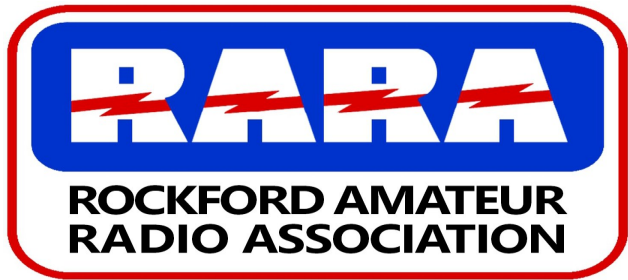


# HAMRAG

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.

**January 2020**

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## Presidents Message

Hi,

I thought that I would take a moment to introduce myself to every one in the club and give you an idea of what I want to do with our club.

First, I want to make our organization more inclusive to all hams. How am I going to do that? That is where you come in. I need your input. It has been suggested that Friday night is not a good night to meet. If that is your thought tell me what nights are best for you. If we aren't putting on the kind of programs that you want to see, tell me what you do want to see. So far we have an expert on 3D printing and one of our members that put a rig together for about \$200 that he can talk around the world with. You'll hear more about these things later. Let me know what you want. I'm currently thinking something on satellite communication, maybe slow scan, and/or fast scan tv, antenna design and etc. What do you think?

I want you to know that the club has made a commitment to getting the repeaters in good shape. Kurt has put a lot of time into 61 machine, and the club has put a lot of money into both units over the past few

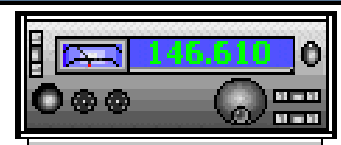
I don't want to make this a long letter. I just wanted to let you know that I want your input because that is what will make this club great. I'm foreword to seeing you **Friday night January 10th**. We will be meeting at Gerry's at 6pm for social time and we'll start ordering dinner at about 6:30pm and start the meeting hopefully at about 7pm I'll let you in on some more of my thoughts, and we will also present the Ham of the Year Award, honor the other members that helped keep things going this past year. Bring A friend or come alone, but come. I'm looking foreword to seeing you.

73 Larry  
Larry.schubert@gmail.com

## NEXT MEETING

**FRIDAY**  
**January 10, 2020**  
**6:00 pm Social**  
**Dinner Follows**

**Location:**  
**Gerry's Pizza**  
**7403 Argus Dr**



Greetings everyone,

Well, it's that time of year again and I'm here to remind you that your dues for 2020 are due at the end of December. Also please remember to also fill out the membership form, I know you already did that when you joined, but we need to make sure that we have your current address, email and phone number. The current form can be found at the end of the Ham Rag. Either bring it to the January meeting or just throw it in the mail along with your dues.

Sincerely,

Gordon Seaman kc9nex

2020 RARA Treasurer

## AMATEUR RADIO EXAM NOTICE

As of 01-01-2020 the Rockford testing will cease.

There will no longer be testing available in Rockford.

Contact Brandon for more information as to the Freeport IL testing times and location.

Brandon J McGrew [bmacmagoo@hotmail.com](mailto:bmacmagoo@hotmail.com)

There is also testing available in Janesville.

Contact [wi9fry@gmail.com](mailto:wi9fry@gmail.com)

For mote info.



### **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”***



## 2020 RARA Officers and Board

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## Local Events and Information

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 10, 2020**– Annual New Year RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at Gerry's Pizza

**January 20, 2019** - 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.

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

# 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 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!**



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

website: w9axd.org

Membership Type:  New (New memberships after July 1st are 1/2 price)  Renewal

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

\$35 - Adult (25-61 years old)  \$25 - Senior (Starts the year you will turn 62)

Above rate includes the  
RARA monthly newsletter, HamRag (website download)  
HamRag via USPS: \$12 extra

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_

Radio Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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May we make your phone and e-mail available for other RARA members only?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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

All membership applications to become either a new member or to be reinstated as a member of RARA must be approved by the RARA board.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Year \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_