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Curt Sauer, W9YNP

About Us

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, Ill. 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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— From —
the mic
of....

FRRL President



Patrick Brod



April is the month of April Fool's Day and Easter. It also symbolizes spring, growth, and rebirth. I'm really looking forward to seeing how eagerly members are taking part in different activities, like Digital Mobile Radio (DMR), Fox Hunting later this month, and working on upgrades or repairs to their home QTH HF antennas.

Kermit, W9XA, called me and asked, "what you think about creating a DMR Talk Group for the FRRL UHF repeaters?" I quickly responded with, YES – let's do it! This allows DMR users who live or use the FRRL UHF repeaters (e.g., Aurora, Batavia, Elburn, Plano, Plano Center) – not just FRRL members - more efficiently communicate in our Western suburban area while the remaining Chicagoland DMR network sites are unaffected and available for other DMR users. Because of this resurgence I decided to host a DMR workshop April 1st at the North Aurora Messenger library. I will likely provide other DMR workshops in the near future pending interest.

Field Day 2026 bi-weekly planning meeting has taken place and we're making headway. We are doing something different this year by running separate small inverter gasoline generators distributed by one generator for every two FD stations. This simulates a more realistic emergency preparation rather than having a single large diesel generator. Additionally, the inverter generator provides cleaner AC power which might further help weaker signal reception. We are looking for volunteers to help load/unload Field Day supplies from the club storage location to Mooseheart field at the corner of Mooseheart Rd. and Route 31. Assistance is required for assembling band tents and configuring radio systems. Others can help by maintaining a clean main tent area during Field Day. Finally, help to pack up all the tents, radio systems, AC power cables from the main generator back into the club storage locker. We will have sign-up sheets at upcoming membership meetings, so please volunteer for whatever time you can.

Our March after-membership meeting program will feature Paul KC9SEB and John presenting the fundamentals of RF Fox Hunting. They will describe the planned activity, which will include multiple Fox transmitters and allow several hunting teams to participate. This activity is designed to sharpen your skills in tracking down RF signals, especially as you approach the Fox transmitters. Join us for an exciting opportunity to practice and improve your signal-tracking abilities.

At the April membership meeting Dan Nolan WA9FRY should be revealing the Ham Radio Basic Electronics class. If you're thinking about advancing your ham radio license to Extra, this is a must attend course or just for the enjoyment for "tinkers."

As a reminder, if you haven't renewed your FRRL membership, please do so. The renewal grace period is from October of last year to this month. Membership dues help our 2026 budget to plan for ARRL Field Day, ARRL Illinois QSO Party, and other monthly expenses.





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FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 2026

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

Meeting Minutes March 10, 2026.

The March meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted at Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL. There were 36 members in attendance and 6 members attended via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 CDT by President Pat at 7:30pm CST.

Board members present:

- President- Pat Brod K9ANL
- Vice President – Dan Nolan WA9FRY
- Treasurer - Dan Harmon WA9YKK (Absent)
- Secretary - Art Shuter NN9I
- Director - Denny Barfuss W9HI
- Director - Paul Mitchell KC9SEB a
- Director - John Greusel KC9OJV
- Director - Greg Copeland WB0OET
- Past president – Kermit Carlson W9XA

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Approve meeting Agenda -

Approve minutes from February Meeting as printed in the ArcOver: Kermit W9XA moved a motion with second by Denny W9HI. Motion passed.

Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: Pat K9ANL reported the bank account balances as of March 10, 2026
- Webmaster & Groups IO – Mark K9MEV – Check out Testsite.FRRL.org to view work being done on the new website.
- Program Leader – Paul KC9SEB – Paul will be talking tonight about AI and how it affects Ham Radio. Next month's program will be about Fox Hunting.
- Membership Database – Curt W9YNP- We now have 151 members.
- Newsletter – Jerry N9JLC – Always looking for material for the newsletter.
- Technical – John KC9OJV – John showed two Fox transmitters he set up and displayed kits he has available for building a beam antenna for this activity.
- VE Team Leader – Denny W9HI – Reported a there will be a VE session on March 19th.
- Repeaters – Kermit W9XA – Kermit reported they are looking for new sites for the 220 repeater and working on remote receive sites for the 147.21 repeater.



