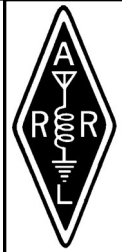


# HAMRAG

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.

## President's Message

Hello Everyone,

April is here and it's getting warmer out. For those who may not know, I have volunteered to take the open President's spot. This brings the Board to full strength and helps balance duties that need to be done. With the input from the membership and the Board, we can put together the activities for this year, now that things have been relaxed regarding the Covid situation for the last two years.

Our April meeting will be a Zoom meeting, and we will be discussing the activities that we want to do this year. We would like input from all of our members and who can also contribute to making these ideas a success.

The link to our meeting Friday night is:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87958922625?pwd=SkRDVmFLcmozdExMOTB3NkhNV29wZz09>

Please join us, and we want to hear what you want to do this year. Together, we can share in the joy of ham radio, and doing the things together that makes RARA a club to belong to.

See everyone Friday Night!

73,  
Kurt Eversole—KE9N  
[kurt.eversole@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.eversole@gmail.com)



APRIL

## \$\$\$ Membership Dues Are Due \$\$\$

It's time once again to renew your membership. You may use the form on page 6, and mail in your completed form (with payment) to the address at the bottom of the form. If you have any questions please contact Jimmy Curtis, KC9GOL, at 779-537-2233, or email at: [jimcurtis7818@yahoo.com](mailto:jimcurtis7818@yahoo.com)

Starting in May, the Hamrag notice will only be sent to those who have renewed their membership for 2022.

## April 2022

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### NEXT MEETING

**FRIDAY**  
**April 8, 2022**  
**7:00 pm**

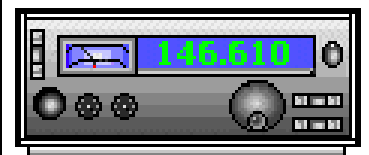
#### Presentation:

**"Planning For  
2022 Activities"**

**Location:**  
**Zoom Meeting**

#### Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87958922625?pwd=SkRDVmFLcmozdExMOTB3NkhNV29wZz09>



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



## What is ARRL Field Day?

Produced by ARRL, the national association for amateur radio <http://www.arrl.org>

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

### What is the ARRL?

The American Radio Relay League is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA, representing over 170,000 FCC-licensed Amateurs. The ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in ham radio. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes and other benefits for its members.

### What is Amateur Radio

Often called “ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service has been around for a century. In that time, it’s grown into a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. Its people range in age from youngsters to grandparents. Even rocket scientists and a rock star or two are in the ham ranks. Most, however, are just normal folks like you and me who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data and pictures through the air to unusual places, both near and far, without depending on commercial systems.

The Amateur Radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where you as an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications. Hams not only can make and modify their equipment, but can create whole new ways to do things.

For More Information visit: [www.arrl.org/field-day](http://www.arrl.org/field-day)

Updated 3/2021

## UPCOMING RARA EVENTS

**May 13th** - General RARA Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm

**May 25th** - RARA Zoom Board Meeting 7:00 pm

**June 10th** - General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm

**June 22nd** - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm

### RARA Facebook Page

If you are one of the many people that have a Facebook account, then check out the Rockford Amateur Radio Association Facebook page. See what's going on at this [LINK](#).



### Local Area Nets

Monday 8:00 PM RARA Info. 146.610

“-” offset, pl 114.8

Friday Night Fun Net 8:00 PM 147.255

“+” offset, pl 114.8

Illinois Traffic Net (daily) 6:00 PM 3.905, LSB

Thursday Night 7:30 PM Digital Net

*System Fusion* 443.175 +, no digital tone needed, group mode.

