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An ARRL Affiliated Club

September, 2009

Club Meeting and VE Testing September 1

You're welcome to join us for the regular September meeting of the MAC at 7:30 p.m. on September 1 at the Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue. Enter by the stairs or ramp on the Morse Avenue side. Parking is plentiful. VE testing will begin at 6:00 p.m. Contact Marc Jens, AB9OP, at ab9op@arrl.net if you wish to take an exam. Pre-registration is required.

MAC Net

Net control stations for the September net are:

September 6 - Don Burman, KB9WBM

September 13 - Marilyn Gardner, W9LUO

September 20 - Scott Irwin, W8UFO

September 27 - Scott Irwin, W8UFO

The net is held Sunday evenings at 9:00 p.m. local time on the club repeater on 147.315 MHz. with a positive 600 kHz. offset and a PL tone of 107.2 Hz.



The Grosse Pointe Lighthouse, site of MAC's 2009 Lighthouse event



Michael, KC9OPV, logs while and Matt, N2ZQO looks for a contact at the MAC 2009 Lighthouse event.



Scott, W8UFO, operates, watched by Bob, KC(PHT), and Matt, N2ZQO

2009 MAC Board of Directors

President: Steve Little, KC9MWW
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Art, N9THH, and son Lucian watch Bob, KC9PHT, and Scott, W8UFO operating at MAC's 2009 lighthouse event



Social Activities

Some club members meet at Sanders Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. on meeting nights for fellowship, conversation, and sometimes help with ham radio questions. Sanders is at 5320 Touhy Avenue in Skokie. This is just minutes from the meeting location.

Some club members meet for brunch around 11:00 a.m. every Saturday at Marilyn's Restaurant, 5900 Dempster Street in Morton Grove. You can have either breakfast or lunch or dinner at that time. Talk is about a variety of topics and all are welcomed by the group.

Lighthouse Event – Big Success

A resident of Evanston had to file the request for permission to operate from the Grosse Point Lighthouse and Scott Irwin took up the challenge. He got the permit from the Evanston Parks Department and we were all set to go. The set up went without many hitches except we didn't have the 40M counter-poise wires. Yankee ingenuity helped again when Nick, KG9E produced a set of four 20M radials that we spliced together to make a couple of 40 meter radials. While we didn't spend much time on 40, it was great to have the capability. Bill, Henry, Michael, Scott and I got the antenna and Canopy set up in about one and a half hours.

Then there was the little matter of power. It turned out that an open door to the garage allowed us to plug in our extension cord and power up every thing even though half of the outlets in the garage didn't work. It turned out that the Parks Director, whom Scott had dealt with, had seen the article in the Tribune about our event and called his people to come over. We may have been without power, without that open door because they had scheduled us there on Sunday, not Saturday. Oh, Boy! One comment about the article... Steve said it was not the press release he had supplied the Tribune, Sun-Times and three Pioneer

Press papers. Instead, it was an interview with him on the phone. Steve wished his name was not used so much since the story was really about the club and the Lighthouse. Oh well, it was good to get some PR in a major paper

The weather was hot and humid but the beautiful grounds next to the lake shore and the tall trees made it OK. We had an oscillating fan that helped quite a bit. We were all comfortable enough. We had some equipment problems but we had about a dozen members of the club come over to set up, tear down and operate. Plus, several club members came over to say HI! We loved the support from all.

At the end of the day we had logged 45 QSO's from Long Island to Utah... 3 or 4 were lighthouses. Nick made the only DX QSO to a guy in Denmark. Art's son, Louie, got the Utah contact. About 8 different people logged or operated. Due to the Tribune article and some signs we posted on the Lighthouse grounds, we had a steady trickle of "civilians" come over to see what we were doing throughout the day.

All did not go without a hitch, however. We had a breakdown with the club Yeasu FT-757. Actually, I think the problem is with the microphone of the rig. All of a sudden, after a hour or so of operating, we were only getting some 20 watts of power and even that was very erratic. Nick, KG9E, had brought his QRP rig with him and we instantly pressed it into action. He made many good contacts. The audio amplifier was a little small in that outdoor environment and Steve went home to get his 100 watt rig. That took care of the QSO's in the afternoon hours.

All in all, we lost about 2 hours of the day due to equipment problems. Everyone did a great job and had a good time too! That's what these special events are all about. Hams supporting a good organization while honing emergency and other operating skills. But above all, we have a lot of fun doing it! Steve KC9MWW

From My Shack to Yours....

