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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, 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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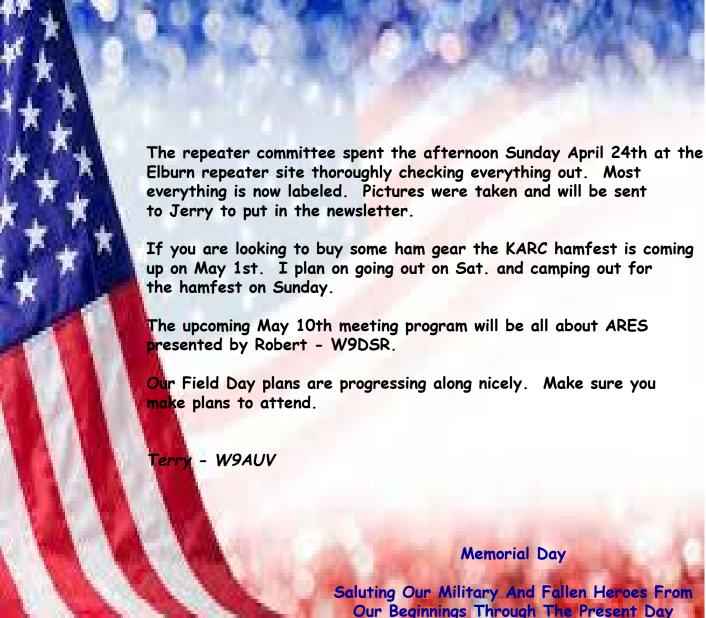






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Terry Todd













### FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**APRIL 12, 2022** 

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 April 12, 2022-

The January meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted at Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL. There were 31 members in attendance and 5 members attended via Zoom.

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

Board members present. Terry W9AUV, Roger W9YU, DAN W9YKK, ART NN9I AND RUBEN K9ARN

Minutes: There were no minutes from March meeting as the banquet took precedence.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was accepted and approved.

Motion to Accept: Mike K9FE Second: Gordy KW0E Voice vote approval.

Repeater: Ruben K9ARN – Committee plans to visit repeater site at Elburn.

Education: Denny W9HI - Classes are now planned for Wednesday and Thursday nights

**VE Update:** 

**Old Business:** 







### **New Business:**

Field Day: It is time to start thinking about Field Day! The forest preserve has been reserved, we will run 7-A again, Friday afternoon/evening setup people will be needed. Setup will begin at 4PM on Friday. Some band captains are still needed. Please consider being a band captain this year. Volunteers are needed for setup. Contact Dan, WA9YKK for more info.

Announcements from the Floor: Sandwich Hamfest on May 1st.

### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 19:59 hrs CDT motion by Marty N9NTM; Second by Mike K9FE

Program: Severe Weather Spotter Training with David Bukowski - N9KPW

Respectfully submitted, Art Shuter – NN9I FRRL Secretary









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# Fox River Radio League

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DARA Repeater 146.940 (-) 123.0 PL 146.985 (-) 123.0 PL **Alterrnate** Traffic Bulletin 145..525

> **Directions & Assistance during Hamvention Traffic conditions & detours** Begins - Thur 7am, Fri 5am, Sat 5am, Sun 7am



For information go to: <a href="https://hamvention.org/">https://hamvention.org/</a>

**County Fairgrounds** Greene and Expo Center.



### **North Central Indiana Hamfest**

ARRL Indiana Section Convention

Saturday, May 7, 2022 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (EST) Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds

1029 W. 200 North, Peru, IN







Talk-in on 147.345+ (131.8)

Ticket Information

\$5.00 -17 and Under Free. Free Parking, Handicap Accessible Announced

Forums Raffle & Hourly Door Prizes Icom 2730 Dual-Band Mobile Yaesu FT-65 Dual-Band HT

Coordinates: 40° 47.521' N 86° 5.635' W

### On Site Camping - Only \$30.00/Night

Electric & Water Hookups 2 Sewage Dumpsites Restrooms with Showers Contact: Dave McDougle, Fairground Facility Manager at 765-327-5398.

#### **Vendor & Tailgating Information**

Setup Times: Friday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. & Saturday, 7:00 - 8:45 a.m. Inside Tables: Reserved tables \$5:00 each Tables day of event - \$7.00 each Admission: \$5.00 / Person Tailgating Area: \$10.00 + \$5:00 / Person Admission

Reserve Your Tables
Call Mitch Miller at 765-661-5893 or email: ncihamfest@gmail.com

### Free Laurel VE Testing 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.



Bring a Photo ID. Children can use a Student ID.
The FCC now requires an FRN Number to test.
Get an FRN Number at https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/
If already licensed and upgrading, bring a copy of your current license.
Need more info, contact John Fulton at email: n9vob@sbcglobal.net

\*One new ham will win a Yaesu FT-65 Dual-Band Portable!

