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The Official Newsletter of the Fox River Radio League
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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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Fox River Radio League

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— From —
the mic
of....

FRRL President



Patrick Brod



Dear Members,

As we welcome the month of May, I am filled with gratitude for the continued dedication and enthusiasm that each of you bring to the Fox River Radio League (FRRL). We'd like to hear what other activities you would like to see with the monthly programs.

Hamvention is May 15th – 17th in Xenia, OH. This ham fest is one of the largest with a separate flea market, variety of forums, and demonstrations of the newest technology. If you go, please keep notes and share your experience at the June FRRL Membership Meeting.

Over the past month of April, Paul – KC9SEB, and John – KC9OJV, have been working on the Fox Hunt activity details. The Fox Hunt activity is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd. The location and time will be announced at the May membership meeting.

June 27th and 28th is ARRL Field Day. We've been holding the bi-weekly Band Captain meetings and have most of the technical details planned out. We need people to help Friday, June 26th, to move Field Day materials from the FRRL locker to the Field Day Mooseheart site. Then, we'll need spare people to help unload and set up tents, radio stations, antenna systems, and power to verify station operability. Moose Legion Mecca 9 will be cooking, serving lunch and dinner on Saturday, the 27th. Lunch is at 12 noon, and dinner will be at 5:00 PM.

May's Program after the Membership Meeting will be about Logging Software. This should be helpful whether you need a refresher for Field Day, POTA, are learning how to log your radio contacts as a new ham operator.

Thank you for being a part of the FRRL journey. Wishing all another fun month ahead!

Sincerely,

Patrick Brod – K9ANL

President



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FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES APRIL 14, 2026

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

The April meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted at Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL. There were 46 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
- 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 March Minutes - Kirk W9YNP moved a motion with second by Denny W9HI. Motion passed.

Membership introductions:

Reports:

- Treasurer's Report Dan WA9YKK: Dan reported the bank balances on all the accounts.
- Program Leader – Paul KC9SEB – Program tonight will be about Fox Hunting with John KC9OJV.
- Membership Database – Curt W9YNP- We now have 164 members.
- Newsletter – Jerry N9JLC – Always looking for material for the newsletter.
- Technical – John KC9OJV – John is working on Fox Hunting activity.
- VE Team Leader – Denny W9HI Reported the testing sessions are going well.
- Repeaters – Kermit W9XA – He is looking for a new site for the 220 repeater.
- Education & Club Equipment – Dan WA9FRY – Dan is preparing for Merit Badge University with the Scouts in May.
- Field Day – Pat K9ANL & Greg WB0OET – working on final preparations for Field Day.

Old Business –

- Scouting Update – Kirk K9MSG/Dan WA9FRY – Kirk K9SMG is seeking volunteers for Scouts On The Air operating opportunity on May 18.



Old Business Continued:

- Makerspace/Teambuilding – Dan WA9FRY -Great place for working on a project with equipment to help.
- Overdue past membership – Members who have not renewed their membership will be removed from Groups IO.

New Business:

- DMR Workshop 4/1 update – There were eight in attendance.
- Newsletter deadline: April 20
- Adjournment: Dan K9WDW moved a motion with 2nd by Kai KD9TTV. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Shuter NN9I

FRRL Secretary

Radio Adventure

Radio has always been about exploration — of ideas, technologies, distances, and possibilities. From the earliest spark-gap pioneers to today's digital experimenters, satellite operators, contesters, emergency communicators, and outdoor enthusiasts, amateur radio continues to be a gateway to discovery.

Begin your trek to Hamvention — three days filled with learning, discovery, innovation, and community. Whether you come to shop the flea market, attend forums, explore new technology, volunteer, or reconnect with friends old and new, your adventure awaits in Xenia.



When is the show?

Friday	May 15th, 2026	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday	May 16th, 2026	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday	May 17th, 2026	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Where is the show?

Greene County Fair and Expo Center
210 Fairground Road, Xenia 45385
Coordinates are 39.702 N – 83.9420 W



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 1	SATURDAY 2
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10 1900 ALL OPR NET Mothers Day	11 CW NET 28.150 2000  SSB NET 28.720 2030	12 1930 Mbr Mtg No Net	13 1930 FRRL220 Net 223.86 - 110.9	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
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April 2026
Fox River Radio League

