

HAM RAG

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Rockford Amateur Radio Association, inc

APRIL 2005

(LAST ISSUE FOR NON-MEMBERS)

Presidents Corner - April 2005

Well this last month has been busy for me. It has been very gratifying.

We now have a new Web Master for the Web Site. It is now www.w9axd.com. It is being built by Paul Franklin, K9RNR. He was approached by Gene KA9BOD about doing the site. After a bit of discussion, he agreed to meet with me to find out what we needed. I talked with him about it and he agreed that he could do it. The site is now up, but by no means complete! If you have any ideas about what you would like on it, let us know.

Next came the lack of a HAM RAG editor. Once again a volunteer stepped up to the plate. A home run with KA9BOD, Gene. He "volunteered" after a lot of discussion. He wasn't sure if he had time but he agreed to do it. Now he needs your help with articles for the HAM RAG. You can relate an experience, DX contact, new rig or antenna, or an article you recently read. These and many more to help educate or entertain us.

Next on the volunteer list came Sue Peters, KA9GNR and Colleen Peterson, KC9EWJ. They along with Dan Hunt, KC9ATR, will be handling the snack table at the rear of the meeting room (the goodie bar).

Tom Shouler, N9VJU has stepped up and

once again volunteered to be our head chef for the Club Breakfast on June 11. Call him and see if you can help.

Finally for this month, Dick Fleming, KC9BCB will once again chair Field Day. HOWEVER, if you recall, Dick is currently recovering from serious surgery. He can't do the physical work required during this event. Soooooo He will need much help to get the site ready. Dick never says no to us so let's not let him down when he needs our help.

Thank You to all of the people above. You've made this a very enjoyable experience. A notice to the rest of the membership, I hope that you can do a project, event, article, or present a program yourself. It's not hard. Just tip a rock over and you'll be surprised at what you'll find.

In closing I would like to give a SPECIAL THANKS to Nick Lager, KB9SKW for his keeping four balls in the air at one time. It's a tough job keeping the RAG, Web Site, snack table and Secretary all going, all this on Volunteer salary!!!

While you're at it, Walk up and thank each of these people for not saying no.

73 Bill, WB9MCZ

Time to think about Field Day

Field Day June 25-26, 2005

By the time you read this, it will be the second week of April. There are 2 1/2 months till Field Day on June 25 & 26, 2005. Field Day will be

held at Alpine Park in Area 6 & 7. It is time to start planning for how you will participate in the yearly event. For the last couple of years, field day has had a meager turnout. I'd like to

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NEXT MEETING

Friday, April 8, 2005

The program for this month's meeting will be:
Historical video on
"Spark Gap Transmitters"

LOCATION

St. Anthony Medical Center
5666 E. State Street
Rockford, IL

To get to the meeting room go to the main entrance, turn right at the desk- go to the end of hall to the Meeting rooms.

**Rockford Amateur Radio Association
March 11, 2005 General Meeting Minutes
St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford IL.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by President Bill Peters.

Minutes:

Minutes from the February 2005 general meeting were read by Nicholas Lager; moved for acceptance as read by Tim Peterson, seconded by Colleen Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

Total cash on hand for the month is \$5,768.10; moved for acceptance as read by Chuck Liljegren, seconded by Shari Harlan. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Gene Harlan reports that the ATV repeater is at his home, has been repaired and is ready to be reinstalled at the repeater site. Herb Eckstein, K9AMJ, donated a 28-volt powersupply to the ATV group, which now allows for full output from the amplifier. Also the ATV group will be meeting for a family get together at John's Pizza on 11th Street on March 12th at 4:00 P.M.

New Business:

Congratulations to Alvin Alexander, KC9GIO, for upgrading to a General license.

Larry Snyder returned an ARRL Extra class manual that belongs to the club library. Any club member wanting to use the book please contact anyone on the Board of Directors for information.

Nicholas Lager mentioned he was giving a Fox Hunt presentation for the Stephenson County Repeater Association in Freeport on March 12th. Meeting time is 1:00 P.M. at the Northwest Illinois Chapter Red Cross building.