Reports Cont'd

- Education & Club Equipment – Dan WA9FRY – Dan showed equipment that is available on the Silent Auction tonight. There will be a Tech class in the fall starting on September 16th.
- Field Day – Pat K9ANL & Greg WB0OET – We have a new tent for GOTA donated by Denny W9HI.

New Business –

- Makerspace/Teambuilding – Dan WA9FRY joined the location in St. Charles for one month to see if there is interest in doing projects there.

Up Coming Events:

- Newsletter deadline: February 20

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Dean KC9EOQ with 2nd by Jim N9XP. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Shuter NN9I

FRRL Secretary

Additional Net Information



The Northern Illinois Emergency Communications Net (NIECNet) meets every Thursday at 7pm on the K9IIK repeater on 145.230 MHz, with a -0.6 MHz offset, and a tone of 107.2. They also support EchoLink (K9IIK-R) ad Allstar (785841), located in Schaumburg, IL. After check-ins there will be a short discussion about some EmComm topic, or by some EmComm organization.

The Dekalb ARES net meets every Thursday at 7 pm on the WA9CJN repeater on 146.730 MHz, -0.6 MHz and a tone of 100.0, located in DeKalb, IL.

The The Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club (KARC) net meets every Monday night at 8:30 pm on the WA9CJN repeater on 146.730 MHz, -0.6MHz offset, and a tone of 100.0, located in DeKalb, IL.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

Call Sign	Name	License
KD9IG	David Peterson	Amateur Extra
KE9EDC	John Murphy	General



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April 2026
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NEWS AND INFORMATION CENTER

Local - National - International

FREE ON-LINE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATING CLASS

Pass along to others considering ham radio:

A free, weekly, 3-hour Amateur Radio Operating Class on Zoom will begin on Thursday April 2 and run through June 18. Sessions will be 2 to 3 hours long beginning at 6:30 PM. EASTERN time. Typically, two topics are covered per evening. The presenters will be folks very experienced in the various subjects.

A detailed syllabus will be published before the classes begin. Attend them all, or any that you like, but you must register for the classes. To receive registration information, contact Rol Anders, K3RA, at roland.anders@comcast.net.

Subjects will include:

- All About Operating--A general Introduction
- Amateur Radio Organizations—Local to International
- Ham Radio Operating Awards
- DXing-History and Tips from the Experts
- QSLing-How to get that needed confirmation for DXCC or WAS
- VHF/UHF Weak Signal Work and "Roving"
- Image Operating—Slow Scan and Fast Scan TV
- Remote Station control over internet
- Learning CW in the no-code era
- Digital Modes—From RTTY to FT8 and beyond
- Contesting—How to get started, tips for the beginner and intermediate contester
- Logging Software—What's available, how to use
- Propagation—A general intro to HF Propagation with emphasis on the declining phase of the current solar cycle
- Amateur Satellites—How to get started
- Portable (backpacking) operation and POTA—Tips from an expert
- Setting Up a Modern (or not so modern) HF Station
- Lightning Protection and Grounding
- Traffic Handling
- Public Service, Emergency Communications

4/21/26: A girls troop in Oak Park IL (8mi W of Chicago in EN61cv) will be partnering with the York Radio Club (YRC) to be on-the-air from approximately 7:25pm to 8:15pm CDT on multiple stations... check back [HERE](#) for details prior to the event.



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W9AUV Terry wanted everyone to know that the W9DWP repeater will be off the air from approximately April through November (exact dates are unknown). The water tower that this repeater is on will be going to get repainted thus everything has to come off of it..



I accidentally came across this WA7BNM contest calendar site and thought it was pretty neat..

Give it a look..

