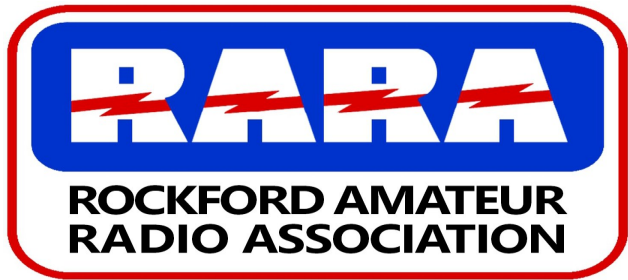


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RARA Mission Statement

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

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My Fellow Hams,

I hope you had a great experience for Field Day and for the Fourth of July as we gain our freedom back a bit at a time to once again get together. I've said before that I love Field Day. It's not just getting on the air and making a lot of contacts because there are so many more stations on the air, and a good contest is sure to get the blood flowing, but perhaps even more important, it is a great time to get together with other Hams and exchange stories, and yes knowledge about the art of making contacts, and the joy of meeting new people on the air and off. In true fashion of contesting, little is said when you make a contact. K2XYZ, WE COPY YOUR 6A WESTERN NEW YORK, WE ARE 2A INDIA LEMA YOU ARE 59 QSL? GOOD LUCK. THIS IS K9K QRZ? And you are off to the next one. Occasionally, you'll run into someone that used to live in the area, and you have a short conversation about old times or common interests, but more often than not the fun is the fellowship with the other guys that are there for the event. Those are the conversations that may be on any subject you can imagine, and that is where you make friends that last a lifetime.

One of the greatest things that happened this past year was the Health and Welfare Nets (Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm on 147.195). First, they once again opened up 2 meters in the area, which brought together some of us old hams with the new guys. It did more than that, because it gave rise to a 10 meter ssb net on Tuesday night at 8pm and a new interest in morse code with lessons and practice on 147.195 after those same nets on Tuesday and Thursday as well as the Monday night net which can be on either the 146.610 or the 147.195 depending on whether the 610 repeater is working properly or not. That has given rise to a cw net which started on 10 meters but is now being held on 40 M 7112 plus or minus a couple of KCs depending on availability on Wednesdays at 8pm. Because Covid is winding down, we are now thinking of changing the name of the Health and Wellness Nets and maybe even the purpose. Ideas have been Health and Tech net, Ham it up, Ham talk, and I've no doubt missed some. What do you think? We want the nets to be a gathering place where we not only check on each others health, but where we can bring problems and ideas of any kind to the group. We want it to be a time for fellowship and a place to make friends. If you want the Ham community to provide something, bring it to the group and we'll talk about it. If you are having a problem of some kind talk about it. Are we going to solve your problem? Don't know, but we may have an idea and at least offer a sympathetic ear. I'd like to hear from you.

**NEXT
MEETING**

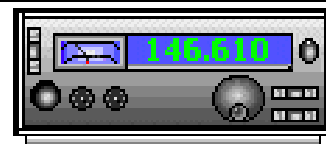
**July 9
7:00 PM**

Live

On AIR

**146.610
Repeater
Or
147.195**

73 Larry AC9GO



Hats off to:

Bill KC9OJP It was his idea to start the Health and Welfare nets, and he set up the RARA Field day. Bill is a leader for Skywarn and also a director for our club.

Rick KD9QDP He started the ssb 10 m net on 28.425.

Kerry KD9MAP He started the cw 10 m net, which has now been moved to 40 m 7112 Kcs. Kerry is also our Web master, and has done a great job updating the W9AXD.org website.

Larry K9KZT He has become the cw instructor and has been providing cw instruction 3 times a week for several weeks now.

Jimmy KC9GOL He helped me clean out some remaining equipment from an estate. Jimmy is also club treasure.

Jeff KD9MEC He is our club Secretary. As well as our Ham Rag editor.

Ricky WX9RLT For operating skywarn as net control on July 7 when funnel clouds were spotted in the Rockton South Beloit area.

Thank you all for what you do! 73 Larry AC9GO



Larry making sure all is ok
2021 Field Day



Jimmy KC9GOL and Brandon KD9LOA
Setting up a station Field Day 2021

New Ham at Field Day 2021.

This was my 2nd Field Day event ever. And it felt like I was out in the world communicating with voices in far off places. I pulled the late shift with Larry AC9GO who has been doing Field Day since the beginning of time, (right after God rested) To listen thru the static and variable squeels of the radio frequencies is simply fastenating, Larry could pick out call signs where all I could hear was a hiss. He Says " It sometimes takes a practiced ear".

The RARA team setup in a semi open area next to the Veterans Home in Genoa Illinois, we operated in the 40 meter band with radios set on tables under an awing of Bill's (KC9OJP) camper and Jimmy (KC9GOL) running a second radio close by.

All in All I was proud to be part of this event and look forward to working at more HAM events in the future

- Jeff Metters (KD9MEC)

Hi Everybody,

I hope that you don't mind. but I really would like the input of all our members. While the world is winding down on the Covid pandemic, and things are starting up again, we thought that it would be nice to have a party, and maybe even recognize some of those who have kept the club going this past year. With that being said, just about the time that we started thinking about it, Dave W9CJS offered to provide music for us, and I've been told by a couple of the guys that he is very good at what he does. The questions that I have are mostly due to time , date , and venue.

Because of the fact that we have a number of members with health issues, we are thinking late summer or early fall. If you have a preference for dates we might use please list. them. _____

We have some members that would prefer a mid day meeting in place of evening. Reasons include not liking to drive in the dark. What are your thoughts about evening or afternoon? _____

Do you have any preferences or ideas for a place to have the meeting?
_(indoor or out) _____

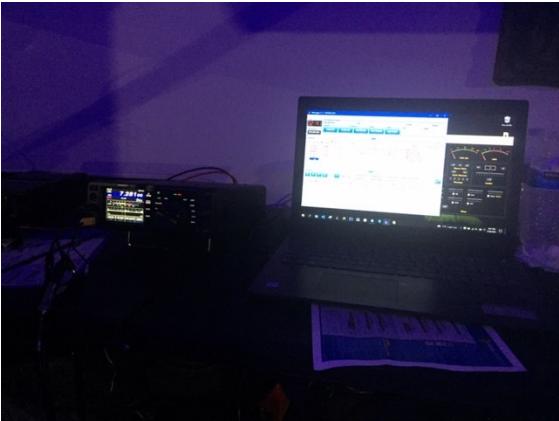
Should we have an exclusive club member and spouse meeting or invite any one that is interested in ham radio, that is in good standing with the club?

We are also thinking of a door prize? Any ideas? Should we charge a cover charge to pay for it? Any ideas?

Is there anything else that you would like to add? Maybe something I should have asked but didn't?

Thank you,
Larry AC9GO

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Local Events and Information

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 9 2021 - On Live Radio 7pm - 146.610 or 147.195

Weekly Monday Night Net 7 pm —Tuesday Night Net - Thursday Night Net

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, KC9GCR, as net control.

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM NOTICE

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

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\$10 RARA for the year 2021 New, Old, Retired

Name:Call Sign.....

Street address.....City.....State.....Zip.....

E-mail.....Best Phone.....

Can we release E-mail and phone to members only? Yes....No....

What things do you like to do with Ham radio?

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What do you want to do, but need more information to do it?.....

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Would you be available to make a presentation on some part of our hobby and what?.....

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What can we as a club do better?.....

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Please fill out the and mail it along with \$10 to: Rockford Amateur Radio Association

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