### The April Issue of Digital QST is Now Available!

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

**You must be a member of the ARRL to view this.**

### 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.**

### Editors Note

If you would like to have something published, please call me or email me at [kurt.eversole@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.eversole@gmail.com)

**Cut-off for the May 2022 Hamrag will be Sunday, May 1, 2022**

Kurt - KE9N, Editor

# UPCOMING HAMFESTS



# The Ozaukee Radio Club presents its 42nd Annual Spring Indoor Amateur Radio, Electronics & Computer **SWAPFEST**



Saturday, April 30, 2022 – 8 AM to 12 PM (Setup begins at 6 AM)

**featuring TOWER ELECTRONICS!**

Columbia St. Mary's Center – W67N890 Washington Ave., Cedarburg, WI

Talk-in: 146.97 – PL 127.3 Fusion 444.975 +5MHz



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Table Spaces \$10 (All Tables are 6 ft)  
**Buy 1 Ticket & 1 Table... just \$15!**

Use Order Form below, email, or call Tom Trethewey, KC9ONY at 262-421-6351  
Email: [swapfest@ozaukeeradioclub.org](mailto:swapfest@ozaukeeradioclub.org)

For Advance Tickets, send check with self-addressed stamped **Business-Size Envelope** to:  
Tom Trethewey, KC9ONY – W69N905 Evergreen Ct N, #202, Cedarburg WI 53012  
**Admission Tickets just \$5 (Please make checks payable to ORC)**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity: Yes (Add \$5) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tables: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

(For Official Use Only)

Ticket(s) # \_\_\_\_\_ Table(s) # \_\_\_\_\_ Init: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor Entrance Used (Circle one):    **1**    **2**    **3**

# UPCOMING HAMFESTS



## The DeKalb Hamfest



Sponsored by the Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club  
Sunday...May 1, 2022...8am to 1:00 pm

Vendor/Tailgate Setup—Saturday 1 PM to 9 PM  
and Sunday 6 AM to 8 AM via Back Gate

\$8.00 Advance Ticket (Double-Stub—See Below)  
\$10.00 Admission at the gate (Single Stub).

**Overnight Camping on Fairgrounds \$20  
includes electric and water**

**Rain or Shine**  
2 Large Buildings  
3 Cash Prizes  
Prize Drawings Every  
Half Hour

**Free Outside  
Tailgating**  
No VE Testing  
Chairs not furnished

**Food Vendor: Hyvee**  
Fairground Regulations  
Prohibit Vehicles in  
buildings



Always the First Sunday in May. May 1, 2022

Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich, IL

(Just North of RT. 34 Intersection of SUYDAM and GLETTY Roads)

TALK-IN: KARC Repeater 146.730 pl=100 (-) or 146.52 Simplex

\*\*\*\* PLEASE USE MAIN GATE \*\*\*\*

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Phone: Bob Yurs—W9ICU—Hamfest Chairman at 815-757-3219

Or e-mail [w9icu@arri.net](mailto:w9icu@arri.net)

KARC Hamfest Webpage / Hotel Info: [www.karc-club.org](http://www.karc-club.org)

Return to: KARC, PO Box 371, DeKalb, IL 60115

**Deadline: April 20, 2022 MUST INCLUDE SASE FOR ADVANCE TICKET SALES**

**Advance Tickets will not be for sale on site**

ADVANCE TICKETS @ \$8 each (Dual Stubs)

INSIDE TABLES @ \$10 each (FREE TAILGATING)

Total...Please make checks payable to KARC

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 2022 RARA Officers and Board

### Officers:

President - Kurt Eversole, KE9N, 815-389-2784, [kurt.eversole@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.eversole@gmail.com)

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# 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 have any questions contact our treasurer, Jimmy Curtis, KC9GOL, at 779-537-2233, [jimcurtis7818@yahoo.com](mailto:jimcurtis7818@yahoo.com)  
**Thank you for your support!**



## 2022 RARA Membership Form

### Dues are \$15.00

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone – Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we release your e-mail and phone number to members only? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

What things do you like to do with ham radio? \_\_\_\_\_

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What things do you want to do, but need more information to do so? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Do you have any questions that we can help you with presently? If so, explain below.

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Please fill out all the information on the form and mail it with \$15.00 to the following address:

Rockford Amateur Radio Association  
P.O. Box 8465  
Rockford, IL 61126