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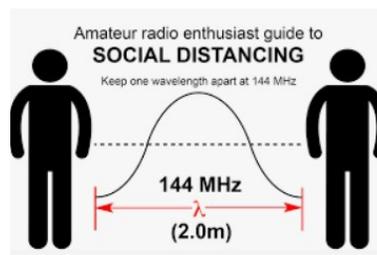
About Us

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, Ill. 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.





From the desk of the President

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The Honorable Gordon Dailey

Hi All,

As we go into August we will be making an RSVP list as we will be limited to 20 attendee's that we can have per the groups.io and email so that all will know how we are going to accomplish the reservations. Stay tuned for the answer as mentioned above.



HOWEVER, there will be an announcement. This is the limit of what will be announced via email. We are not sure exactly how we are going to accomplish the reservations. Stay tuned for the answer as mentioned above.

From the President:

We are also looking for people that want to attend. Just keep in mind that if you cannot go in and try to attempt to Zoom by

August will be a zoom meeting and hopefully September we'll meet in person

Some items about the tables. There will be a sign-up sheet to bring your own but we will have a receptacle.

that want to attend as we will not be able to stand at the tables. Welcome to our operation.

The Board of Directors are also looking for two Directors. One to a resignation and the other due to Dave's passing. Please consider serving your club. Let any of the Board of Directors know that you are interested and we can discuss any questions you may have.

I wish you all to be safe and remind you to be radio-active and get on the bands, don't just listen, give out your call or a CQ.

73. de Gordie KW0E





David Booher
1960 – 2020
W9BOO

Aurora Ill; David Booher, 60, of Aurora, Ill., formerly of Quincy, died Tuesday June 23, 2020, at 2:44 p.m. In Rush Copley Hospital in Aurora.



Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020



The June meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted via group video using a product from Zoom, Inc.

There were 23 members present via video conference for this meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1930 DST by President Gordon Dailey, KW0E.

Acceptance of the June 2020 Membership Meeting minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dan WA9YKK, reported the account bank account balances as of 07-07-2020.

Director Report: Repeater, Terry, W9AUV, reported that Kermit, W9XA will be meeting with the owners of the repeater site. We still need to mount the antenna and run coax.

Director: Denny, W9HI, reported LOTW info/responsibility has been transferred over to Denny. He and Dan, WA9YKK are now the VEC's for the FRRL. The August program will be Harry, K9DXA presenting on Micro Radios if we meet in person that month. The next Technician class is being worked on.

ARES, Marty, N9NTM, No Report

Repeater Report, Kermit W9XA: Not Present.

Membership: Chris, KC9BKS reported that we are at 121 members as of this month.

Old Business:

Terry, W9AUV advised that there are still Field Day scores that need to be submitted. Contact him if you have questions or need help.



New Business:

President Dailey is looking for volunteers to mentor (Elmer) new hams/members. Suggestions to show the different aspects of ham radio such as CW training, working DX, etc. Other things such as a type of lending library if you have books to lend another member, and training groups such as CW, HF Digital (FT8, RTTY, etc.) antennas, DMR, or Satellite QSO's. Contact President Dailey if you are interested.

As of today, we will tentatively be meeting at the church in Batavia. There is a limit of 25 people. An RSVP system will be set up for those wishing to attend. Walk-ins will not be allowed. If more than 25 there may be a possible Zoom session available. There is no guarantee a Zoom session will be held. **Wearing a mask will be required to attend.**

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 DST.



July 20th- Newsletter deadline
August 4th- BOD Meeting at Colonial?
August 11th- Membership meeting

Program:

Dick Illman, AH6EZ presented a program on the history and use of crystals in amateur radio and other devices.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Holste, KC9EOQ
FRRL Secretary



New Member's

Welcome !!

CALL	Name	License Class
KD9PNR	Steven Herff	Technician
KD9PST	Paul Szemplinski	General

New Member's BIO's

Bob Arbetman



WB9NIR

Nickname: aRBy
High School: Aurora West
College: University of Illinois at Urbana (BSEE)

Day Job: Electrical Engineer specializing in power systems

QTH: Grand Rapids, Michigan (since 1996)

On the air favorites: 75m phone, 30m CW

Rigs: Kenwood TS-480; Wouxun KG-UV3D
Antennas: R-7000 (6m-40m);



"My name is Mark Swistek. I am a resident of North Aurora IL. I am 40 years old. I have volunteered t ESDA in Chicago Ridge from 1996 to 2001 retaining the rank when 21 of Lieutenant. This is when I became interested in HAM radio. What a great hobby! I am married to my beautiful wife for going on 11 years this July 14th. I have no kids but have 2 dogs, 2 cats, and a turtle. All rescues. I am a firm believer in don't buy, rescue your pets. I am a big supporter of law enforcement, EMT, Dispatchers, and all first responders. I Volunteer much of my free time to their benefits and such. I wanted to get into HAM radio as now I am older and have the money to do so. I picked our club as there is so much support and so much knowledge. I will be taking my test ASAP after I study hard. I will be buying all needed for antennas. I have everything else. I look forward t becoming a productive member of our club!"



Other Happenings



Congratulations to Ed, was KD9KKP now KW9F on his upgrade to Extra and call sign change.

K W 9 F

A star is among us !!

W T 2 P





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Chris KC9BKS

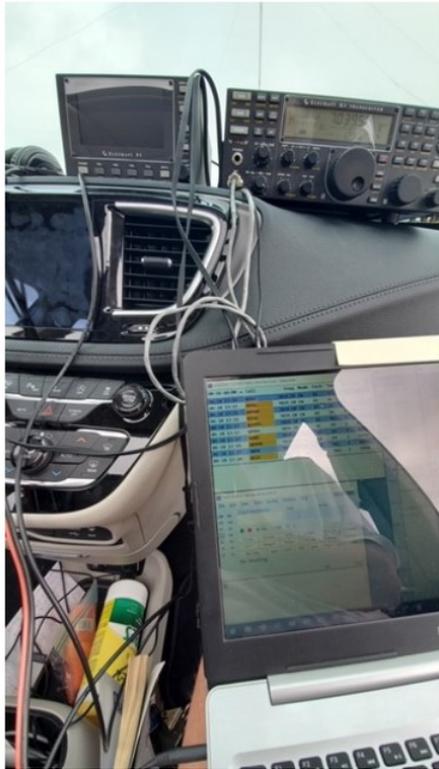


Mark N9TCA



Kermit W9XA





Pete K9PW

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Another month has gone by and the COVID thing is still with us,,
Everyone please stay safe and remember your social distancing:

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than

70cm 0.0656168ft