Sue Peters informed club members that Monday March 14th the Rock River Red Cross will be hosting an Introduction to Disaster Services class, a basic disaster course that focuses on fundamental information about disasters, community response, and role of the Red Cross Disaster Services. It will be held from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M.

Sue Peters also showed off the ARES identification/name badges. They will be available from Name Tags by Gene for \$5.⁰⁰. Contact Sue for more information.

The yearly basic SKYWARN severe weather spotting training

class will be held on March 19th at the Northwest Chicago-land International Airport in the Public Safety Building. The class will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

John Lawrence asked if anyone at the meeting was interested in attending the advanced SKYWARN severe weather spotting training class.

Bill Peters discussed the Winnebago County ARES net held on Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. Please try to check in when able to as it lends to emergency communication training.

A suggestion was made to list the area nets in the Ham Rag. Look for them in an upcoming issue.

A welcome back to Dick Fleming who was recovering from surgery. Good to see you back on your feet again.

Motion to adjourn at 7:31 P.M. by Fred Miner, seconded by Tim Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Nicholas KB9SKW

Field Day (continued from page 1)

see that trend change this year with greater participation. (Last year the club earned enough points to be 4th in the state of Illinois and we had fun doing it.)

Dick Fleming KC9BCB has agreed to be our field day chairman again this year. Since he is recovering from major surgery, he cannot do some activities and will need some help. Ask him how you can help him with the event.

Why not consider putting together a team of people to operate a specific frequency/mode or JOIN another team who will be operating. Help with planning, organizing and setting up equipment or operating during the event. It is a 24 hour event so there is plenty of opportunity to get your hands on a radio. Contact Dick KC9BCB so he can coordinate the various frequencies, modes of operation and activities. Working together we can make it happen and everyone will have fun.

Field Day is an excellent opportunity to socialize as well as hone your skills operating in an emergency environment. For the new hams, it is an opportunity to actually operate the various bands/modes under the umbrella of higher classed license privileges. Take advantage of the opportunity. It is also an opportunity to see other modes of operation, as an example, I saw PSK31 for the first time at field day a couple of years ago.

Gene KA9BOD

FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST— Meets every Friday morning from 8 am until about 9:30 am at the **Morning Glory Restaurant**, 408 7th St, Rockford (An informal gathering of ham folks, no affiliations necessary, good food and good company. Everyone is welcome to attend.)

2005 membership dues are due, if your name has “2004” in the member column you have not renewed your membership.
NON-MEMBERS WILL NOT RECEIVE HAM RAG AFTER THIS ISSUE.