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/index.php>



April 2026	
+ SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 2
+ EA RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 4 to 1200Z, Apr 5
+ Louisiana QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr 5
+ SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 4 to 1500Z, Apr 5
+ ARS Spartan Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Apr 7
+ QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party	0000Z-0600Z, Apr 11
+ JIDX CW Contest	0700Z, Apr 11 to 1300Z, Apr 12
+ DIG QSO Party, CW	1200Z, Apr 11 to 1100Z, Apr 12
+ OK/OM DX Contest, SSB	1200Z, Apr 11 to 1159Z, Apr 12
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Apr 11 to 2359Z, Apr 12
+ IG-RY World Wide RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 11 to 1800Z, Apr 12
+ New Mexico QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 11 to 0200Z, Apr 12
+ Missouri QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 11 to 2000Z, Apr 12
+ Africa FT4 DX Contest	1500Z-1800Z, Apr 11
+ Georgia QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 11 to 2359Z, Apr 12
+ Hungarian Straight Key Contest	1500Z-1600Z, Apr 12
+ 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Apr 13
+ NTC QSO Party	1900Z-2000Z, Apr 16
+ World Wide Holyland Contest	2100Z, Apr 17 to 2059Z, Apr 18
+ ES Open HF Championship	0500Z-0859Z, Apr 18
+ Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest	0600Z, Apr 18 to 0559Z, Apr 19
+ Dutch PACCdigi Contest	0700Z-1900Z, Apr 18
+ QRP to the Field	0800 local-1800 local, Apr 18
+ CQMM DX Contest	0900Z, Apr 18 to 2359Z, Apr 19
+ World Time Zone Challenge	1200Z, Apr 18 to 1200Z, Apr 19
+ Michigan QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 18 to 0400Z, Apr 19
+ EA-QRP CW Contest	1700Z, Apr 18 to 1200Z, Apr 19
+ Ontario QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 18 to 2000Z, Apr 19
+ Quebec QSO Party	1300Z-2359Z, Apr 19
+ ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB	1800Z-2359Z, Apr 19
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	2300Z, Apr 19 to 0100Z, Apr 20
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Apr 22
+ SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 25 to 1200Z, Apr 26
+ Helvetia Contest	1300Z, Apr 25 to 1259Z, Apr 26
+ Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 25 to 2159Z, Apr 26
+ BARTG Sprint 75	1700Z-2059Z, Apr 26



Calling All Hams: Why FRRL Needs You for Field Day 2026!



By: The FRRL 2026 Field Day Committee

Field Day is more than just a contest; it is the ultimate "Open House" for amateur radio and the highlight of our club's year. Held every fourth full weekend in June—this year falling on **June 27–28, 2026**—it is our primary opportunity to showcase emergency preparedness, technical skill, and community spirit. To make this massive operation at Moosehart a success, we need a dedicated crew of volunteers. Whether you've been licensed for 40 years or 40 days, there is a vital role for you.

Why Should You Volunteer?

- **Hone Your Skills:** There is no better place to learn how to set up antennas, troubleshoot equipment in the field, or master new modes like CW and digital under simulated emergency conditions.
- **Be an "Elmer":** Experienced operators are needed to mentor newer hams at our **Get On The Air (GOTA)** station, helping them make their very first HF contacts.
- **Public Outreach:** Help us man the Public Information Table to explain the magic of ham radio to visitors. You are the face of the hobby.
- **Socialize and Support:** Beyond the radios, Field Day is a social event. We need help with setup on Friday, teardown on Sunday, and—crucially—keeping the crew fed and hydrated.

We Need You In These Key Areas:

1. **Friday Setup Crew:** Meet at the Storge Locker around 12 on Friday 2/26 to load up. Sign-up sheets are at the club meetings or you may send an email to field-day@frrl.org.
2. **On-Site Set-up:** At the site Band Captains will need help hoisting antennas and assembling stations. Sign up sheets are at the club meetings or you may send an email to field-day@frrl.org.
3. **Event Tent Set-up:** We need help to set up chairs and tables, as well a string lights and hanging tarps and banners. Sign-up sheets are at the club meetings or you may send an email to field-day@frrl.org.
4. **Beverage, Ice and Sunday Breakfast Shoppers:** This person(s) will take a pre-made shopping list to the Walmart on Randell Rd. and purchase items on the list. Dan Harmon, FRRL Treasurer will accompany to pay for the supplies. Additional ice runs may be necessary as needed. We will also need a person to pick up the pre-paid breakfast sandwiches at White Castle early Sunday morning. They need to be on site at 7AM. Sign-up sheets are at the club meetings or you may send an email to field-day@frrl.org.
5. **Relief Operators:** We aim for 24 hours of continuous operation. We need fresh voices and ears for those late-night and early-morning shifts. Contact a Band Captain or you may send an email to field-day@frrl.org.
6. **Public Information Officers:** Greet visitors, hand out fliers, and share the FRRL story. Sign-up sheets are at the club meetings or you may send an email to field-day@frrl.org.

