



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



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RARA Meets the 2nd Friday of Each Month at 7:00 PM

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

(In the Foundation Room on the lower level.

Check our website for possible room or location changes.)

The club meetings include a program after the business portion of the meeting as well as fellowship with other hams.

RARA Activities

- An “Awards Banquet” is after each new year.
- “Field Day” is the last weekend of June.
- Midway Village Museum volunteers for telegraphs in action.
- Our club members are involved in many activities in our community and in various capacities including FCC license (VE) testing, repeater and emergency communications



Informal Friday Morning Breakfast

This is every Friday morning from 8:00 am until about 9:30 am at the Spring Garden Family Restaurant, 4820 North 2nd Street, Loves Park, Illinois 61111. This is not a RARA sponsored event and all are welcome to attend.



Monday Night Information Net

At 8:00 PM every Monday evening, on the 146.610 repeater.

The purpose of the net is to disseminate RARA related information, as well as other Amateur Radio related information. The Net Control is rotated between the club members. To make this new a success, RARA members as well as non-members are encouraged to check in. Let any of the officers or board know your thoughts and ideas. If you wish to be a net control operator, contact any of our officers. All are encouraged and welcome to participate.

Our Newsletter

The Ham Rag is emailed to members each month (optional mailed copies are available). Current and past copies can be accessed at the W9AXD.org website.

Take a look at a sample copy. [Click Here](#)



What's the Appeal of Ham Radio?

You can communicate from the top of a mountain, your home, or behind the wheel of your car, all without relying on the Internet or a cell phone network. You can take a radio wherever you go!

In times of disasters, when regular communication channels fail, hams can swing into action, assisting emergency communication efforts and working with public service agencies. For instance, the Amateur Radio Service kept New York City agencies in touch with each other after their command center was destroyed during the 9/11 tragedy. Ham radio also came to the rescue during Hurricane Katrina, where all other communications failed, and the devastating flooding in Colorado in 2013.

You can communicate with other hams using your voice and a microphone, interface a radio with your computer, or tablet, to send data, text, images, or Morse code, which remains incredibly popular. You can even talk to astronauts aboard the International Space Station, talk to other hams through one of several satellites in space, or bounce signals off the moon and back to Earth!

Some hams like to build and experiment with electronics. Computer hobbyists enjoy using Amateur Radio's digital communications opportunities. Others compete in "DX contests," where the object is to see how many hams in distant locations they can contact. Mostly, we use ham radio to form friendships over the air or through participation in one of more than 2000 Amateur Radio clubs throughout the country. There are over 700,000 radio amateurs in the United States and over 2,000,000 worldwide.

Our Website

W9AXD.org provides RARA club information and current ham related news. It also includes a map of the local repeaters in the area plus instructions on how to access them.



Take a look. [Click Here](#)



RARA is an ARRL Affiliated Service Club

The club officers consist of the President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. It also includes four board members, Ham Rag editor, and Webmaster, serving a term of January through December, and elected in October by popular vote at the October club meeting.



Illinois Repeater Association

The Rockford Amateur Radio Association is a member of the Illinois Repeater Association.

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