahontas, IL were there to name a few.



( Bill-W9FJ getting ready to enter)



( Getting ready to drop off tickets )



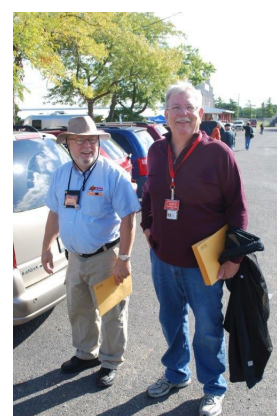
( Jim KF4NBG of Jim's Engraving )



( Bill-W9FJ with Riley Hollingsworth- K4ZDH)



( Part of the Superfest flea market)



(Tom-KA9QPN, Brad W9FX)

## In Other News...

Allan, KA8JJN sent your editor a photo of an op with many antennas driving near Grand Rapids, Michigan. I'd hate to try and figure out all the wind loading and resultant drag,



of an op with many antennas driving near Grand Rapids, this operator's skewed antenna radiation pattern! With I'd bet his MPG is markedly less!

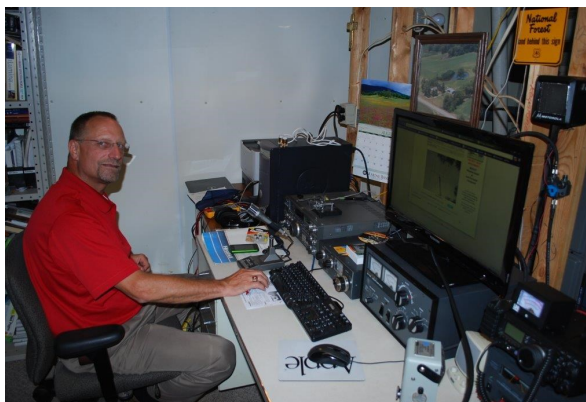




Tom's son found this native American spearhead on their Chesterfield farm.

## On Frequency With Tom Turpin, KC9WOH

This month, this column proudly presents Tom Turpin, KC9WOH of Chesterfield, IL. One year ago, Tom tested for his Technician class ham radio license with the Macoupin County ARC and since. Last tested again General class Tom! It's a Tom recently Kenwood deal on a to go along his Yaesu feeding a dipole up is putting this been work- loves to work the low bands; especially, the 160 and 40 meter bands and his amp will help him reach out farther!



he's been busy ever month, KC9WOH and he is now a proud licensee! Way to go good thing too, for got a great deal on a 940 and another great Heathkit HF amplifier with his 940 or with 897. These radios are G5RV off center fed about 35 feet and Tom gear to good use! He's ing DX, but KC9WOH

***"KC9WOH just upgraded to General Class at the September club meeting!"***

In addition to the low bands, Tom is actively working towards his Extra class license and he wants to be more involved with Emergency Communications. He is also very involved with the Boy Scouts of America. In fact, KC9WOH recently retired from the Boy Scouts of America as a Field Director before taking his present position at Blackburn College in Carlinville in the Office for Institutional Advancement for the past two years. Since Tom has "connections" with Blackburn, the college kindly let our club use the field immediately south of the campus soccer field for Field Day exercise! The even went so far as to that we had electricity for the activity by ex- their electrical service our FD location. Thank Blackburn and thank you



KC9WOH's future ham goals include putting up

radio a tower along with a directional HF yagi, and he is well on his way towards making those goals a reality. Recently, he acquired Skip's classic Mosley beam and he just got a tower. Both will need a little TLC, but they will be up in no time at all. Tom's other ham radio goals include becoming a more proficient kit builder and adding to his growing shack of ham radio accessories. KC9WOH would also like to get more involved with ham radio and the Boy Scouts with the Jamboree-on-the-Air. Furthermore, Tom wants to learn Morse Code and to use CW.



KC9WOH standing next to his portable HF antenna and tripod that he plans to use out in the field.

