

## Sept. 13th MCIGNETIC O Antemas

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Next Meeting: Magnetic Loop Antennas • Friday Sept. 13th • 7:00 PM Location: St. Anthony Medical Center • Foundation Room • 5666 E. State Street Rockford, IL



# TO IN ROCKFORM AMATEUR RADIO

#### Club

noun - an association or organization dedicated to a particular interest or activity.

#### Member

noun - a person, animal, or plant belonging to a particular group.

#### Active

adjective - (of a person) engaging or ready to engage in physically energetic pursuits. Doing things for an organization, cause, or campaign, rather than simply giving it one's support.

A few times this year my president's messages have outlined opportunities or methods to be radio active. My goal has been to encourage RARA members to be more than just a club member, but to be an active member of RARA. In order for our club to continue to grow we need a higher percentage of club members to be active members. We all must step out of our comfort zone to make this a reality.

I've heard the phrases "the board should do that" or "that's the boards *job*" more than once this year. We need to get beyond just looking at the board members to plan and execute all of RARA's events or programs. We desperately need to get away from that mind set. Board members can only wear so many hats at one time before burn out sets in. There is only so many times we can play musical chairs each year at the board level with the same 5 or 6 people. The true function of the board is to help guide and encourage the club membership as a whole to participate and grow. We are here to help facilitate club members efforts in the area of programs or events that relate to RARA. This can include outreach to the general public, encouragement to new hams and on-going support for existing programs or events.

At the board level, we understand the hazard of having only a handful of people that know how to organize all of the events, programs or the functions of the club. This over centralization of knowledge is a very dangerous and potentially damaging scenario. If we were to lose just one or two key club board members chaos could result. Overnight we could lose critical skills and knowledge before it was or should be shared with, possessed or practiced by other RARA members. We as a club need to share critical club skill sets and spread the knowledge on how things

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#### 2019 RARA **Officers & Board**

#### Officers:

President/Webmaster Randy Long, AC90F 815-978-6673 randy@rdlgraphics.com

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Kurt Eversole, KE9N 815-389-2784 kurt.eversole@gmail.com

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> 1 Open Director Please Volunteer

**Special Projects:** Repeater Chairman Kurt Eversole, KE9N 815-389-2784 kurt.eversole@gmail.com

Hamrag Editor Lynn Long, KD9IFP 815-978-6673 randy@rdlgraphics.com

Repeater License Trustee Robert Larson, KC9ICH 815-540-0309 rlarson4@sbcglobal.net

#### President's Message...

function, operate, or are planned each year. This situation needs to be fixed and quickly!

#### The solution, we need ALL CLUB MEMBERS,

new or old, to step up and be active in 2020. With this in mind starting on page five I have laid out the duties and responsibilities for all of RARA's elected officers and the many volunteer positions needed each year (including a few new ones). We will be taking nominations over the next two club meetings (September and October) for the elected officers and voting on them during the November club meeting. We will also be looking for volunteers who will head up the different committees and programs slated for 2020. The programs that require a volunteer chairman or coordinator will only move forward if we have volunteers (outside of the board members) to plan and execute the program or event. These volunteers need to be approved at the first board meeting in 2020. If we do not receive volunteers for any specific program or event it will be dropped in 2020.

### Now the hard question FOR EVERY RARA CLUB MEMBER...

Are you going to be a just a member of a club... or are you going be an active member of RARA in 2020. It's up to you what type of club you have. Step out of your comfort zone, do a club meeting program, be chairman for an event, participate in planning or the execution of something for the RARA in 2020.

#### Plan to be radio active in 2020!

Randy Long, AC90F 2019 RARA President



Due to the good possibility that I will need extensive replacement shoulder surgery in 2020 and looking at an extremely long recovery period... I will be stepping down as Hamrag editor at the end of 2019. Please, if you wish for the Hamrag to continue volunteer to be the new editor before the end of 2019.

