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Hara Arena Closes

Hamvention Moves to Xenia, OH



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September 16th & 17th

<http://www.w9dxcc.com/>

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) regrets to inform our many vendors, visitors and stakeholders that, unfortunately, HARA has announced the closing of their facility. We have begun execution of our contingency plan to move Hamvention® 2017 to a new home.

DARA and Hamvention® have enjoyed many successful years working together with HARA Arena and we wish the Wampler family the best.

DARA and Hamvention® have been working on a contingency plan in the event HARA would become unavailable. We have spent many hours over the last few years evaluating possible locations and have found one in the area we believe will be a great new home! Due to logistics and timing issues, we will make a formal announcement introducing our new partner. This information will be coming soon. We all believe this new venue will be a spectacular place to hold our beloved event. Please rest assured we will have the event on the same weekend and, since it will be in the region, the current accommodations and outside events already planned for Hamvention® 2017 should not be affected.

We look forward to your continued support as we move to a new future with The Dayton Hamvention®.

Ron Cramer

General Chairman

Dayton Hamvention 2017

XENIA, OHIO – The Greene County Agricultural Society Board of Directors in partnership with the Greene County Board of Commissioners, the City of Xenia and the Greene County Convention & Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce the Greene County Fair & Exposition Center will be the new home of the Dayton Hamvention®.

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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 Federal 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 Bethany Lutheran Church at 8 S. Lincoln St in Batavia.. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM and includes a business portion, social time and a program of interest.

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

Please welcome our newest member to the club!

CALL	Name	License Class
WA9QOV	Tom Sebastian	General

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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 \$25.00 a year, Senior Citizen dues are \$15.00. Family dues are \$35.00. Members can help support the FRRL Repeaters by making an annual \$10.00 donation.

Bill Erikson HF Challenge

By Dawn Williams, KC9LQS

The second half of this year's HF Challenge began last month, and if you're a new licensee or new to the club, this activity is a great way to hone your operating skills and interact with fellow club members. Only those who reported scores during the first half of the year were sent worksheets for July through December, so if you need one, please request it via email to Challenge [at] fr1.org, or see Challenge Administrator Joe NA9A during the next meeting.

A special note to new licensees is applicable here. If you need input or help on getting your first HF station operational, please let us know. Many members of the club are very willing to act as Elmers, answer questions, and help you decide on your best options for your first station. Email me or talk to any of your board members and we'll connect you with someone who can help. We all started out with more questions than answers, and it is a privilege to pay forward the mentoring and assistance we once received.

The next score reports will include total contacts made between Jan. 1 and August 15. If you need a Challenge worksheet, see Joe at the next meeting or request one via email. Questions and your mid-month report can be sent to Challenge [at] fr1.org. Please mark your calendar with a reminder to send in your update. Ideally, I'd like to receive them by the 20th of the month. Let's make a point of getting on the air and enjoying a more active second half of the Challenge!

73 de KC9LQS

Limited Class	States	Provinces	DX Countries	Total
Eric K9LGE	36	4	9	49
Jim W9NJP	45	5	25	75
Herb W9DTR	45	7	13	65
Chris KC9BKS	6	0	0	3
Operator Class	States	Provinces	DX Countries	Total
Jeff N9JZN	2	0	44	46
Jack K9JE	24	5	86	115
Roger W9YU	40	5	27	72
Jason NX9Y	53	9	80	142
QRO Class	States	Provinces	DX Countries	Total
Larry K9ARZ	83	23	275	381
Joe NA9A	44	4	179	227
Cedric WT2P	50	11	132	193
Dick AH6EZ/W7	87	17	208	312
Dean KC9EOQ	33	5	86	124
Rag Chewer Class	States	Provinces	DX Countries	Total
Roger W9YU	3	0	0	3
Joe NA9A	12	1	3	16
Jason NX9Y	9	2	0	11
Eric K9LGE	1	0	0	1
Dick AH6EZ/W7	0	0	0	45
Jim W9NJP	0	0	0	21
Dean KC9EOQ	1	0	0	1

President's Traffic

Dennis Barfuss, W9HI

Well the summer is quickly turning into fall. I like many have just returned from vacations just before the start of the fall school season. I had the opportunity of meeting some old friends Mike KL7CD and Jack N9CIO. We used to operate on the air as novices with CW only until we all upgraded and got phone. Over the years we have stayed in touch but each person gets pretty involved in job and family so seeing each other was a treat. Jack flew for an airline and is just starting to get back into the hobby. Mike has always been involved with radio and was on the engineering team that designed the Alaskan pipe line as well as many others. Mike is a consummate AM boat anchor kind of guy. He has a great collection of senior rigs and is an expert on the fine points of boat anchor radios small and large. You can find him on the weekly AM nets on 80 meters.