RARA MEMBERSHIP LIST—2005

(Updated 4-1-2005)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CALL	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP	H-PHONE	PAID THROUGH YEAR
Joel	Akre	KC9GPO	1420 Jackson Street	Rockford	IL	61107	815-967-0934	2004
Scott	Allshouse	W9SBA	484 Orleans Drive	Davis	IL	61019	248-3102*	2005
John	Auerswald	KA9SOG	2511 Springdale Dr.	Rockford	IL	61114	282-8950	2004
Mary	Auerswald	KC9AKC	2511 Springdale Dr.	Rockford	IL	61114	282-8950	2004
David	Bond	W9MG	4571 Cinnamon La.	Rockford	IL	61114	877-3751	2005
Mark	Broman	N9CNW	2120 Spring Brook Rd	Rockford	IL	61107	218-5514	2004
Sherman	Buetsch	KC9FOB	1923 South Alpine Road	Rockford	IL	61108-7701	815-399-4028	2005
Carl	Cacciatore	W9TQ	127 Shadow Ridge Ln.	Rockford	IL	61107	332-2479	2005
Ronald	Canode	N9WEY	571 Donna Drive #1	Rockford	IL	61107	227-9849	2005
Larry	Carlstrom	K9LC	6712 North 2nd Street	Loves Park	IL	61111	654-0080	2004
Dan	Christy	KC9BIO	7038 Perrietta Lane	Rockford	IL	61107	227-4450	2004
Rusty	Cordell	WB9QYV	1215 41st Ave.	Rockford	IL	61109	227-4229	Life Member
Bob	Davidson	WA9NTT	3111 Chateau Ln.	Rockford	IL	61103	877-6274	2005
Chuck	Derwent	K9SAN	13810 Trask Bridge Rd.	Durand	IL	61024	815-239-2247	2005
Robert	Ditzler		7610 Ivory La.	Rockford	IL	61108	397-2286	2005
Gene	Duncan	W9GD	811 S. 10TH ST.	Oregon	IL	61061		Life Member
Herb	Eckstein	K9AMJ	5911 Alma Drive	Rockford	IL	61108	399-6822	Life Member
Dennis	Eksten	W9SS	5006 North Second Street	Loves Park	IL	61111	877-6768	2004
James	Elkins	KI4A	5823 N. Rockton Ave	Rockford	IL	61103	815-877-9022	2005
Kurt	Eversole	KE9NJ	13176 Twelve Oaks Ridge	Roscoe	IL	61073	389-0392	2005
Chuck	Fiduccia	N9VGG	1912 Greenfield Ln	Rockford	IL	61107	399-9677	2004
Al	Fischer	KD9CA	6220 Torch Light Trl	Rockford	IL	61111	885-3926*	2004
Dick	Fleming	KC9BCB	525 Summer St.	Rockford	IL	61103		2005
Scott	Francis	KG9SF	6382 Thorncrest Dr	Rockford	IL	61109	874-7170	2004
Ronald	Freigo	N9UEZ	644 Julien St	Belvidere	IL	61008	544-5018	2005
Janet Lee	Grayum	KC9AKD	7959 N. Boone School Road	Capron	IL	61012	815-494-0197	2004
Gene	Harlan	WB9MMM	5931 Alma Drive	Rockford	IL	61108	398-2683	2005
Shari	Harlan	N9SH	5931 Alma Drive	Rockford	IL	61108	398-2683	2005
Gary	Hilker	K9LJN	3194 Moffett Road	Rockton	IL	61072	624-7441	2005
George	Hollander	K9GH	126 Alder Ave	Rockford	IL	61107	399-2051	Life Member
Gene	Hoover	KC9GRN	427 Theodore St	Rockford	IL	61111	633-8064	2005
Dan	Hunt	KC9ATR	P.O. Box 3416	Rockford	IL	61106		2004
Linda	Hunt	KC9FAH	P.O. Box 3416	Rockford	IL	61106		2004
Chuck	Ingle	AB9KA	5561 Hodges Run	Roscoe	IL	61073	623-3623	2005
Dennis	Johanson	K9vmy	10444 Baederwood Drive	Machesney Park	IL	61115		2005
Aaron	Kennedy	W5WXR	5402 Lambeth Dr.	Rockford	IL	61107	282-4545	2005
David	Kennedy	W9WXR	5402 Lambeth Dr.	Rockford	IL	61107	282-4545	2005
William	King	KE8ES	825 Clifford Ave	Loves Park	IL	61111	633-8578	2005
Scott	Knodle	WB9LHV	913 North Main Street apt606	Rockford	IL	61103	815-965-9841	2004

