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About Us

Who We Are

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Net Coordinator: Curt Sauer, W9YNP The Fox River Radio League, Inc. is a general interest Amateur Radio club serving the central Fox River Valley area in Illinois. Club records indicate the club has been in existence since at least 1924, and it 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 Federal IRS Statutes.

We sponsor training classes for those seeking a new or upgraded Amateur Radio license, license examination sessions, and participation in various local Public Service events. Our membership covers a broad variety of interests - if you have a specialized amateur radio interest, you will likely find camaraderie with one or more of our club members.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Bethany Lutheran Church, located at 8 S. Lincoln St. in Batavia, III. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM and includes a short business portion, social time and a program presentation of interest.

Meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in the amateur radio hobby are invited to attend. Family members are welcome.

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Fox River Radio League

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Our August 9th membership meeting program will be on earthquakes presented by Thom Beebe W9RY.

Make sure to come and learn how you can be prepared for such an emergency.

Hope to hear you on the airwaves.

Terry - W9AUV

President Todd Welcomes



Our Newest Members

Callsign	Name	License Class		
KA7YHA	Eric Baloun	General		
W9BIG	Michael Schnur	General		
KD9VNL	Tom Cahill	Technician		









Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the <u>General Membership</u> of the Fox River Radio League (FRRL) an Illinois not-for-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes July 12, 2022-

The July meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted at Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL. There were 34 members in attendance and 11 members on zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 1930CST by President-Elect Terry Todd, W9AUV

Board members present. Board Members and Directors Present President, Terry Todd WA9AUB Vice-President, Roger Bara W9YU Secretary, Art Shuter NN9I Treasurer, Dan Harmon WA9YKK Director 1, NETS/RPTR'S Ruben Noceda N9ARN Director 2, Education Robert Littler W9DSR Director 4, Technical Adrian Dinwiddle KB9QQL (Z00M)

Minutes: Acceptance of the June 14, 2022 Membership Meeting minutes as printed in the ArcOver were approved by

the membership. Motion: Mike K9FE 2nd: Tom WD9DAU

Reports:

Repeater: Ruben N9ARN reported that the report on all of the repeaters has been completed and forwarded to Terry W9AUV

VE Update: Denny W9HI said the Tech and General classes have finished.

Old Business: Field Day: Denny W9HI gave a detailed report on the scores of the stations that operated at field day. He also gave a note of thanks by name to all the people who were present and contributed in any way.

Jerry N9JLC said he had contacted police and mayors to invite them to field day however none were able to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:20 CST Respectfully submitted, Art Shuter – NN9I FRRL Secretary





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Field Day Entry

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2022 Field Day Entry - Confirmation

Thanks for submitting your Field Day entry. However, it is not complete! You must upload a Cabrillo log or dupe sheet in order to complete your entry. Your confirmation number is 244sr17d. A summary of your submission is provided below for your review, as well as e-mailed to you. If you have any questions about your entry, please contact the Contest section at contests@arri.org.

Link
Update entry/upload documents http://field-day.aml.org/fdentry.php?call=w9ne8id=244srl7d
Soapbox comments/photos http://contests.aml.org/contestsoapbox.php?call=w9ne8id=244srl7d

Summary

Entry received at: 2022-07-08 04:59:46 UTC

Submitted by: Dennis Barfuss, W9HI E-mail: dbarfuss1@gmail.com

Call Used: W9NE GOTA Station Call: W9CEQ ARRL/RAC Section: IL Class: 7A

Participants: 64 Club/Group Name: Fox River Radio League

Power Source(s): Generator

Power Multiplier: 2X

Preliminary Total Score: 7,740

Bonus Points:

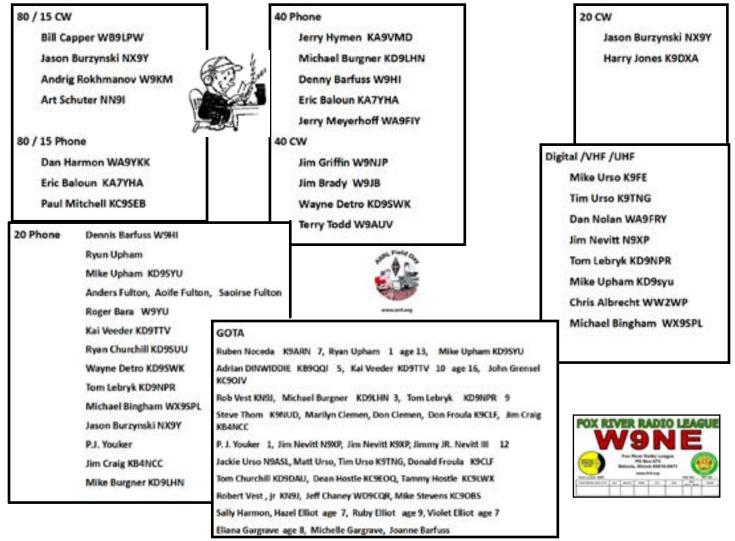
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Public location	100	
Public information table	100 Documents	ed by IMG-2518.jpg
Formal message to ARRL SM/SEC	100 Documents	ed by RadiogramW9RY_FD2022.PDF
W1AW Field Day message	100 Documents	ed by Field Day 2022 Bulletin PDF.pdf
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Safety officer	100 Documents	ed by Safety Officer FD Checklist.pdf
Social media	100	
Entry submitted via web	50	
Total bonus points	1.538	





