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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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President Todd Welcomes



Our Newest Members

CALL SIGN	NAME	LICENSE	
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FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 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: October 11, 2022

The October 11, 2022 meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted at Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL. There were 33 members in attendance and 6 members attended via Zoom.

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

Board Members and Directors Present

President, Terry Todd W9AUV

Director 1, NETS/RPTR'S Ruben Noceda K9ARN

Director 2, Education Robert Littler W9DSR

Director 3, Activities Dave Bulkley K9DWB

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

the membership. Motion: Robert Littler W9DSR, 2nd: Tom Westerfield N9HSJ, Motion passed

Reports:

Director 1: RPTR'S: Ruben Noceda K9ARN: We need to update IRA webpage as there is incorrect info on their list of repeaters.

Director 2: Robert Littler W9DSR: Illinois QSO Party coming up.

Education: Tech and General Classes coming up.

Civil Air Patrol has requested a tech class

The Extra sessions will be held in person at the North Aurora Library.

VE Update: The next session will be on November 17th at the Geneva Lutheran Church.







Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2022 (Continued)

Old Business: The Nominating slate is almost complete and will be announced at the November meeting.

New Business: There will be a committee created to do By-Laws review. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Terry W9AUV or Dan WA9YKK.

Announcements from the floor: The IL QSO Party equipment and antennas will be set on Sunday October 16th at the Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve in Naperville.

Adjournment: Motion by Marty N9NTM, 2nd: Kurt KD9SUV. Meeting adjourned at 20:15 CDT.

Respectfully submitted (with many thanks to Dean Holste KC9EOQ for his help in recording the minutes)

Art Shuter - NN9I FRRL Sectetary

Word Search

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AMATEUR VHF EXAM **ILLINOIS ANALOG EXTRA RADIO** ARCOVER FRRL REPEATER **ARRL FUSION SIMPLEX** BATAVIA **GENERAL TECH CROSSBAND GRAVY THANKSGIVING** UHF **DMR** HAM **DUPLEX ICOM USA**







November 2022



FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1900 FRRL BOD Meeting 1930 FRRL 2m Net	2	3	4	5
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WCRA 2m Net 8pm 145.31 -6 107.2	VARA 2m Net 8pm 146.79 -6 107.2	FRRL 2m Net 7:30pm 147.21 +6 103.5	Kane County ARES 2m Net 6:30pm 145.47 -6 103.5	Northern Illinois ARRL 70cm Net 7:30pm 444.875 +5MHz, 114.8	28.150, N SS	W Net Monday 8PM SB Net onday 8:30PM



Fox River Radio League News & Information



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The 147.210 repeater now has EchoLink running.

Members may connect to the repeater via their phone or computer.

Callsign W9CEQ-R Node Number 230933

For more information, please come to the November club meeting as there will be a short presentation explaining EchoLink. Editors Note:

See Page 7 for more information

73, Curt W9YNP







Offices up for Nominations:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Director

Director

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for these positions please contact our

nomination committee who are -

Denny W9HI (Click Here)
Harry K9DXA (Click Here)
Gordie KW0E (Click Here)



Nominations will be taken on and before the November meeting at which time nominations will be closed.

Elections will be held at the December meeting.





FRRL W9CEQ Echolink Repeater Instructions

Echolink allows licensed Amateur Radio stations to connect to one another over the Internet. You can use Echolink to connect your station (or your computer) over the Internet to other amateurs using the same software, and carry on a voice QSO. This greatly enhances the range and utility of mobile and portable VHF/UHF-FM stations, and also allows computer-equipped hams to access distant repeaters directly.

Operating Procedure:

You can connect to the 147.21 repeater with your phone's Echolink app or a windows PC. Search for the callsign <u>W9CEQ-R</u> or use our node number <u>230933</u>. At this time, connecting to other nodes is disabled.