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Josef	Kurlinkus	KC9EWI	13333 White School Road	Roscoe	IL	61073	815-389-1382	2004
Nicholas	Lager	KB9SKW	7891 Wagon Wheel Ln.	Rockford	IL	61109	965-1113	2005
John	Lawrence	N9OTC	2811 Greendale Dr.	Rockford	IL	61109	397-4624	2004
Charles	Liljegren	WB9UMC	3787 Capron Dr.	Rockford	IL	61109	874-9339	2005
Rich	Ludwig	K9PK	1006 Johnson CT.	Belvidere	IL	61008	547-6435	2005
Howard	Luse	N9FTY	5282 Shattuck RD	Belvidere	IL	61008	547-7404	2004
James	MacConnell	KC9FOF	212 Talladega Drive SW	Popular Grove	IL	61065	815-765-9160	2004
George R.	Macri	KC9BCD	813 Kingsway Lane	Byron	IL	61010	243-8523	2004
Dale	Mather	KT9P	12357 Cameron Court	Caladonia	IL	61011	885-4567	2005
Nancy	Mather	KG9OQ	12357 Cameron Court	Caladonia	IL	61011	885-4567	2005
Jim	Miller	W4JR	5581 Einor Ave	Rockford	IL	61108	397-4602	2005
John	Miller	KC9COL	202 S. Franklin Street	Janesville	WI	53548	608-758-0680	2005
Fred	Miner	W9WOQ	2012 Bruner	Rockford	IL	61103	968-2117	2005
Dennis	Murray	KC9GPP	1819 Rural St. Apt #3	Rockford	IL	61107	815-399-0819	2005
Al	Nelson	WB9TPX	6307 Grassridge Rd.	Rockford	IL	61108	398-8793	2004
Richard H.	Nelson	N9ZO	1977 Bus. 20 W	Belvidere	IL	61008	547-8686	2005
Mike	Oberg	AB9AY	2725 Hooker Ave	Rockford	IL	61108	399-0961	2005
John	Olson	K9PZZ	2707 18th Avenue	Rockford	IL	61108	399-4398	2005
Ken	Olson	KC9FWN	12974 Northland Est. Ct.	Rocton	IL	61072	815-624-4249	2005
Gary	O'Neill	KA0NRZ	3654 Flambeau Drive	Rockford	IL	61114	815-877-1337	2005
Keith	Owano	KB9YKM	4759 Treeview Terrace	Rockford	IL	61109	874-3451*	2005
Wendy	Owano	KC9BCF	4759 Treeview Terrace	Rockford	IL	61109	874-3451*	2005
Tim	Pearson	KB9VQF	2556 Anderson Drive	Belvidere	IL	61008	544-0042	2004
Vernon	Pearson	WA9GNO	142 Dawn Ave	Rockford	IL	61107	399-1493	2004
Ernie	Pease	KB5DUY	4608 Arlington St.	Loves Park	IL	61111	877-3173	2004
Bill	Peters	WB9MCZ	8312 Tetterhall Lane	Machesney Park	IL	61115	654-9590	2006
Sue	Peters	KA9GNR	8312 Tetterhall Lane	Machesney Park	IL	61115	654-9590	2006
Colleen	Peterson	KC9EWJ	9622 N. 2nd St.	Roscoe	IL	61073	639-0553	2005
Tim	Peterson	KC9DNN	9622 N. 2nd St.	Roscoe	IL	61073	815-639-0553	2005
Angelo	Piccione	KB9OTB	2307 Nebraska Road	Rockford	IL	61108	398-0287	2004
Ken	Pope	K9KDP	6152 20th St.	Rockford	IL	61109		2004
Robert	Ritchie	KC9FQH	3981 ORLY DRIVE	ROCKFORD	IL	61101	815-962-6354	2005
Larry	Sabella	KA9BQR	15642 RT. 72	Davis Junction	IL	61020	815-393-4086	2005
Randy	Scott	W9HL	6129 Denwood Dr.	Rockford	IL	61114	877-4328	2004
Thomas	Shouler	N9VJU	5236 East Dr.	Loves Park	IL	61111	877-9129	2004
Larry	Snyder	K0HNM	107 Abbey Drive	Poplar Grove	IL	61065	815-765-0233	2005
Eugene	Stankiewicz	KA9BOD	3561 Cross St	Rockford	IL	61108	815-226-1806	2004
Steve	Thorn	K9LLI	1105 BraeBurn Ln.	Rockford	IL	61107	399-9161	2004
Ron	Thorson	N9JOM	6546 Laurel Cherry Drive	Rockford	IL	61108	227-1809	2004
Richard	Tidberg	WF9J	3751 N. Hosington Rd.	Winnebago	IL	61088	239-2270	2006
Jim	Zahrndt	KF9AU	10272 Spring Borough Drive	Rockford	IL	61107	815-885-7082	2005

Please contact the treasurer, Carl W9TQ, with comments or updates to this list.