While up north I learned about some very severe storms that devastated the town of Saxon Harbor on July 11-12 and personally witnessed the damage caused by straight line winds. This type of weather is not unique to northern Wisconsin and being prepared as a ham to help out emergency responders becomes real when it is in your face. Our power was continuously going on and off for two days. Fortunately, there was a generator switching on and off automatically to make sure everyone's refrigerators continued to operate. Here in the Fox Valley area we have smart grids and the like so power and devastating emergencies are not at the forefront of our thinking. We should however, rethink how our stations might operate in a severe storm, or how we might support emergency responders. August is a great month, but it can bring lots of excitement that always isn't wanted. August is also a great month to start looking ahead to winter contests including the Illinois QSO party. Our club will again host a portable station so any club member or non-member can come out and operate. Last year's event was exciting and due to all the club member participating in the event including our roving members like Harry K9DXA, we did well in the state. This year we can do even better and possibly get first place in the state. Watch the web and Yahoo email for more info on our IL QSO party operation.

73, Denny W9HI



10-10 International Summer Phone Contest

Sat Aug 06, 2016 00:00z

Sun Aug 07, 2016 23:59z

[Summer Phone QSO Party](#)



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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 Bethany Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL

Meeting Minutes July 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Denny W9HI. Audience introductions: call, name, QTH and: Are you a new member/first time or newly licensed/recently upgraded attendee? Do you have antenna plans for this fall??

Approval of June 2016 member meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Dave K9WDB. Motion seconded by Eric, K9LGE. Membership approved the motion.

Treasurer's Report Dean KC9EOQ

Dean reported the balances as of June 7, 2016.

Program, Jason NX9Y

Voice Interface on 2 meter net. Need additional presentations for August, September and October

Education, Mike K9FE / Paul AC9BS

Mike will hold exam review classes for the Elburn SERC group as soon as the Elburn SERC provides dates. Paul AC9BS will assist Mike. Still on hold.

Net Dave N9XU

Dave reported that the 2 meter Net meets on every Tuesday at 7:30 pm except for FRRL club meetings. Dave needs additional net controllers. Technical problems with "net mode" and system timeouts. Seven hams helped out with net control.

VE (Volunteer Examiner) Doug W9RD/Paul AC9BS

Doug announced the next VE Session is third Tues in Sept. Ten VEs were present at the FRRL Ham-fest. Twelve candidates took exams. Seven new licenses and ham three upgrades. Bring a picture ID and your license (for upgrades). Details are available on the FRRL.org website. FCC license fees due to the VE are \$15.

ARES Debbie WX9VOR

Meeting Reminder 4th Thursday of the month, July 28th. Special exercise on August 20. Contact Debbie for questions. Contact Debbie for details of her announcement or check the FRRL.org website

Field Day Co-Chairs Phil W9XAN/Mike K9FE

Was an awesome success. Presentation to come at the August member meeting.

Hamfest Co-Chairs Dave K9WDB and Tom Saballus KC9PHX with Dawn KC9LQS.

Dave K9WDB reported 1940 ticket sales and thanked everyone who volunteered to work at the hamfest. A round of applause was given.

Old Business:

No old Business

New Business:

No new business

Announcements

Mistakes were made on the Challenge mailing. Contact Joe NA9A for details.

Upcoming Events

August 2nd FRRL Board meeting

August 9th Membership Meeting

Tonight's Program is Dave N9XU Discussing an Audio Interface

Adjournment

Denny W9HI declared the meeting adjourned at 20:10 CDT PM.

Respectfully submitted

Dan Harmon WA9YKK

FRRL Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Director's Meeting

September 6th, 2016 @7:00pm

Colonial Café—Aurora, Il.

Membership Meeting

September 13th, 2016 @ 7:30pm

Bethany Lutheran Church

VE Testing Session

September 20th, 2016

FRRL VE Testing at Messenger Library in North Aurora at 7pm.

IMPORTANT AMATEUR RADIO WEB PAGE LINKS

www.frrl.org

www.arrl.org

www.colpage.org

www.qrz.com

www.dailydx.com

www.twit.tv/hn

www.dxspots.com



FRRL Repeaters:

W9CEQ—147.210 MHz +600KHz Offset, 103.5 PL

W9CEQ—444.300 MHz +5 MHz Offset, 114.8 PL (IRLP Node # 4850) (Echolink # 230933)

FRRL Digital Voice/Data Repeaters: (Contact Kermit, W9XA for information)

W9CEQ__B D-Star—442.10625 MHz (+ 5.0 MHz offset)

W9CEQ__C D-Star—147.225 MHz (+ 0.6 MHz offset)

Other Local Area Repeaters:

Owned by Kane County OEM:

KC9OEM—145.470 MHz -600 KHz, 103.5 PL

(2 meter is primary Kane Co. SKYWARN/ARES Frequency)

W9DWP—Kane Co. Amateur Public Svc. Repeaters:

(Both repeaters are dual mode APCO-25 NAC-293)

145.270 -600 KHz 107.2 PL

443.025 +5 MHz 114.8 PL

Local 6 meter: Input: 52.210 Output: 53.910 Carrier Access FM (W9XA 6-meter repeater)

W9ZGP—NIARC:

147.060 +600 KHz, 103.5 PL

Weekly Nets:

Ten Meter Net: Monday at 8:00pm 28.150 MHz CW

Monday at 8:30pm 28.720 MHz SSB

FRRL 2 Meter Net: Tuesday Evening at 7:30 pm

ARES & Skywarn Net: Wednesday Evening at 6:30 pm on the KC9OEM 2 meter repeater

Illinois DStar Net - Wednesday Eve. at 8:00 pm on the DStar 2 meter repeater