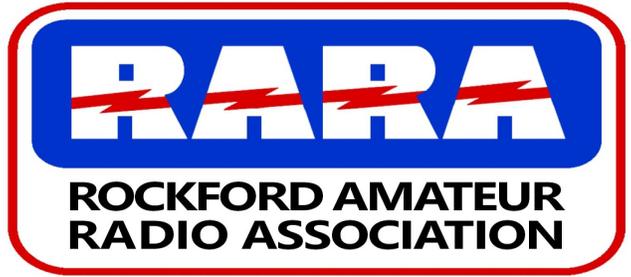


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RARA Mission Statement

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

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My Fellow Hams,

Here it is November already. Time for another Thanksgiving and for the Christmas season to start. Last month we had nominations for the board, and this month we vote to make those nominated official. We do have a problem, however. We had two people nominated for president, and neither wanted to seek the office for personal reasons. We actually had more than enough apply for board positions, but since Gordy has held various board positions over the past four years he can't hold an office until a year has passed according to the bylaws. I want to take this opportunity to thank Gordy for the work he has done for the club, and actually continues to do as license holder for the repeaters.

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I am stepping down as president mostly so my wife and I can take off at any time to visit family and friends. We haven't seen any of the grand kids for over two years now, and three of them have graduated from high school since we last saw them. On the other hand, some are young enough that if it wasn't for computer's they would have forgotten us by now. I finally retired last year, so this will give me some time to catch up on things. I've tried FT8 and got it to the point that I could read the stations but couldn't get the transmission end going. On top of that I have a 20/40 dipole that thinks it is a 18 meter antenna, which makes no sense to me at all. I think it has a bad coax which has never seen more than 1000 watts ssb, and for good RG 8 rated for direct under ground burial that is less than 5 years old and has never been under ground it doesn't make sense. Oh well, I'll figure it out.

NEXT MEETING

November 12

7:00 PM

Live

On AIR

**146.610
Repeater
Or
147.195**

You will be E-mailed a ballot showing those nominated for office. We need an up or down vote from you for those selected. It will take half the club members or half of all members who have voted to put them in office. The vote ends Tuesday November 30 th at 5pm. If I get 18 yes votes before that I will announce the winners. Since we do not have a president on the ballot, we are asking for nominations for president of any member who has been with the club for at least half a year. Put your vote in the subject line of the e-mail and the nomination in the body. Nominations for president have to be willing to serve.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

73

Larry AC9GO



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Local Events and Information

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12 2021 - On Live Radio 7pm - 146.610 or 147.195
Weekly Monday Night Net 7 pm —Tuesday Night Net - Thursday Night Net

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

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

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM NOTICE

Contact Brandon for more information as to the Freeport IL testing times and location.

Brandon J McGrew bmacmagoo@hotmail.com There is also testing available in Janesville.

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Name:Call Sign.....

Street address.....City.....State.....Zip.....

E-mail.....Best Phone.....

Can we release E-mail and phone to members only? Yes....No....

What things do you like to do with Ham radio?
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What do you want to do, but need more information to do it?.....
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Would you be available to make a presentation on some part of our hobby and what?.....
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What can we as a club do better?.....
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