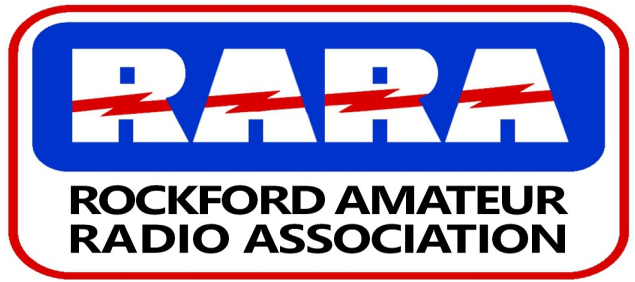


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Visit our website for more club and area ham information at <http://w9axd.org>, or join us on Facebook at this [LINK](#)



RARA Mission Statement

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

Presidents Message

Happy Belated 4th of July!

Here we are in July already and the year is just flying by, I hope everyone had a happy and safe 4th of July. I was very pleased by the turnout we had for Field Day weekend at the VFW club in Roscoe. As always, Kurt Eversole, KE9N, put on a spectacular event and all who attended had a good time. There were many questions and much conversation about ham radio, along with discussion about how to obtain a license. Who knows, maybe we will gain some new members from all the questions we had. I also want to thank all those who chose to help operate the stations for all the hours we were out there. Without your help, it would have been impossible to put this event on and make it the success it was.

Again, thanks to all who helped out, you made the event a success. On a final note, the program for the July meeting has been changed. Our guest speaker, Kermit Carlson, central director for the ARRL, had issues arise that conflicted with his schedule, however, he plans to attend our August meeting. In his place we are going to display photos from Field Day and discuss how our event went, along with the number of contacts we made, and points we accrued. Hope to see you all there!

Sincerely, Gordon Seaman KC9NEX
2017 RARA President



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

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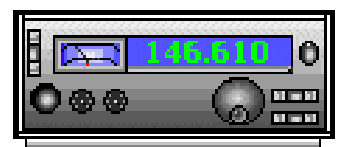
NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY
July 14, 2017
7:00 pm

“Field Day in Review”

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

Foundation Room



Secretary's Report



RARA Club Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with 16 attendees.

The Treasurer's report (May 1 to June 20, 2017) was read and a motion to accept was made by John Goodwin, N9JHG, seconded by Ron Callahan, N2RON. The motion passed

The minutes from the May 2017 meeting were read, and a motion to accept was by Kurt Eversole, KE9N, seconded by John Goodwin, N9JHG. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Gordon Seaman, KC9NEX, reported that the W9AXD license renewal document from the W5YI group came in and we are licensed for 10 more years.

New Business:

Gordon, KC9NEX, talked about Field Day. Chuck Ingle, AB9KA, from the Roscoe VFW put out a flyer providing Field Day information. That flyer could be found on the door at the VFW as well.

We welcomed Rich Gorsky to his first meeting (addendum: Rich received his Technician License since the meeting, and is now KD9IUZ.

Jimmy's Friday Night Fun Net is now on 146.610

The presentation was put on by Kurt Eversole, KE9N, and presented the plans and station(s) setup for Field Day 2017 (June 24-25). We will be operating as K9K.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Gordy Seaman, KC9NEX.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Mori, N8TA, at 8:15 pm. Seconded by John Goodwin, N9JHG. The motion passed.

Prepared by Bruce Carlson, N9OHT, Secretary

FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Meets every Friday morning from 8 am until about 10:00 am. An informal gathering of ham folks, no affiliations necessary, good food and good company.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

"The Spring Garden Family Restaurant"

***4820 N. 2nd Street
Loves Park, IL 61111***



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 August 2017 issue will be Saturday, July 29, 2017

Kurt - KE9N, Editor

Local Events and Information

UPCOMING RARA EVENTS

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

July 18, 2015 - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

August 11, 2017 - General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

August 22, 2017 - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

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 your 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.

The August Issue of Digital QST is Now Available!

The August edition of *Digital QST* is now available for viewing on your desktop or laptop. Click [here](#) or click the QST icon to open the issue. It is also available for reading on your Apple, Android, or Kindle Fire devices.

**This issue is devoted to the Solar Eclipse QSO Party.
You must be a member of the ARRL to view this.**



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Around The Globe

Group Selected to Pursue DXpedition to Baker Island National Wildlife Refuge

The Pacific Islands Refuges and Monuments Office of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has selected the Dateline DX Association (DDXA) — the DXpedition group that activated Howland Island in 2009 and Wake Island in 1998 — to pursue a DXpedition to Baker Island. Dates have not yet been determined. Baker and Howland Islands (KH1) are part of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (PRIMNM), created by former President George W. Bush in 2009. Baker and Howland is the fourth most-wanted DXCC entity on Club Log's DXCC Most Wanted List.

The group will announce planned activation dates and other details once a vessel has been selected and the FWS has approved the vessel and dates. DDXA co-leaders are Don Greenbaum, N1DG; Tom Harrell, N4XP, and Kevin Rowett, K6TD.

The FWS in early June agreed that a DXpedition to Baker Island would be an acceptable use of the Baker Island National Wildlife Refuge but detailed strict conditions under which it would issue a special use permit (SUP) to allow such use. Earlier this year, the FWS conducted a **Compatibility Determination** for Amateur Radio operation on the ecologically sensitive island refuge. Baker Island is 1,830 nautical miles southwest of Honolulu — an 8-day voyage.

Belize, Cyprus, and Philippines Open 60-Meter Bands

Radio amateurs in Belize, Cyprus, and the Philippines now have access to contiguous 60-meter bands.

In **Belize**, the secondary allocation of 5,351.5 to 5,366.5 kHz has become available with a maximum EIRP of 25 watts.

The Cyprus telecoms regulator, the Department of Electronic Communications, on June 30 issued a gazette notice updating the national frequency table to include the new WRC -15 secondary allocation of 5,351.5 to 5,366.5 kHz with a maximum EIRP of 15 W, as well as the secondary MW allocation of 472 to 479 kHz, with a maximum EIRP of 1 W.

The Philippines Telecom Regulator, the National Telecommunications Commission, has granted amateur access to 5,351.5 to 5,366.5 kHz under ITU footnote 5.133B, with a maximum EIRP of 15 W.



K2BSA will be On the Air during National Scout Jamboree

The Boy Scouts of America station K2BSA will be on the air during the 2017 National Scout Jamboree, July 18 to July 28, from the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia. The K2BSA operation will demonstrate Amateur Radio to several thousand Scouts and fulfill the Radio merit badge requirement for QSOs.

"We need you on the other end of the contact," the BSA announcement said.

All information for making a contact with K2BSA during the Jamboree is on the K2BSA website. It lists frequencies, repeaters, EchoLink, and D-Star options. K2BSA will also publish live updates on Facebook and Twitter of active frequencies.

K2BSA will host a nightly net at 2330 UTC (7:30 PM ET) on EchoLink Conference Node *JAMBO*. The net is accessible via repeaters at the Summit.



Field Day 2017



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