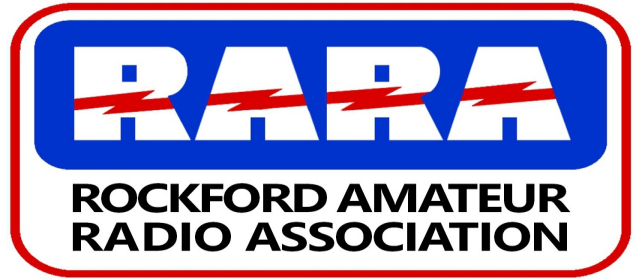


HAMRAG

Visit our website for more club and area ham information at <http://w9axd.org>, or join us on Facebook at this [LINK](#)



RARA Mission Statement

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

Presidents Message

Greetings,

It is June already and so many things I had wanted to do still have to be accomplished. The time flies and we all have had to dodge the rain, wind, and hail in some areas already this year. I can only hope the weather cooperates with the club's Field Day activities this year.

This month's meeting will primarily be on the activities for Field Day, so make sure you make the meeting and see where you can help out and also operate to make this a fun and enjoyable event for club members and the public who may attend. That's about all I have this month so I hope to see you at the meeting on the 9th of June at OSF at 7:00 pm.

73,

Gordon Seaman - KC9NEX



June 2017

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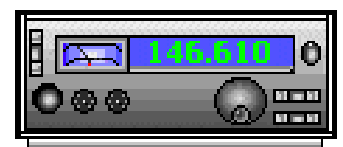
NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY
June 9, 2015
7:00 pm

"Field Day"

Location:
OSF St. Anthony
Medical Center
5666 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108

Foundation Room



**So I bought a new transceiver
and she asked...**



**"Are you going to sell any of
your old ones?"**

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

Secretary's Report



RARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

5-12-2017

The May meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. There were 19 members present.

President Gordon Seaman, KC9NEX, called for a moment of silence in respect for Shannon Larson's (KC9QBC) passing.

Gordon Seaman, KC9NEX, asked whether everyone had read the minutes or wanted the minutes read. Kurt Eversole, KE9N, moved to accept the minutes as published. Seconded by Jim Holich, AB9SX. The motion passed.

Gordon Seaman, KC9NEX, requested that the Treasurer, Jenifer Van Zieleghe, KD9FMJ, provide a monthly report. A motion to accept the report was made by James Curtis, KC9GOL. The motion was seconded by Larry Schubert, AC9GO. The motion passed.

Old Business. No old business was presented.

New Business:

Randy, AC9OF, has made further revisions and improvements to the RARA website. In addition, Randy presented a trifold brochure that can be used for public information about RARA. A copy of the brochure and a revised RARA web page were passed around to the members.

Gordon Seaman, KC9NEX, then asked whether there were any further plans for Field Day. Kurt Eversole, KE9N, mentioned that we have two operating stations. A discussion followed regarding bands, modes, day and night activities, and a separate public information area. Kurt suggested that 50 copies of the new brochures be made available.

Jim Holich, AB9SX, suggested that our Congressional representative be contacted and invited to the event.

A presentation on JT65 was given by Jennifer Van Zieleghe, KD9FMJ. JT65 is one of the newer digital modes that combines computer control with regular amateur radios. This thorough and well organized presentation walked a potential user through the steps of assembling the station and working through a contact. The presentation included a live demonstration including an actual contact as Jennifer's laptop was remotely connected to her transceiver.

The 50/50 raffle was conducted. Jennifer Van Zieleghe, KD9FMJ, won the raffle.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Holich, AB9SX. Seconded by Ron Callahan, N2RON. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Submitted by John Mori, N8TA.

Editors Note

If you would like to have something published, please call me or email me at kurt.eversole@gmail.com.

Cut-off for the July 2017 issue will be Friday, June 30, 2017

Kurt - KE9N, Editor

Local Events and Information

UPCOMING RARA EVENTS

June 9, 2017 - General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

June 20, 2015 - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

June 24-25, 2017 - **Field Day at the Roscoe VFW**

July 14, 2017 - General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

July 18, 2017 - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM NOTICE

In May there was 1 successful applicant, who passed the Technician and General exam.

Congratulations to Mike Orsolini!