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NEWS AND INFORMATION CENTER

Local - National - International

2026 Vacuum Tube Inventory - all tested as of 4/14/2026																	
TUBE	VG	OK	TUBE	VG	OK	TUBE	VG	OK	TUBE	VG	OK	TUBE	VG	OK	TUBE	VG	OK
OB2			6AU6			6CB6			6JS6C			6V8			12J5		
OB2			6AV6			6CB6			6JS6C			12AT7			12Q7		
OC3A			6AV6			6CB6			6JS6C			12AT7			12SA7		
1S4			6AV6			6CB6			6JS6C			12AT7			12SA7		
1S4			6AV6			6CL6			6JS6C			12AT7			12SA7		
5Y3GT			6AV6A			6CL6			6JS6C			12AU7			12SA7		
5Y3GT			6AW8			6CL6			6K6GT			12AU7			12SG7		
5Y3GT			6AW8A			6CL6			6K6GT			12AU7			12SK7		
6146			6AZ8		X	6CX8			6K6GT			12AU7		X	12SQ7		
6146			6AZ8			6CX8			6LQ6			12AU7			12SQ7		
6146			6BA6			6DC6			6LQ6			12AU7			12SQ7		
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6146		X	6BA6			6DE7			6LQ6			12AV7			25Z6		
6146A			6BE6			6DQ5			6SA7			12AX7			35Z5		
6146A			6BE6			6DQ5			6SC7			12AX7			35Z5		
6146A			6BF5			6DQ5			6SH8			12AX7			35Z5GT		
6146B			6BF5			6DQ6B			6SK7		X	12AX7			50L6		
6146B			6BH6			6EA8		X	6SK7		X	12AX7			50L6GT		
6146B			6BH8			6EA8			6SK7			12AX7			8298		
6146B			6BV8			6EA8			6SK7			12AX7			8298		
6146B			6BW8			6EA8			6SN7		X	12BA6					
6146B			6BY6			6EA8			6SN7			12BA6					
6AC7			6BY6			6EA8			6T8			12BA6					
6AG7			6BZ6			6GK6			6T8			12BE6					
6AL5			6BZ6			6GK6			6U8			12BE6					
6AL5			6C4		X	6GW6			6U8A			12BY7					
6AQ5			6C4			6HS8			6U8A			12BY7					
6AQ5			6C4			6JH8		X	6U8A			12BY7A					
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						6JS6						12BY7A					

Unable to test - (6) 807, (2) 0A2, (1) 0B2

Following up on what I discussed at last night's club meeting, attached you will find a list of all the tubes that have been in the FRRL storage locker. All have tested good. We are offering these to the membership on a first come first served basis. Some tubes such as 6146 and 6JS6 (used in final amplifiers) are becoming rare, so I ask that you only ask for these if you have a rig that needs them. Let's not grab up tubes for resale.

Email me directly at WA9FRY@gmail.com with your request and I will set them aside for you and bring to the May club meeting. An appropriate donation to the club is always appreciated.

73's

Dan WA9FRY



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>



8-Day Calendar

Lists details for each contest during an 8-day period, starting with yesterday.

5-Week Calendar

Lists the names and dates for each contest for the current week (Monday thru Sunday) plus an additional four weeks. Weekly contests are listed in a separate section.

12-Month Calendar

Lists the names and dates for each contest for a 12-month period starting with the month immediately previous to the current month. Versions of this calendar for specific modes or QRP power are available by using the selector at the top of the page. Due to the difficulty obtaining accurate contest information, as much as 12 months in advance, not all contests may appear for later months.

Perpetual Calendar

Lists the names and dates for each contest during a selectable future calendar year that can be accurately predicted in advance.

State QSO Parties

Lists the names and dates for each contest focused on a single state or group of states in the current calendar year

Log Due Dates

Lists due dates and log submission information for recent contests

Historical Calendar

Lists the names and dates for all contests during a selectable past calendar year as far back as 2005.

Alphabetical Calendar

Lists both active and inactive contests in alphabetical order.

Calendar Customization

Enables you to select for display only those contests that you are interested in. Calendars affected by this customization provide you with the means to easily toggle between your custom list and the full calendar.

Weekly E-mailed Calendar

Provides a weekly e-mail of each contest and its details for an 8-day period (Monday through Monday), as well as a list of contests scheduled for the next week and a list of log submission information for recent contests. A sample is available. To subscribe to this service, send an e-mail to Bruce, WA7BNM.

RSS Feed

Wherever you see the RSS icon, the content of that calendar is available as an RSS feed. Click on the icon to access the feed.

iCal Format

Wherever you see the iCal icon, the content of that calendar is available in iCal/vCal format. Click on the icon to download to your Microsoft Outlook or Apple iCal desktop calendars.

Google Calendar

Wherever you see the Google Calendar icon, click on it to access the WA7BNM Contest Calendar on Google Calendar. It lists contests for the current and following month.

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!





THE FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ARRL
PRESENTS



FIELD DAY 2026

1:00 PM
SATURDAY
JUNE 27TH

TO

1:00 PM
SUNDAY
JUNE 28TH
2026

OPEN TO
THE
PUBLIC!

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FIELD HOUSE
ROUTE 31 AND
MOOSEHEART ROAD
BATAVIA, ILLINOIS

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF THE AIRWAVES!

