

HAM RAG



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In the Rockford area at <http://www.w9axd.org>

RARA Mission Statement

A member association with common interest of public service to the community through the use of amateur radio.

Field Day = Fun Day!



Photos by Max Gersh-KD9DBF

UPCOMING RARA EVENTS

August 12th - General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

August 30th - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

September 9th - General RARA Meeting 7:00 at OSF

September 27th - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

Latest news and events on our web page: <http://www.w9axd.org>

August 2016

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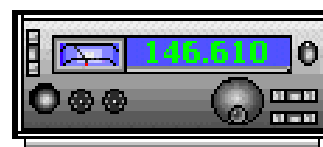
NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY
August 12, 2016
7:00 pm

Presentation
By:

Tom Ciciora
KA9QPN
ARRL

Location:
St. Anthony
Medical Center
Foundation Room
5666 E. State Street
Rockford, IL



RARA Club Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. with 20 attendees.

Treasurer's report for June 28, 2016 was read. Motion to accept by Gordy Seaman, KC9NEX, second by Dennis Johanson, K9VMY Motion passed.

Minutes were read from June 10, 2016 meeting. Motion to accept by Larry Schubert, AC9GO, second by Kurt Eversole, KE9N. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- * Gordy mentioned that AES was closing nationwide.
- * Dave Bond mentioned that Phantom Regiment was playing at Boylan on July 10th
- * Max Gersh said the 255 tech net is moving to their UHF repeater. Will is looking for a lead net OP
- * Hamrag should return for July
- * Discussion on ways we can share digital radio info

50/50 Raffle was held. \$26 was collected. \$13 won by Larry Schubert.

Presentation: Video on HF Antennas for Difficult Situations

We had a discussion about wire antennas

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Kurt Eversole, KE9N, and second by Larry Schubert, AC9GO. Motion passed

Prepared by Bruce Carlson, N9OHT, Secretary

World War II Days

Midway Village Museum World War II Days

to be held on Sunday Sept 25th, 2016 in Rockford, IL

Special Event Station W9M will work 20m and 40m

Event located at Midway Village Museums Victorian Village

(we'll be occupying the upstairs of one building)

www.midwayvillage.com

Operators needed, contact Bruce Carlson, brucecarlson72@gmail.com

RARA Club Meeting Minutes for June 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. with 26 attendees.

Treasurer's report for June 2016 was read. Motion to accept by Dennis Johanson, K9VMY, second by Chuck Ingle, AB9KA. Motion passed.

Minutes were read from May 13, 2016 meeting. Motion to accept by Shannon Larson, KC9QBC, second by Ron Callahan, N2RON Motion passed.

Old Business: Dennis Johanson said we still have our old repeater gear for sale. No interest in Dayton at all.

New Business:

* Chuck Ingle asked the group for a skillet for pancakes for field day. Said donations are at about \$100 and expenses will likely be around \$130

* Chuck asked if we could have access to the circuit breaker box at field day and Alvin Alexander said that he would look in to it.

Presentation: Alvin Alexander, KC9GIO, talked about field day 2016. Topics included the number of stations we'd have, that RARA and ARES would be on site, tips for HF operation, offered an ethics in operation manual and that field day is an event not a contest. Its purpose is to test emergency communications and disaster contact skills. We will be using the N3FJP logging program.

Introductions

50/50 Raffle was held: \$38 total was collected and was won (\$19) by Len Soderblom who had a ticket purchased for him by Max Gersh

A Video on Station Grounding was shown

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Kurt Eversole KE9N, and second by Gordy Seaman KC9NEX. Motion passed

Prepared by Bruce Carlson, N9OHT, Secretary

RARA Information Net

The purpose of the net is to disseminate RARA related information as well as other Amateur Radio related information. As a club sponsored activity, please check in with Net Control and help make this net a success. The Net Control is rotated between the club members, with all amateur radio operators encouraged to check in. (RARA members as well as non-members)

Let any of the officers and board know you thoughts and ideas. If you wish to be a net control operator, let any of the officers know. All are encouraged and welcome to participate.