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STATION OPERATORS AND VISITORS











Billed as "America's Night Out Against Crime," National Night Out encourages residents to lock their doors, turn on their porch lights and spend the evening getting to know their neighbors, police officers, firefighters and other city officials.

National Night Out events are held with more than 38 million people in 16,000-plus communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.



We are going to have a table set up to demonstrate and promote amateur radio and our club.



Elburn

Elburn Police Department will host its National Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2nd, at Lions Park, 500 Filmore St. There will be free Ream's hot dogs, a DJ, photo booth and bounce houses. Visit www.elburn.il.us.



The CW Operators' Club (CWops) reports that their spring 2022 CW Academy program is complete, and 314 students completed courses to learn Morse code or improve their CW skills.

The CW Academy emphasizes head-copy skills, along with effortless sending. There is no fee involved and classes are held twice a week using Zoom or Skype. More information about signing up for a class, or how to become volunteer, can be found at <u>https://cwops.org/cw-academy/cw-academy-options.</u>



WA9NPZ





John Martin, 90, of Montgomery, IL, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2022. He was born November 27, 1931, in Aurora, IL

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FCC Legacy CORES System to be Retired

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will retire the Legacy version of its COmmission REgistration System (CORES) on July 15, 2022. CORES is the FCC's publicfacing database that enables and tracks certain types of FCC and FCC applicant actions, including amateur radio applications and licenses. Its implementation has enabled routine amateur applications and licenses to be issued overnight instead of over weeks, as was the case with earlier methods. ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® advises the amateur radio community to transition to the <u>updated version of CORES</u> as soon as possible.

In essence, CORES is designed to identify those who hold certain types of FCC licenses and FCC authorizations, including amateur licenses, and organize them in an easily accessible manner under a common FCC Registration Number (FRN) regardless of whether one holds a single such authority or thousands. The new CORES, in addition to assigning individual FRNs, allows holders of multiple FRNs to aggregate them under a single account where the licenses and authorization, fees and payments, and related actions can be administered from within the same account.

In effect, new CORES can be conceptualized as an electronic interactive file folder. The updated version of CORES has been available since 2016, and now its use will be mandatory for all amateur licensees when submitting amateur-related applications.

Starting on July 15, 2022, the Legacy CORES website will re-direct users to the Commission's updated CORES site. Although some functionalities in the old system will continue to work for a short time, the FCC has urged all users to transition to the updated CORES system to take advantage of its enhanced security and functionality.

Register with the FCC



Licensees that do not already have an FCC CORES Username Account must create one with a unique username (a valid email address) and password. After creating the account, when logged in, users should associate their existing FRN or FRNs with this account. Instructions for doing so are on the FCC Registration Help page. One's FRN is printed on all current amateur applications and licenses, and will not change. FRNs can also be found by looking up one's call sign in the Commission's ULS (https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/ searchLicense.jsp) or by using the FCC's advanced search page.

The FCC has posted Tutorial Videos to assist with the transition. ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, recommends viewing the videos "Getting Started With the New CORES," which explains how to register for a CORES Username Account, and "Associating an FRN to a Username," which instructs Legacy CORES users on how to link one or more existing FRNs to a username. FCC CORES Registration Instructions can also be found on the ARRL website.

Additional information is available on the FCC website or by calling the FCC Licensing Support Center at (877) 480-3201, Option 4, and on the FCC's e-support page.