Thank you for the kind words and the support over the past couple of years.

Lynn Long KD9IFP Hamrag Editor randy@rdlgraphics.com.



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



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



#### Programs 2019

September - Magnetic Loops October - Officer Nominations For 2020 & Other Stuff

#### Meetings

Sept 13, 2019 General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

Sept 17, 2019 RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

Oct 11, 2019 General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

Oct 15, 2019 RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF



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.





In August we had 1 successful applicant:

Palmer, Gregory B. KD9NPE Upgrade to General

Amateur Radio exams are held the 3rd Saturday of every month in Rockford IL. The next session is 9 AM Sept. 21, 2019.

Walk-ins welcome. Check-in is from 9AM-10AM, no exams started after 10:30.

We require two signature ID's and one photo. If you are a licensed Amateur Radio operator bring a copy of your FCC ULS page with your call sign. 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 Officers, Directors, Chairman & Program Corrdinators - Responsibilities & Openings For 2020

Nominations for 2020 Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen, Program Coordinators and Special Event Chairmen will be made at the September 13th meeting. Nominations will be finalized and presented to club members in the October Hamrag and at the October 11th meeting. RARA club members will vote for Officers and Directors at the November 8th meeting.

If you plan to nominate someone other than yourself for an elected or volunteer position at the September or October RARA club meeting, that club member must be in attendance to accept or pass on the nomination.

I ask that all members participate by emailing me at randy@rdlgraphics.com before our October 11th meeting if you are interested in any one of these positions, or have questions about the responsibilities.

Below and on pages 6 & 7 are the general descriptions and responsibilities for each Officer, Director, Chairman, Coordinator and Special Event position available within RARA for 2020.

#### President (Elected November Meeting) Open In 2020

Presides at all meetings (monthly club and board meetings) according to the Rockford Amateur Radio Association's constitution, by-laws and rules of order. Appoint all committees, sign official documents and carry out the recommendations of the Board of Directors. The President is also Chairman of the Board and an automatic member of the Repeater Committee. This position starts at the January 2020 club meeting.

#### Vice President (Elected November Meeting) Open In 2020

Presides over meetings if President is absent. This position is also the coordinator for all of the monthly club meeting programs (selecting and scheduling programs – with input and help from the RARA Board). This position starts January club meeting 2020.

#### Secretary (Elected November Meeting) Open In 2020

Keeps meeting minutes (monthly club and board meetings), roll of members, provide applications for membership, and oversee amendments, changes & additions to the constitution and by-laws. This position starts January club meeting 2020.

#### Treasurer (Elected November Meeting) Open In 2020

Is the custodian of monies received and expended, keeping records and issuing the Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors every month at the RARA board meeting. This position starts January club meeting 2020.

#### Four Directors (Volunteer Positions – must be ready at the first board meeting in 2020) All Four Positions Open In 2020

Attend monthly board meetings and are required to be current active RARA members.

The Board of Directors shall include above Officers, plus a minimum of four Directors, and current editor of the monthly bulletin (Hamrag). All four positions start January club meeting 2020.

#### Other Openings/Opportunities to Volunteer that should also be filled by the November 2019 RARA meeting and approved during the first board meeting of 2020:

The goal for 2020 is to have the following volunteer positions filled by RARA club members other than the elected board

#### **RARA Offices & Volunteer Opertunities...**

members. The goal is that no RARA club member or board member will need to be in any more than one elected or volunteer position during the year of 2020. With that said any club officer or member may volunteer to be on as many committees or volunteer to help with as many events as they desire during the year. We have over 50 club members and are growing each month – there is no reason we as a club can't make this happen – step up today and help RARA.

**NOTE:** If we do not have RARA club members step up to fill a chairman or coordinator position, along with an adequate number of volunteers to participate in planning and to execute an event or program, non-supported volunteer opportunities will be dropped for 2020. Club member participation will determine how active or inactive RARA is for 2020 – it will be your choice and the board will support the membership's decision on RARA's direction for 2020.

