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The Official Newsletter of the Fox River Radio League
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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,

I hope all are doing well. **READ THIS CAREFULLY – JUNE FRRL MEETING IN PERSON –** At a different location and day temporarily. Meeting location will be at Geneva Lutheran Church – 301 S. Third St. Geneva, IL 60134 – Day – the second Thursday, June 10th at 7:30pm. Mask are not required (unless you are going to sing) We are unable to meet at our normal location still at this time. We will try to Zoom the meeting for those that are still hesitant to attend live. However, we are not guaranteeing the quality of the Zoom broadcast.

A couple of weeks ago I had the opportunity to lead a class of 9 students and family teachers in building the FM radio kit that we as a club will be doing on August 19th. It was very enjoyable for me as well as the students, even those that got frustrated. Of course none of them had ever soldered before and after we finished the day I would hazard a guess that they will want to try again as they have already asked me what's next? A couple could build a QRP kit for me as they got very proficient at building. Some had some issues. One melted a trace. I can't remember seeing that in my years of tinkering and homebrewing. But the main thing is they all tried. It was rewarding to see the progress they made in a short amount of time. I hope that you will consider joining your fellow club members even if you are an old pro or a rookie on



Thursday, August 19th at Geneva Lutheran Church.

Gordie Dailey


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RADIO
ACTIVE

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MEETING MINUTES



MAY 11, 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 May 11, 2021-

The April meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted via Zoom.

There were 42 members present via video conference.

The meeting was called to order at 1930 CST by President Gordon Dailey, KW0E
All Board members were present.

Minutes: Acceptance of the April 2021 Membership Meeting minutes as printed in the ArcOver were approved by the membership. Motion: Mike, K9FE; 2nd: Dan, WA9YKK

Treasurer's Report: Dan WA9YKK, reported the account bank balances as of 05-04-2021.
Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Eric, K9LGE, second, Dave, K9WDB. Approved.

Director: Terry W9AUV, This Friday we will be going to the repeater site (Plano?) for a site survey.

Director: Robert W9DSR, The SET held on May 1st was good. Lots of traffic passed.

Director: Dave W9WDB, Still looking for a PR person. Also need someone to coordinate Radio in the Park activities.

Director: Vacant

VE Test: The May VE session will be one week later than usual on May 27th at 6PM at Geneva Lutheran Church to accommodate the Technician and General class students. Their class ends the week before.

Repeater: Kermit, W9XA reports that the Elburn repeater is working well at 320 feet. Working to get the System Fusion antenna placed higher on the tower at Plano.



Old Business:

Field Day: Mike, K9FE advises we still need a 40-meter SSB band captain. We will be at the LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve again. The station layout will be the same as previous years. Mike briefly explained how the setup and takedown are done for the event.

Build-a-thon: Denny, W9HI advised they are shooting for a date of August 19th at 7:30PM for the radio build. This will also 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 the business meeting. There will be an opportunity to order a kit on line at the FRRL website during the month of July.**

VE Update: Next VE session is May 27th at 6PM at the Geneva Lutheran Church, 301 S. Third St. Geneva. As many VE's as possible will be needed.

New Business:

Meeting Status: Watch the ArcOver for any changes. The June meeting may be in person and/or on Zoom. We are checking with the church in Batavia as to whether they are going to allow group meetings again.

Announcements:

Eric, K9LGE reminded the group that the Red Cross has a program named "Sound the Alarm Month" to remind homeowners of fire safety in the home.

Vinal, KD9LSH informed the group about the "Right to Repair" issues with electronics manufacturers.

Marty, N9MTN advised the next hamfest is the Starved Rock Hamfest in Mendota, IL. More information is on www.W9MKS.org.

Denny, W9HI advised of an aviation show on June 5th & 6th, named the "Cavalcade of Planes" at the Clow Airport in Bolingbrook. IL.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2020hrs CDT.

Upcoming Events:

May 20th, Newsletter Deadline

June 1st, BOD Meeting

June 8th, Membership Meeting

June 20th, Newsletter Deadline

June 26th & 27th- Field Day!