August 6 - 7 | Cedar Valley ARC Techfest, hosting the ARRL Iowa State Convention, Central City, Iowa https://w0gq.org/hamfest/

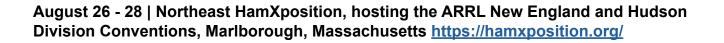


August 13 | Tidewater Hamfest and Swap Meet, hosting the ARRL Virginia State Convention, Portsmouth, Virginia <u>http://virginiabeachhamfest.com/</u>



August 20 - 21 | Huntsville Hamfest, hosting the ARRL Southeastern Division ConWvention, Huntsville, Alabama <u>https://hamfest.org/</u>

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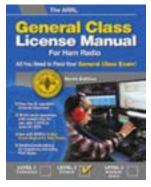




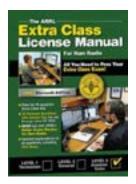


Fox River Radio League Technician

General



And Extra Radio Classes Resume In The Fall Of 2022



he Fox River Radio League (FRRL) presents regular training classes focused toward new Amateurs interested in gaining their Technician class license or upgrading to the General and Extra class licenses.

These are free courses where you will learn everything you need to receive or upgrade to the appropriate FCC radio license.

The textbook for the class will be the official ARRL License Manual. Books are available for purchase via the club at a discounted rate by emailing <u>education [at] frrl.org</u>.

Classes are instructor-led, and you can expect engaging conversations to ensue around the topics of discussion.

In addition to our regularly scheduled bi-monthly testing we will be scheduling a dedicated VE session after discussing best availability with the class participants. For more information on VE sessions, please see <u>VE Test Sessions</u>.





Calling all newly licensed hams.

Remeber the old Radio Shack slogan "You've got questions, We've got answers"?

Well, I know new hams have a lot of questions and those of us that have been hams for a while have the answers.

I will be adding a new segment to our Tuesday Night Net called "ask Elmer" If you have a question about ham radio, ask it on the air and someone will give you the answer over the air.

Now, for this to work properly we need lots of questions and lots of people who know the answers.

Don't be afraid to ask a simple or "stupid" question, we all had them when we started. Would you like to be an "Elmer" whithout getting out of your chair? Well, this is the opportunity you have been waiting for.

I want to invite all the club members to check-in to the net and either ask a question or provide an answer.

You never know what you might learn or what fun you will have if you don't join the net. For those who may need a reminder, The net meets on our club 2-meter repeater (147.21 MHz, 103.5 Hz PL tone) Every Tuesday at 7:30PM except on our meeting nights.

Hope to hear you on the net soon.

73, Curt W9YNP



The Radio Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is...

CONSIDERATE... He never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...He offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his country through which Amateur Radio in his country is represented nationally and internationaly.

PROGRESSIVE... He keeps his station up to date. It is well build and efficient. His operating practice is above reproach.

FRIENDLY... He operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED... Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC... His station and skills are always ready for serice to country and community

...adapted from the original Amateur's Code, Written by Paul M Sega;I, W9EEA, in 1928

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Taken from: Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur.

BRING BACK "RADIO IN THE PARK"

Harry Jones K9DXA" started "Radio in the Park" years ago. His idea was take your radio out to a local park and set it up and operate. Since we can't have any thing big, just take your rig, wear your mask, set up an antenna, radio and have fun.



The idea of this is bring ham radio to the public. Make a small sign with your name, call sign, and please add FRRL also. Would like some photo of your operation. May get someone to take a picture of you operating. Will try to get your picture into the news letter. Please send a short report to me at my FRRL address. *Director3@frrl.org*

Dave K9wdb









Since August is National Picnic Month.. Picnic & relax in a park and get on the air - if you do let me know and share some pictures !!





VE Testing

The FRRL, in conjunction with the ARRL VEC, sponsors regular amateur examinations the third Thursday of every March, April, May and June. Ad-hoc sessions are planned during major events and will be added to the schedule here as well.

Upcoming Testing Schedule:

TBD

Testing Location: Geneva Lutheran Church 301 S 3rd St, Geneva, IL 60134



No Walk-ins. All events subject to COVID-19 venue availability and restrictions. Please pre-register by <u>emailing</u> or calling Dan Harmon 630-272-1768

Please also be sure to bring:

- Photo identification
- Your FCC generated FCC Registration Number (FRN).
- The fee of \$15.00. (The FRRL receives no portion of this fee.)

- If upgrading bring your original FCC HAM Radio License (or the documentation you received) and a photocopy of your license.

If you have questions about the testing program, please email the Chairman at: ve@frrl.org

Illinois Traffic Net



You can also participate in one (or all) of the Illinois Traffic Nets. Everyone is welcome with or without traffic. The nets are the North Central Phone Net, Daily (M-F) at 7 a.m. local time, on 3912 kHz LSB; the Illinois Phone Net, Monday – Friday at 4:45 p.m. local time, on 3857 kHz LSB and on Sunday at 8 a.m. on 3940 kHz; and the Illinois Sideband Net, Daily at 6 p.m. local time, on 3905 kHz LSB.