From the desk of the Vice President...

I have discovered a digital HF mode called PSK31. It has been around since 1999, and is popular and gaining momentum. This mode is about 31.25 baud, and 33 Hz wide in band width. PSK31 does a very good job with both noisy conditions, and weak signals. Having said this, it is keyboard-to-keyboard exchange, needing a computer, software, and a sound card interface. MFJ makes several nice interfaces that also come with some software. The April issue of QST also has plans on how to homebrew your own interface if you like. You can also download some software off the Internet; some for free, and some you pay to register after a free trial period. **Ham Radio Deluxe** <http://hrd.ham-radio.ch> is for free and mainly is for controlling radios but also includes PSK31, mapping, satellite help, logging, and a SWL program. Then there is **MixW** (a pay to register (\$50.00) but is worth every cent. This is a whopper of a program, containing, PSK31, RTTY, CW, AMTOR, Packet, SSTV, Hell, FAX, and other modes. MixW also has a nice logging program, and is user friendly. Another program is **DIGIPAN**, and this freeware. Don't know much, but I have heard good things about this program, and the price is right (FREE). Of course Digipan can be found at (www.digipan.net). I have been on PSK31, since only early February, and not even half trying, I have already got Mexico, Cuba, Botswana Africa, Puerto Rico, Argentina, and Netherlands Antilles.

Saturday, March 19th, we had yet another weather spotting class at the Rockford Airport, and it was a very good presentation. Had some minor updates, and informed us about a few new improvements to the RADAR system, and their new flood campaign. **Gene WB9MMM** passed out our ARES badges, and they looked great. Also **Sue KA9GNR** out did herself with an organized approach to using a card for weather spotters to use, and for those in charge to quickly verify that they are indeed a certified spotter. **Moe, N9CCE** and **Wayne, KA9IMX** designed the card. Hope we have another great year.

Also, I would like to try adding a small lighthearted segment to the Friday night meetings. It would be called "Ham Radio Freestyle." This would be right after the business portion of the meeting, but just before intermission and snacks. This is a chance for the "OI-Timers" to tell a humorous anecdote (funny personal story) of an incident past (one funny now, but not then) or a mistake. A chance for all to relive and laugh. But this also would be an opportunity for some of the new hams to ask a question concerning a problem they ran into (i.e. High SWR etc.), or perhaps what something is / how do I use it? (i.e. what is an IF filter?) I'm sure someone knows the answer, and would gladly help a newer ham. So I hope you come prepared to tell a story, ask a question, or to laugh at a great story (Like about the guy on field day sending CW in his sleep.) Let's all go to RARA and have a few HAHAs!

Did you know that you can actually see the International Space Station (ISS) when conditions are right? Well you can if you know where to look in the sky and when.

Go to website <http://spaceflight1.nasa.gov/realdata>
This NASA site brings up several options but the main ones are "sighting opportunities" and "Orbital tracking". Click on "sighting opportunities" and then scroll down to the city you are in, click on the city and it will give you a sheet with the date, time, how long it is visible (usually only a couple of minutes), angles of approach and departure and the maximum elevation.

(Currently just for the ISS). As long as the sky is clear, it will show up exactly where the list says and appear like a bright moving star.

If you click on "Orbital tracking", this will bring up a screen that will show you where the ISS is and what its paths will be for the next two passes around the world. It also lists speed, altitude and other information. The ISS has a packet station aboard and it is possible to hear the transmissions if you listen on 145.805.

When the space shuttle is launched, at end of May, this same program will allow you to see where it is as well.
Gene KA9BOD

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM NOTICE

March 19 there was 1 applicant resulting in 1 element passed. (Name withheld by request)

Northern Illinois Volunteer Examiners will be holding the next Amateur Radio exam session in Rockford, IL on Saturday, April 16, 2005.