Ham radio's biggest attraction to Tom is the hobby's continuing advancement of technology. For example, the Amateur Radio Service developed packet radio and other digital revolutions such as the JT software suite of programs to just name a few. In addition, Tom likes the willingness of hams to help their fellow human beings with all aspects of the hobby as well as assisting others in catastrophic times.



## On Frequency With Continued...

Tom finds that ham radio operators are a “different network of people” in that hams are more responsible and respectful of others and that is a major draw for KC9WOH! Tom became aware of ham radio as a result of his early interest in electronics. Tom used to assist with judging electronic projects at the Illinois State Fair.

KC9WOH and his wife, Donna, are very active in the First Assembly of God Church in Carlinville. In addition, Tom is a very active member of the Rotary Club. Did you know that the Rotary Club sponsors the Rotarians Of Amateur Radio (ROAR) and it is a world-wide organization! A major effort of ROAR is further bring awareness and funding to eradicate Polio in Africa.

Tom met his wife, Donna, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Donna worked for the cell phone industry and she was involved with the local Emergency Management Agency. That is how she first met Tom. Since both Tom and Donna have a deep, abiding interest in Emergency Communications and they are both devout Christians, their friendship strengthened into a marriage and since then they've raised two wonderful sons named Jake and Matt. Jake lives in Racine, WI and Matt doesn't live too far away. By the way, Donna doesn't mind Tom's involvement with ham radio. As a matter of fact, Donna is studying for her Technician class license!



KC9WOH enjoys being a member of the Macoupin County ARC. Tom feels that we have a strong club and he's noticed that the club's organized efforts is effective in attracting new members like himself. He believes that one of the club's many assets is our membership. He likes how the club takes the team approach to doing things. He is also very impressed with Charlie Ritter, KB9OXH and Bill Ogle, W9FJ in terms of their collective life experiences. As for the club's greatest strength, Tom quipped, “Eating at Reno's Pizzeria!”

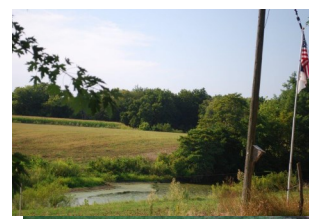
In a year's time, KC9WOH has made tremendous ham radio progress. Of course having a loving supportive wife like Donna goes a long way towards that progress and together they share the excitement that ham radio has to offer. Of course having a farm is nice for future antenna farming, but in the meanwhile they hope to raise some cattle and hay in the future.

Tom feels that in addition to his enthusiasm for Amateur Radio, he can also bring a global perspective to our club which can be very beneficial when it comes to planning any events. K9MCE is fortunate to have the Turpins as club members and we wish them all of life's blessings!



KC9WOH's G5RV off set feed dipole.

*“Tom enjoys associating with hams because they are more responsible and respectful.”*



At the Turpin's there's lots of room for antennas!

# WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING:

BE ALERT. BE PREPARED. SAVE LIVES.

**November 5, 2013 • 6 - 9p.m. • Farm Bureau Auditorium  
220 N. Broad • Carlinville, IL • Refreshments Offered**

Presented by: James Kramper  
National Weather Service Warning Meteorologist  
based in St. Louis, MO

## Training Topics Include:

- Tornadoes
- Flash Flooding
- Wall Clouds
- Funnel Clouds
- Lightening
- Winter Weather
- Wind
- Hail
- Fog

## Why should you attend?

- Become registered as a National Weather Service storm spotter!
- High School-aged students are welcome and able to volunteer as a storm spotter.
- Assist meteorologists in making life-saving warning decisions.
  - Be a vital asset to your community when strong storms approach.

