



Arc Over

Fox River Radio
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December, 2012

President's Traffic

By Harry Jones K9DXA

There are just a few days left until our December meeting when we will have our elections, Ham of the Year voting, and the Holiday Party. This issue of the Arc Over will fill you in on who is nominated for the election, and advise on how to handle an absentee ballot, if you cannot make the meeting. The Ham of the Year award is very special, and I will ask you to vote for the FRRL member you think has done the most this past year for the good of amateur radio rather than just simply for FRRL. The Ham of the Year award will be presented at the banquet next month. Please bring to the December meeting some non-perishable food items that Mike K9FE will gather up and take to a local charity for FRRL. Please also bring any special party food you might like to share. We are all going to have a good time at the party.

Don't forget to renew your FRRL membership at the December or January meeting. See Dean KC9EOQ. It is time to plan for the FRRL Banquet January 26, 2013 at St. Charles Place. You do that by seeing Dick W9GIG or Kermit W9XA at one of the next two meetings (the sooner the better) to buy tickets. There are three menu items to spread the ticket price as you see fit. We'll be a little more dressed up for this special event. And I am particularly excited that Kermit and Dick have arranged for Ward Silver N0AX from ARRL to be with us and contribute to the program.

I was glad to see the latest Extra Class graduates come to the VE session and move up to Extra! Also moving up to Extra last week was none other than Jackie Urso K9ASL. When you see her, ask her what that call suffix means for her. Congratulations to all.

We just had a good dose of contesting. Any more antenna work we do will be more effective, since antennas put up or fixed in bad weather tend to operate that way. The Tuesday night net is offline now, but more volunteer net control stations will allow us to reactivate it.

Got any ideas for winter time FRRL operating activities? Let's get something going!

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the General Membership of the
Fox River Radio League (FRRL) an Illinois not-for-profit Corporation
Held at St. Rita of Cascia, Aurora, IL

Meeting Minutes November 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Harry K9DXA.

Reports

- Minutes from the October Membership Meeting were presented by Secretary Paul AC9BS. Warren K9IH moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Joe NA9A. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Dean KC9EOQ reported that the club has \$2477.23 in checking; \$4027.20 in savings and \$53 in petty cash. Mike K9FE moved to accept Treasurer Report, second by Larry W9OKI. Motion carried.
- Program Dick AH6EZ reported that the evening's program would be on Receiver Selectivity with complete history and understanding of each design.
- Kendall, DuPage, and Kane Counties ARES representatives gave updates on their respective organizations.

Old Business

- Bill NF9D informed members that the FRRL Emergency Simulation Exercise was held on Saturday October 27, 2012 at 8:30am at St. Rita Church basement. 8-9 members attending, had short training in drafting messages and handling them during the Emergency Simulation Exercise Net. Most of the members where sent to different locations to pass traffic during the exercise, follow by debriefing, reactions, questions. Members did say they enjoyed it and would like to follow it with more practice. TBA will be more FRRL Emergency Simulation Exercises and to be prepared for the next Sandy Super-storms in the future.

New Business

- Harry K9DXA announced that the board is closing down the Tuesday Night Net due to loss of net control operators. The net will finish out the month of November. The Board of Directors will revisit the net when more members show interest to become net control operators.
- Jack K9JE announced nominations for the Annual December Elections for FRRL Board of Directors 2013: President Harry K9DXA, Vice-President Dawn KC9LQS, Treasurer Dean KC9EOQ, Secretary Mike K9FE, Director John N9STK, Director Mike KC9OPV. Larry W9OKI moved to accept the nominations and second by Craig AB9IV. Motion passed to accept nominees.

Announcements

Announcements were made on numerous topics.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike K9FE and seconded by Marty N9NTM. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Paul Mandrik AC9BS FRRL Secretary

Nominating Committee Announces Slate for 2012-2013 Elections

On November 13, 2012, the FRRL 2012 Nominating Committee presented the names of club members who have agreed to be candidates for election to club offices.

The candidates are:

President: Harry Jones K9DXA
Vice-President: Dawn Williams KC9LQS
Secretary: Mike Urso K9FE
Treasurer: Dean Holste KC9EOQ
Directors: John Corcoran N9STK
Mike Cicchetti KC9OPV

Members of the Nominating Committee were Denny Barfuss W9HI, Eric Needles AB9OS, and Chairman Jack Ekstrom K9JE. We thank them for their service.

