

VCARA

# CONNECTION

Vermilion County Amateur Radio Association



Oct2010



## Labor Day Parade 2010



**Join us at**  
VCARA Club House  
Woodbury Hill  
Danville, IL  
Oct 11, 2010  
7PM



Program:  
Jim W9JUG on Solar Cycle 24

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### VCARA CONNECTION

The Vermilion County Amateur Radio Association (VCARA), a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested and active in the service of the Amateur Radio service, publish a monthly newsletter, where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed a topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

**No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed.

**Submissions are due on the last Friday of each month!!**

# Tuck's Thoughts



A new beginning for our club. First off, I want to thank Josh for his serving as President. He is a hard act to follow.

One thing you will find, I am very strong in the belief of volunteering. First off, this is not MY club or MY clubhouse. It is YOURS!!! The members.

Our club house still needs much work done, and many hands makes the work go faster and a lot easier. A few hands got some of the work done on the north side of the roof, but the south side still needs to be sealed. We may be out of time until spring to complete this task. However, we do have some interior work to be done, and again, with many hand showing up, we could complete it all in 1 day The tables in the main area, I would like to see put upstairs. I would like have that space available for a larger seating area. The upstairs area, we can use for a classroom as well as other projects. Of course the radios and any other operating stuff will remain in the meeting area off to the side as they are now. The entry way needs to be cleaned out, This is the 1st thing people see when they enter the club house, and we want to give them a good 1st impression.

We will try and have some type of program each month. There are so many facets of Amateur Radio, that I know we can all learn something new. Hands on experience is always good. Emergency training will also be provided.

Folks, contrary to what you might have heard, our club is NOT going thru a split. Yes, there are a few who might be a bit unhappy at this time, but I am confident that will all change. Yes, there is another club that has sprouted up, but they have another directive in mind. Oh, I might have blinders on, but I try to be a positive guy and know that when people work together for a common good, things will normally work out. However, everything has to be transparent and above board.

Are you ready? Are you ready for a club that will be on the move? Are you ready for a club that will be known for it's service to the community? If so, you are in the right place. Are you ready to volunteer some of your time? Remember, this is YOUR club.

Ham Radio.....not just a hobby.....

.....But a real service!!



Tom, KC9RNA testing out radio setup for Labor Day Parade operation.

October Meeting  
Monday Oct 11, 2010 7PM  
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Danville, Il



## Your help is needed!!

The newsletter received a few contributions this month, and we thank you!! The more articles we receive, the better for the newsletter and for you, the reader!!

I would love to see people who can write an article each month..maybe on constructing small indoor antennas for 2 meters, making your own antennas for not only VHF frequencies, but HF frequencies as well. Maybe step by step directions on installing connectors. Believe it or not, there are probably some newbies who might not know.

**Send me articles in Word or text only, or make the pdf files a jpg file.**

I can not convert pdf files back to text. Sorry.

Help out your newsletter!!! Deadline is the last Friday of every month!! 73.

Amateur Radio.....

.....Not just a hobby, but a REAL service.




**NTS and  
IC213  
Traffic Forms  
on pages  
4 & 5**

## Radioactive!! Nets to you.....

Sunday ARES net 7pm 146.820 pl 88.5  
Monday ICARC 8:00 147.030 dup+ pl tone 103.5  
Wed. Night Net 7:30 146.820 pl 88.5  
Fridays: 73's Late Night Net 9:00 pm 146.820 pl 88.5

**VCARA QSO Party  
Every Saturday Morning!!  
9:00 am - 11:00 am**

VCARA Club House - Woodbury Hill

A weekly get together for fellowship and to work on various club projects. Continued planning for upgrades to the club house facility. All are welcome, your help is appreciated.



The American Radio Relay League  
RADIOGRAM  
Via Amateur Radio

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Parade  
Preparation  
2010**



**Dave KB9ZMF  
Tom KC9RNA  
Chuck KC9RMZ**

**Working on the Labor Day “float”.**

**Jim W9JUG  
Doing some last minute  
Soldering.**



**The Throngs  
Of People that  
Came out to see  
The Parade**