Well, this summer has been unusually cool but, that all changed in the middle of August with some pretty hot and humid weather...just in time for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend event. We all had a great time and it really showed what we, as a club, can do. The set up went without many hitches. Bill, Nick, Henry, Michael, and Scott got the antenna, equipment and Canopy set up in about an hour. It is really a nice location since it is right on the water's edge. The trees on the lighthouse property helped to keep temps tolerable. I think that is one of things about remote/portable operations that I like so much. Nice locations and some problem solving with antenna erecting, etc.

The Chicago Tribune ran an article on page 3 of the Main section of the paper on Saturday morning. Even though it was not at all like our press release, it that was great to see some PR for the Club in a major newspaper.

Donald Terras, manager of the lighthouse, stopped by to say hello. He was very curious about our QSO's and wanted a copy of the log. I will scan it and send that to him with a preface. It took an Evanston resident to get the permit and thanks again to Scott, W8UFO, for completing the final permit arrangements with the Evanston Park and Recreation dept. As I said, the teamwork was great and it was really nice to see about nine of our guys come out to help set up and operate plus Fay, Chuck, Gerry and some others stop by to give their moral support!

All did not go without a hitch, however. We had a breakdown with the club Yeasu FT-757. Actually, I think the problem is with the microphone of the rig. So, it looks like we have a small expenditure ahead of us, but not a big deal. It is really good to have club equipment for these special events. It allows us to do things without depending on our member's personal equipment.

Congratulations to all and thanks for coming out for the lighthouse event. And why not come out, we had a great time!

73 Steve KC9MWW



**The October
newsletter deadline is
Tuesday, September
22. Deadline is always
the second last
Tuesday of the month
preceding the
newsletter month.
Send news to
w9luo@arri.net or
847-866-9159. Late
news or news sent to
other email addresses
may be ignored.**

Special Events for September

Sep 3–Sep 14, 0000Z–2359Z, Salt Lake City, UT. Utah DX Association, K7T. 82nd Anniversary of the invention of the electronic TV. 14.260 7.240. QSL. Wesley Wilkinson, W7WES, 7363 Galaxy Hill Rd, West Jordan, UT 84081. w7wes@yahoo.com or www.udxa.org

Sep 5, 1400Z–2200Z, Fort Worth, TX. Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, WC5C. 1st Activation of Willow Island TX061L. 14.250 7.250. QSL. Willow Island 2009 1st Activation, c/o David Johnson, KB5YLG, 820 Wood Ln, Azle, TX 76020. Willow Island TX061L in Lake Worth will be activated by Tri-County Amateur Radio Club QRV as WC5C, 1400UTC to 2200 UTC. Club members will travel to the island by boat, kayak and canoe. www.wc5c.org

Sep 5–Sep 6, 0000Z–2359Z, Tremelo, BELGIUM. Radio Club UBA-LIR (ON7LR), ON4DAMIAN. Honoring the Canonization of Belgian Father Damien. 21.165 14.120 7.150 7.065 3.665. QSL. Via UBA bureau or direct to Radioclub ON7LR, Fortweg 24, 2500 Lier, BELGIUM. Also operating Oct 3–4, 2009. www.on7lr.org

Sep 5–Sep 7, 1330Z–2030Z, Prairie Grove, AR. W5C. 58th Annual Clothes Line Fair. 14.265 14.260 7.265 7.260. QSL. Joe Dunn, KD5TLH, 12358 W Ervan Beeks Rd, Farmington, AR 72730. bjodunn@hotmail.com

Sep 5–Sep 7, 1800Z–2000Z, Brevort Twp, MI. Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club, N8T. North Country Trail/Mackinac Bridge Segment Walk. 14.240 14.070 7.240. Certificate. Lake Effect ARC/N8T, 36 Southfork St, Marquette, MI 49855. This 5-mile segment of the NCT is open to hiking on Labor Day each year. www.LakeEffectARC.info/N8T-2009.htm

Sep 5–Sep 7, 1900Z–1900Z, Paradise, AZ. Cochise Amateur Radio Association, K7RDG. 30th anniversary of trek to Ghost Town of Paradise. 21.315 18.115 14.315 7.230. Certificate. Cochise ARA, PO Box 1855, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1855. www.k7rdg.org

Sep 7, 1200Z–2359Z, Nutley, NJ. Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Assoc, N2UL. CQ Labor Day. 28.460 14.260 7.250 EchoLink W2NJR-R. Certificate. RDGULARA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.