How to Get Involved

Ready to jump in? Reach out to the Field Day committee at field-day@frrl.org to sign up for a shift or a specific task. Sign up sheets are available at the March meeting. You may also contact WB0OET or K9ANL to volunteer.

Field Day is "Showtime" for the Fox River Radio League. Let's work together to make 2026 our best year yet!





WHAT: *FIELD DAY 2026* -- An annual event; over 40,000 amateur (Ham) radio operators in the US have fun operating stations away from home.

WHO: Everyone is welcome -- **open to the public!** No radio, no experience? No problem!

WHY: Hear and see amateur radio in use locally & worldwide using less power than a lightbulb. Try it (free). Ask questions. See and hear what it's all about.

WHEN: 1:00pm Saturday June 27th to 1:00pm Sunday June 28th (rain or shine)

WHERE: Mooseheart Field House in Batavia (enter off Rt 31). Join us!



Sponsored by the Fox River Radio League (FRRL) WWW.FRRL.ORG

Contact field-day@frrl.org with questions. See you there!





All sessions start at 2000 CT. RATPAC is the Radio Amateur Training Planning and Activities Committee. Their website is <https://www.ratpac.us/>. You can visit them on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/c/RATPAC>. They have several hundred ham radio videos, dating back to April 2020, many dealing with EmComm. When you attend live they have about an hour discussion, then they end the recording for their social media and sometimes continue on for another hour or two discussing various amateur topics. They used to have close to a hindered members each week, for some reason that has dropped off, but the topics are normally interesting.

- Zoom links to watch upcoming presentations live
 - Times- 9:00 PM AST / 9:00 PM EDT / 8:00 PM CDT / 7:00 PM MDT / 6:00 PM PDT / 5:00 PM AKDT / 3:00 PM HST / 01:00 UTC or 02:00 UTC during winter
 - [Zoom Link](#) (Passcode- RATPAC)- available at www.ratpac.us/zoom



MAURICE L SCHIETECATTE
N4LZ
(W9CEO)



February 25, 2026

Maurice became a licensed Amateur Radio Operator, AKA HAM radio. Starting out as a simple hobby, this became a lifelong passion of his.

Being a HAM radio operator is more than talking to people around the world, it is also a life of servitude especially during times of disaster. HAMs are called to serve, bringing means of communication in times and places where there is none. Maurice was HAM of the year twice in his lifetime



A little-known fact about Maurice...he was a roller skater! Maurice competed in roller skating dance competitions, and he won several medals. He also played hockey

on roller skates. He was always at school skating nights with his daughter taking over the floor with his amazing skills.



He was an avid golfer at the Spruce Creek Golf Club where he was treasurer of the men's league. He was an active member of the ARRL (The American Radio Relay League).

A former Boy Scout, Maurice supported his grandsons and great-nephew on their quests to become Eagle Scouts.



How To Order Club Badges

Club name tag are done by: Image Awards
1031E State Street
Geneva IL

You can email your order to: ImageAwards@SBCglobal.net

**** If using a credit card there is a 5% surcharge****



Ask for the FRRLname badge
and

Don't forget to give them your name & call sign

What is the definition of duty cycle during the averaging time for RF exposure?