Amateur radio is more than a hobby – it's a gateway to adventure, technology, and a global connection. Whether you're curious about talking around the world, bouncing signals off the moon, exploring digital modes, or helping in an emergency...



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AGES



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OF INNOVATORS

JOIN US & SEE RADIO IN ACTION!



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FIELD-DAY@FRRL.COM



The DeKalb Hamfest



Sponsored by the Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club Sunday...May 3, 2026... Front Gate 7 am to Vendor/Tailgate Setup—Saturday 1 PM to 9 PM and Sunday 6 AM to 8 AM via Back Gate
\$8.00 Advance Ticket (Double-Stub—See Below)
\$10.00 Adm at the gate -No Large Bills (Single Stub).

Overnight Camping on Fairgrounds \$25 per night—
Includes Electric and Sewer

Rain or Shine
2 Lg Unheated Bldgs
3 Cash Prizes
Prize Drawings Every Half Hour

Free Outside Tailgating
No VE Testing
Chairs not provided
No Valet Parking
You Unload/Re-Load
Carts not Provided

Food Vendor: Tasty T's Sandwich Shop
Fairground Regulations
Prohibit Vehicles in buildings



Always the First Sunday in May. May 3, 2026
Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich, IL
(Just North of RT. 34 Intersection of SUYDAM RD and FAIRWINDS Xing)
TALK-IN: KARC Repeater 146.730 pl=100 (-) or 146.52 Simplex
****** ATTENDEES USE MAIN GATE ONLY ******

???????????? Questions ?????????????
Phone: Bob Yurs—W9ICU—Hamfest Chairman at 815-757-3219
Or e-mail bob@w9icu.us
KARC Hamfest Webpage / Hotel Info: www.karc-club.org

Return to: KARC, PO Box 371, DeKalb, IL 60115
Deadline: April 20, 2026 MUST INCLUDE SASE FOR ADVANCE TICKET SALES

Advance Tickets will not be for sale on site

ADVANCE TICKETS @ \$8 each (Dual Stubs)

INSIDE TABLES @ \$10 each (FREE TAILGATING)

Total...Please make checks payable to KARC

Telephone Number

e-mail address

Call Sign



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

Who is responsible for ensuring that no person is exposed to RF energy above the FCC exposure limits?

- A. The FCC
- B. The station licensee
- C. Anyone who is near an antenna
- D. The local zoning board

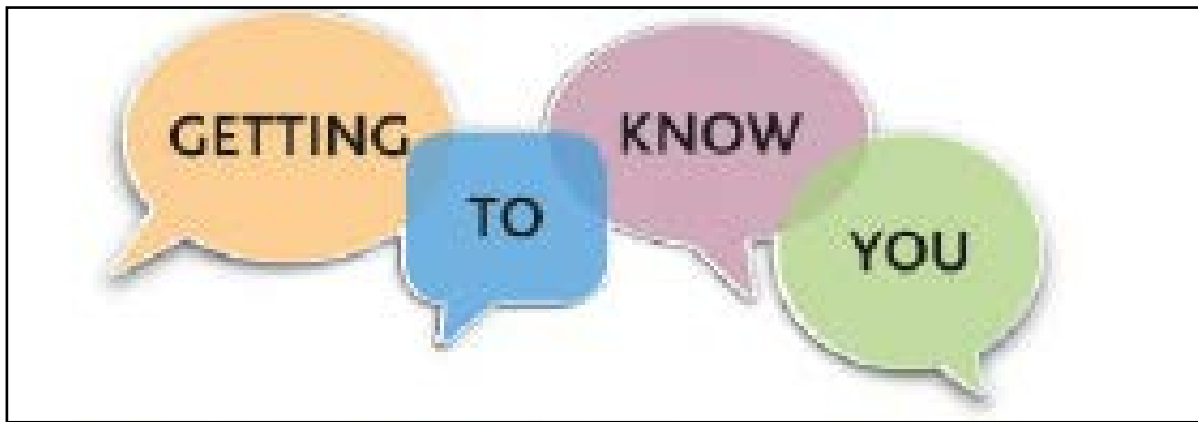


Which of the following is part of the Basis and Purpose of the Amateur Radio Service?

- A. Providing personal radio communications for as many citizens as possible
- B. Providing communications for international non-profit organizations
- C. Advancing skills in the technical and communication phases of the radio art
- D. All these choices are correct

Answers On
Last Page





1. Your Name: Dwight Koop
2. Your Callsign: Finally got my vanity call sign ;-). K0OPD
3. Your License Classification: Technician
4. How long have you been a ham: A few months
5. What interests you most about amateur radio KCOEM
6. What modes do you operate: Phone
7. What is your most memorable QSO: Just getting started with equipment... ;-)
8. How long have you been a member of the FRRL: Almost 2 months



9. What is one piece of advice you would offer a new ham: When people call amateur radio a "hobby," what they really mean is that everything is DIY, which makes getting started a project whether you planned on one or not. My advice is simple: find other local hams (FRRL) and don't try to figure it all out alone.

