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CLUB MEETING

Next Meeting-

September 14, 2007

Discussion -

Plan of action

Time

7:00pm to End

Where

Saint Anthony's

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Field Day 2007

Rockford, IL- On June 23 and June 24, The Rockford Amateur Radio Association participated in the annual ARRL Field Day.

The participants enjoyed operating from Hononegah Forest Preserve. We operated as W9AXD. We where 6A-IL. We operated 20m CW and Phone. We had 3 contacts on 10m. It was stated that the band may open.

We were blessed with great weather all weekend. The sun was shinning and the night was cool. The air was dry. It was a great weekend for a contest.

In the morning we had a great breakfast. Linda Hunt KC9FAH-prepared food for us all weekend. The club would like to



Wayne Operating his CW stations.

thank her and Dan Hunt KC9ATR for getting and preparing the food. They did a wonderful job.

This was Wayne's last field day with us for a while. We will shurely miss his expertise. It was great having him at Field Day this year.

As chairman, I did a lot of running around. We had channel 13, 17 and 39 come to see we do. I was hoping to have a full report with videos unfortunately, I had to reset my DVR and the show was deleted. This will serve as my field day report. See page 2 for the full report sent to the ARRL.

I hope to see all of you at next years field day. I am looking forward to working more stations.

From our President, Don Russell KB9AYF

Things are starting to cool down, On the waterfront is over and Summer is at an end. Thanks to Chuck AB9KA for getting OTW taken care of this year. Definite thanks to those who worked. As you know OTW

is our main source of income. Its easy work, especially for what we get out of it. Chuck had a hard time filling all the spots. We as a club are supposed to fill those spots. The chairman shouldn't have to beg. Its embarrassing and a

real disappointment to me. We are a special service club. We are supposed to be doing things for the community to earn that title. What are we doing as a club to earn that? We really need to be doing more.

Saturday, September 22nd
VE-TESTING
What: Amateur Radio Exams
Where: St. Anthony Medical Center, St. Frances Room
When: Meet 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM,
Info: Walk-ins are welcome.

From our President Continued

Its time to think about the new club officers. I want to see the club moving forward in a positive direction and gaining some new membership. We need some people to run for office. Chuck Ingle AB9KA had a real difficult time last year getting officer/board member nominations. Lets not have this happen again. We need some serious people to take over leadership of the club and guide it through the next year. Think long and hard about running. We need some deter-

mined people to get things moving forward again. The club is getting stale, membership is waining and the whole group lacks any enthusiasm/ volunteerism. Let get this corrected soon! The club needs new officers and some board seats filled. Lets make this an easy job for the new chairman. BTW I still need a nominating chairman. Any volunteers? Think JFK! Its not what the club can do for you but what can you do for your club.

The VP officially resigned last month although He has not been around most of the year. The Webmaster has also resigned. The 1st Hamrag editor resigned mostly due to heath reasons, but constant complaints were also a factor. The current Hamrag editor has also told me that he will not do it past the end of the year, for the same reasons as well as he is going back to school. If you have submissions or corrections that's greatly appreciated, however the other complaints or "I think you

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Full Report sent to ARRL!!

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| 1. Field Day Call: W9AXD | 11. Total QSO Points: 684 |
| 2. Club or Group Name: Rockford Amateur Radio Association | 12. Max Power Used: 100 Watts |
| 3. Number of Participants: 10 | 13. Power Multiplier: x 2 |
| 4. Transmitter Class: 2 | 14. Claimed QSO Score: 1368 |
| 5. Entry Class: A | 15. Bonus Points: |
| | 200 100% Emergency Power (2 xmttrs) |
| 6. Power Sources Used: 2 Generators | Total Bonus Points Claimed: 200 |
| 7. ARRL Section: <section> | Total Claimed Score: 1568 |
| 8. Total CW QSOs: 222 Points: 444 | |
| 9. Total Digital QSOs: 27 Points: 54 | |
| 10. Total Phone QSOs: 186 Points: 186 | |

AB9KA's Ham I-Q Refresher

Technician

When may a US amateur operator communicate with an amateur in a foreign country?

- A. Only when a third-party agreement exists between the US and the foreign country
- B. At any time except between 146.52 and 146.58 MHz
- C. Only when a foreign amateur uses English
- D. At any time unless prohibited by either government

General

What is the recommended way to break into a conversation when using phone?

- A. Say "QRZ" several times followed by your call sign
- B. Say your call sign during a break between transmissions from the other stations
- C. Say "Break" "Break" "Break" and wait for a response
- D. Say "CQ" followed by the call sign of either station

Extra

Which amateur stations are eligible to operate as Earth stations?