#### RARA Volunteer Opportunities For 2020

#### Hamrag Editor

#### (Volunteer Position\*) Open In 2020

Gather information, articles, photos and lay out the HamRag. Then provide a PDF file of the HamRag by the first of every month to the webmaster to be posted at the RARA website. Also, to mail out hard copies to members who have paid and requested to receive the HamRag in that form. This position starts with the January 2020 issue.

#### Webmaster (Volunteer Position\*) Open In 2020

Maintain and update the RARA website as needed. This position starts January 1, 2020.

#### Field Day Chairman (Volunteer Position\*) Open In 2020

To coordinate the RARA club members in the annual ARRL Field Day event. This will include creating a committee for the purpose of organizing, planning and the execution of the event according to the rules provided by the ARRL. Planning for this event is to start as soon as the chairman is approved.

#### September Ham Fest Booth Chairman (Volunteer Position\*) Open In 2020

To coordinate the RARA club members in the annual September Ham Fest event. This will include creating a committee for the purpose of organizing, planning and the execution of the RARA booth at the event. **This is an important event as it is RARA's only source of fund raising each year.** Not only will this include setup, running and teardown of the RARA booth for the event, but during the year collect items that are donated to the club that may need cleaning or inspection. This committee will need to find volunteers to help throughout the year to make this a successful event. Planning for this event is to start as soon as the chairman is approved.

#### Repeater Committee Chairman (Volunteer Position\*) Open In 2020

To coordinate the RARA club members in the operation and upkeep of the two RARA repeater systems. This will include creating a committee for this purpose. The RARA Board President is an automatic member of this committee. This position starts January 1, 2020.

#### Repeater Trustee (Volunteer Position\*) Open In 2020

The Repeater Trustee is the "chief control operator" for the club station license. It is the duty of the trustee to act in the best interests of RARA, the station license belongs to RARA, not to the trustee individually. The Repeater Trustee ensures that the two RARA repeaters are operated within the repeater code as outlined by the RARA Board. The Repeater Trustee must be an active member of RARA who will follow all FCC rules at all times. This position starts Jan. 1, 2020.

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#### Ham Mentor Coordinator (Volunteer Position\*) Open In 2020

To coordinate the RARA club members with Hams that request help through RARA's Ham Mentor Program. This person will be the main contact person for the mentor program. This can include creating a committee for the purpose of organizing, planning and the execution of the program or it can be coordinated by a single member. This position starts January 1, 2020.

#### Club Meeting Greeter Chairman (Volunteer Position\*) Open In 2020

To coordinate the RARA club members to be door greeters to welcome potential, new and old members at the door during monthly club meetings. This will include creating a committee for the purpose of organizing, planning and the execution of the program. Planning for this event is to start as soon as the chairman is approved. This position starts January 1, 2020.

#### Monday Night Net Coordinator (Volunteer Position\*) Open In 2020

To coordinate the RARA club members to be net control operators of the RARA Monday Night Net (on the 146.610 or 147.00 RARA repeaters). This will include getting members to volunteer to be net control and/or backup net control. Net to be conducted on Monday nights based on the number of volunteers available (once a month, twice a month or weekly). It is also the responsibility of the coordinator to ensure that the approved RARA net script is followed.

#### Annual January Awards Banquet Chairman (Volunteer Position\*) Open In 2020

To coordinate the annual RARA awards banquet. This will include creating a committee for the purpose of organizing, planning and the execution of the event. Planning for this event is to start as soon as the chairman is approved. This position starts January 1, 2020.

#### Special Event/Program Coordinator(s)/ Chairmen (Volunteer Positions as needed\*) Open In 2020

Other than the events or programs listed above – other opportunities may arise during the year or you have an idea for a program or event that you would like to see during 2020. Such as a fox hunt, special outreach, special event that you think RARA should be a part of. Step up and make your case to the RARA board and volunteer to be the chairman. As the chairman, your duties will include creating a committee for the purpose of organizing, planning and the execution of that program or event.