Program:

Earthquakes and Ham Radio presented by Tom Beebe W9RY.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Holste, KC9EOQ
FRRL Secretary



JUNE 2021



Fox River Radio League

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1900 FRRL BOD Meeting 1930 FRRL2m Net	2	3	4	5
6 Starved Rock Ham Fest	7	8 	9	10 1930 FRRL Member Meeting	11	12
13	14 Flag Day 	15 1930 FRRL 2m Net	16	17 1800 VE Testing 	18	19
20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22 1930 FRRL 2m Net	23	24	25	26 FRRL FIELD DAY
27 FRRL FIELD DAY 	28	29 1930 FRRL 2m Net	30			
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		



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





2021 FRRL Field Day Info

FD Chair - **Mike Urso K9FE**
fieldday@frri.org

All times Local (CDT)
Setup:
Fri. June 25 12:00 PM

Operation:
June 26 1:00 PM thru June 27 1:00 PM

Breakdown:
June 27 3:59 PM

Location:
LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve

FRRL Field Day Location, LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve



Map inside LeRoy Oakes to get to the Field Day Site



STARVED ROCK RADIO CLUB

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE SANCTIONED HAMFEST 2021

“Formerly PRINCETON HAMFEST”



HAM RADIO, RC MODELS,
COMPUTER & ALL HOBBIES
FLEA MARKET



AMATEUR RADIO HOBBYIST &
COLLECTORS SHOW

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th 2021
8:00am to 3:00pm

MENDOTA TRI-COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

<-NEW LOCATION

503 1st Ave, Mendota, IL 61342

ARRL VE TESTING 9:30am to 11:00am
GO-KIT JUDGING (Score sheet at w9mks.org) 11:00am
GRAND PRIZE CASH DRAWING at 2:00pm

TICKETS \$7.00 ADVANCED (2Stubs) or \$8.00 AT GATE (1 Stub)
ALL ADVANCED ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 27th 2021
GRAND PRIZE WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

- ✓ LARGE INDOOR EXHIBIT BUILDINGS
- ✓ TABLES \$13.00 ADVANCED OR AT THE GATE WITH FREE ELECTRICITY
- ✓ FREE OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET-TAILGATING AREA
- ✓ ONSITE CAMPING-ELECTRICITY AVAILABLE – FEE BY FAIR BOARD
- ✓ HOURLY DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

FOR ADVANCED TICKET AND TABLE SALES OR GENERAL INQUIRIES:SEND A SASE TO
SRRC C/O Hamfest Chairman, PO Box 198, Leonore, IL 61332-0198

E-mail: starvedrockhamfest@gmail.com or see our internet site for latest info www.w9mks.org

I39 to Exit 72 US Rte 34, West to 1st Ave, South(Left) to Fairgrounds on Left.

GPS: N41.545580deg W089.108484 (N41deg 32.735min (44.08sec) W089deg 6.509Min (30.54sec))

TALK-IN by SRRC Repeater W9MKS 147.120 +103.5PL Simplex 146.520

BREAKFAST and LUNCH ON-SITE BY CATERER

To keep Ticket prices down, DO NOT dispose of unwanted equipment on the fairgrounds.

If it doesn't sell or you can't give it away- Take it Home!

MAIL WITH PAYMENT & SASE ENCLOSED TO:

SRRC C/O Hamfest Chairman
PO Box 198
Leonore, IL 61332-0198

Make checks payable to SRRC

Name: _____	QTY	ITEM	EACH	EXTENDED
Address: _____	_____	Advance Ticket	\$ 7.00	\$ _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	_____	Indoor Table	\$13.00	\$ _____
Phone: _____		Total	\$	_____



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



JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Amateurs' Email Addresses Will Continue to Be Kept Private, FCC Says



Starting on June 29, all applications filed with the FCC must include an email address for FCC correspondence. After receipt of the initial announcement that all future applications would require an email address, ARRL was concerned for the privacy of its members and requested that amateurs' email addresses not be made public. This week, the FCC agreed, stating in an email to ARRL counsel that it will continue to "mask" amateurs' email addresses from public view in the Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will use the email address supplied by amateurs to correspond with applicants, including to send a link to the official electronic copy of the license when an application is granted.