**Event is open to public safety officials, emergency responders and the general public at NO COST.**

Sponsored by the Macoupin County Medical Reserve Corps and the Macoupin County Emergency Management Agency



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## ARRL Midwest Division Convention

November 8-9, 2013

Cowan Civic Center

Lebanon, Missouri



(Noon Friday to 4PM Saturday)

**Amateur Radio & Public Service**

**Hosted by the Lebanon Amateur Radio Club**

### **FACILITIES AND ENTRANCE FEE (NO CHARGE):**

- **Free** Convention entry, **NO CHARGE TO ATTEND!**
- 46,000 square feet of vendor and manufacture display space
- **Free** "Polar Bear" outside tailgate space
- Tables available inside for a small fee for folks not comfortable with November weather

### **CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**

- Well-known/famous guest speakers that include;
- \*\* Bob Heil, Gordon West, Rick K5UR, K1ZZ ARRL CEO, Carole Perry, just to name a few...
- Forums that will include DXing, Technical, Youth Activities, Emergency Preparedness
- Amateur Radio Reps with the latest equipment on display including: Associated Radio, WB0W, D & L Antenna Products, RadioWavz, ICOM, ALPHA, FORCE12, Balun Designs, Mosley, Alpha Antennas, just to name a few with many others attending
- Public Service/Emergency Preparedness Vendors and Manufactures
- Over a dozen emergency Comm vehicles and mobile command centers on display

### **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

- Operate new ICOM equipment at W1AW/O Special Event Station
- KCDXC World Famous CW Contest with a fabulous prize!
- Classic Radio Beauty Contest
- VE Testing
- DXCC card checking that includes 160 cards!
- ARRL booth and Forum with K1ZZ
- Buy tickets for hourly and grand prize drawings

**AND MUCH MORE... THE LIST IS GROWING! UPDATES TO FOLLOW. Check out our website: <http://www.arrlmidwestconvention.com/>**

The Lebanon, Missouri, area has over 20 hotels and motels, plus over 75 restaurants. There are many area points of interest to visit with your family while in the area such as Bennett Spring State Park, and the Route 66 Museum.

**Sponsors:** Missouri DX/Contest Club, Kansas City DX/Contest Club, Rolla Regional Amateur Radio Society, Nixa ARC

*(19 January 2013 -- Updates to follow)*



## ARRL IL Section Manager News

### Tom Ciciora-KA9QPN

\*\*We have learned of the passing of Wayne Green W2NSD on 12 September.

For those who came in late, Green was Amateur Radio's resident curmudgeon from the late fifties through the mid nineties. After a short stint as editor of CQ Magazine, he went on to found 73 Magazine, an eclectic little blend of tech, operating information and Wayne's own commentary. His editorials were remarkably visionary when it came to the Service, and he never missed an opportunity to take a swipe at the League (while maintaining his membership!). However and as with all intelligent folks, he got bored easily and strayed into tinfoil hat land with rants about unsafe food, the IRS, his ex-wives, the dangers of living near power lines, and whether or not the moon landings were fake (he claimed that they were). It was never dull. Through 73, Wayne encouraged early adoption of FM repeaters, RTTY, and personal computers generally among other things. He hadn't been directly involved in Amateur Radio commentary since the demise of 73, which was unfortunate. Wayne Green was 91.

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\*\*For those who either missed ever seeing 73 or have recycled your back issues, you can find scanned copies at [archive.org](http://archive.org). Just be careful and avoid poking around too much in the eclectic mix that is the Internet Archive. We might not ever hear from you again.

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\*\*Keenan Campbell KB9ZDK, LaSalle County EC has been appointed Region 2 Vice President of the Illinois Emergency Service Management Association (IESMA). IESMA is comprised of emergency managers and others across the State. They work in concert to advance knowledge of emergency management and act as a conduit for mutual aid.

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Get informed...

\*\*Joe Serocki N9IFG, our Affiliated Club Coordinator is currently contacting our affiliated clubs and verifying the online information. You can help by going to the Find-a-Club page at [arrl.org](http://arrl.org) and verifying your club's online displayed info.

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\*\*Still a little time left to volunteer online for a support role in the upcoming Chicago Marathon, scheduled for 13 October. There are new security measures in place after the events at last spring's Boston Marathon. Please review these beforehand.