#### Club Meeting Program Presenter(s) (Volunteer Positions – RARA needs 10 programs for monthly club meetings in 2020)

This is the one volunteer opportunity where any RARA club member can volunteer to do one program or as many as they would like to do during the next year. Just volunteer by letting the board know what your topic is going to be for the night, what month you would like to take and get ready to present. We would like to complete the program calendar for 2020 during the last two months of this year. That way club members can see what the programs are going to be for the upcoming year. Step out of your comfort zone, take on a club program in 2020 and have fun.

### (\*) This is part of all the above volunteer position descriptions:

All volunteer positions can only be filled by active RARA members and must be approved by a vote of the RARA Board. All volunteer positions answer to the RARA board and the RARA board has the final say on how a program or event is run. Any funds needed for a program or event must first be approved by the RARA board before the volunteer can commit the club to payment for outside services, fees or other items that might be needed for the program or event. It is the responsibility of all program or event volunteers to keep the RARA board up-to-date on the planning progress or execution of an event or program throughout the year as needed or requested by the RARA board.

#### Contact me if you are interested in any of these positions - Randy AC9OF

## Volunteer & Help!!!!!

The Head of the Rock Regatta is a rowing race of 5,000 meters (3.2 miles) on the Rock River, beginning at Martin Park and finishing at the YMCA. It is a sanctioned event of the United States Rowing Association, requiring the observance of US Rowing race protocol. The Head of the Rock has expanded over the past 34 years into one of the Midwest's premier rowing events with clubs also competing from as far away as Alaska. There are now over 65 teams with 2000 participants. Collegiate teams are represented, and 16 US Rowing licensed referees maintain safety and fairness of the race. The event attracts over 5,000 spectators each year.

The Rockford Regatta began in 1985 as a challenge match between the University of Wisconsin and Northwestern University. The original match was conceived by local Rockford rowers, Rob Espeseth (a U.S. Olympian) and Dennis Kaderabek. The very next year 275 athletes and 14 clubs competed in the 1st Annual Head of the Rock Regatta. The Head of the Rock has grown over the past 34 years into one of the Midwest's premier rowing events. It is a sanctioned event of the United States Rowing Association and is listed in the US Rowing Rules of Rowing as a Nationally Recognized Regatta. For at least 12 years amateur radio has been the go-to group for radio communications.

This year we are looking for at least 22 hams to participate in this event. You do not need to belong to any group or organization to be involved in this great event.

You do not need to have expensive equipment to be involved (an Ht will do) just a willingness to be involved and help no matter what the weather may bring.

This will be a great chance to not only test your equipment but also your communicating skills with other hams from northern Illinois. Bring your families along to help you out or just have them enjoy the day on the rock river.

If you would like to get involved please contact Bill Calow KC90JP at kc9ojp@comcast.net

### Could You, Would You Like To Be....

Calling all RARA club members who would like to have the opportunity to be net control for the new Monday night net.

As of August 26, the RARA Monday night net came back to the 610 repeater in our new Not-A-Net Net format. This new net format makes it easier for someone who has never had the opportunity to be net control to step in and operate like a pro. The new format is relaxed, more conversational, easier for both the listener and the net controller. Step up and volunteer, see how easy it is and how much fun you'll have. If you would like to volunteer to be net control there are only a handful of requirements that you need to meet. First, you must be a RARA member. Second, you must have a commanding, quality signal to the 610 repeater. Third, the ability to read a simple paragraph to open the net for the evening. And finally, you must want to have fun.

If you're interested please contact one of the RARA board members and volunteer today.

#### This is a great radio active opportunity.



#### MONDAY

**7:00 PM** - RARA Monday night Not-A-Net net (Rockford Amateur Radio Association) The 146.610 MHz repeater has a minus offset. The PL tone is 114.8 Hz.