Location:

St. Anthony Hospital
5666 E. State Street
Rockford, IL

Exams will be held in the St Francis Room (just right of the front entrance after you enter).

Check-in is from 9:00 AM till 10:30 AM.

What You Need To Bring To A W5YI-VEC Session

1. Your original Amateur License (unexpired or within the 2 year grace period) and a copy to attach to the paperwork.
2. Any valid CSCE that you are using for credit. Again the VE's have to see the original and have a copy to attach to the paperwork.
3. Two forms of Identification with your signature on them. One must be a picture ID (drivers license, passport, school ID, library card, credit card, etc.)
4. Test Fee \$14.00 cash or check. (please make checks payable to W5YI-VEC)

Things to Remember

1. Make sure you use pen to fill out the NCVEC form 605.
2. You may use pen or pencil on the answer sheet.
3. Sign your answer sheet and scratch paper.

Contact Information: Randy Scott, W9HL
W9HL@arrl.net 815-877-4328

ON THE WATERFRONT FUNDRAISER

September 2, 3 & 4

The club mans a ticket booth on all three days. Typically in 4 hour shifts. **Mark your calendars and plan to volunteer some time.** WE NEED YOU. More information in next months Ham Rag.

NEW RARA WEBMASTER

K9RNR, Paul, is the new RARA Webmaster

I have been a licensed amateur radio operator since March, 1959, and currently hold an Amateur Extra class license. I have been an active member of RARA and held the office of treasurer for a few years, a few years back, quite a few years back.

My family and I lived in Rockford for 14 years and then moved to Indian Head Park, a Chicago suburb for 12 years. Then we thought it would be nice to live in Florida, so we packed up and headed south. Some said we would be back north in a year. They were wrong! It took only six months for us to decide to head back, in December no less. Florida sure is a nice place to visit. Our return choice was either Chicago or Rockford. We chose Rockford. We just took the long way to get here from Chicago.

My professional background has been in the computer field since college. I have designed and programmed computer systems on IBM 1620's (punched card systems), PC's, up to and including an Amdahl main frame. As for web design and coding, I have supported two major associations' web sites (like ARRL) as well as the website for a small business here in Rockford.

My goal for the RARA website is to provide a resource for information that the board and the membership need in a timely manor.

The web site is a work in progress. Please visit the site when ever you can:

www.w9axd.com

73's,
Paul - K9RNR

New Ham Rag Editor

KA9BOD, Gene, New Ham Rag Editor

I was first licensed in 1979 and was very active in the club for about 12 years. I currently hold an advanced license. After being inactive for about 9 years, in 2002, I slowly started to rekindle my interest in Ham Radio. So many things have changed in that time that I had to get almost all new equipment. My main interests are community service events such as helping with communications for running events, walkathons, 4th of July parade and field day in addition to assisting with ARES and Skywarn activities. I look at being Ham Rag editor as a way to pay back to the club for what it has provided me in the past. My goal as editor is to get information out to all members in a timely fashion on as many aspects of Ham Radio as possible.

Gene KA9BOD

UPCOMING HAMFESTS—April / May

Grayslake, IL, Apr 16, 8 am—2 pm

Lake County Fair Grounds, Rt 45 & Rt 120 Talk in 147.345 (pl 102.7), 146.52 Admin: \$7 Tables \$25. Jacob Fishman NE0NS, 834 Bach St., Norhtbrook, IL 60062 Ph 847-291-6865

Stoughton/Madison, WI Apr 17, 8 am—4 pm

Mandt Community Center, 400 Mandt Pkwy Talk in 147.15 (pl 123) Admin: \$5 Tables: \$18. Paul Toussaint N9VWH, c/o MARA, Box 8890, Madison, WI 53708 ph 608-245-8890

Godfrey, IL Apr 23, 7 am—noon

Lewis & Clark Community College (River Bend Arena) 5800 Godfrey Rd, 25 mi N of St. Louis. Talk in 145.23 (pl 79.7) Admin: \$3 Tables: \$10. John Nell N9FTA, 1122 State St., Alton, IL 62002 Ph 618-462-4212