Sep 7, 1400Z-2100Z, Muskegon, MI. Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council, K4C. Cars for Cancer Car Show. 14.245 7.270 146.940. QSL. Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council, Attn: K4C, PO Box 691, Muskegon, MI 49443. All proceeds to local Cancer Center w8zho@arrl.net

Sep 8-Sep 13, 0459Z-0459Z, West Alexander, PA. Washington Amateur Communications ARC, WA3COM. West Alexander Fair. 14.250 7.200 28.450. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, 60 Carl Ave B-2, Eighty Four, PA 15330. n3tir@arrl.net

Sep 9-Sep 12, 1200Z-1200Z, Wickham, Ha, ENGLAND. RSGB, GB1WT. Over 200 years since Admiralty Shutter Telegraph Installed. 14.200. QSL. John Wakefield, M0XIG, Oakhurst, Lower Common Rd, West Wellow, Romsey, HA SO51 6BT, ENGLAND. www.qrz.com/gb1wt

Sep 9-Oct 9, 0001Z-2359Z, Kingston, NY. Overlook Mountain Amateur Radio Club, N2H. 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River. 80-10 m SSB CW PSK 6 m 2 m 70 cm SSB FM CW PSK. Certificate. via bureau or direct to Donald Koeppen, N2WCY, 54 Windwood Ln, Woodstock, NY 12498. www.omarclub.org

Sep 10-Sep 14, 1700Z-0300Z, Hebron, CT. Newington Amateur Radio League, NA1RL. Hebron Harvest Fair. 28.475 18.135 14.280 7.225. QSL. Richard Lawrence, KB1DMX, 335 Lloyd St, Newington, CT 06111.

Sep 11-Sep 13, 1300Z-2200Z, Galveston, TX. Leslie Bartosh, AD5WB, N5I. One year anniversary of Hurricane Ike. 14.280; 40 15 10 m possible depending on conditions. QSL. Leslie Bartosh, AD5WB, 17 Campeche Dr, Galveston, TX 77554. ad5wb2@yahoo.com

Sep 11-Sep 13, 1700Z-1700Z, Lincoln City, IN. Tri State Amateur Radio Society, W9OG. To commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Lincoln's Birthday. 14.175 14.050 7.175 7.050. QSL. Dennis Martin, 5577 Victoria Ct, Newburgh, IN 47630. tars@w9og.net or www.w9og.net

Sep 12, 1400Z-2100Z, Grape Creek, TX. Cloud Country Airport Fly-In, W5QX. Commemorating 151th Anniversary of Butterfield Overland Mail. 14.260 7.260. Certificate. San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc, PO Box 4002, San Angelo, TX 76902. www.w5qx.org

Sep 12, 1400Z-2200Z, Herndon, VA. Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club, K4H. Celebrating 150 years of Railroading in Herndon. 14.265 7.265 3.865. QSL. Bill McCourt, 1554 Twisted Oak Dr, Reston, VA 20194.

Sep 12, 1600Z-2359Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Operations Room, NI6IW. USS Midway Commissioning 1945, National POW/MIA Remembrance Day and Tin Can Sailors National Reunion. SSB 14.320 7.250 PSK-31 7.070 CW 14.060 7.055 D-STAR 2m/70cm SOCAL rep. QSL. USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. kk6fz@arrl.net

Sep 12-Sep 13, 1500Z-0000Z, Coopersville, MI. Michigan DX Association, W8DXI. The RF Express - Railroad And Radio Friends. 14.240 14.050 7.240 7.050. Certificate. Michigan DX Association, 1652 Rossman SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507. mdxa1.org

Sep 12-Sep 13, 1500Z-0300Z, Inver Grove Heights, MN. South East Metro Amateur Radio Club, W0B. Cold War Memorial at the site of the B-52 crash on 9/16/58. 21.352 14.252 7.252 3.952. Certificate. W0CGM Special Event, 1655-68th St West, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077. www.semarc.org

Sep 12-Sep 20, 0100Z-2359Z, San Bernardino, CA. Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club, W6A-R&W. 10th Annual Route 66 On The Air Special Event. 21.366 14.266 7.266 3.866. Certificate. Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 3788, San Bernardino, CA 92413. www.w6jbt.org

Sep 13, 1400Z-2100Z, Berkshire, NY. QCWA Chapter 28, W2VDX/2. Heritage Day Community Hall Restoration. 14.232 7.232. QSL. Robert Fuller, 640 Jewett Hill Rd, Berkshire, NY 13736. jbfuller@htva.net

Sep 13, 1500Z-2030Z, Babylon, NY. Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club, W2GSB. Operating from the Babylon Village Country Fair. 14.260 3.850 7.250 14.070 PSK. QSL. W2GSB/BVF, PO Box 1356, West Babylon, NY 11704. www.gsbarc.org

Sep 18-Sep 20, 0000Z-2359Z, Santa Ana, CA. W6APD/KM6HB, K6P. National POW-MIA Recognition Day. 21.350 18.150 14.253 7.250. QSL. Mark McMullen, KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799. km6hb@arrl.net

