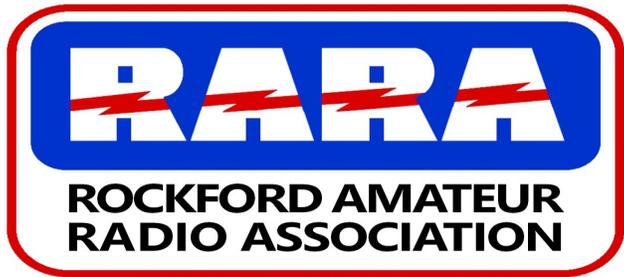


HAMRAG

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.

September 2017

Presidents Message

Greetings all,

Here it is, the first of September, and I wonder where the year has gone. Time has been passing by faster than I like, and there is still way too much to do.

The big push for the club right now is getting ready for the annual hamfest put on by The Chicago FM Club. This event will be held on September 23rd, which is a Saturday, at the Boone County Fairgrounds. This is our annual fundraiser for our club and this year we have four tables to display items donated to the club for sale. We also have some items that we will sell for members for a percentage of the sale price. If you have anything ham radio related you would like to sell, please contact myself, or Kurt Eversole, KE9N, and we will arrange with you to get your items for sale. We are also looking for volunteers to help man the tables during the event. If you could donate a couple hours of time, it would be appreciated. Also again this year, we will also be sharing space with James Dorsey, KC9GCR, "Mr. Friday Night Fun Net" and our new full time Monday Night Information Net control operator. If you have never met Jimmy, this is your chance. Stop by our tables, meet him, and see what we have for sale.

I hope to see you at our monthly meeting on Friday, September 8th at 7:00 pm at OSF hospital in the Foundation room and at the hamfest on the 23rd.

73,
Gordon Seaman KC9NEX



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NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY
September 8, 2017
7:00 pm

"Magnetic Loop Antennas"

By: Kurt Eversole
KE9N

Location:
OSF St. Anthony
Medical Center
5666 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108
Foundation Room



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

Secretary's Report



RARA Club Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2017

Gordon, KC9NEX, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with 17 attendees.

Jennifer, KD9FMJ, read the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept was made by Tom Shouler, N9VJU, second by Larry Schubert, AC9GO, The motion passed.

The minutes from the July 14, 2017 meeting were read. A motion to accept was made by Kurt Eversole, KE9N, second by Ron Callahan, N2RON. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Jim Holich, AB9SX, talked about VE testing and that most participants are not from the area or are license upgrades.

New Business:

Shawn Raffety discussed the need for a storm spotting group (Skywarn) in the area. They would use the repeater on 147.195. This Skywarn group has no ties to any other weather group and will be called the Northern Illinois Skywarn Group.

Robert Larson, KC9ICH, is our W9AXD license trustee.

Randy Long, AC9OF, let us know that the RARA website is moving to a new server. He is looking for ideas to add to the website.

Kurt Eversole, KE9N, reported that the hamfest in Belvidere put on by the Chicago FM Club will be September 23, 2017. We again will have a table to sell items to raise money for the club. Kurt is looking for equipment to add to our collection at the sale. Randy Long offered to pay for three tables as a donation. Kurt handed out flyers on the event.

Bruce Carlson, N9OHT, reported on the W9M Special Event Station that will be live on Sept. 23rd. This year we are operating from our homes. The event commemorates the Midway Village Museum World War II Days.

Presentation: Kermit Carlson-W9XA ARRL Central Division Director

50/50 Raffle: \$32 collected and raffle won by Randy Long (\$16)

A motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm was made by Tom Shouler, N9VJU, second by Jim Holich, AB9SX. The motion passed.

Prepared by Bruce Carlson, N9OHT, Secretary

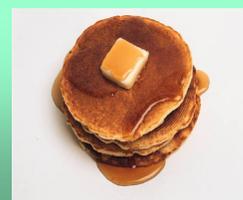
FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Meets every Friday morning from 8 am until about 10:00 am. An informal gathering of ham folks, no affiliations necessary, good food and good company.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

"The Spring Garden Family Restaurant"

***4820 N. 2nd Street
Loves Park, IL 61111***



Editors Note

If you would like to have something published, please call me, or email me at kurt.eversole@gmail.com

Cut-off for the October 2017 issue will be Wednesday, September 29, 2017

Kurt - KE9N, Editor

Local Events and Information

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8, 2017 - General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

September 19, 2017 - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

September 23, 2017 - Chicago FM Club Hamfest - Boone Cty. Fairgrounds

October 13, 2017- General RARA Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

October 17, 2017 - RARA Board Meeting 7:00 pm at OSF

RARA Repeater Information

Both repeaters (146.610 and 147.000 (both have a pl 114.8)) will function with both digital and analog radio signals, but the repeaters require time to determine whether the signal is digital or analog. To operate the repeater properly you must first be sure the frequency is clear, then key and hold the microphone button down for **1-2 seconds**. Then begin speaking. If you fail to do this, the first part of your message will be lost.

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 (pl 114.8) repeater at 8:00 pm, every Monday, except on holidays.**

Tuesday Night Tech Net - at 8:00 pm, **145.110 (pl 123.0)**. Anthony, N9ARB, is net control.

Wednesday Night Stephenson County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) Net - at 7:00 pm on **147.390 (pl 114.8)**. N9ARB, Anthony, is net control.

Friday Night Fun Net - Every Friday night at 8:00 pm on **146.610 (pl 114.8)** repeater with Jimmy, KC9GCR as net control.

2017 RARA Officers and Board

Officers:

President - Gordon Seaman, KC9NEX, 815-262-0294, kc9nex@gmail.com

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Repeater License Trustee - Robert Larson, KC9ICH, 815-540-0309, rlarson4@sbcglobal.net

Hamfest Information

RADIO 2017 EXPO

Northern Illinois' Largest Hamfest

Dealers!