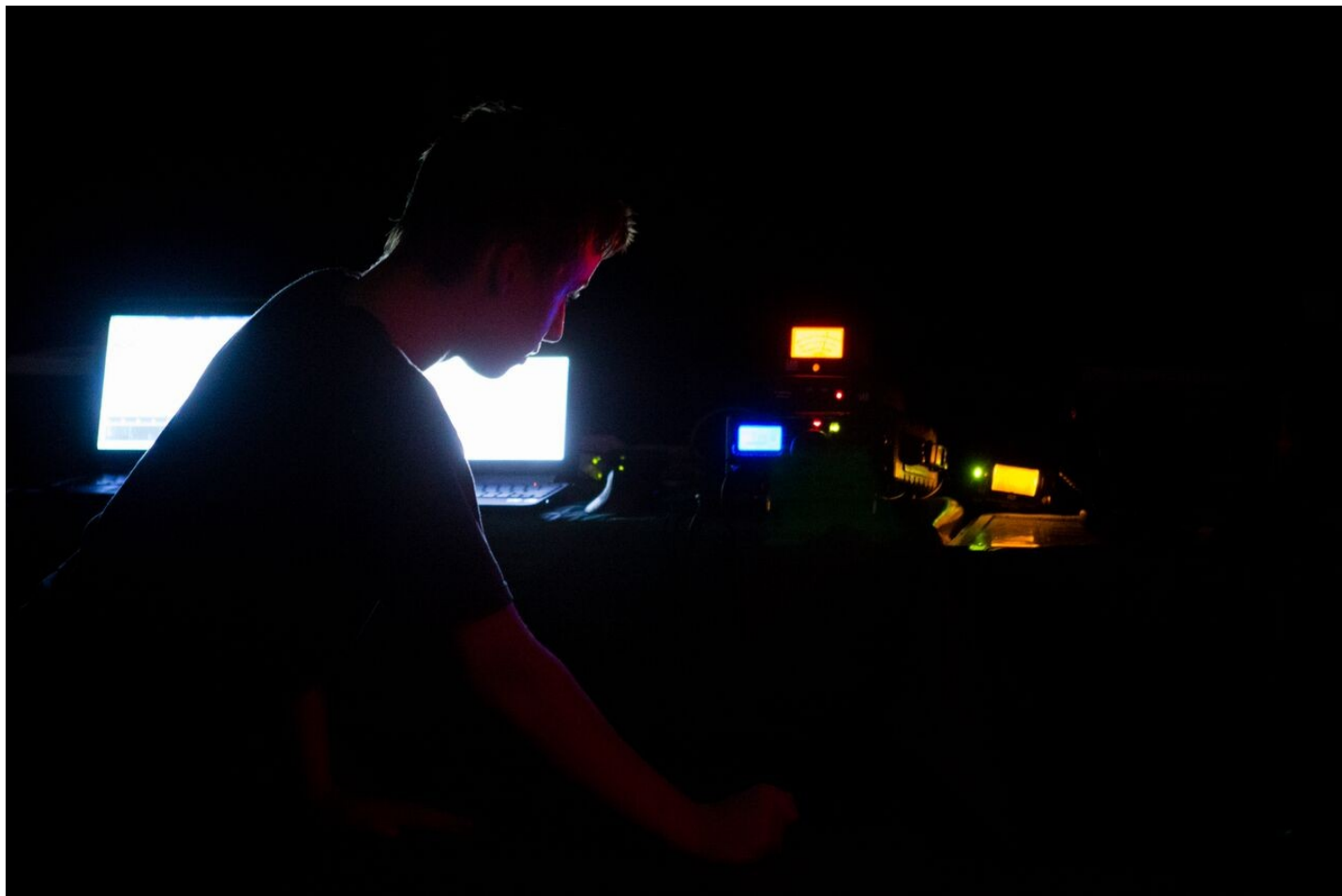
146.610 (pl 114.8) repeater at 8:00 pm, every Monday, except on holidays.



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DX Convention and Banquet

Dear fellow amateur radio operator/Midwest ham club contact:

It's our hope that you might help us spread the word about the 64th annual W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet on Sept. 16-17, 2016, in Schaumburg, Illinois. Please consider sharing the following information with your members via e-mail, website or word of mouth.

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois DX Association, the event is the premier DX gathering in the region and is an ARRL-approved operating specialty convention. Contest University and DX University programs will be held Friday, with presentations for new and veteran DXers and contest operators. Saturday's daylong session will feature speakers, exhibits, QSL card checking, a CW pileup contest and many prizes, including a Yaesu FT DX 3000.

The evening banquet is a time to relax with keynote speaker Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, the new ARRL CEO. For family members, Woodfield Mall, which offers a wide array of shopping, is one traffic light south of the convention site at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 East Golf Road.