If you will not be attending the meeting to vote in person, please mail your ballot to the club P.O. box. You must ensure it is delivered prior to 12 noon Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at which time the P.O. box will be checked for any mail-in absentee ballots. Please place your ballot inside an envelope and then place the envelope in another to mail as per the bylaws requirements. Late ballots or ballots not prepared per the bylaws will not be considered.

Election rules as provided by the Fox River Radio League By-Laws, as amended May 9 2006 (also found in the Roster Book):

Section 1. Nominations: The Nominating Committee shall present, at the November meeting, a slate of candidates consisting of a minimum of one (1) name per office. Nominations shall also be accepted from the floor at only the November meeting. All nominations shall be published in the next issue of the FRRL Newsletter, or failing said publication, a list of same shall be sent to all members via First Class U.S. mail, a minimum of one week ahead of the December meeting.

Section 2. Election: The annual election of all officers and the directors shall take place at the December meeting. The balloting shall allow for write-in names. A candidate shall be declared elected if that candidate receives the most votes cast by the members.

Section 3. Absentee Ballots: Absentee ballots are allowed only for the election of officers and directors. The absentee ballots shall be prepared by the voter and delivered to any officer prior to the start of the meeting at which the annual election of officers and directors is held. All absentee ballots shall be drafted in ink. The office being voted on with the first and last name and the Call sign of each candidate shall be listed on this ballot. The completed ballot shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope that is both printed and signed in ink using first and last name of the voter. The ballots shall be opened and tallied at the election.

FRRL Winter Banquet - Jan 26, 2013

By Dick Isely W9GIG

The 2013 FRRL Winter Banquet marks a return to our original tradition of a more formal, sit-down dinner, in a very nice restaurant. Tickets went on sale at the November FRRL meeting and will be sold at the December and January meetings - or by contacting Kermit Carlson, W9XA (w9xa@yahoo.com).

Date & Location

The festivities will start at 5:00 PM, Saturday, **January 26, 2013** at the St. Charles Steak House located at 2550 East Main Street (State Route 64) in St. Charles, IL

Menu Entrees & Prices

There will be a choice of three entrees at this banquet. Prices include tax and gratuity.

Prime Rib of Beef ... \$43.00 (red ticket)
Chicken Picatta \$32.00 (yellow ticket)
Vegetarian Pasta \$28.00 (green ticket)

Caesar Salad and Ice Cream Dessert come with all three entrees. Twice-Baked potato is included with the beef and chicken entrees.

**** Put name or callsign on ticket and lay on dinner table ****

This reserves your place and tells server which entree to put down.

Schedule

Cash Bar - 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Dinner Served - 6:15 PM
Entertainment - 7:30 PM
Awards - 8:30 PM

Entertainment

Humorist, musician, technical writer, and ARRL publication author and editor, Ward Silver, N0AX will present ***Doctor Beldar's Hamfest Emporium - Products You Might Not See in the Flea Market.***

Rules of Engagement

1. Tickets must be purchased in advance - no payment at the event.
2. No complimentary tickets except for entertainer(s).
3. Outside food or beverages not allowed in restaurant.
4. Blue jeans and camouflage clothing not allowed.
5. Dress code is business casual.
 - Men - conservative sport coat, tie, and slacks.
 - Women - slacks or skirt with blouse and/or sweater.

Bill Erikson HF Challenge Update — Mid-November 2012

Limited Class	States	Provinces	DX Countries	Total
Gary K9MMS-CW	50	12	215	277
Steve N5EP-CW	43	6	89	138
Jeff K9BQL-CW	3	1	124	128
Eric K9LGE-Digital	27	3	14	44
Eric AB9OS-CW	27	5	11	43
Dave KB9MNM-Digital	13	1	9	23
Jerry KA9VMD-PSK31	5	1	5	11

Operator Class	States	Provinces	DX Countries	Total
Jack K9JE	36	9	145	190
Herb W9DTR	50	12	118	180
Jim N9XP	32		104	136
Tobi K9TCD	35	5	73	113
Tom WB9CHY	42	4	38	84
Warren K9IH	25	5	37	67

QRO Class	States	Provinces	DX Countries	Total
Larry K9ARZ	50	13	265	328
Joe NA9A	43	12	258	313
Dick AH6EZ	50	13	219	282
Maurice N4LZ	48	12	117	177

Ragchew Class	States/Provinces	DX	Total
Dick AH6EZ			55
Herb W9DTR			25
Steve N5EP	12/1	1	14
Warren K9IH	12/2	0	14
Eric K9LGE			7
Joe NA9A	6	1	7
Eric AB9OS	1	0	1
Jerry KA9VMD	1	0	1

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

CALL	NAME
KK4GGG	Mike Voiland
W9NJP	Jim Griffin

Program Notes

There will not be a December program since the meeting time will be devoted to the FRRL's annual election and a holiday party.