The FCC is transitioning to fully electronic correspondence and no longer mails hard-copy licenses. Amateurs are able to view, download, and print their official license grant using the ULS. When a license is first granted, each applicant will receive an email with a direct link to the license. Although the link expires in 30 days, the license itself will remain available in the ULS and may be downloaded at any time by signing into the licensee's account using their FCC Registration Number (FRN) and password.

On or after June 29, a valid email address must be provided with each application, and must be kept current by filing a modification application, as necessary. Under the amended Section 97.23, "The email address must be an address where the grantee can receive electronic correspondence. Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct email address."

Applicants lacking an email address should consider using the email address of a friend or family member on their FCC applications. [Read an expanded version.](#)



[Ham Census](#) is inviting all radio amateurs to take part in a unique survey. The project's organizers are hoping to hear from hams in the US, Canada, and around the world. Survey questions deal with operating preferences, gear, your shack, views on regulations, clubs and associations, and the future of amateur radio. Cemil "Jim" Alyanak, K3MRI, the co-administrator of Ham Census and Ham Community, says the aim of the census is to give operators a louder voice to better inform club leaders, associations, manufacturers, and regulators. "We all want the amateur radio community to grow organically and collaboratively, and for that, we need to know what operators are thinking," he said. Divided into six parts, Ham Census runs year-round, delivering constant updates. Taking and using the survey is free, but only those completing all six sections get access to the complete results.



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:

March 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM
April 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM
May 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM
June 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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





Selling: Kenwood TS-570DG Transceiver. Serial #80700007 160-10 Meters (including WARC Bands). 5-100 watts output SSB, CW, AM, FSK, and FM Modes. Has General Coverage receive for those who enjoy shortwave broadcast listening. The transceiver has a built-in antenna tuner and the optional voice synthesizer (annunciator) board. Near mint condition in box, no mars, no scratches, no dings, not even dust. Asking \$450, includes MC-43 up-down microphone and manual. Larry Stark, K9ARZ , St. Charles <k9arz@yahoo.com>



Selling: a very nice Kenwood TS-520SE 100 watt output 160-10 Meter SSB/CW Transceiver. Does not cover the WARC bands. Very nice condition except for a small mar on the front panel top bezel. Works very well and looks good otherwise, with side access panel (missing on many 520's). Includes optional 500Hz CW filter. Will work with most microphones above 600 ohms. Great analog audio performance. Asking \$250. Contact Larry, K9ARZ <k9arz@yahoo.com>



Golden Rules of Borrowing

- Return** it Quickly
- Return** it in Great Condition
- Break it** - Replace it
- Return** the Favor



FRRL New Member Spotlight

Allen D Thomas
WB9URN

80 year old former IT professional.

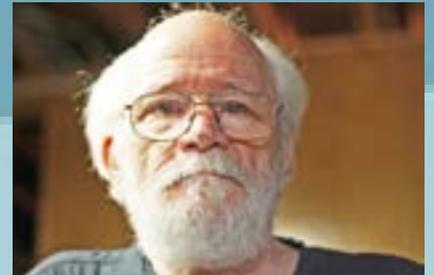
Just obtained my extra ticket.

Married 56 years to same woman, father of two, grandfather of 5,
great grandfather of two.

Served in the US Air Force as radar mechanic , am a published
photographer, rose grower.

Don't do contesting. Like DXing with SSB and PSK31.

73, 88 de WB9URN



OUR Gang
From The
Last
Hamfest



Thank you Lloyd for being one of our own and for your service to God,
Community and Country
73's RIP Brother





Lloyd Stringer, KC9DMS

1947-2021





Thank you Frank for being one of our own and for your
service to God and Community
73's RIP Brother
Frank Maren, WB9EOR
1927-2021