**8:00 PM** - VARA (Valley Amateur Repeater Association) Net 176.79 (-, 107.2)

**8:00 PM** - WX9MCS Repeater Ham Radio Traders Net (Echolink) 444.725

**8:00 PM** - McHenry County ARES/RACES Net 146.835 (-,91.5)(This net is also conducted on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's of each month @ 8:00pm)

**8:30 PM** - Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club Net 146.730 (-, 100.0)

9:00 PM - 10 Meter Net 28.375 Rockford, IL

#### TUESDAY

7:00 PM - Rock County ARES / RACES 145.450 - PL 123.0 Janesville, Wi

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

**9:00 PM** - Wisconsin ARES / RACES Statewide -Digital 145.610 - KB9UNX-10 Winlink 2000

#### WEDNESDAY

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

**7:00 PM** - WX9MCS Repeater National Weather Service in Chicago/Romeoville Weekly Weather Net 444.725 (Echolink)

8:00 PM - Freeport Swap Net 147.390 Freeport, IL

8:00 PM - N9SZV Six Meter Net 51.540 FM Simplex

**9:00 PM** - Madison Amateur Radio Association 147.150 - PL 123.0 Madison, WI

#### THURSDAY

**7:00 PM** - Thursday Night Northern Illinois ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) Net and Thursday Night Northern Illinois Skywarn net, on the 147.195 + offset (pl 114.8) repeater.

**9:00 PM** - ATV Net Video 439.250 (cable channel 57) Voice 144.340 Rockford, IL

#### FRIDAY

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

#### SATURDAY

**8:00 PM** - McHenry County ARES/RACES Net 146.835 (-,91.5) This net is conducted on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's of each month (also ever Monday @ 8:00pm)

#### SUNDAY

**4:30 PM** - Illinois ARES Net 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month 145.350 - PL 107.2 (Chicago) 46.925 -PL 100.0 (Kane County)

7:30 PM - Arrow Net 144.410 Woodstock / Mc Henry

8:00 PM - Big Thunder ARES Net 147.375 - PL 100.0 Belvidere, IL

**8:00 PM** - Southern Wisconsin Listeners (SWL) Net 147.150 - PL 123.0 Madison, WI

#### **OTHER NETS**

**HF Net Information** - Head on over to the RARA website and take a look at the "Nets" page. We now have listings and links to great HF nets.



July 12, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Randy AC90F with 9 present at the meeting.

#### Last Meeting Minutes

- Randy AC90F asked for comments from attendees since last month's minutes was posted in the Hamrag. There were no comments.
- Motion to accept by Jim AB9SX and seconded by Larry AC9GO. Passed by membership vote.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Report presented by Randy AC90F for Gordy KC9NEX. \$6341.58 is the current balance.
- Motion to accept by Larry AC9GO and seconded by Jen KD9FMJ. Passed by membership vote.

#### **Old Business**

- Field Day 2019- RARA was contacted by two local media stations. There were some first timers and visitors who also participated.
- Randy AC90F and his granddaughter participated in the Durand 4th of July parade. His vehicle was donning the RARA banner and much candy was shared...

#### **New Business**

- Jen KD9FMJ reminded membership that she is looking for others to present topics in the coming months. Shack set-up, and antenna tuners were discussed as potential ideas.
- John N8TA provided an update on the HAM Mentor program. There have been two contacts from Hams to date. David KA9GEU and Susan KC9JDT are also assisting another Ham with an antenna installation.

- John N8TA advised that there will be a number special event stations commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.
- Randy AC90F advised that the Mid-Continent Railway Museum was interested in having a special event station commemorating the return to service of steam locomotive C&NW 1385 next year.

#### Presentation

• Jen KD9FMJ presented "POTA- Parks On The Air". Jen is the regional POTA coordinator for WI, IN and IL. Jen shared her personal experiences with POTA and provided instructions on where to get more information and encouragement to get involved with POTA.