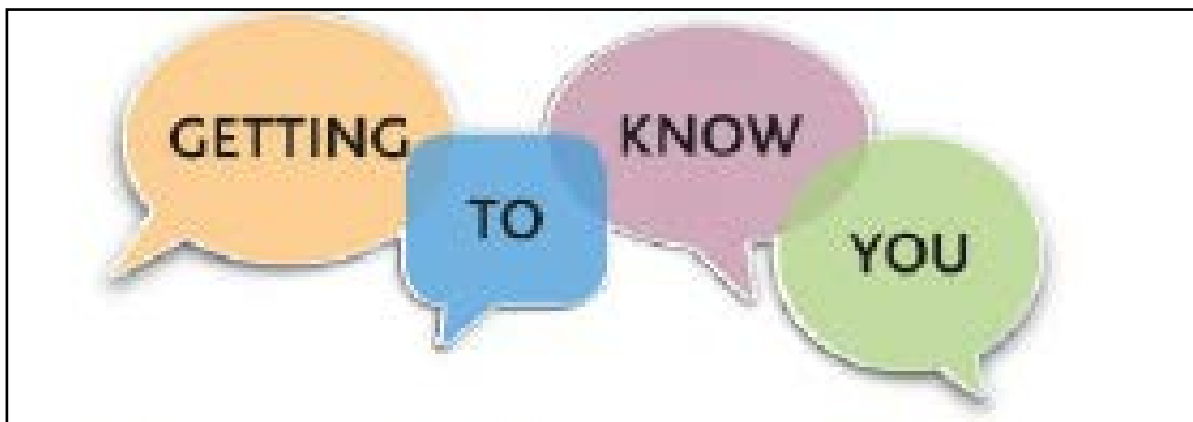
- A. The difference between the lowest power output and the highest power output of a transmitter
- B. The difference between the PEP and average power output of a transmitter
- C. The percentage of time that a transmitter is transmitting
- D. The percentage of time that a transmitter is not transmitting



How does RF radiation differ from ionizing radiation (radioactivity)?

- A. RF radiation does not have sufficient energy to cause chemical changes in cells and damage DNA
- B. RF radiation can only be detected with an RF dosimeter
- C. RF radiation is limited in range to a few feet
- D. RF radiation is perfectly safe

Answers On
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1. Your Name: Lawrence Stark
2. Your Callsign: K9ARZ
3. Your License Classification: Extra Class (20 WPM Morse version)
4. How long have you been a ham: 65+ years
5. What interests you most about amateur radio: Primarily working DX
6. What modes do you operate: CW, SSB, PSK, FT4, FT8, RTTY (rarely), FM (2 Meters).
7. What is your most memorable QSO: Running phone patches (years ago before modern telephone service) to Fr. Marchall Moran 9N1MM in Nepal, and for the Military and Servicemen in Antarctica.
8. How long have you been a member of the FRRL: Not sure of the exact date, but we then met at the Prisco Center in Aurora. I am a life member.
9. What is one piece of advise you would offer a new ham: If you don't already use it, learn the code and work CW, its lots of fun. I would also encourage everyone to build some kind of radio equipment, antenna or accessory. Building and using homebuilt gear is very rewarding.
10. What do you like to do outside of ham radio: Outside of the writing that I do for publication, I very much enjoy building electronic projects, upland game hunting (which I don't do much now), and fishing. My wife and I enjoy British television, and foreign movies.



1. Your Name: Dick Illman
2. Your Callsign: AH6EZ
3. Your License Classification: Extra
4. How long have you been a ham: 56 years.
5. What interests you most about amateur radio: Just about anything, DC to Daylight
6. What modes do you operate: Just about everything
7. What is your most memorable QSO: Tough one... how about the ISS QSO from the FRRL Winter Scouting event with the hand held Arrow antenna in the snow, how about a motorcycle in motion QSO to a private airplane taking off from Dupage (Kermit the pilot), maybe DXpeditions to KC6,V63, V73 or VY0...
8. How long have you been a member of the FRRL: 26 years
9. What is one piece of advise you would offer a new ham: There is MUCH more to ham radio than a \$25 Chinese made portable.
10. What do you like to do outside of ham radio: Race vintage gas and modern electric motorcycles





If You Have Anything

For Sale

To Trade

Looking For / Or

To Loan

Advertise Here



To advertise email: NEWSLETTER@FRRL.ORG

One of our members just received his IC7300Mk2 and is selling his 18 month old Icom IC7300. Lightly used and was never run in digital mode.

Looking for \$700 and I will bring the radio to you. The owner is KN9J Rob, I am just handling the sale. Original box, mic, power cord with power poles.

Thanks for considering.

73 de K9FE Mike

Click [Here](#) to contact Mike



Picture is not of the actual radio that is for sale

Advertise Here !!

Radio Equipment for Sale !!

Radio Equipment To Lend !!