Once you are connected to the repeater, the system will announce your callsign over the air. For Echolink users, the courtesy tone will change to a morse code 'K' character and will be delayed about 1 second from when you unkey. RF users should wait for the courtesy tone even though the wait is longer than normal. The courtesy tone stays the same for RF users of the repeater. Up to 10 users may connect at once which is useful for nets.

Smartphone users should configure their app to use a "Direct" type of network connection if possible. By default, the "Relay" type is selected. When using "Relay" the system does NOT retrieve the users callsign correctly and the wrong call may be announced over the air. Using the "Direct" connection solves this issue. When you disconnect from the repeater, your callsign will again be announced over the air noting that you have disconnected.

Remember that you are still transmitting a signal that can be heard by anyone monitoring the repeater. Proper repeater etiquette is expected. Please refer to the Repeater Conduct Guidelines avail on the club's website.

Fox River Radio League Repeater Conduct Guidelines (Nov. 4, 2006)

1. Always identify according to the regulations.

You should identify your station when you make contact with another ham, then every 10 minutes or more often if you like, and at the end of your conversations

Editors Note:

FRRL rules stated here are

quoted in part of the actual

Conduct Guidelines on the

club's website

rule itself. Please refer to the

2. Avoid lengthy conversations.

Please limit conversations to 15 or 20 minutes

3. Do not engage in political soap boxing.

Using the club's repeaters as a platform for soap boxing is unacceptable.

4. Do not routinely circumvent the time-out timer.

Regulation 97.213(b) requiring us to limit repeater transmissions to a maximum of three minutes under automatic control.

5. CB Lingo, "Q" codes and excessive phonetics.

They are not necessary on a good communication channel like a repeater.

6. Always yield the frequency to a breaking station.

This applies to all calling or breaking stations, because you never know if they have an emergency or not

7. Our repeaters are "G-Rated" 24 hours a day.

You never know who may be listening

8. Our rule is simple:

Absolutely no obscene, indecent or profane language at any time.





If You Have Anything



For Sale
To Trade
Looking For / Or
To Loan



Advertise Here

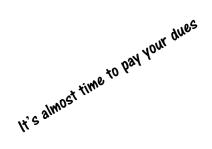
- 1. Cushcraft 5 element 6meter beam antenna, 12 foot boom \$75 (works great but surplus to my needs)
- 2. Hygain DX-88 8 band Vertical antenna, 1500 watt vertical antenna with Steel Mount frame \$200 The DX-88 is 26 feet tall, needs ground mounting and a radial field. Manufacturers suggestion is 20 20 foot radials buried or on the ground. Works great, but not needed any more.

I am starting to lighten the equipment load

Mike Urso K9FE 630-327-5164



Online











Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) reorganization effective January 1, 2023.



The Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) have announced a realignment of their Field Organization resulting in the addition of a new section and name changes to several others effective January 1, 2023. This will result in the changes to ARRL contests that use ARRL/RAC sections as multipliers, including Field Day, ARRL November Sweepstakes, and 160-Meter contests.

The RAC Field Organization will be reorganized into the following sections effective January 1, 2023:

Newfoundland and Labrador (NL)

Nova Scotia (NS)

Prince Edward Island (PE)

New Brunswick (NB) - the Maritime Section (MAR) will be abolished.

Quebec (QC)

Ontario East (ONE)

Golden Horseshoe (GH) - currently called Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Ontario South (ONS)

Ontario North (ONN)

Manitoba (MB)

Saskatchewan (SK)

Alberta (AB)

British Columbia (BC)

Territories (TER) - Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut will be combined into one section. Note that this change is forthcoming and will not impact the 2022 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW/SSB) or 160-Meter Contests.

Please direct any questions to Dave Goodwin, VE3KG, Regulatory Affairs Officer, RAC, by email at regulatory@rac.ca.



Dayton Hamvention® has announced that the Ramada Inn in Xenia, Ohio, is closing. The Dayton Daily News is reporting that the city of Xenia will take full possession of the Ramada Inn on November 1, 2022. The land will be incorporated into the Xenia Towne Square revitalization project. Hamvention, the largest annual ham radio convention in the US, will be held May 19 - 21, 2023, at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia. A list of other accommodations can be found on the Hamvention website at https://hamvention.org/travel-parking/accommodation/.