Motion to adjourn by John N8TA and seconded by Jacek KD9ELI. Passed by membership vote.



Aug. 9, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Randy AC90F with 13 present at the meeting.

#### Last Meeting Minutes

- Randy AC90F asked for comments from attendees from last month's minutes. There were no comments.
- Motion to accept by Jim AB9SX and seconded by Kurt KE9N. Passed by membership vote.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Report presented by Gordy KC9NEX. \$6341.58 is the current balance. No payments or receipts were noted.
- Motion to accept by Kurt KE9N and seconded by Jimmy KC9GOL. Passed by membership vote.

#### **Old Business**

- Randy AC90F advised that there was an insufficient number of volunteers to work the Belvidere Hamfest.
- There was a motion to not participate this year by Gordy KC9NEX. Seconded by Kurt KE9N. Passed by membership vote.

#### New Business

- Stephenson Co. ARES group is looking for volunteers to work the Freeport Car Show on Saturday August 10th. Meet-up at 2 p.m. at the SW corner of post office.
- Bill KC90JP is looking for volunteers to work the "Head of the Rock" Regatta on 10/13.
- Randy AC90F reminded everyone that it's time to start thinking about RARA Board elections coming up later in the year.

#### Presentation

 Kurt KE9N presented "Getting Ready for the BES (Big Estate Sale)". Kurt stressed to membership to not wait to catalog your equipment and put into writing your wishes of its disposition. Kurt advised that there are various options(Donate to 501C3 organization, Hamestate.com, Local People) to accomplish this and shared some of his personal experiences.

Motion to adjourn by Jim AB9SX and seconded by Gordy KC9NEX. Passed by membership vote.





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#### The 67th W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet

SAVE THE DATE!

W9DXCC 2019 will be held September 13-14 2019 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL.

Make your hotel reservations now !

Register for the Convention and Banquet here.

Friday September 13 - Contest University and DX University Sessions

**Contact W9DXCC** 

Registration

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W9DXCC is an ARRL approved Operating Specialty Convention

Saturday September 14 Presentations --

2019

- \* V84SAA DXpedition KO8SCA
- \* Ducie Island 2018 DXpedition N6HC
- \* How Do Our Signals Propagate? K9LA
- \* Low Band Receive Antennas for Small Spaces K9AY
- \* The Future of Amateur Radio Equipment WB1GCM
- \* DX Marathon K9EL
- \* ARRL Forum W9XA, K9LA, AD9I, W9WU

\* Special Banquet Keynote Speaker \* "The Early Days of MFJ" - Martin F. Jue K5FLU



Martin F. Jue, K5FLU, is the founder/owner of several companies,

including MFJ Enterprises, Hy-Gain, Cushcraft, Ameritron, Vectronics and others. He holds numerous patents on specialized technology, especially in the area of T network field tuners.

Photos of 2018 W9DXCC have been posted on the W9DXCC Facebook page.





The Ham of the Year is an honor that is presented to the RARA member(s) who has contributed the most to the club and to amateur radio in general during the year. This year the selection will be made by a committee appointed by the RARA Board. This committee will evaluate the nominations of deserving candidates from those submitted by club members. All nominations need to be submitted on or before the November 8th RARA Meeting.

Your nominee should be chosen using two basic criteria: The nominee must be a RARA member, and should have performed exemplary service for amateur radio during the year 2019. More information on this will be presented at the September RARA meeting. Now is a good time to reflect on the merits of the other members in our organization for the past year.

Email or give your nomination form to one of the RARA Board Members and they will pass it along to the Ham of The Year committee.

LIAM OF THE YEAF							
I nominate	Callsign						
To be RARA's 2019 "Ham Of The Year" for the following reasons:							
Submitted By:		Callsign					



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 cover for meeting details), fill out the form and bring the form with your payment to the meeting and see our treasurer. Thank you for your support!

RARA ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION									
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION website: w9axd.org									
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