Amateur Radio exams are held the 3rd Saturday of every month in Rockford IL. Walk-ins are welcome. Check-ins are from 9am-10am, no exams are started after 10:30. We require two signature ID's and one photo. If you are a licensed Amateur Radio operator bring your current license and a copy. 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.

Field Day 2017

CQ FIELD DAY CQ FIELD DAY CQ FIELD DAY

June 24th and 25th is our annual Field Day event, which is being held at the Roscoe VFW in Roscoe, IL. Come out and join the fun! We start setting up at 7:00 am on Saturday and start operating at 1:00 pm to 1:00 pm on Sunday. If you never operated before, this is an excellent time to learn. We will have a 20 meter SSB station set up for you to make contacts with, and learn about proper techniques. Everyone is invited, as with a control operator present, you can operate regardless of your license class. There will also be a 40/80 meter SSB station. There will be a digital station, so if you want to learn about digital modes come and learn about operating digital! We need help in setting up radios and antennas, operating and logging, and teardown, so if you have not already made plans let me know what you would like to do. My phone number is 815-389-2784, or you can e-mail me at : kurt.eversole@gmail.com

RARA has reserved a special event call of K9K for Field Day.

For directions to Field Day, check out the Field Day locator on the ARRL web page at:

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

In the upper left corner of the Field Day Station Locator under the heading “Location or Call Sign” you can type in **K9K**, and the map will display the marker for our Field Day location. Clicking on the marker will display the address and you may zoom in on the map to see where it is located.

Many of us are planning to stay overnight, so bring a tent, or whatever you have, and enjoy camping and ham radio in the same weekend.

See you at Field Day 2017!