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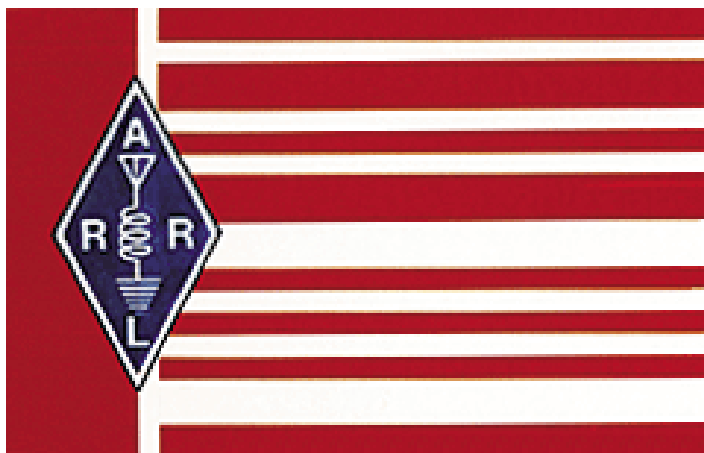
\*\*Don't forget the Illinois QSO Party coming up on 20 October. There's plenty of time to organize a portable operation or six to the less densely populated counties so as to have all 102 active for the event. Around the Section...

\*\*Effingham County ARES was involved in a search for a missing child earlier this month. They were active for about 24 hours both on-air and in the field searching for the youngster. Unfortunately, the outcome was not successful and the child's body was recovered. A murder investigation continues. As we partner more with public safety, we'll be called more and more to various incidents. There is not always a happy ending. And eventually, you will be part of a response where you will know the people involved. And, it's not easy to stay on an even keel while feeling for the people involved. All that we can hope for as

\*\*Commitments to support of the Sandwich Fair kept me away from Radio Expo earlier this month, which is unfortunate. Hopefully, the schedules do not conspire against me next year.

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\*\*The Peoria Superfest is coming up this weekend, with the featured speaker on Saturday being Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH, former Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC Enforcement Bureau and the bane of out-of-bounds operators in any spectrum. Before Riley's talk will be a presentation by Brad W9FX and Your Humble Servant on the state of ARES/RACES and anything else that you'd like to bring up. See you there!



## 22nd Halloween Hamfest!

Saturday, October 26th

7:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Kirkwood, Community Center  
111 S. Geiger Road  
Kirkwood, MO

Talk-in: 147.75/147.15

URL: <http://www.halloweenhamfest.org/>

GPS: N 90.25.004, W 38.34.848

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# October 2013

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		1	2 <i>K9MCE Club</i> Meeting at 7:00 pm. Macoupin Cnty Sheriff Office. Pre-meeting dinner at Reno's in Carlinville at 5:00 pm.	3 <i>K9MCE Club Net</i> @ 8:30 pm on 444.250 (103.5 pl) <i>Macoupin Cnty ARES Net, W9FJ net control @9:00 pm on 147.480 simplex.</i>	4	5
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## WELL Done!

Congratulations to Tom Turpin, KC9WOH on earning his General Class License at the September Club meeting. Well done!

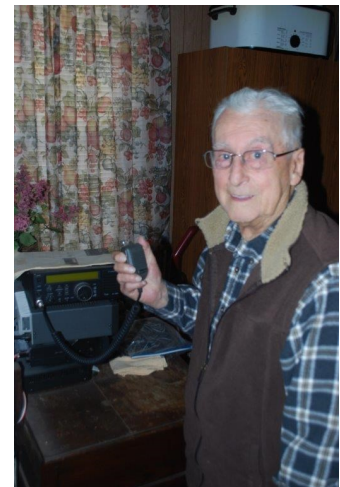
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Congratulations to Charlie Ritter, KB9OXH who turned 94 last month and to Bill Ogle, W9FJ who will be turning 91 next month! Both of these gentlemen served in WWII! We hope that your day was and will be extra special and we are glad that you and your families are part of the K9MCE family! Happy Birthday Charlie and Bill!



( Bill, W9FJ)



( Charlie Ritter, KB9OXH )