



KC9OAS NEWS

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INFORMATION FOR THE EVANSTON AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY

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PACKET RADIO PROGRAM OCTOBER 26 AT EOC

The October 26 meeting of the Evanston Amateur Radio Community will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Evanston Emergency Operations Center. This will give members an opportunity to see the facility, which is capable of police and fire dispatch in an emergency as well as making contact with other agencies.

Our program will explain the operation of Packet radio, which was recently installed in the EOC by Mark Klocksins, WA9IVH. Mark will explain to us how Packet operates and will demonstrate the Outpost program that is set up at the EOC and which

was used briefly in our Simulated Emergency Test October 3.

To reach the Emergency Operations Center, park



in the southwest section of the Civic Center parking lot and cross Simpson Street diagonally, which will put you at the corner of the lot of the Municipal Services Building. Walk to the entrance, about half a block south, and enter the lot and go to the door on the north side of the building next to the garage. Someone will be at the door to direct you until the meeting start time, so best to be early.

ILLINOIS QSO PARTY OCTOBER 18

VISIT MEMBER SHACKS AND OPERATE HF

We will be operating HF from two locations on Sunday, October 18, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The event is the Illinois QSO Party, an attempt to contact as many Illinois counties as possible.

The exchange for this contest is simply your call, RS(T) and your county (Cook). A list of counties with abbreviations is at www.w9awe.org/ILQP%202009%20Summary.pdf A log of counties contacted, with their RS and time, is needed for this contest. Two shacks are available for this activity, and participants are encouraged to visit both of them. To facilitate scheduling that will allow everyone to operate who desires to do so, participants are asked to contact w9luo@arrrl.net and give the times that they can come and then they will be assigned to the two shacks at specific times.

N9EWJ is at 1914 Colfax Street (between Brown and Prairie). Colfax is one-way eastbound, so start at Green Bay Road and McCormick. Go west on McCormick and take an immediate right onto Prairie. then an immediate left on Grant. Go one block to Brown. Go right on Brown one block to Colfax. Go right on Colfax and look for a tall yellow

"farmhouse" type house on your right in about the middle of the block. The house numbers are on a stained glass panel above the front door. Take the path to the east of the house into the back yard. The shack is in the barn-type garden shed directly in front of you. Come in and ascend the attic-type stairway to the second floor (watch your step!).

W8UFO is at 2028 Cleveland Street, which is west of Dodge Avenue on the south side of the street. The shack is inside the house, so ring the front doorbell.

The Illinois QSO party is sponsored by the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club. More information is at www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html

JOTA

The annual international girl and boy scout Jamboree on the Air will be held on October 17 and 18. Frequencies for operation are:

80m: CW: 3560 - 3800 kHz,
SSB: 3650 - 3700 kHz
40m: SSB: 7080 - 7140 kHz
20m: CW: 14060 - 14350 kHz,
SSB: 14100 - 14125 kHz and
14280 - 14350 kHz
15m: SSB: 21350 - 21450 kHz
10m: SSB: 28225 - 28400 kHz

Stations should call "CQ Jamboree" or answer scout stations calling to establish a contact.

WEEKLY SIMPLEX NET

Except for Mondays on which we have a club meeting, the KC9OAS simplex net meets on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. local time on 147.435 MHz. or use echolink node 44686. You can use the echolink node either directly from your VHF radio or with no radio straight from the computer by downloading the free echolink program from www.echolink.org and registering the program with your callsign. You will need a microphone to talk from your computer, or you can type things into the program's text box if someone else is checked in and watching the computer text box.

EARC CLUB LOGO BEING DESIGNED

At the September Club meeting, Matt Mason, N2ZQO, showed us several possible Club logos designed by a friend of his who designs logos for a living. Those present selected their favorites and suggested possible changes. We hope to have some slightly modified designs to show to people at the October meeting.

CURRENT OFFICERS OF THE EARC

President:
Marilyn Gardner, W9LUO

Secretary/Treasurer:
Kate Saccany, KC9IQF

Trustee/Tech Director:
Scott Irwin, W8UFO

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST AND BIKE THE RIDGE BOTH SUCCESSFUL FOR EVANSTON HAM RADIO

In spite of a few problems with equipment and finding locations, the Illinois Simulated Emergency Test was a success for the Evanston hams. Nine participants covered the City and reported on communication "dead zones" as well as receiving and delivering simulated messages from hospitals and other locations.

Bike the Ridge hams, under the leadership of Scott Irwin, W8UFO, merged seamlessly with the CERT and GMRS operators and enhanced the limited communication capabilities of the previously used system.

A future discussion will enable us to better for a spring test of our Emergency Communications capabilities. We hope to have more people using APRS so that people in the field can be tracked at the EOC headquarters and better reassigned to locations in need of them.

ELECTIONS COMING

Michael Cicchetti, KC9OPV, is the chairman of the nominating committee for next year's Club officers. If you have suggestions or want to volunteer, check out the Club constitution on our website and contact Michael by email at mrcicchetti@mac.com. We hope he will have a slate to present at our October meeting.

Elections will then take place at the November meeting. The December meeting will be a holiday party.

2010 DUES PAYABLE NOW!

We need dues now to make the minimum amount to open the Club bank account so that things can be done in a more professional manner. Dues are \$20. per year. Applications are available on the club website, www.evanstonhams.org Dues can be paid at a Club meeting or mailed to our treasurer, Kate Saccany, KC9IQF, at 926 Judson Ave #2E, Evanston, IL 60202. Make checks payable to "Evanston Amateur Radio Community."

PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION NETS



The monthly Cook County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) net is at 9:00 p.m. on the SARA repeater, at 146.880, -600 kHz., PL 107.2 Hz. on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The weekly SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) Chicago VHF net is at 8:00 p.m. on the CFMC repeater, at 146.760, -600 kHz., PL 107.2 Hz. each Tuesday evening. For a list of SATERN HF nets, see www.saturn.org and click on the key near "SATERN Nets."

The Disaster Communicator's Forum meets every Sunday following the American Red Cross Net that starts at 8:00 p.m. on EchoLink *DCF-ARC* Conference Node #336037 and IRLP Reflector 9257.

All interested amateurs are welcome to check in.