

Monthly Humor



Blast from the past News Article

Two elderly, local radio amateurs, with equally elderly radio equipment were operating one day. One put a CQ call out and the other replied. The first amateur never came back to the reply, despite several attempts. The second checked his equipment was working ok and remained puzzled.

A few days later they met up at their local radio club. The second amateur approached the first and said,

"Hey, you old bugger, why did you ignore me last week on 40 metres?"

The reply came back,

"I wasn't on 40 metres, I was on 80 metres"!

The second amateur had picked up a harmonic from the first. It naturally went into the club's legend. I often recall the story when teaching about EMC and interference. **(Found online)**

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Amateur Testing News

We had our first test session as the Laurel VE team that was held on May 22nd at 1pm. We had 3 attendees come for testing with 2 taking tech exams and 1 upgrade. I would like to congratulate the VCARA member Dave Lancaster W9DLZ for upgrade from Technician class to General Class. The other 2 we had one that was able to receive his Technician Class Brent Jones (KD9VFJ), CONGRATS Brent.

We will be having 3 more test sessions this year the dates are as follows:

June 25th - 2pm (after testing everyone can hang out to see what field day is about)

Aug. 20th - 1pm County Admin building (EOC ROOM)

Nov. 19th - 1pm County Admin building (EOC ROOM)

Birthday Corner:

Wendy Pascual (KC9VMZ) – June 3rd

Mike Bertelli (KC9VQK) – June 22nd

Robert Mitchell (W9BUB) – June 23rd

Happy Birthday everyone.....



Monthly Club Lunch

We will be meeting at Jocko's 305 W. Williams St. in Danville at 12pm on June 4th.

Hope to see everyone there. We always have a good time with great food and jokes.

ARES

The next meeting will be June 22nd at 7pm, County Admin Building (EOC Room) located at **201 N. Vermilion St. (Lower Level)** unless otherwise notified by Josh Kittle N9WEW

CLUB NEWS

We had another clean-up at the clubhouse on May 14th.

Mulch on picnic area was refreshed and picnic tables were recoated. Josh Kittle also done some grounding on the repeater. He donated all the supplies for the grounding of the repeater and the coating of the tables.

Mike Bertelli donated a new American flag for the club for the outside of the building. Dave Lancaster (W9DLZ) went out to clubhouse with Mike Bertelli (KC9VQK) on Friday May 20th and worked on the lighting project. Dave donated supplies for this as well. Remember we are always still looking for new membership.

Upcoming Monthly Meetings:

June 13th
July 11th
Aug 8th

All meetings will be held at 7pm at the VCARA clubhouse (**19449 Woodbury Hill Rd**) unless otherwise notified of change.

Upcoming Events:

June 4th – Jocko's at 12pm for monthly club lunch.
June 13th – monthly club meeting
June 22nd – ARES meeting County Admin building (EOC ROOM)
June 25th-26th: Field Day at the clubhouse with Amateur testing the 25th at 2pm. Everyone's welcome to stay following the testing. Come join and have a good time with great food and lots of great communication on the radio. Homemade Breakfast will be served on Sunday morning.

Useful Knowledge

The Governor of Illinois has declared the entire month of June as Amateur Radio Month. You will find the copy of the official certificate at the end of the newsletter.



The Propagation Horoscope

A steep increase of active regions on both hemispheres with over 170 spots on the Earth-facing side of the Sun has raised the Solar flux to over 160 units, the Solar wind is currently at around 450km/s



Classified Ads

Just a heads up. I'll be selling my Ameritron AL-80A amp and Palstar AT-1500DT manual tuner in the near future. I've taken them both off line so I can go through them and make sure everything is in good working order. I've had no problems with either one of them. The amp is a true Ameritron (before MFJ bought them out). It is listed as a 1KW amp with a single 500Z tube. I'm getting 700W on the most common bands and as low as 200W on some of the WARC bands. It does have the 10M function installed. The Palstar tuner is a MANUAL tuner. It will handle up to 1500W. I've been running them into an 80M OCF Windom. They will be sold TOGETHER. I will expect lump sum cash. Sorry, I'm not the bank and don't take payment plans... been burned too many times that way! Also for sale: 3-element SteppIR antenna.