Radio Equipment Wanted !!

Club Members Can Advertise Here For
\$\$\$ **FREE** \$\$\$

Send your list to NEWSLETTER@FRRL.ORG



Northern Illinois Food Bank's Fight Hunger

May 2, 2026

[Northern Illinois Food Bank's Fight Hunger 5K I
10K I 1-Mile](#)

Beautiful and historic Cantigny Park in Wheaton, IL was the host of this 10K, 5K, and Kid Mile event to benefit the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Amateur radio volunteers set-up throughout the park to monitor the safety and progress of event participants. Volunteers assisted beginning at 7:00am (briefing at 7:15am) and assignments ended around 11:00am. Volunteers could remain for the festival, a free beverage, and the enjoyment of food trucks, music and festival activities. Radio volunteers are coordinated through Dan Kyburz (AA9DK) and [DuPage County ARES¹](#) who are accepting registrations [here](#).



May 16, 2026

[DUCKY DASH 5K](#)

This 5K walk/run event occurs within the DuPage County Forest Preserve at Herrick Lake. Proceeds benefit the Neurofibromatosis Network which seeks treatments and a cure for NF. Amateur radio volunteers operate on and along the course to monitor participant and community safety and handle calls for assistance. Volunteers arrive at 7am, participate in a briefing and report to their assigned checkpoints ahead of a 9am event start (should be wrapped-up by 11am). Radio volunteers are coordinated through Dan Kyburz (AA9DK) and [DuPage County ARES](#) who are accepting registrations [here](#).

May 17, 2026



**2026 Lombard
Lilac Parade**

Join a team that helps 'stage' parade participants, track their progress, monitor spectators and the parade route, and coordinate with organizers. This parade begins at 1:30pm and travels North down Main Street in Lombard before heading West on Maple. Radio volunteers are organized through [Ham Radio Chicago](#) and [Mike Wilson \(N0MO\)](#).



Places to look for volunteer opportunities

<https://www.hamradiochicago.org/events>

<https://www.arrl.org/volunteer-opportunities>



<https://www.amateurradioevents.com/volunteer>



Membership rates are as follows:

REG: Regular dues are \$30.00 per year,

FAM: Family dues are \$40.00 per year (family members at the same address)

SRC: Senior Citizen dues (65 and older) are \$25.00 per year,

STU: Student (Full time, under 22) dues are \$25.00 per year.

MIL: Active Military dues are \$25.00 per year.

You can also help support the FRRL Repeaters by making a \$10.00 (or more!) annual contribution.

[Click Here](#)



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL *Annual Dues*



FRRL commemorative glasses are still available for \$5..



A very nice glass to have on hand to celebrate
Easter Holiday



100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet
Photos - Sept 10, 2024

[Click Here](#)



FRRL Groups.io Group Message Board

By Curt Sauer W9YNP

The FRRL has an active mailing list group on Groups.io. Members in good standing are eligible to join the mailing group. You should receive an invite upon joining the group to the email listed in your application. Your active club membership is required to be a member of our Groups.io group.

The group provides the following features:

Messages/Mailing List

View the calendar

Access to files including the club Bylaws and Membership Roster

Access to photos submitted by members. Great for sharing projects you're working on!

How do I join?

When your FRRL club membership is confirmed you will receive an email invite from Groups.io. The club membership form requests an email to be used by the club or members to contact you for club or ham radio related subject. If you already have a Groups.io account under a different email and wish to combine them there is a second field for that email. If it is filled in, you will get the invite in that email.

When you join, you can choose a profile you'd like to display to the group, select the email address at which you'd like to receive group messages, choose how you receive group messages, and more. You can receive messages via email or by reading the message boards within the group.

If you have questions or changes please contact the Group Administrator: [GroupAdmin \[at\] frrl.org](mailto:GroupAdmin[at]frrl.org).

GOUPS.IO - It's more than just messages.

When you first login to your groups.io account, at <https://groups.io>, you will be presented with a list of the groups that you belong to.

Click on FRRL|Members

You will now see the groups messages in the right window pane and the navigation pane on the left.

Messages are the bulk of what we share and there are a lot of them. The web page has a very useful search function to find exactly what you want.