10. What do you like to do outside of ham radio: I'm still working full time, which I'm convinced is helping keep me young or at least upright. Judy and I have four grandchildren, and they've become our main interest and favorite "hobby." In the summer, I'm doing a fractional lease on a classic sailboat out of Monroe Harbor, and I'm a member of the Columbia Yacht Club (the big ship at the end of Randolph). I've been sailing since ten, so apparently I'm a slow learner. Hoping to get back to skiing once I finish recovering from heart surgery last October. And I'm proud to say I'm the last of my high school friends (Class of '66) still cutting my own grass. YES I know, yard work does not count as a hobby

11. Suggestions: I would love to sign up and attend a hands-on class to help new Technicians learn what to buy, how to program / set-up repeaters, mobile car install and antennas, how to have a kit ready for storms / power outages. Maybe as simple as weekly homework assignments...

1. Your Name: Michael Cottingim
2. Your Callsign: W9CPL
3. Your License Classification: eXTRA
4. How long have you been a ham: 8 YEARS
5. What interests you most about amateur radio: Portable Ops, Parks on the Air, DXing, building antennas
6. What modes do you operate: mostly HF some digital and FM
7. What is your most memorable QSO: When I first got General heard station calling 40 Meters in the middle of the night went back to him. It was JK1BQS Japan
8. How long have you been a member of the FRRL: 6 Years
9. What is one piece of advice you would offer a new ham: get on the air as much as you can find a part of the hobby you like and do it
10. What do you like to do outside of ham radio: Fishing, shooting, some archery



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 !!*



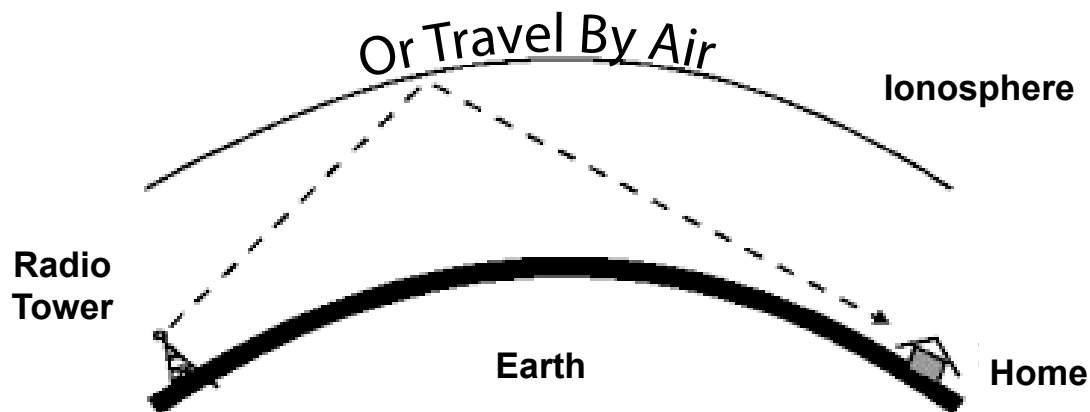
**Club Members Can Advertise Here For
\$\$ FREE \$\$**

Send your list to NEWSLETTER@FRRL.ORG





Date	Time	Event	Location	Sponsor	Cost	Talk-In	Notes
MAY 3, 2026 	7am-1pm	DEKALB HAMFEST	Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich, IL	Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club (WA9CJN)	\$10 door, \$8 in advance	146.73 (-) 100PL	Prizes, camping, rain or shine
MAY 15- 17, 2026 	9am-5pm Fri/Sat, 9am- 1pm Sun	HAMVENTION 2026	210 Fairground Road, Xenia 45385	DARA	\$30 each	146.940 (-600 PL- 123.0)	
MAY 30, 2026 	8:00am - Noon	GREEN BAY HAMFEST	120 S. Henry St, Green Bay, WI	Green Bay Mike & Key Club (K9EAM)	\$5	147.120, 107.2 pl	Food, drawings



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
MEMORIAL DAY



100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet
Photos - Sept 10, 2024

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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.

EXTRA classes are held in person at:



MESSENGER
PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

113 Oak St, North Aurora, IL 60542



General Class

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

Start: TBD

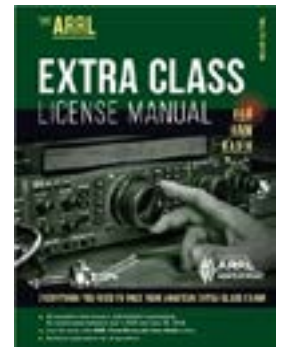
End:

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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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

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 \[PDF\]](#)

• [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 B

Question 2 C