November 5 - 6 | Stone Mountain Hamfest, hosting the ARRL Georgia Section Convention, STONE HOUNTAIN HAMPEST

Lawrenceville, Georgia

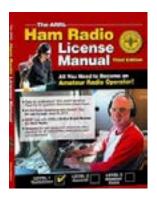
November 12 | Montgomery ARC Hamfest, hosting the ARRL Alabama State Convention, Montgomery, Alabama



November 12 | Rock Hill Hamfest, hosting the ARRL South Carolina Section Convention, Rock Hill, South Carolina

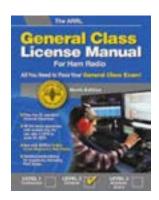




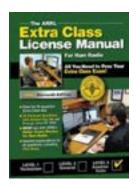


Fox River Radio League Technician

General



And Extra Radio Classes Resume In The Fall Of 2022



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

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

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

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

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



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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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. <u>Director3@frrl.org</u>

















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:

November 10,2022 at 1800hrs

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 emailing 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



VE's Needed!!

Illinois Traffic Net



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



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



Consider volunteering you can make the difference!!









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

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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







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

April 30,2022 - Sullivan Hamfest

Location: Sullivan, IL

Website: https://www.qsl.net/mark/

May 1, 2022 - The DeKalb Hamfest

Location: Sandwich, IL

Website: http://karc-club.org.