The following are a few sections that some members may not be aware of.

Photos:

Members may share photos of Ham related activities here.

Show us a picture of your shack or your latest restoration/repair.

As long as it's Ham Radio related you can put a pic here.

Just click on the "New Album" button to add your photos.

Calendar:

This doesn't have much in it at the moment, just meeting and Net reminders, but more is planned.

Files:

This is where the important things are stored.

Example, the club roster is located in a directory called "Roster_and_ByLaws"

If you can't sleep and want to read the club's ByLaws, they are here as well.

Many of the presentations given after the meetings are also here.



Between GROUPS.IO and the club web page at <https://frrl.org> you are sure to find the FRRL information that you are looking for.



W9CEQ

Radio Nets



Join us every Sunday Evening at 7:00pm for the
FRRL ALL OPERATORS Net.

147.210 103.5pl +600

All New or Experienced Ham Radio All Are Welcome
For Information email: INFO@FRRL.org

Monday

1930 hrs (7:30pm) local time 28.420 USB Phone

2000 hrs (8pm) local time 28.150 CW

2030 hrs (8:30 pm) local time 28.720 USB Phone

All New or Experienced Ham Radio All Are Welcome



Join us Tuesday Evenings

(Except for the 2nd Tuesday of the month)

1930 (7:30 pm) local time

147.21 103.5PL +600

All new, or experienced operators are welcome



Join us on Wednesdays for the FRRL 1.25 meter net

1930 hrs (7:30pm) local time

223.860 110.9kHz PL -1.6Mhz

All new and experienced ham operators are welcome.



We will have an informal net with checkins and a question of the day. The goal of the net is to encourage 220 usage along with getting to know your fellow 220 Mhz users so that we can exchange usage and coverage data to ensure that we have one of the best 220 repeaters in the area.





Technician Class

Wednesday Evenings
6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Start: TBD
End:

Tech & General classes
are done on **Zoom**.
The Meeting Link to be
distributed prior to the
class.



General Class

Wednesday Evenings
6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Start: TBD
End:



EXTRA classes are held in
person at:



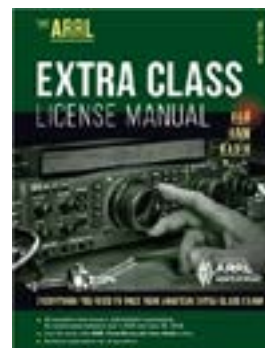
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PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

113 Oak St, North Aurora, IL 60542

Extra Class

Saturday Mornings
9:00.AM. to 12:30 P.M.

Start: TBD
End:



The 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 through the ARRL website.

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 [VE Test Sessions](#).



Please Note that Tech & General classes
are 9 weeks long..

Extra classes are 12 weeks long.

You can contact Dan Nolan at:

Education@frrl.org

if you have any questions

Students should
read the material
in advance of the
class. Also bring
an inexpensive
calculator like a TI-
30 x and a notebook
and pencil or pen.