There are plenty of volunteer organizations that could use your radio skills.



The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES. Training may be required or desired to participate fully in ARES. Please inquire at the local level for specific information. Because ARES is an amateur radio program, only licensed radio amateurs are eligible for membership. The possession of emergency-powered equipment is desirable, but is not a requirement for membership.

ARES

Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES.

ARES Resources

Download the ARES Manual [PDF]

- · ARES Field Resources Manual [PDF]
- <u>ARES Standardized Training Plan Task Book [Fillable PDF]</u>
- <u>Emergency Communications Training</u>





Here are the hamfests as I know them now. Remember to check into the arrl.org page for the latest information.

April 30,2022 - Sullivan Hamfest Location: Sullivan, IL Website: <u>https://www.qsl.net/mark/</u>

May 1, 2022 - The DeKalb Hamfest Location: Sandwich, IL Website: <u>http://karc-club.org.</u>

June 5, 2022 - Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest Location: Mendota, IL Website: <u>http://www.w9mks.org</u>

June 12, 2022 – Egyptianfest Location: Granite City, IL Website: <u>hamfest@w9aiu.net</u>

July 17, 2022 - Karsfest Location: Peotone, IL Website: <u>http://w9az.com/karsfest.html</u>

August 7, 2022 - Hamfesters Radio Club Hamfest Location: Peotone, IL Website: <u>http://ham-ham.org</u>

August 13, 2022 - West Central Illinois Hamfest Location: Carlinville, IL Website: https://wcilhamfest.com/ September 16 & 17, 2022 - 2022 W9DXCC Convention Location: Naperville, IL Website: <u>http://www.w9uvi.org</u>

September 17-18, 2022 - Midwest Superfest 2022, ARRL Illinois State Convention Location: East Peoria, IL Website: <u>http://www.w9uvi.org</u>

September 23-24, 2022 - HRO Superfest, ARRL Central Division Convention Location: Milwaukee, WI

September 25, 2022 - Radio Expo Hamfest Location: Belvidere, IL Website:: <u>http://chicagofmclub.org</u>

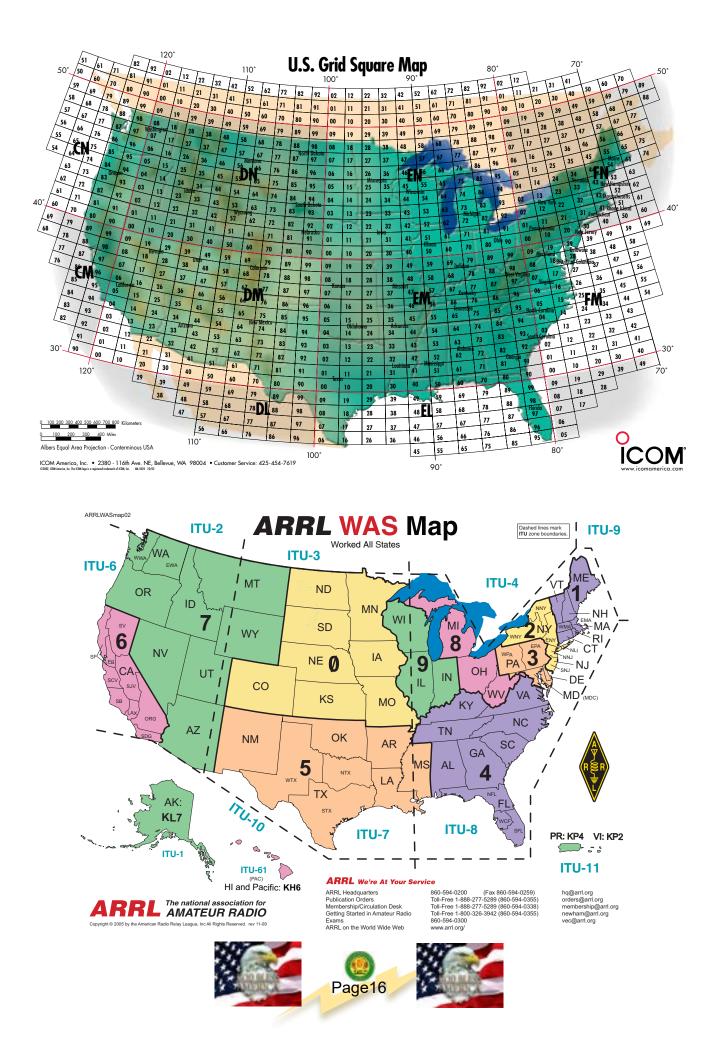
January 28, 2023 - Winterfest Location: Collinsville, IL Website: <u>http://winterfest.slsrc.org</u>