Main Convention – Saturday (as of now, with more being added)

- VP8STI/SGI Sandwich Island/South Georgia Island by K3LP
- VK0EK Heard Island by KK6EK
- K5P Palmyra Island by K9CT
- Cycle 24 Update by K9LA
- DX'ing During Declining Conditions by K9ZO
- Flex 6000 for Contesting & DX'ing by N5AC

Registration: Go to <http://w9dxcc.com/> for more information and registration.

Updates: <http://w9dxcc.com/> for new developments.

For more information: John McCormick, N0FCD@yahoo.com

Submitted by Jim Holich-AB9SX

Interesting Trip

Just thought I would pass this along which was in the Iowa West Branch Times. A reporter knocked on the door and wanted to know what I was doing with the antenna. Take a look at the link. This was at the Herbert Hoover Historical Site (NS35) for NPOTA. Sorry about missing the board meeting, but I also was at the Minuteman Missile Site (NS53) near Philip, South Dakota. Just got back home today.
Link - <https://www.instagram.com/p/BHSUOZrhWpW/>

Take care,

Kurt Eversole - KE9N

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM NOTICE

We had two successful applicants on June 18. One did not want his name published. He passed Technician and General. The second one was Marcel Nastase who passed his Technician exam.

Many thanks go out to John Olson K9JGO; Shari Harlan N9SH ; Jeff Makeever AC9KX; and Randy Long AC9OF for volunteering their time.

Amateur Radio exams are held the 3rd Saturday of every month in Rockford IL. The next session is 9 AM July 16, 2016. Walk-ins welcome. Check-in is from 9AM-10AM, no exams started after 10:00 We require two signature ID's and one photo. If you are a licensed Amateur Radio operator bring a copy of your FCC license. If you are using a CSCE for exam credit, bring the original and a copy (We need to see the originals & keep a photocopy of each). No copier on site. The test fee is \$14.00. Bring a non-programmable calculator.

Location:

OSF St Anthony Medical Center
5666 E State St (Bus US20)
Rockford IL

Exams are held in the St Francis Room (Main Entrance then turn right).

Jim Holich AB9SX
jholich@comcast.net

There were no applicants in July.

Editors Note

If you would like to have something published , please email me at ac9jz@outlook.com

Cut-off for the September 2016 Hamrag will be Wednesday, August 31, 2016

Mike-AC9JZ, Editor

DEALERS

FLEA MARKET

FOOD – Breakfast – Lunch

VEC TESTING

9AM – NOON

Talk-in Repeaters

147.255+ 114.8PL Rockford

444.725+ 107.2PL Rockford (System Fusion)

146.760– 107.2PL Chicago

443.750+ 114.8PL Chicago



RADIO!

COMPUTERS!

ELECTRONICS!

Boone County

Fairgrounds

8791 IL 76

US Rt 20 & IL 76

Belvidere, IL

61008

42°28.10' x 87°56.44'

FREE PARKING



Indoor Market: 8AM – 3PM

Outdoor Flea Market: 6AM – 3PM

RVs or Motor

Homes

Water-Electric \$35.00

No Waste Service

Saturday September 24th, 2016

Advance Tickets - \$8.00 – At the Gate - \$10.00 – Kids under 12 Free – Tickets required with tables

Name & Call _____ # of Tickets _____ x \$8 = _____

Address _____ All tables _____ x \$15 = _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ \$10.00 – Inside Electric _____ Outside Electric _____

For event questions: Call 773-614-4733 Make Check payable to: _____ Total _____

Email wa9orc@gmail.com Chicago FM Club

Flyer on website <http://www.chicagofmclub.org> 218 S. Fairview Ave

Park Ridge, IL 60068

CFMC reserves the right to make any necessary changes required

Vendor setup is Friday, September 23 from 9:00 – 5:00PM with security over night.



HAM RADIO BREAKFAST, Every Friday

Anyone interested in Ham Radio is welcome, spouses/partners included. We meet every Friday, some show up at 8 AM, some at 8:30 AM. Orders are taken as you arrive. You don't have to eat Ham, but a sense of humor helps!

Spring Garden Family Restaurant

4820 N 2nd St, Loves Park, IL 61111

RARA BOARD MEETING MEETS ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM
St. Anthony Medical Center 5666 E. State St. Rockford, IL