NCIHamfest.com Find us on Facebook - North Central Indiana Hamfest







### Nashua Area Radio Society Online Ham Bootcamp

The Nashua Area Radio Society (NARS) will be holding an online Ham Bootcamp on Saturday, May 14, 2022. The program will be held via Zoom video conferencing, and is available to new hams across the country. The NARS Ham Bootcamp was created to help new, inactive, or prospective hams learn the skills needed to build their first station and get on the air. Experienced hams who are looking to enhance their club's mentoring programs are also welcome to attend.

Spring 2022 Ham Bootcamp will be held on Saturday, May 14, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Eastern Time. The morning session will focus on Technician-level activities, and the afternoon session will focus on HF activities for General-class or higher licensees. New this year, will be a breakout session where attendees will have a choice between three different sessions.

Here is the agenda:

Repeaters and VHF/UHF Session Activities

Putting Together a Station for Repeaters - How to pick an HT or Mobile Radio and an Antenna Making Contacts and Joining a Repeater Net Radio Programming Tutorial

Getting Started with Amateur Radio Satellites
Getting Started with FoxHunting
Jamey

Explains HF Station BuildingHF Session Activities

Putting Together an HF Station for SSB, CW, and Digital Picking and Putting up an HF Antenna, Feedlines, and Grounds Operating on the HF Bands Using SSB Voice Getting Started with WSJT-X and FT8 Digital Breakout Session



The final session of the day will be a breakout session where attendees will choose to attend one of the following three sessions:

Learning CW
Finding DX, Logging Contacts, and QSL'ing - Getting them Logged/Confirmed
Portable Operating

Registration is now open for the May 14th session. You can get more information about Ham Bootcamp <u>Here</u>

Contact Anita Kemmerer, AB1QB, <u>Here</u> with any Ham Bootcamp questions.





Curt going old school with a crt monitor

# Fox River Radio League Elburn Repeater Site





Pete & Kermit





Kermit and Terry running cable







Terry armed with a label maker.

### 2022 Field Day is June 25-26



Field Day is ham radio's open house. Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

### FRRL is in need of Band Captains

Band Captains head up each station /mode/ band. These "band captains" and are responsible for planning their individual station, working in conjunction with the Field Day Chairman and the other stations planned.

If your interested in this position or able to help in general contact Dan WA9YKK

### **Annual Armed Forces Day Cross-Band Exercise Set for May 14**

The 2022 running of the Armed Forces Day (AFD) Cross-Band exercise will be held on May 14, 1300 – 2200 UTC. A complete list of participating stations, modes, frequencies, times, and other details will be announced on April 1. The event is open to all radio amateurs. Armed Forces Day is May 21, but the AFD Cross-band military-amateur radio event traditionally takes place 1 week earlier, in order to avoid conflicting with Dayton Hamvention®. During the exercise, radio amateurs listen for stations on military operating frequencies and transmit on frequencies in adjacent amateur bands.

Military and amateur stations have taken part in this event for more than 50 years. It's an exercise scenario, designed to include ham radio and government radio operators alike.

Per previous announcements: "The AFD Cross-band Test is a unique opportunity to test two-way communications between military communicators and radio stations in the Amateur Radio Service, as authorized in 47 CFR 97.111. These tests provide opportunities and challenges for radio operators to demonstrate individual technical skills in a tightly controlled exercise scenario that does not impact any public or private communications."

Military stations in various locations will transmit on selected military frequencies and announce the specific ham band frequencies they are monitoring.

An AFD message will be transmitted utilizing the Military Standard (MIL-STD) serial PSK waveform (M110), followed by MIL-STD Wide Shift FSK (850 Hz RTTY), as described in MIL-STD 188-110A/B. The AFD message will also be sent in CW and RTTY.

Click HERE for more information.







### Technician/General Classes:

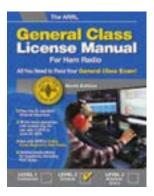


**Technician Class** 

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

**Start: April 13, 2022** 

Location: <u>Zoom</u> Meeting [Link to be distributed prior]



**General Classes:** 

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

**Start: April 14, 2022** 

Location: <u>Zoom</u> Meeting [Link to be distributed prior]

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 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>.

We are in need of

Instructors

Please Note that classes are 9 weeks long.. You can contact Dennis Barfus at:

W9Hl@arrl.net if you have any questions

If you are willing to teach a section or two contact

education@frrl.org









# All Operators Net



"EVERY" Sunday for "EVERY" Operator New or experienced...ALL are Welcome

1900 hrs (7pm) local time

147.21 103.5PL +600

On the FOX VHF Repeater



Feel free to share your thoughts, experiences, recipes and hobbies etc.

"It does not have to be about radio to talk on the radio!"

For more info sbout the NET contact:

Mike K9FE 630-327-5164 K9FE@yahoo.com

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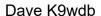
Taken from: Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur.