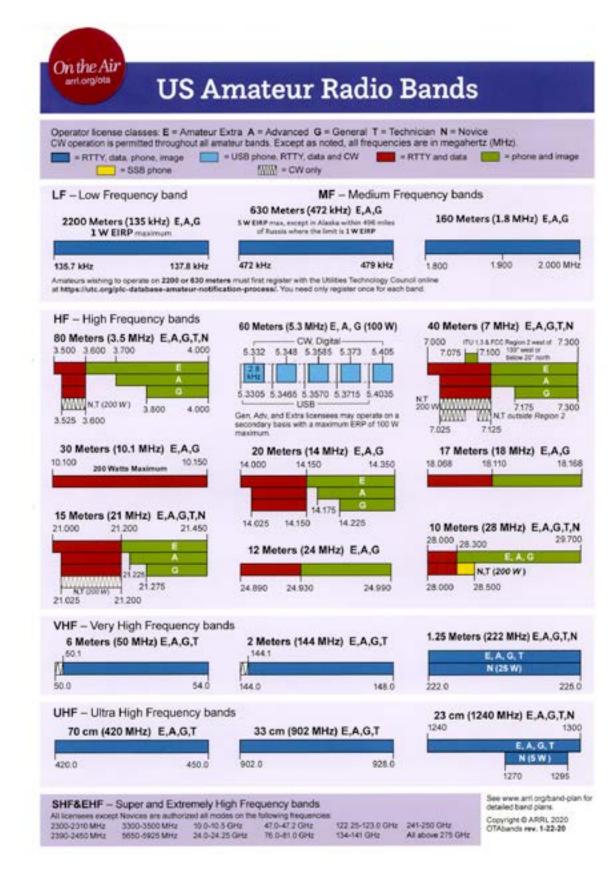
73 until next time and good propagation.

ARRL Illinois Section Section Manager: Thomas H Beebe, W9RY <u>w9ry@arrl.org</u>











FRRL Repeaters:	Other Local Repeaters:			
W9CEQ 147.225 MHz - Auto C4FM/Fusion, FM, and Wires-X +600 KHz Offset 100.0 Hz access tone W9CEQ 147.210 MHz +600 KHz Offset 103.5 Hz access tone	W9XA/R Batavia 23CM 1292.00 MHz, -20 MHz offset 114.8 Hz access tone Owned by W9XA, available for club use			
W9CEQ 444.300 MHz - IRLP and Echolink are currently unavailable +5 MHz Offset 114.8 Hz access tone	(Primary Kane County SKYWARN / ARES Freq) KC9OEM 2M 145.470 MHz, -600 KHz Offset 103.5 Hz access tone			
W9CEQ_B 442.10625 MHz - D-Star +5.0 MHz offset	Owned by Kane County OEM			
Other Local Repeaters:	KC9OEM 70CM			
W9XA/R Batavia 1.25M 224.4 MHz, -1.6 MHz offset	444.525 MHz, +5 MHz Offset - Auto C4FM/Fusion and FM and WIRES-X 114.8 Hz access tone Owned by Kane County OEM			
224.4 MHz, -1.6 MHz onset 114.8 Hz access tone Owned by W9XA, available for club use	Kane County Public Service Repeaters			
W9XA/R Batavia 70CM DMR 443.65625 MHz, +5 MHz offset DMR ID 311760 Chicagoland-CC Bridge Owned by W9XA, available for club use	W9DWP 145.270 MHz, -600 KHz, 107.2 access tone - dual mode APCO-25 NAC-293 443.025 MHz, +5 MHz, 114.8 access tone - Auto C4FM/Fusion, FM, and Wires-X W9ZGP NIARC 147.060 MHz, +600 KHz, 103.5 access tone			
443.64375 MHz, +5 MHz offset Chicagoland-CC Bridge Owned by W9XA, available for club use	***Also see the bottom row of the FRRL calendar to see additional repeaters and their net times.***			
Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society				
VHF - 2 meter: Frequency: 147.330 Offset: + 600 KHz PL: 107.2	UHF - 70 cm: Freq: 443.525 Offset: + 5.0 MHz PL: 114.8 & NAC293			
VHF - 220: Frequency: 224.540 Offset: - 1 MHz PL: 110.9	UHF - DMR: Freq: 443.700 Offset: + 5 MHz Color Code: 1, TS1 & TS2			



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