Arthur, IL April 24, 7 am—noon

Moultrie Douglas County Fair Ground Rt 133, SW edge of Arthur behind High School. Talk in 146.655 & 444.925 (pl 103.5) Admin: \$5 Tables: \$10. Ralph Zancha WC9V, Box 55 Lovington, IL 61937 Ph 217-873-5287

Sandwich, IL May 1, 8 am—1 pm

Sandwich Fair Grounds, just N of Rt34 at intersection of Suydam & Gletty Rds. Talk in 146.73 (pl 100), 146.52 Admin: \$6 tables: \$10. Bob Yurs W9ICU, box 371, Dekalb IL 60115 ph 815-895-3219

Decatur, IL May 1, 7 am—noon

Richland Community College corner of Rea's Bridge & Brush College Rds.; Ex 144 off I-72, SW on RT48, 1/4 mi to Brush Col Rd. Talk in 147.1 & 442.25 (pl 103.5) Admin \$5, Tables: Free. Will Jahr K9VQA, 2123 Winsor Rd Decatur, IL 62521 ph 217-429-6434

Tim KC9DNN

RARA Officers and Directors - 2005

President – Bill Peters, WB9MCZ
Vice President – Tim Peterson, KC9DNN
Secretary – Nicholas Lager, KB9SKW
Treasurer – Carl Cacciatore, W9TQ
Directors: Dan Hunt, KC9ATR
Gene Harlan, WB9MMM
Scott Allshouse, W9SBA
Wendy Owano, KC9BCF

Dates to look forward to

Breakfast in the Park, June 11 at Alpine Park in Shelter #1
Field Day, June 25th & 26th at Alpine Park Areas 6 & 7
Family Picnic, August 14th at Alpine Park shelter #2
On the Waterfront, Sept 2, 3, & 4 Club Fundraiser

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Over the years, local hams have helped other organizations in the Rockford community by providing communications to help with the management and control of the events. It is an opportunity to put our communication skills and equipment to good use and also helps promote amateur radio. The typical event usually takes a couple of hours of our time and gives us an opportunity to observe the event up close. Usually the only equipment needed is a 2M handheld or 2M mobile radio.

The Special Events where we provide communications, rough date of the event and the contact or coordinator are:

- Arnie Johnson Classic - April 3 - KA9BOD
- OSF Heritage Run - April 24 - KA9IMX
- March of Dimes - Early May
- Special Olympics - May 7 - N9OCW
- One half Marathon - May 21
- Boy Scout Triple P - late May - was KA9GNR
- WKMO Rock-the-Run - late May - KA9GNR
- 4th of July Run - N9CCE/KA9IMX
- 4th of July Parade - N9CCE
- Roscoe Rail Road run - late July - N9OCW
- YMCA Triathlon - August - N9CCE
- CROP Hunger Walk - Columbus Day wknd
- Head of the Rock Regatta - Columbus Day wknd

All amateur operators are welcome to help out. You do not have to be a member of RARA or ARES to participate. No special training is required. All it takes is a willingness to participate.

Gene KA9BOD

***** HELP *****

We are working to correct email addresses and home addresses for those who are getting the Ham Rag mailed. Please let us know if there is a problem.

If you would like to have something published, please call me or email me at ka9bod@arrl.net. Cut-off for the May 2005 issue will be Friday April 22, 2005.

Gene KA9BOD, Editor

***** JOB OPPORTUNITY *****

VOLUNTEER POLICE SCANNER MONITOR -
Job Opening WTVO-TV in Rockford is looking for an individual who has an interest in listening to scanner radios. The station may provide a majority of the radio equipment needed, if you don't already have it. Someone who spends a lot of time at home or indoors is needed. Call News Director Mike Wright (815) 963-5413 or send an email to mwright@wtvo.com

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Single Adult: \$25.00 Adult w/Family: \$30.00
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