June 5, 2022 - Starved Rock Radio Club

Hamfest

Location: Mendota, IL

Website: http://www.w9mks.org

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

July 17, 2022 - Karsfest Location: Peotone, IL

Website: http://w9az.com/karsfest.html

August 7, 2022 - Hamfesters Radio Club

Hamfest

Location: Peotone, IL

Website: http://ham-ham.org

August 13, 2022 - West Central Illinois

Hamfest

Location: Carlinville, IL

Website: https://wcilhamfest.com/

September 16 & 17, 2022 - 2022 W9DXCC

Convention

Location: Naperville, IL

Website: http://www.w9uvi.org

September 17-18, 2022 - Midwest Superfest 2022,

ARRL Illinois State

Convention

Location: East Peoria, IL Website: http://www.w9uvi.org

September 23-24, 2022 - HRO Superfest, ARRL

Central Division Convention Location: Milwaukee, WI

September 25, 2022 - Radio Expo Hamfest

Location: Belvidere, IL

Website:: http://chicagofmclub.org

January 28, 2023 - Winterfest

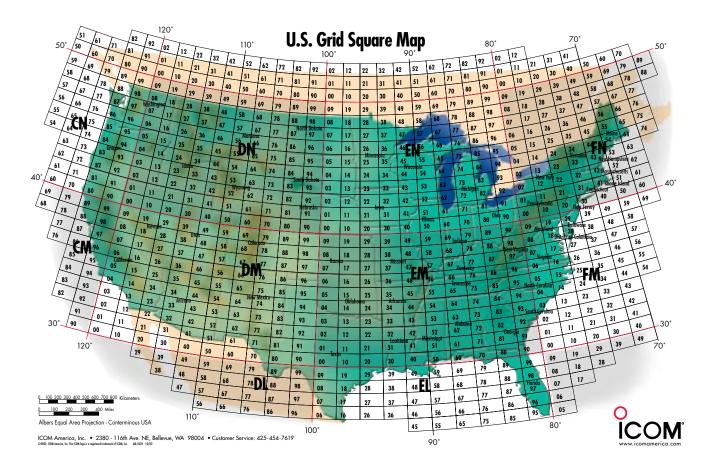
Location: Collinsville. IL

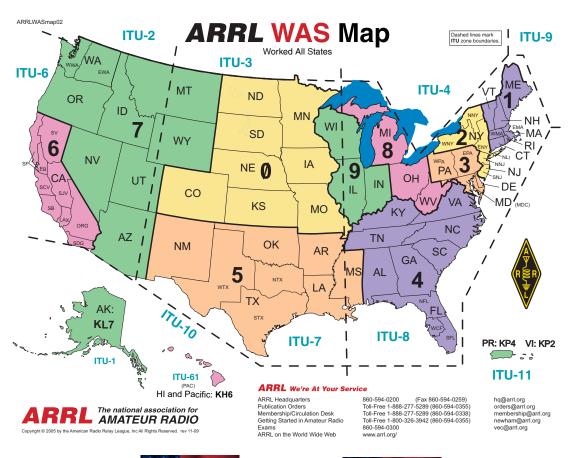
Website: http://winterfest.slsrc.org

73 until next time and good propagation.

ARRL Illinois Section
Section Manager: Thomas H Beebe, W9RY
w9ry@arrl.org



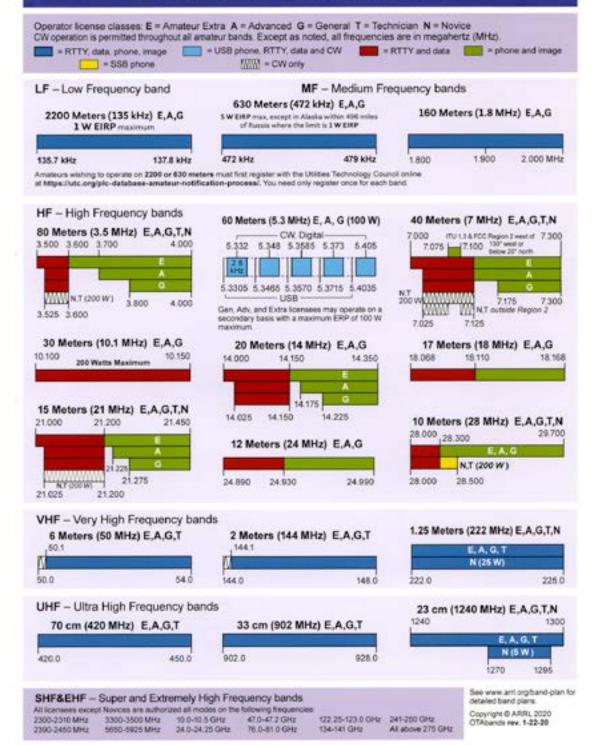




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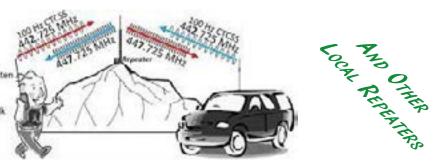












FRRL Repeaters-W9CEQ

147.225 MHz

Mode: Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X

+600 KHz Offset, 100.0 Access Tone

147.21 MHz

Mode:FM

+600 KHz Offset, 103.5 Access Tone



444.300 MHz

Mode: FM (IRLP and Echolink not Available)

+5 KHz Offset, 114.8 Access Tone

442.10625 MHz (B)

Mode: D-Star +5 KHz Offset

Other Area Repeaters

W9XA/R

224.4 MHz

-1.6 KHz Offset, 114.8 Access Tone

443.65625 MHz

Mode: DMR ID:311760

+5 KHz

Chicagoland - CC Bridge

1292.00 MHz

-20 KHz 114.8 Access Tone

Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X Repeaters

K9IIK/R

442.275 MHz

Mode: Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X

+5 KHz, 114.8 Access Tone

W9CHI

444.600 MHz

Mode: Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X 30024

+5 KHz, 136.5 Access Tone

KD9FA

443.600 MHz

Mode: Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X

+5 KHz, 107.2 Access Tone

KC90EM Primary Kane County SKYWARN / ARES

145.470 MHz

Mode: FM

-600 Offset, 103.5 KHz Access Tone



444.525 MHz

Mode: Auto C4FM / Fusion, FM, Wires X

+5 KHz Offset, Access GTone114.8