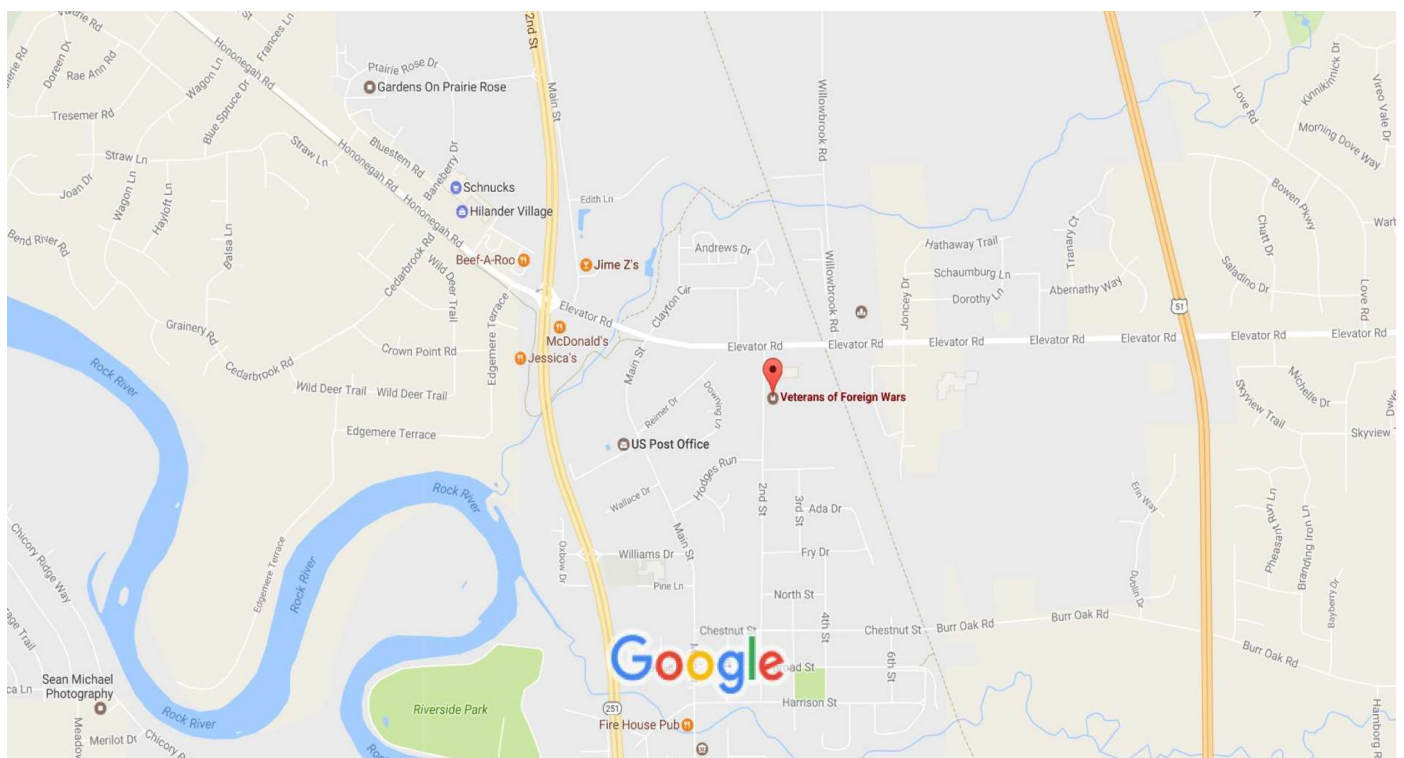
73,

Kurt Eversole - KE9N

Veterans of Foreign Wars Roscoe Post 2955

11385 2nd Street

Roscoe, IL 61073



STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, amateur radio has historically played a significant role in developing world wide radio communications; and,

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators are instrumental in serving the United States of America and the State of Illinois, consistently providing behind-the-scenes support for emergency response and other critical needs; and,

WHEREAS, amateur radio provides excellent volunteer emergency communications for agencies including the National Weather Service, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Department of Public Health, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Central United States Earthquake Consortium, and others in times of natural disaster and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois has more than 20,000 amateur radio operators who repeatedly donate their time, equipment, and services to help their communities; and,

WHEREAS, by continuous learning and experimentation, amateur radio operators help to forward the science of electronics and radio-related communications; and,

WHEREAS, by example, teaching, and practical experience, including the opportunity to communicate with amateurs in space, amateur radio operators teach young people the opportunities available in radio and electronics; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois Radio Amateurs will continue to hone their communication skills by operating during the simulated emergency preparedness exercise known as "Field Day" on June 24-25, 2017;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2017 as **AMATEUR RADIO MONTH** in Illinois and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FIFTH day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SEVENTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
NINETY-NINTH
one hundred and _____.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR

Dayton 2017

Hamvention, Dayton 2017

The Dayton Hamvention had a change of venue for 2017 after taking place at the HARA Arena since 1964. This was the 66th running of Hamvention and is operated by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association. With an expected 30,000 people attending Hamvention 2017 the event has moved to the Green County Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio.

Kurt Eversole-KE9N, Gordy Seaman-KC9NEX, Jim Hall-WA9EEE, and Bruce Carlson, N9OHT, attended the event as well as Paul Johnston, W9PJ, and Dennis Johanson, K9VMY.

Xenia and nearby towns were expected to have a \$14 million economic boost from the event.

Hamvention brought us thunderstorms, hot sun, great stories and plenty of great looking gear for the ham radio operator. Traffic jams were abundant getting into Hamvention with shuttle busses easing the burden. A hay wagon ride from your vehicle completed the journey to the front gate. The flea market was well organized on grass that turned to mud after several cloudbursts. Several countries were represented at the event with hams from Australia to Russia taking part in the activities.

The ICOM 7610 was a show stopper at this year's ICOM booth. Lido Mounts were happy to take some of Bruce's and Gordy's money and there's even a rumor that Yaesu's sales increased with Kurt's visit to their booth. Of course, these are all rumors.....



RARA MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you would like to join the Rockford Amateur Radio Association, please fill out the form below and mail it (with the membership fee payment) to the address shown at the bottom of the form. If you would like to join at our next meeting (see 1st page for meeting details), fill out the form and bring the form with your payment to the meeting and see our treasurer, Jennifer Van Zieleghe, KD9FMJ. **Thank you for your support!**

ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

website: w9axd.org

Membership Type : New Renewal

Annual Fees: \$20 - Student (up to age 24)

\$35 - Adult \$25 - Senior (age 62+)

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

Name _____

Call Sign : _____

Email Address : _____

Address : _____

Town : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

Home Phone # _____ Work # _____

Cell # _____ Ext : _____

Radio Interests _____

May we make your phone and e-mail available for other RARA members only?

Yes

No

Comments _____

RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO:
ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 8465
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61126