VE Testing

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

Upcoming Testing Schedule for **2026**

January 15
March 19
May 21
July 16
September 17
November 19



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

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

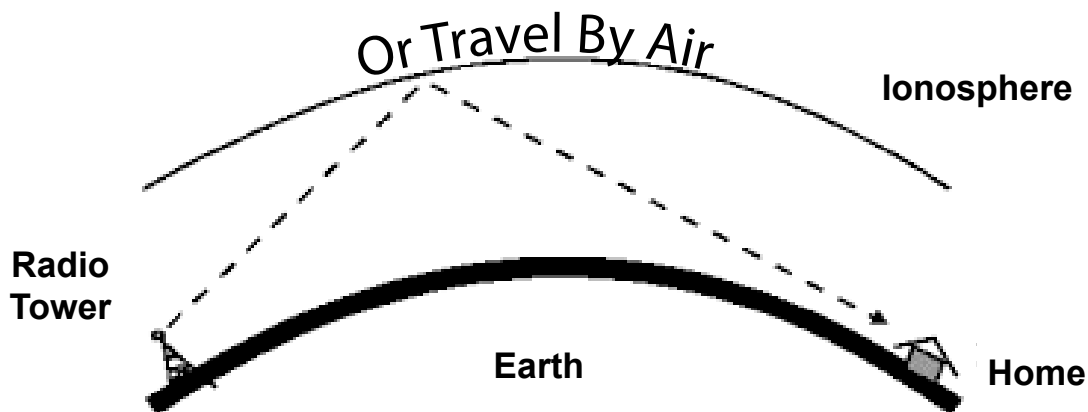


You can also participate in one (or all) of the Illinois Traffic Nets. Everyone is welcome with or without traffic. The nets are the North Central Phone Net, Daily (M-F) at 7 a.m. local time, on 3912 kHz LSB; the Illinois Phone Net, Monday – Friday at 4:45 p.m. local time, on 3857 kHz LSB and on Sunday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

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Date	Time	Event	Location	Sponsor	Cost	Talk-In	Notes
APRIL 18, 2026 	8am-11am	Antique Radio Club Swap Meet	570 S. Gary Ave, Carol Stream, IL	Antique Radio Club of Illinois	Free	None	Donation sale - occurs five times per year
APRIL 18, 2026 	8:am - Noon	MARA Hamfest 2026	Mandt Community Center, 400 Mandt Parkway, Stoughton, WI	Madison Area Repeater Association	\$10 door, \$8 in adv	147.150 MHz +, pl 123.0	Amateur radio, electronics, computers, parts and software, flea market, VE testing at 10am
APRIL 25, 2026 	8 AM – Noon	Ozaukee Spring Swapfest	W67N890 Washington Ave, Cedarburg, WI	Ozaukee Radio Club	\$7 adult, under 12 free	146.97 - pl 127.3	Food, prizes, free WIFI



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 internationally.

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 service to country and community

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

✉ John Devoldere 0N4UN and Mark Demeuleneere 0N4WW

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



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



**Consider volunteering
you can make
the difference !!**



American Red Cross



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

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ARES Resources

[Download the ARES Manual \[PDF\]](#)

- [ARES Field Resources Manual \[PDF\]](#)
- [ARES Standardized Training Plan Task Book \[Fillable PDF\]](#)
- [Emergency Communications Training](#)



Kane County ARES

Information

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FRRL



**AND OTHER
LOCAL REPEATERS**

FRRL Repeaters- W9CEQ

147.225 MHz - Plano

Mode: **Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X**
+600 KHz Offset, 100.0 Access Tone

147.21 MHz - Elburn

Mode: FM (Echolink Available)W
+600 KHz Offset, 103.5 Access Tone

444.300 MHz - Elburn

Mode: FM
+5 MHz Offset, 114.8 Access Tone

223.86 Mhz - Aurora

Mode FM
-1.6 Mhz Offset, 110.9 access Tone

442.10625 MHz (B) - Elburn

Mode: D-Star
+5 MHz Offset



Other Area Repeaters

W9XA

53.910 - Batavia

-1.0 MHz offset PL 114.8 Hz

224.4 MHz - Batavia

-1.6 MHz offset PL 103.5 Hz

443.64375 MHz - Elburn

+5 MHz offset DMR 311759

443.65625 MHz - Plano

+5 MHz offset DMR 311760

1292.00 MHz - Batavia

-20 MHz 114.8 Access Tone

927.625 - Batavia

+25 MHz offset PL 114.8 Hz

W9DWP

145.270 MHz - Elburn

-600 KHz offset PL 107.2
ARES APCO P25 NAC 293

NIARC W9ZGP

147.06 MHz - Batavia

Mode FM +600 kHz offset PL 103.5.

Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X Repeaters

K9IIR

442.275 MHz - Schaumburg

Mode: **Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X**
+5 MHz, 114.8 Access Tone

W9CHI

444.600 MHz - Channahon

Mode: **Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X 30024**
+5 MHz, 136.5 Access Tone

KD9FA

443.600 MHz - Oswego

Mode: **Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X**
+5 MHz, 107.2 Access Tone

KC9OEM

Primary Kane County SKYWARN / ARES

145.470 MHz -St Charles

Mode: FM
-600 Offset, 103.5 KHz Access Tone



444.525 MHz -St Charles

Mode: **Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X**
+5 MHz Offset, Access WWTone114.8

Question 1 C

Question 2 A

