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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.

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*From The Desk
Of  The
Honorable Gordon Dailey*

Hi All,

As summer is winding down and students are going back to school. Plan on finishing up your tower and or antenna projects as the weather will be changing. Be safe in these projects as we don't want any injuries.

With Fall approaching we will soon be forming the nominating committee for our club. Please consider becoming an officer or director of your club. We always need new voices on our board and new idea's.

We will be having licensing class starting up again this fall. If you are looking to upgrade or know of someone wanting to get their license the FRRL education team will welcome them and provide instructions and answer questions.

Until next time, stay radioactive,

73. de Gordie KW0E





MEETING MINUTES



JULY 8, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **General Membership** of the Fox River Radio League (FRRL)
an Illinois not-for-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes July 08, 2021-

The July meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted, at Geneva Lutheran Church. There were 25 members in attendance and 11 members present via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 1930 CST by Vice-President Roger Bara, W9YU
All Board members were present except Gordon, KW0E, and Dave, K9WDB.

Minutes: Acceptance of the June 2021 Membership Meeting minutes as printed in the ArcOver were approved by the membership. Motion: Harry, K9DXA; 2nd: Mike, K9FE

Treasurer's Report: Dan WA9YKK, reported the account bank balances as of 07-06-2021.
Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Marty, N9NTM, second, Denny, W9HI. Approved.

Director: Terry W9AUV, via Zoom, no change in repeater status.

Director: Robert W9DSR, Looking forward to a SET on October 2nd. Should be a full day of activity.

Director: Dave K9WDB, Not Present

Director: Vacant

Repeater: Given by Terry, W9AUV

Membership: Chris, KC9BKS reports that we have 130 members at this time.

Old Business:

Field Day: Mike, K9FE tonight's program is FD review.

July 8,2021 meeting minutes continued:

Build-a-thon: The date of August 19th at 7:30PM is for the radio build. This will be an in person meeting that night. In other words, the FRRL August monthly meeting will be held on Thursday August 19th at the Geneva Lutheran Church 301 S. Third St, in Geneva. The build session will take place after a short business meeting. There will be an opportunity to order a kit on line at the FRRL website during the month of July.

VE Update: Dan, WA9YKK The next session is on Sept 30th at 6:30PM at the Geneva Lutheran Church.

Education Update: Dan, WA9YKK advises an Extra class will be held in September at Messenger Library in North Aurora. The class will be 10 week long. A General class will be held on Wednesday evenings vis Zoom. Date to be announced.

New Business:

A question was asked about club patches (3"). There was discussion as to what happened to the ones we had. There was also discussion about ordering a group of patches for sale to the membership. Perhaps we should order more.

Announcements:

KB9RGI announced that he has hamfest tickets for sale for the Hamfesters show. Marty, N9NTM reminded us that the KARSFEST is also coming up soon.

Adjournment:

Moved by Mike, K9FE- Second by Denny, W9HI

The meeting was adjourned at 2030hrs CDT.

Upcoming Events:

August 10th, BOD Meeting
August 19th, Membership Meeting and Build
August 20th, Newsletter Deadline
September 7th, BOD Meeting
September 16th, Membership Meeting
September 20, Newsletter Deadline

Program:

2021 Field Day recap. Points submitted and what went wrong and what went right!

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Holste, KC9EOQ
FRRL Secretary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	2 10-10 Net CW Net 	3 1930 FRRL 2m Net	4	5	6	7
8 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	9 10-10 Net CW Net 	10 1900 FRRL BOD Meeting 1930 FRRL 2m Net	11	12	13	14
15 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	16 10-10 Net CW Net 	17 1930 FRRL 2m Net	18	19 1930 FRRL MEMBER MEETING 	20 Newsletter Deadline	21
22 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	23 10-10 Net CW Net 	24 1930 FRRL 2m Net	25	26	27	28
29 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	30 10-10 Net CW Net 	31 1930 FRRL 2m Net	28	29	30	31
August 14 - 15 -- QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo (online) https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/			MEMBER MEETING GENEVA LUTHERN CHURCH 301 S THIRD STREET GENEVA IL			
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	CW Net 28.150, Monday 8PM SSB Net 28.720, Monday 8:30PM	



For ARRL events please go to <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>





