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President's Traffic

By Harry Jones K9DXA

I just finished participating in the FRRL EMCOMM Simulation (training) event. Bill NF9D put together a very informative activity aimed at a first look at EMCOMM. We met for an hour and Bill gave a presentation about what we were soon to do. That presentation is in the FRRL Yahoo Groups file folder. Then most of us were dispatched via mobile operation to find a suitable location, check in, and pass traffic. We needed to keep a detailed log and a paper record of our message handling. The net was set up on the FRRL 2M repeater, and team pairs were sent to simplex frequencies to handle traffic. Bill monitored both the net and the simplex frequencies to take notes on our effectiveness. Then net control asked all to return to our staging area for a debrief and pizza. We learned quite a bit, and realized that we would not become effective EMCOMM operators in ½ day. But we all had fun, and all were interested in doing more. I took three ideas away from this activity: More FRRL members would like to get this first start activity, those in our event would like more practice and participate in "the next step", and County ARES groups might be a logical place for more of this activity. What do you think? If you have not tried EMCOMM, want to give it a try? A big "Thank you" to Bill for planning and leading this activity!

We welcomed our new Secretary last month, Paul AC9BS, and he has really hit the ground running! I thank you Paul for stepping up.

We also welcomed Neil KB9RFX and Chris KC9BKS as co-Webmasters. They have posted quite a few changes at our new website. They have asked for news and feedback on what you would like to see at the FRRL Website. Send them a note: Webmaster <at> FRRL <dot> org.

Denny W9HI was announced as our new Field Day chair for 2013 and he has selected Jericho Park as our site. Nice going Denny. You will make Field Day 2013 the best yet!

We still have ARRL Sweepstakes-Phone to handle yet this year. Jump in and make it a "clean sweep." It's just a little more difficult this year, since Canada's Ontario has been subdivided. Get on the air!

Eric K9LGE needs more net control ops for the Tuesday night net. This is a weekly event, except on FRRL Meeting nights. The role is handled easily since he has a crib sheet to use. Why not give it a try? Eric may approach you shortly. Please be ready to step up. Who knows, you might like it!

The Annual Election Nominees will be announced at November meeting. You will have a chance for further nominations. After that, the nominations are closed, and the election will take place at the December meeting. Want more to say about FRRL activities? Get nominated!

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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 October 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Harry K9DXA.

Reports

- Minutes from the August Membership Meeting were presented by Harry K9DXA. Randolph W9HE moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Joe NA9A. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Dean KC9EOQ reported that the club has \$2498.66 in checking; \$4027.06 in savings and \$53 in petty cash.
- Program: President Harry K9DXA reported that the evening's program would be on Battery Safety with handling and disposal and short video battery failure thermal runaway.
- Neil KB9RFX as new co-webmasters with Chris KC9BKS. Neil said they are making changes and looking forward to any feedback from members.
- Debby WX9VOR reported that the club's new public relations plan was underway. Ideas, feedback and suggestions from members are encouraged.
- Kendall, DuPage and Kane ARES representatives gave updates on their respective organizations.

Old Business

- President Harry K9DXA informed members that the FRRL Emergency Simulation Exercise would be held on Saturday October 27, 2012 at 8:30am and location at St. Rita Church basement. Members attending will need 2 meter HT or mobile rigs, pencil and clipboard, watch. Simulated Emergency Exercise will wrap up at est. Noon with debriefing, reactions, questions and more important that we had FUN. Also refreshments and pizza are served by the club.

New Business

- Harry K9DXA announced that the board accepted the resignation of Secretary Randal Ligocki KC9KAX and that a candidate for secretary is being Paul Mandrik AC9BS, Mike K9FE moved to accept the nominee and second by Dean KC9EOQ. Motion carried and fully approved by the members. The new secretary will serve at the November, December and January meetings.
- Harry K9DXA presented that Denny W9HI will be serving as 2013 FRRL Field Day Chair and it will be held at Jericho Lake.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Randolph W9HE and seconded by Mike K9FE. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Paul Mandrik AC9BS FRRL Secretary

Bill Erikson HF Challenge Update — Mid-October 2012

By Dawn Williams KC9LQS

The following scores were updated as of mid-October. Even now, it isn't too late to join the Challenge and get in on the fun! See Joe NA9A at the next club meeting for more information, or visit the club website and click on HF Challenge.

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	255	318
Joe NA9A	43	11	250	304
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

Program Notes

The November program will be about the historical development of HF receivers, and in particular receiver selectivity. There will hopefully be live demonstrations of different receiver types from regenerative to envelope detectors, to BFO and product detectors. The demonstrations will include a TenTec 1054 and a Hammarlund HQ110 with a Q multiplier. If you don't know what that all means, you will after the program.

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 November 20 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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FRRL Event Calendar

November, 2012

FRRL Board Meeting 6
FRRL Meeting 13
VE Session 20

December, 2012

FRRL Board Meeting 4
FRRL Meeting 11

ArcOver FRRL Newsletter

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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
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W9CEQ_B D-Star—442.10625 Mhz (+ 5.0 Mhz offset)
W9CEQ_C D-Star—147.225 Mhz (-6.0 Mhz offset)
FRRL Digital Voice/Data Repeaters
Contact W9XA for information

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.