

# HAMRAG

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## RARA Mission Statement

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

**January 2018**

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## Presidents Message

# Happy New Year

and a greeting to all.

Here it is January 2018 already. Where did last year go? We faced many challenges last year and I am happy to report that with the dedication of many member's time and support we were able to overcome the obstacles we encountered. I hope that we now have everything in place to make this year a great success and continue in building the club's membership and participation. I would also like to thank those who volunteered to take on officer and board duties for 2018, without your participation this club would cease to be.

Moving on I would like to remind members that your dues for 2018 are due and anyone whose dues have not been received by January 31, 2018 will be removed from the active members mailing list. The January membership meeting which is also our banquet night will be on January 12, 2018 and will again take place at Gerry's Pizza which is located at 7403 Argus Drive, Rockford, Il, 61107. To get a map go to Gerry's website at [www.gerryspizza.net](http://www.gerryspizza.net). This year we will have a room all to ourselves. When you enter Gerry's main door turn right, not left as usual and you will come into our room for the night. Cocktails start at 5:00 pm with menu ordering starting around 6:00 pm. Again, this year you are responsible for your own meal selection and cost.

On a final note, the board is still looking for someone to step forward and take on the secretary's duties of taking minutes at the membership and board meetings, and also, someone to fill the vacant Ham Rag editor position. Please think about volunteering for these positions and talk to me if you are interested in either one. Hope to see you at the banquet on January 12, 73.

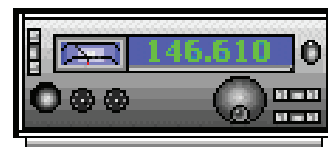
Gordon Seaman KC9NEX  
2018 RARA President

## NEXT MEETING

**FRIDAY**  
**January 12, 2017**  
**5:00 pm**

# RARA Banquet

**Location:**  
**Gerry's Pizza**  
**7403 Argus Dr.**  
**Rockford, Il**  
**61107**  
**North Room**



## Local Events and Information

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 12, 2018** - RARA Banquet 5:00 pm at Gerry's Pizza

**January 16, 2018** - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

**February 9, 2018** - General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

**February 20, 2018** - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

### RARA Repeater Information

Both repeaters (146.610 and 147.000 (both have a pl 114.8)) will function with both digital and analog radio signals, but the repeaters require time to determine whether the signal is digital or analog. To operate the repeater properly you must first be sure the frequency is clear, then key and hold the microphone button down for **1-2 seconds**. Then begin speaking. If you fail to do this, the first part of your message will be lost.

### Area Nets

**Monday Night 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 Jimmy, KC9GCR, (net control). **146.610 - offset (pl 114.8)** RARA repeater at 8:00 pm, every Monday, except on holidays.

**Tuesday Night Tech Net** - at 8:00 pm, **145.110 (pl 123.0)**. Tony, N9ARB, is net control.

**Wednesday Night Stephenson County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) Net** - at 7:00 pm on **147.390 + offset (pl 114.8)**. N9ARB, Tony, is net control.

**Thursday Night Northern Illinois ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) Net** - at 7:00 pm on the **147.195 + offset (pl 114.8)** repeater with either Marianne, KT9KS; Sean, W9STR; or Ricky, WX9RLT, as net control.

**Friday Night Fun Net** - Every Friday night at 8:00 pm on the **146.610 - offset (pl 114.8)** RARA repeater with Jimmy, KC9GCR, as net control.

### 2018 RARA Officers and Board

#### Officers:

President - Gordon Seaman, KC9NEX, 815-262-0294, [kc9nex@gmail.com](mailto:kc9nex@gmail.com)

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I guess he just couldn't resist...



ROCK,  
PAPER,  
SCISSORS,  
RF BURN!

JOIN A HAM RADIO CLUB THEY SAID



WE HAVE STRIPPERS THEY SAID

### 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***





# WCRA 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MID-WINTER

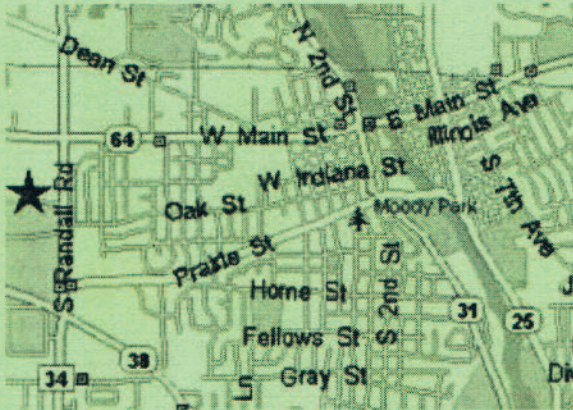


## HAMFEST (ELECTRONICS HOBBY EXPO)

HAM RADIO, COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS FLEA MARKET

Free Parking • Heated Indoor Facility • Paved Parking Lot  
Food • Amateur Radio Exams • Educational Forums • Raffle Prizes

Previous raffle prize provided by Amateur Accessories, Tower Electronics, and Batteries America



### Sunday, January 21, 2018

Doors open at 8AM (close at 1pm)

Kane County Fairgrounds Expo Center

525 S. Randall Rd., St Charles, IL

(coordinates: N 41.9056, W 88.34232)

### Tickets:

**Advance, \$8** (4 raffle stubs)

**At the door, \$10** (1 raffle stub)

- Children under 12 admitted free
- All Scouts under 18 in their official scout uniform admitted free

### Exhibit Floor Rental:

**\$30/table** (\$25 before 11/1, \$35 after 1/1)

**Electricity available for \$15/drop**

**1 chair per vendor provided**

(\$2 for each additional chair)

*Talk-In on WCRA's 2M Repeater 145.31/- (107.2 Hz)*

*and National Simplex Frequency 146.52 MHz*

(630) 923-5447

info@w9ccu.org

www.w9ccu.org

### Advance Ticket and Flea Market Table Order Form

Name _____	Call _____	_____ Tickets @ \$8.00 each	= \$ _____
Address _____		_____ Tables @ \$30.00 * each	= \$ _____
		_____ Electricity Drop @ \$15.00 ea.	= \$ _____
Phone _____	E-mail _____	_____ Extra Chairs @ \$2.00 each	= \$ _____
		_____ Total Amount Enclosed	= \$ _____

Please include an e-mail address so that we can confirm your order along with an SASE for delivery of tickets.

\* \$25.00 before 11/1

\* \$35.00 after 1/1

**Mail to: WCRA, PO Box QSL, Wheaton, IL 60187-1055**

# 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](http://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