Tom - NU9R

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I have an FT-60 Yeasu handheld for sale. Works 100%, display not scratched up, has new battery pack, charger. I'll throw in an alkaline battery holder. \$100.

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3 element SteppIR antenna and HyGain HAM4 rotor. Price: remove this from existing tower and install new antenna and rotor and cables if necessary, plus supply additional helpers.

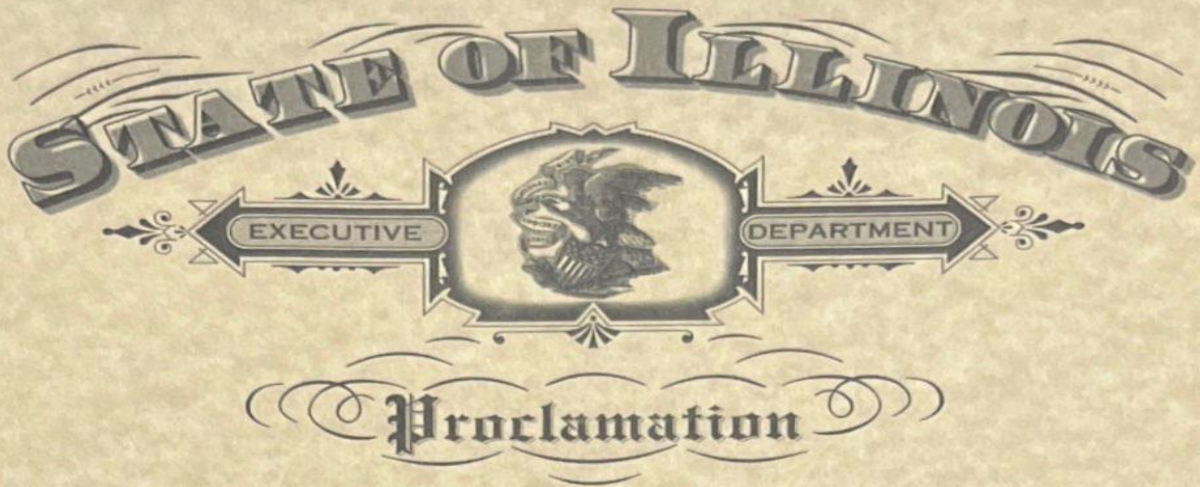
Jim - K9KUZ

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Antennas for sale: Hygain VB23FM Yagi , make offer. Cubex quad butterfly 2m, make offer.

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WHEREAS, amateur radio has historically played a significant role in developing worldwide radio communications; and,

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators are instrumental in serving the United States and the state of Illinois by consistently providing behind-the-scenes support for emergency response and other critical needs; and,

WHEREAS, amateur radio provides excellent volunteer communications for agencies including the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Department of Public Health, National Weather Service, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Central Illinois Earthquake Consortium, and others in times of natural disaster and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois has more than 20,000 amateur radio operators who repeatedly donate time, equipment, and services to help their communities; and,

WHEREAS, by continuous learning and experimentation, amateur radio operators help to forward the science of electronics and radio-related communications; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois radio amateurs will continue to hone their communications skills by operating during the national simulated emergency preparedness exercise known as "Field Day" June 25 - 26, 2022;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as Amateur Radio Month in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-THIRD day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FOURTH.*



Deese Whitt
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR

VERMILION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

The Vermilion County Amateur Radio Association is always looking for new members. We are a 501c3 not for profit organization that relies on membership and donations only. We are a smaller organization that is looking to grow. Below you will find a form to fill out with you information and whether you would like to donate or become a member. If you don't feel comfortable becoming a member yet you can always request more information about the club. We will be it to you. Just let us know. Please send all forms to Vermilion County Amateur Radio Association c/o Melodie Mitchell PO Box 492 Ridge Farm, IL. 61870. **Please note: This PO Box will go straight to Secretary of the club.**

Membership/Donation Request Form

Item Information: Membership _____ Donation Amt _____ Info Only _____

Item (check or cash only) _____

Information
(Please print)

First and Last Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone/Email _____

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