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President's Traffic

By Harry Jones K9DXA

We elected the 2013 FRRL Board of Directors at the December, 2012 meeting. They are President Harry K9DXA, Vice President Dawn KC9LQS, Secretary Mike K9FE, Treasurer Dean KC9EOQ, new Director John N9STK, new Director Michael KC9OPV, returning Director Denny W9HI and returning Director Jack K9JE. Congratulations to the new and returning board members. Following elections, we voted for Ham of the Year, and the award will be announced and presented at the January Banquet. Get your tickets! After the elections, we had a great party with lots of goodies. Chris KC9IEQ ran a terrific raffle. I think everyone went home with something. Mike K9FE took our food and cash donations to our favorite charity. The donations were well received.

This is the first opportunity to write you in the New Year, so I thought I would renew my call for feedback on the general direction that FRRL is heading. I am interested in whether you are happy with the status quo programming wise, or if there are areas where FRRL annual programming should change or improve. There are so many facets of amateur radio that I can imagine some of you have interests or curiosities that may not be presented at a meeting or event. If so, then please let me know so I can find expertise to consider such an activity. If you have such interests and knowledge, then by all means, please come forward and volunteer to share that with the membership.

I helped celebrate the end of the Mayan Calendar by participating in the annual seven hour QRP "Zombie" event, called the Zombie Shuffle (because everyone knows Zombies do not sprint). I worked 23 others on 5 watts for a decent score.

Don't forget to renew your FRRL membership at the January meeting. You need to do that by January in order to make the new Roster Book. See Dean KC9EOQ.

Anybody interested in getting more volunteer net control operators signed up to continue the Tuesday night 2M net? We will need a new Net Control Leader as well.

There seems to be a spike in kit building among our group. Dick AH6EZ is preparing to show you some of that. And John KC9OJV always seems to be working on some sort of kit or kit modification for his shack. Got any ideas for winter time FRRL operating activities? Let's get something going! Don't forget to turn in those HF Challenge log sheets. If you would like to help keep 10M alive, please check out the FRRL web-site for info on the City of Lights nets on Mondays.

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the General Membership of the Fox River Radio League (FRRL) an Illinois not-for-profit Corporation Held at St. Rita of Cascia, Aurora, IL

Meeting Minutes December 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM by President Harry K9DXA.

Reports

- Minutes from the November Membership Meeting were presented by Secretary Paul AC9BS. Mike K9FE moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Harry K9DXA. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Dean KC9EOQ reported the amounts held by the club. Mike K9FE moved to accept Treasurer Report, second by Harry K9DXA. Motion carried.
- Kendall, DuPage, and Kane Counties ARES representatives gave updates on their respective organizations.

Old Business

Dick AH6EZ informed members that the FRRL Tuesday night net is on hold until a renewed interest from net control operators are willing to commit for its reinstatement. He still encourages a freestyle ad-hoc discussion group to take place on Tuesday nights.

New Business

- Harry K9DXA announced that the Ham of the Year award will be presented at the banquet in Jan. after all the votes are counted.
- Jack K9JE announced the new 2013 FRRL Board of Directors:
- President Harry K9DXA, Vice-President Dawn KC9LQS, Treasurer Dean KC9EOQ, Secretary Mike K9FE, Director John N9STK, Director Mike KC9OPV.

Announcements

Announcements were made on numerous topics.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Eric K9LGE and seconded by Larry W9OKI. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Paul Mandrik AC9BS FRRL Secretary

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

CALL	NAME
KB9QFP	Gladwin Bock Jr.
KC9WXO	George King-Spengler

Program Notes

The January program will be about how to Overcome Your Fears of SMD Soldering. Dick AH6EZ built a 500KHz transmitter with over 200 SMD devices using solder paste and a hot air tool. He will provide lots of hints and kinks as well as a description and pictures of the Finnish engineered Juma kit. There will be some tutorial videos and hands on experiences if you wish.

Bill Erikson HF Challenge Update

The challenge is almost over for 2012. The winners will be announced at the club banquet on January 26, 2013. Join the festivities: good food, entertainment and the opportunity to socialize with your FRRL friends, plus the Ham of the Year and HF Challenge awards.