- A. Any amateur station whose licensee has filed a pre-space notification with the FCC International Bureau
- B. Only those of General, Advanced, or Amateur Extra Class operators
- C. Only those of Amateur Extra Class operators
- D. Any amateur station, subject to the privileges of the class of operator license held by the control operator

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should do it this way" comments are just not needed.

Its not easy to put the rag together. I really appreciate the job that has been done so far.

Now for something completely different!

Your not supposed to dread a club or board meeting. Your not supposed to fell compelled to go. You should gladly want to go.

Yet that's exactly where I am dreading meetings. I am completely burnt out. I really wanted to do some fun stuff, but without a VP to help, I've been doing two and sometimes three jobs at once. That just wasn't fair. I can tell you now that I will not be around next year. I'm sorry but that's just how it goes. I will not be filling a board seat next year. nor will I be a member. I am just completely burnt out. I have done the best I could do and its obviously not enough. I will stay till the end of the year. I do want to try and

make the best out of the last 4 meeting we have. This month's presentation is on creating a strategic plan for the club. Hopefully we can figure out what to do to make things better and move on.

I wish you all the best, and I'm sorry if I haven't lived up to your expectations.

This is the 1st time I've been President of any club. I really didn't want to do it. I wanted to be VP, but I was asked to be President. If I let you down

I am indeed sorry.

My deepest regrets,
Don KB9AYF

Secretary's Report

2007 RARA Officers and Board

President—Don Russell
KB9AYF
Vice President — Bob
Newman W9TZU
(Resigned)
Secretary — Chuck
Derwent K9SAN
Treasurer — Gene Harlan
WB9MMM
Directors:
Shari Harlan N9SH, Dan
Hunt KC9ATR,
Kurt Eversole KE9NJ and
Carl Cacciatore W9TQ
Newsletter — Joseph
Perry, KB9MTH
Web Master — Kurt
Eversole KE9NJ

The meeting for July 13, 2007 was called to order at 7:14.

Gene WB9MMM gave the treasures Report. Motion Given by Karl, W9TQ and second by No secretaries report given.

A full field day report will be given at the September meeting
Karl wants classes at

Rockvalley College Gene is holding Tech Classes at his home beginning July 24.

The ATV repeater was checked and water was found in the 70cm feed line.

The club will ask K9PK to update that repeater message for future events.

Gene is still seeking

assistance with the state street mile.

Chuck is still looking for assistance for on the water front. He will be calling folks asking for help.

The booth is at the ethnic stage. This is Booth T9 and Madison and Walnut.

There will be an email notice for the picnic.

FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Meets every Friday morning from 8 am until about 9:30 am. An informal gathering of ham folks, no affiliations necessary, good food and good company. Everyone is welcome to attend.

“Red Flame Family Restaurant” 915 S. Alpine Rd Across from Alpine Park

Minnesota Hams to the Rescue

According to a recent blog, Minnesota hams came to the rescue of victims of a recent bridge collapse. The blog posted by John Baichtal on August 2, 2007, states that John's mom was on her the bridge at the approximate time of the collapse. The blog can be found at <http://>

blog.wired.com/geekdad/2007/08/geek-dads-moms-.html. The blog portrays the importance of ARES being ready to serve at a moments notice.

RARA Repeaters

146.610 - ENC/DEC pl 114.8 W9AXD
147.000 + ENC/DEC pl 114.8 W9AXD
223.880 - ENC/DEC pl 118.8 W9AXD
ATV input 1250 Mhz/ 434 Mhz
W9ATN output 421.25 Mhz

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM NOTICE

Northern Illinois Volunteer Examiners will be holding the next Amateur Radio exam session in Rockford, IL on Saturday, August 19, 2006.

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)

Contact Information
Randy Scott, W9HL
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For sale or want items

I have some radio equipment that belonged to Roger Sawvell (SK) for sale. There is two handhels and charger and accessories

One 2 meter hand held Yaesu-- ft-23R

One 220 hand held FT-33R

There is the charger and ext. ants. for both radios, and a speaker mike and cases for both radios. There is also an extra ni-cad Battery pack. Fnb-11 600 mah Manuals for both radios. Asking \$200 for both or make an offer.

Dale KB9WD

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**ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Single Adult: \$25.00 Adult w/Family: \$30.00
Single Senior: \$15.00 Senior w/Family: \$20
Student: \$15.00

Above rate includes the RARA monthly newsletter, Ham Rag, via email.

Ham Rag Via U.S. Postal Service: \$12.00 extra

Name _____ Call Sign _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Renewal _____ New _____ Retired _____

Radio Interests _____

Other Interests _____

Suggestions: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 8465
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61126



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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.

<u>Nets</u>	
Monday 8PM	2 Meter 146.610 - 114.8
Thursday 7 PM	ARES 147.195 + 114.8
Thursday 8 PM	SATURN 146.610 - 114.8

