

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.

President's Log

Members,

73 everyone. Big thanks to Bruce Carlson-N9OHT for organizing the WWII re-enactment special event station at the Rockford Museum Center. Thanks to Kurt Eversole-KE9N for organizing our tables at the CFMC Hamfest. Also thanks to Dennis Johanson-K9VMY and Gordon Seaman-KC9NEX for helping Kurt manning the tables. We picked up two new members and made good profit on the equipment that was sold. Hope to see you all at the next general meeting on October 14th for elections and other fun.

Robert Larson-KC9ICH

October 2016

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NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY

October 14, 2016

7:00 pm

Presentation:

Show & Tell

Bring Your Favorite

Hamshack

Items

&

Election of officers

Location:

St. Anthony

Medical Center

Foundation Room

5666 E. State Street

Rockford, IL

UPCOMING RARA EVENTS

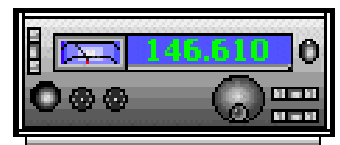
October 14th - General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

October 25th - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

November 11th - General RARA Meeting 7:00 at OSF

November 29th - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

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



CFMC HAMFEST PHOTOS



**Famous
Jimmy Dorsey, KC9GCR
In his trademark
Yellow hat**



ARES NEWS

Northern IL ARES will now be covering more of northern Illinois. Hams in Stephenson County are now invited to join if they so wish. ARES will be responsible for responding to emergencies and events in Boone, Winnebago, and Stephenson Counties. The ARES Emergency Coordinator, Marianne Geiger, MD, will be designating Assistant Emergency Coordinators where needed to help keep things organized.

The only requirements to become a part of ARES are that you complete the free online FEMA courses ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700, and ICS- 800. These courses will give you a basic background in the incident command system structure and operations, making it possible for ARES to better assist our emergency responders. If you are interested in becoming part of ARES as a volunteer communicator, please contact Marianne at kt9ks@arrl.net.

Marianne Geiger, MD (KT9KS)
Northern Illinois ARES Emergency Coordinator

RARA Club Meeting Minutes for Sept. 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. with 18 attendees.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion to accept by Gordon Seaman, KC9NEX. Second by Len Soderblom-KD9CDC. Motion passed.

Minutes were read from Aug. 12th, 2016 meeting. Corrections noted. Motion to accept by Gordon Seaman, KC9NEX. Second by Len Soderblom, CD9CDC. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

* Kurt Eversole mentioned the Chicago FM Club hamfest in Belvidere on Sept 24th.

RARA will have three tables to sell club member's items with 10% of the sale to be retained by RARA. There will be a form available for members.

* RARA coffee mugs will be available for club members, or others. Price is \$15
If someone becomes a new member, they will be given a complimentary mug.

* Kurt talked about QTH.com scams

* Nominations for 2017 Officers

President: Gordon Seaman

Vice-President: Kurt Eversole

Secretary: Bruce Carlson

Treasurer: Jennifer Van Zieleghe

Director: Dave Larsen

Director: Dennis Johanson

Director: Larry Schubert

Director: Jacek Gajda

Director: John Goodwin

50/50 Raffle was held. \$30 was collected. \$15 won by Randy Long

Presentation: W9M Special Event Station, by Bruce Carlson

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm by Gordon Seaman, KC9NEX, Second by Dennis Johanson, K9VMY. Motion passed

Prepared by Bruce Carlson, N9OHT, Secretary

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM INFORMATION

VE Test Results from 9/24/2016 CFMC Hamfest Testing Session

The successful applicants were:

Brzegowy, Rafal	General	KD9GWN
Buckley, Catherine A.	Technician	
Burns, Patrick S.	General	
Chelevan, Darrell N.	Technician	
Dietz, Victor H.	Technician	
Kroschel, Albert M.	Extra	KC9BLS
Salbo, Susan B.	General	N9XIX
Testa, Kathleen C.	Technician	
Thistlethwaite, Philip E.	Technician	

(Note, none of the applicants were from our immediate area.)