Sep 18-Sep 20, 1800Z-1700Z, Kenton, OK. Oklahoma City Astronomy Club, N0T. 26th Okie-Tex Star Party. 7200 14.235 28.440. Certificate. Oklahoma City Astronomy Club, PO Box 22804, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1804. First Star Party Special Event. All invited. Stop by if you're in the area. ac0j@hotmail.com or www.okie-tex.com

Sep 18-Sep 21, 0000Z-2300Z, Marquette, MI. Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club, N8T. North Country Trail Volunteer Trail Building Adventure. 14.070 7.240. QSL. Lake Effect ARC - N8T, 36 Southfork St, Marquette, MI 49855. www.LakeEffectARC.info/N8T-2009.htm

Sep 19, 1200Z-2000Z, Gladeville, TN. Short Mountain Repeater Club, W4YXA. Operating on Stewarts Ferry Pike for 7th Annual Gladefest. 28.400 14.250 7.220 3.820. QSL. James Gondek, 3016 Tracon Drive, White House, TN 37188-4050. www.shortmountain.org

Sep 19, 1200Z-2000Z, Portland, ME. Portland Amateur Wireless Association, W1KVI. Relaunch of Club Radio Room. 21.350 14.045 7.250 3.860. QSL. Michael J. Russo, PO Box 1605, Portland, ME 04104. Phone and CW. www.w1kvi.org

Sep 19, 1400Z-2100Z, Fort Worth, TX. Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, WC5C. Greer Island Activation TX058L. 14.250 7.250. QSL. Greer Island 2009 TX058L, c/o David Johnson, KB5YLG, 820 Wood Lane, Azle, TX 76020. www.wc5c.org

Sep 19, 1600Z-2100Z, Ravenna, OH. Portage Amateur Radio Club, K8B. Annual Ravenna Balloon-A-Fair and Parade. 7.250 14.250 21.250 145.390. Certificate. Gregg Gary, WB8YYS, PO Box 6336, Akron, OH 44312-0336. wb8yys@arrl.net or www.portagearc.org

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Apple Orchard, VA. Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Blue Ridge Bonanza Apple Orchard Mile Post 76.5. 14.243 7.243. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.w4ca.us

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Blue Ridge Bonanza, VA. Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Rock Fish Gap Mile Post 0. 14.228 7.228. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.w4ca.us

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Blue Ridge Bonanza, VA. Covington Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Buena Vista Mile Post 45.6. 14.233 7.233. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.w4ca.us

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Blue Ridge Music Center, VA. Franklin Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Blue Ridge Bonanza Blue Ridge Music Center Mile Post 213. 14.273 7.273. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.w4ca.us

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Buena Vista, VA. Covington Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Blue Ridge Bonanza Buena Vista 45.6. 14.233 7.233. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.w4ca.us

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Doughton Park, NC. Forsythe Amateur Radio Club, W4NC. Blue Ridge Bonanza Doughton Park. 14.278 7.278. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.w4ca.us

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Natural Bridge Mile Post 61.6, VA. VA Mountain ARC, W4CA. Blue Ridge Bonanza. 14.240 7.205. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.w4ca.us

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Peaks of Otter, VA. Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Blue Ridge Bonanza Peaks of Otter Mile Post 84. 14.248 7.248. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.w4ca.us

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Roanoke Mountain Mile Post 128, VA. Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Blue Ridge Bonanza. 14.253 7.296. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.w4ca.us

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Rock Fish Gap, VA. Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Blue Ridge Bonanza Rock Fish Gap Mile Post 0. 14.228 7.228. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.w4ca.us

Sep 19-Sep 20, 1500Z-0300Z, Richmond, VA. Richmond Amateur Radio Club, W4ZA. 80 years as a ham radio club doing public service. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050 3.850 3.550. QSL. A.C. McNeer, K4YEF, 7817 Brentford Dr, Richmond, VA 23225. www.rarcpio.net or www.rarclub.net

Sep 24-Sep 27, 1300Z-2200Z, Kingwood, WV. Preston County ARES, W8B. 68th Annual Preston County Buckwheat Festival. 14.265 14.040 7.265 7.040. Certificate. William Beardslee, NN8W, 109 Western Dr, Kingwood, WV 26537.

Sep 26, 1400Z-2100Z, Pennville, IN. Jay County Amateur Radio Club, W9JCA. Balbec Days celebrates the Underground Railroad. 14.205 7.190. Certificate. Darrell Borders, PO Box 214, Portland, IN.

Sep 26, 1500Z-2100Z, Herkimer, NY. Ft Herkimer Amateur Radio Association, W2FHA. Town of German Flatts 10th Anniversary Living History Weekend. 14.280. Certificate. Christopher L Bouck, 28 W State St, Dolgeville, NY 13329. www.fhara.net