About the FRRL

The Fox River Radio League, Inc., is a general interest amateur radio club serving the central Fox River Valley area. Records indicate the club has been in existence since at least 1924, and 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 IRS Statutes.

We sponsor training classes for new hams, license examination sessions, an annual hamfest, and participate in various public service events. If you have a specialized amateur radio interest, chances are you can share it with one or more of our club members.

The Fox River Radio League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Rita of Cascia Church in Aurora. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM and includes social time,

a business portion and a program of interest.

All persons interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. Families are welcome.

We hope to see you there!

License Exams

The Fox River Radio League, Inc., in conjunction with the ARRL VEC, conducts amateur examinations on the 3rd Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November at St. Rita of Cascia Church in Aurora at 7:30 PM. A special session is held at the club's hamfest, usually in July each year. No advance registration is required, but please be sure to bring your license (if you have one) and a photocopy

of it, some form of photo identification and the fee of \$15.00. (The FRRL receives no portion of this fee.)

The next exam session is scheduled for January at St. Rita of Cascia Church in Aurora. Please see the frrl.org website for details.

FRRL Dues

Annual dues are payable no later than the January Club Meeting each year. New members joining during the year will have their first year's dues prorated to the nearest yearly quarter.

Regular dues are \$20.00 a year, Senior Citizen dues are \$12.00. Family dues are \$30.00. Members can help support the FRRL Repeaters by making an annual \$10.00 donation.

Check with the Treasurer for details and additional dues rates.

Nets

Net Name	Freq.	Day	Time
FRRL	147.210	Tuesday	7:30 PM Local
10-10 CW	28.150	Monday	8:00 PM Local
10-10 SSB	28.720	Monday	8:30 PM Local

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<http://www.frrl.org>

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FRRL Event Calendar

December, 2012

FRRL Board Meeting 4
FRRL Meeting 11

January, 2013

FRRL Board Meeting 2
FRRL Meeting 8
VE Session 15

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Local Area Repeaters/Nets

W9CEQ—147.210 Mhz + 600 KHz, 103.5 access tone
Owned by FRRL

W9CEQ—444.300 Mhz IRLP Node # 4850 + 5 Mhz, 114.8 access tone
Owned by FRRL

W9CEQ__B D-Star—442.10625 Mhz (+ 5.0 Mhz offset)
W9CEQ__C D-Star—147.225 Mhz (+600 Mhz offset)
FRRL Digital Voice/Data Repeaters
Contact W9XA for information

W9XA/R—443.62 Mhz (+ 5.0 Mhz offset)
W9XA/R—224.4 Mhz (- 1.6 Mhz offset)
Owned by W9XA

KC9OEM—145.470 Mhz. -600 KHz, 103.5 access tone
KC9OEM—444.525 Mhz + 5 Mhz, 114.8 access tone
(2 meter is primary Kane Co. SKYWARN /ARES freq)
Owned by Kane County OEM

W9DWP—Kane Co. Amateur Public Svc. Rptrs.
145.270 -600 KHz, 107.2 access tone
443.025 +5 Mhz 114.8 access tone
Both repeaters are dual mode APCO-25 NAC-293

W9ZGP—NIARC
147.060 +600 KHz, 103.5 access tone

- Weekly ARES/Skywarn Net—Wed. Eve. at 6:30 pm local time on the KC9OEM 2 meter repeater
- Weekly FRRL Net—Tues. Eve. at 7:30 pm local time on the FRRL 2 Meter repeater.
- Monthly Simplex Net—4th Tues following weekly FRRL Net on the FRRL 2 Meter repeater.
- Illinois DStar Net - Wed. Eve. at 8:00 pm local time on the DStar 440 repeater.