Saturday

Indoor Market 8am-3pm

Radios!

September 23th, 2017

Flea Market 6am-3pm

Computers!

Breakfast - Lunch

Electronics!

Boone County Fairgrounds

Bring The Family

Raffles!

8791 IL-76, Belvidere, IL 61008

Hourly Drawings

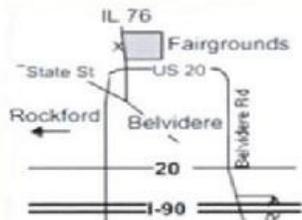
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VEC Testing 9am-Noon

Talk-In Repeaters

147.255+ 114.8PL Rockford

147.150+ 107.2PL Chicago



Camping Welcome

RV's or Motor Homes

Water-Electric \$35

No Waste Service

Advance Tickets - \$8.00 - At the Gate - \$10.00 - Kids under 12 Free - Tickets required with Tables

Name & Call _____ # of Tickets _____ x \$8 = _____

Address _____ All tables _____ x \$15 = _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ \$10.00 - Inside Electric _____ \$10.00 - Outside Electric _____

For event questions: Call 773-614-4733 Make Check payable to: Total _____

Email wa9orc@gmail.com Chicago FM Club

Flyer on website <http://www.chicagofmclub.org> 1633 W 38th St.
Chicago IL 60609

CFMC reserves the right to make any necessary changes required - Vendor setup is Friday, September 22 from 9am - 4pm with security over night

Sailing From the Past Into the Future



Hamfesters Ham radio club presents its annual SS Badger cruise on 9/23 9/24/17 and travels between Manitowoc WI & Ludington MI and back.

Reservations have to be made by September 11th to take advantage of the special preferred pricing. Call [800/841-4243](tel:8008414243) for reservations; ask for the "Ham Radio Cruise" special preferred pricing. Adult round trip is \$99. Stateroom w/overnight accommodations additional \$75 (includes breakfast Sunday morning)

The SS Badger is a 410 foot long car ferry built in the early 1950's to haul railroad cars across Lake Michigan so that the rail roads would not have to bring them thru the Chicago area. Since the railroads no longer need to do this for the past several decades she has been converted to being a car ferry and has the capability to carry very heavy cargo. because of her large size she can carry all sorts of oversize cargo such as a full windmill turbine generator and large printing presses to name a few things. She is also the last coal fired steam ship sailing on the great lakes.

We have permission to set up radio gear in the cabana room and put antennas on the roof of the ship (very short feedline run) and work HF contacts going across the lake and are free to play on the radio any time.

We leave Manitowoc at 2pm Saturday for a 4 hr. cruise across the lake then dinner in Ludington in an area restaurant then an overnight stay in 1 of the Badgers cabins. Sunday morning we have a breakfast buffet at the start of the return trip .

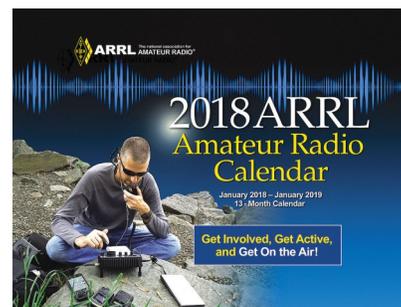
In the past we have received tours of the ship including the bridge, and a chance to take the wheel for a couple of minutes. For more information and pictures go to www.ssbadger.com and <https://www.hamfesters.org/main/picture-gallery/badger-ham-cruise-2013/> , or drop me an email at bofb322@aol.com we would love to have more company for a fun trip. As I like to say a 410' ship of steel in a body of water makes a great ground plane.

The 2018 ARRL Calendar is Now Shipping

Talking to friends. Serving your community. Chasing DX. Trying a new mode. Working a contest. Taking your radio out in the field. The [2018 ARRL Calendar](#) features photos of exciting on-air operating activities, that we hope will inspire you to get involved, active, and on the air too!

The 2018 ARRL Calendar includes:

- ARRL Contests and other major ham radio contests
- National event dates: ARRL Field Day, Kids Day, JOTA, and more!
- Phases of the moon and meteor showers
- Holidays and other important dates
- 2018 Monthly Planner
- Bonus Month (January 2019)



This year, the calendar features four winners from the 2018 #ARRL Calendar Facebook Photo Contest: Bradley Bowers, KF2I; Andrey Fedorov, RW3AH; Timothy McGuire, KJ4OLI, and Jack Reed, WA7LNW. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to everyone who participated!

The [2018 ARRL Calendar](#) is available from the [ARRL Store](#) or your [ARRL Dealer](#). (ARRL Order No. 0734), ISBN: 978-62595-073-4, \$12.95 retail). Call [860-594-0355](tel:8605940355) or, toll-free in the US, [888-277-5289](tel:8882775289); www.arrl.org/shop; pubsales@arrl.org.

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 would like to join at our next meeting (see 1st page for meeting details), fill out the form and bring the form with your payment to the meeting and see our treasurer, Jennifer Van Zieleghe, KD9FMJ. **Thank you for your support!**

ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

website: w9axd.org

Membership Type : New Renewal

Annual Fees: \$20 - Student (up to age 24)

\$35 - Adult \$25 - Senior (age 62+)

Above rate includes the RARA monthly newsletter, Ham Rag, via email
Ham Rag via USPS: \$12 extra

Name _____

Call Sign : _____

Email Address : _____

Address : _____

Town : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

Home Phone # _____ Work # _____

Cell # _____ Ext : _____

Radio Interests _____

May we make your phone and e-mail available for other RARA members only?

Yes

No

Comments _____

RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO:
ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 8465
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61126