Amateur Radio exams are held the 3rd Saturday of every month in Rockford IL. The next session is 9 AM September 17, 2016. Walk-ins are welcome. Check-in is from 9AM-10AM, no exams started after 10:00AM. 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

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.

ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

website: w9axd.org

Membership: New Renewal
Annual Fees: \$35 - Adult \$25 - Senior, 62 yrs. or older
 \$20 - Student, up to age 24

Above rate includes the RARA monthly newsletter, Ham Rag, via email
Ham Rag via USPS: \$12 extra

Name _____

Call Sign _____

Email _____

Address _____

**Note: The Northern Illinois Skywarn Net is now Saturday nights at 8:30pm.
147.255+ pl 114.8**

AREA Repeaters

146.610 - pl 114.8 W9AXD
147.000 + pl 114.8 W9AXD
147.195+ pl 114.8 W9RFD
146.805 - pl 114.8 K9AMJ
224.440 - pl 118.8 K9AMJ
147.255 + pl 114.8 WX9MCS
444.725 + pl 107.2 WX9MCS

2016 RARA Officers and Board

Officers:

President - Robert Larson, KC9ICH, 815-540-0309
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HAM RADIO BREAKFAST



All ham radio enthusiasts, and spouses, are welcome!

Every Friday.

Most arrive between 8AM and 8:30AM.

Orders taken as we arrive.

Spring Garden Restaurant
4820 N 2nd St, Loves Park, IL 61111

FOR SALE/SWAP

Alinco DR435T UHF Transceiver, in excellent working condition.

**Asking \$180 or any reasonable offer acceptable. Proceeds donated to RARA.
Contact Dennis Johanson K9VMY 815-255-4603**

- 1. GAP Titan antenna telescopic 30+ ft pole and bracket to attach to building. \$175.00**
- 2. Cushcraft Ringo ARX-2, 2 m antenna. (Originally was a Ringo Ranger) \$5.00**
- 3. Mobile antenna 2m/440, Comet RS 730 mount with comet AX75 whip. \$25.00**
- 4. Comet GP3 2m/440 dual band antenna, will include 3' tripod & 4 - 5' interlocking poles. \$55.00**
- 5. MFJ – 1754 2m/440 antenna. \$5.00**
- 6. Yeasu FT-7800 2m/440 tranceiver. \$175.00**
- 7. Tower outrigger bars for antenna. \$5.00**
- 8. 6m copper home brew antenna. FREE**
- 9. Assorted wire, coax and ground wire. FREE**

Contact Gene KA9BOD at 815-226-1806 or email ka9bod@arri.net



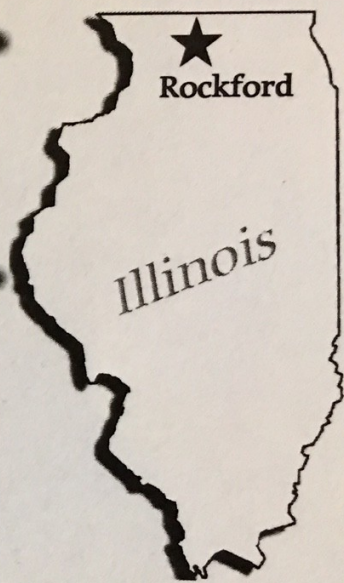
Hamrag Editor's Message

If anyone is interested in taking the position of Hamrag Editor, please contact any board member, including myself. This is a very fun job, not difficult, and quite rewarding. If you have any problems, I've found that help is a phone call or email away. I experienced the camaraderie and the teamwork of RARA. I'm willing to pass the torch, if you wish to volunteer.

Mike Proctor, AC9JZ

WORLD WAR II DAYS

W9M



Midway Village Museum Center
Rockford, Illinois 61107

Winnebago County

www.midwayvillage.com

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