## 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















### **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:** 

May 12th, 2022 July 14th, 2022

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 <a href="mailing">emailing</a> 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





Instructors to teach Technician & General License zoom classes



Field Day Captains

Assistance at Field Day
(Set Up-Take Down - In General)



VE Examiners









### To Our NEW Members!!



Call Sign	Name	License Class	
KF9OW	Richard Jensen	Amateur Extra	
W9JWF	Jeremy Francis	General	
WA9MNF	Edward Healy	Amateur Extra	



### 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.

### **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**

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**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

**Click Here** 









### If You Have Anything

**For Sale** 

To Trade Looking For / Or To Loan

Advertise Here











To advertise email: <u>NEWSLETTER@FRRL.ORG</u>

### **FRRL** Items For Sale

(Proceeds Go To Clubs Treasury)

- New Home-brew antenna (20m / 40m)
- MFJ564 Deluxe Lambic Key
- Radio Waves 40m End Fed
- Radio Oasis 10 Kit 1/2 Wave Wire
- LNR Precision 10-40 QRP End Fed
- MFJ926B Remote Tuner w/Bias TEE and Supply

- Shure Prolog Desk Mic w/Base
- (2) Hygain 2kw SWR Bridge Single Large Meter
- Midland 100w SWR Bridge Single Small Meter
- Swan 100w SWR Bridge Single Small Meter
- Blitz-Bug COAX Lightning Protector

If interested in any of these items please contact Mike Urso K9FE

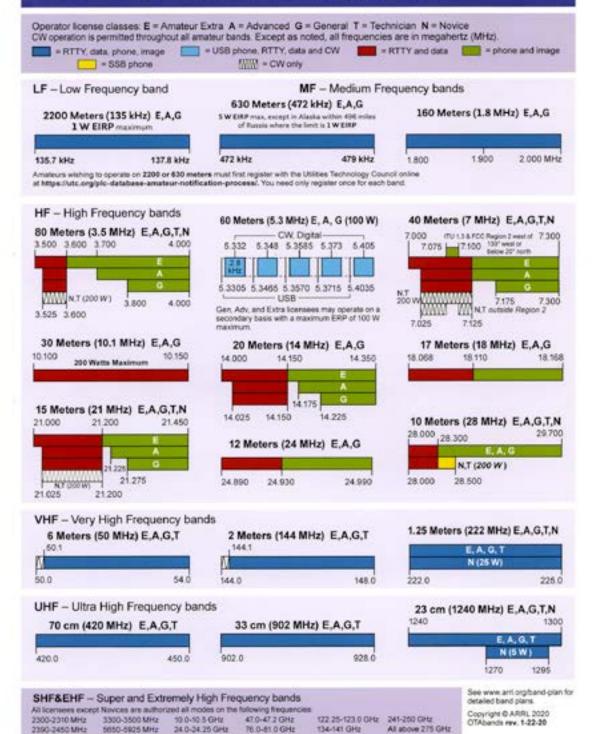








### US Amateur Radio Bands









### **FRRL 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



W9CEQ -- 444.300 MHz - IRLP and Echolink are currently unavailable +5 MHz Offset 114.8 Hz access tone

W9CEQ\_B -- 442.10625 MHz - D-Star +5.0 MHz offset

### **Other Local Repeaters:**

W9XA/R Batavia 1.25M 224.4 MHz, -1.6 MHz offset 114.8 Hz access tone Owned by W9XA, available for club use

W9XA/R Batavia 70CM DMR 443.65625 MHz, +5 MHz offset DMR ID 311760 Chicagoland-CC Bridge Owned by W9XA, available for club use

WB9PHK/R 70CM DMR 443.64375 MHz, +5 MHz offset Chicagoland-CC Bridge Owned by W9XA, available for club use

### **Other Local Repeaters:**

W9XA/R Batavia 23CM 1292.00 MHz, -20 MHz offset 114.8 Hz access tone Owned by W9XA, available for club use

KC9OEM 2M -- (Primary Kane County SKYWARN / ARES Freq) 145.470 MHz, -600 KHz Offset 103.5 Hz access tone Owned by Kane County OEM

KC9OEM 70CM
444.525 MHz, +5 MHz Offset - Auto C4FM/
Fusion and FM and WIRES-X
114.8 Hz access tone
Owned by Kane County OEM

### **Kane County Public Service Repeaters**

W9DWP -- 145.270 MHz, -600 KHz, 107.2 access tone

W9DWP -- 443.025 MHz, +5 MHz, 114.8 access tone

Both W9DWP repeaters are dual mode APCO-25 NAC-293

W9ZGP -- NIARC 147.060 MHz, +600 KHz, 103.5 access tone

\*\*\*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

VHF - 220: Frequency: 224.540 Offset: - 1

MHz PL: 110.9

UHF - 70 cm: Freq: 443.525 Offset: + 5.0 MHz PL: 114.8 & NAC293

UHF - DMR: Freq: 443.700 Offset: + 5 MHz

Color Code: 1, TS1 & TS2