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 about the NET contact:

Mike K9FE 630-327-5164 K9FE@yahoo.com

THIRD QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM FEST



August 14 - 15



The third QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo will take place August 14 - 15, with presentations available on demand for 30 days. Sponsors promise "a flawless experience" that will expose visitors to new ideas, equipment, and practical techniques via the vFairs platform used successfully in the first QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo in August 2020. Some 80 speakers have been lined up to offer expert knowledge and information for amateurs at all experience levels. A live roundtable video will allow attendees to interact with each other and with exhibitors. ARRL is a QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo partner. [Registration](#) is now under way, and full registration "early bird" tickets are \$10. Full registration includes access to the entire Expo, including presentations and the 30-day on-demand period. Free registration includes access to exhibitors, prizes, general lounge, and lobbies. Those who registered for the March Expo already have a free registration for the August Expo.



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Registrations Strong for 24th Annual International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend



Set for August 21 - 22, the 24th annual International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) will be back, despite the disruption of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Each year, typically on the third weekend of August, participants set up portable stations at or near lighthouses and lightships around the world. Last year, prospects for the event were looking dim, but "regular supporters wanted the event to be a beacon of hope," the event's sponsor said. More than 360 registrations from 43 countries backed up their belief. As of July 8, this year's registration tally had already topped 200, with 25 participants signed up to activate lighthouses or lightships in the US. The ILLW typically attracts entries for some 500 lighthouses in more than 40 countries. The event has few rules and is not a typical contest-type event. The ILLW will begin at 0001 UTC on August 21 and continue through 2400 UTC on August 22.

Each station's operators decide how they will operate their station with respect to modes and bands. There are no power restrictions or entry classes and no scores.

"We wish operators to enjoy themselves and have fun while making contact with as many amateur radio stations as possible," ILLW said in the event announcement. "We request that stations take time to work other lighthouses or lightships, as well as the slow operators or newly licensed or QRP stations." Participants contact the relevant authorities to obtain permission to operate. It is within the guidelines of the event to move operations from a lighthouse to a museum for historic reasons. In any case, the lighthouse should be visible to, and visited by, the public wherever possible.

Visit the ILLW website for more detailed information.



June 2021 Volunteer Monitor Program Report Released

The June 2021 activity report of the Volunteer Monitoring (VM) Program has been released. The VM Program is a joint initiative between ARRL and the FCC to enhance compliance in the Amateur Radio Service.

The FCC was requested to review a vanity call sign application filed by a Georgia licensee because of an apparently false answer to the question regarding a felony conviction.

A licensee in Massachusetts received an Advisory Notice concerning obscenity and harassment on 160 meters. The FCC will hold for review any renewal application filed by this licensee.

A General-class licensee in San Antonio, Texas, received an Advisory Notice for operation in the Amateur Extra-class portion of the 20-meter band.

Licensees in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia received Advisory Notices concerning failure to identify and other possible violations as part of a general audit of complaints about licensee conduct on 1.938, 3.860, 3.895, and 3.927 MHz.

In May, Volunteer Monitors logged 1,514 hours on HF frequencies and 2,072 hours on VHF frequencies and above.

The Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator had one meeting with the FCC, and two cases were referred to the FCC for further action. One case involves a taxi company in Alaska operating on 2 meters. -- Thanks to Volunteer

Save The Date August 19th 7:30 p.m.



As mentioned above in the meeting minutes for the

BUILD-A-THON

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WE make FM Radio DIY
Soldering Kit with Tools |
Soldering Iron | Side Cutters |
Safety Glasses | Lead Free
Solder | Great Stem Project

Mark Your Calendars !!

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 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.



We have a number of hamfest still coming up. They are:

- Hamfesters Peotone August 1
- West Central Illinois, Carlinville August 7
- W9DXCC Convention September 10-11
- Peoria Superfest September 18-19
- Radio Expo Belvidere (Chicago FM Club) September 26



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:

September 30, 2021 6:30pm

Testing Location:
Geneva Lutheran Church
301 S 3rd St,
Geneva, IL 60134



All events subject to COVID-19 venue availability and restrictions.
Please pre-register by emailing ve@frrl.org. 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

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. Director3@frrl.org

Dave K9wdb