The Challenge will return next month with a fresh start for everyone.

From the Editor:

After four years preparing the monthly newsletter I have decided it is time to pass the baton. Dean KC9EOQ has graciously accepted the position of newsletter editor. He will start with next month's publication. Thank you for your support and I hope to see you at future club meetings or events.

73, Tobi K9TCD

About the FRRL

The Fox River Radio League, Inc., is a general interest amateur radio club serving the central Fox River Valley area. Records indicate the club has been in existence since at least 1924, and has functioned continuously ever since. We are an ARRL Special Service Club, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, and a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization as specified in IRS Statutes.

We sponsor training classes for new hams, license examination sessions, an annual hamfest, and participate in various public service events. If you have a specialized amateur radio interest, chances are you can share it with one or more of our club members.

The Fox River Radio League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Rita of Cascia Church in Aurora. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM and includes social time,

a business portion and a program of interest.

All persons interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. Families are welcome.

We hope to see you there!

License Exams

The Fox River Radio League, Inc., in conjunction with the ARRL VEC, conducts amateur examinations on the 3rd Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November at St. Rita of Cascia Church in Aurora at 7:30 PM. A special session is held at the club's hamfest, usually in July each year. No advance registration is required, but please be sure to bring your license (if you have one) and a photocopy

of it, some form of photo identification and the fee of \$15.00. (The FRRL receives no portion of this fee.)

The next exam session is scheduled for January 15 at St. Rita of Cascia Church in Aurora. Please see the [frri.org](http://www.frri.org) website for details.

FRRL Dues

Annual dues are payable no later than the January Club Meeting each year. New members joining during the year will have their first year's dues prorated to the nearest yearly quarter.

Regular dues are \$20.00 a year, Senior Citizen dues are \$12.00. Family dues are \$30.00. Members can help support the FRRL Repeaters by making an annual \$10.00 donation.

Check with the Treasurer for details and additional dues rates.

Nets

Net Name	Freq.	Day	Time
FRRL	147.210	Tuesday	7:30 PM Local
10-10 CW	28.150	Monday	8:00 PM Local
10-10 SSB	28.720	Monday	8:30 PM Local

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FRRL Event Calendar

January, 2013

FRRL Board Meeting 2
FRRL Meeting 8
VE Session 15
FRRL Banquet..... 26

February, 2013

FRRL Board Meeting 4
FRRL Meeting 12

ArcOver FRRL Newsletter

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Local Area Repeaters/Nets

W9CEQ—147.210 Mhz + 600 KHz, 103.5 access tone
Owned by FRRL

W9CEQ—444.300 Mhz IRLP Node # 4850 + 5 Mhz, 114.8 access tone
Owned by FRRL

W9CEQ__B D-Star—442.10625 Mhz (+ 5.0 Mhz offset)
W9CEQ__C D-Star—147.225 Mhz (+600 KHz offset)
FRRL Digital Voice/Data Repeaters
Contact W9XA for information

W9XA/R—443.62 Mhz (+ 5.0 Mhz offset)
W9XA/R—224.4 Mhz (- 1.6 Mhz offset)
Owned by W9XA

KC9OEM—145.470 Mhz. -600 KHz, 103.5 access tone
KC9OEM—444.525 Mhz + 5 Mhz, 114.8 access tone
(2 meter is primary Kane Co. SKYWARN /ARES freq)
Owned by Kane County OEM

W9DWP—Kane Co. Amateur Public Svc. Rptrs.
145.270 -600 KHz, 107.2 access tone
443.025 +5 Mhz 114.8 access tone
Both repeaters are dual mode APCO-25 NAC-293

W9ZGP—NIARC
147.060 +600 KHz, 103.5 access tone

- Weekly ARES/Skywarn Net—Wed. Eve. at 6:30 pm local time on the KC9OEM 2 meter repeater
- Weekly FRRL Net—Tues. Eve. at 7:30 pm local time on the FRRL 2 Meter repeater.
- Monthly Simplex Net—4th Tues following weekly FRRL Net on the FRRL 2 Meter repeater.
- Illinois DStar Net - Wed. Eve. at 8:00 pm local time on the DStar 440 repeater.