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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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Fox River Radio League

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From
the desk
 of....

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Terry Todd

I would like to extend a big thank you to Carol Toman for donating her husband Timothy Toman's N9TO sk 2018 repeater setup to the FRRL club. We intend on putting it to good use. Again thank you so much.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the banquet on March 8 at Bethany Lutheran.

Terry - W9AUV

President Todd Gives A Hardy



To Our NEW Members !!



Call Sign	Name	License Class
KD9HLW	Byron Heidorn	General
N9WCX	Kenneth Nelson	Tech
N1NSA	Samuel Pagan Jr.	Tech





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FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

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

Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022

The February meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted at Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL. There were 32 members in attendance and 10 members attended via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 1930CST by President-Elect Terry Todd, W9AUV

Minutes: Acceptance of the December 2021 Membership Meeting minutes as printed in the ArcOver were approved by the membership. Motion: Dave K9WD, 2nd: Roger W9YU

Reports:

Director 1: Nets/Rptr's Ruben K9ARN/Kermit W9XA. Rueben will prepare documents about repeaters

Director 2: Education Robert Littler W9DSR/ Denny W9HI - Denny reported that Tech classes will be on Wednesday and General will be on Thursdays

Director 3: Activities Robert-W9DSR:

Director 4 : Technical Adrian Dinwiddle KB9QQL

ARES: Marty-N9NTM: No report

Repeater: Kermit W9XA



Education: Denny W9HI reported that Technician classes will be on Wednesdays and General will be on Thursdays.

VE Update: March 10 will be the next test session

Old Business:

Club Banquet: Mark your calendars for the club banquet to be on Tuesday March 8th at 6PM. This will be catered. Ticket cost will be \$31.00/adults and \$10.00/children under 12

Field Day: It is time to start thinking about Field Day! The forest preserve has been reserved and lunch and dinner will be provided. We will run 7-A again, Friday afternoon/evening setup people will be needed. Please consider being a band captain this year. Contact Dan, WA9YKK for more info.

Announcements from the Floor:

Bob Hile has sold his business to two of his employees and it is expected the business will remain the same.

The Red Cross is in need of blood.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2015hrs CDT motion by Dave K9WDB, Second by Kermit W9XA

Respectfully submitted,

Art Shuter, NN9I
FRRL Secretary

SPECIAL NET INFORMATION

(Not part of the minutes)

FRRL Members,

Are you curious about the new 2 meter repeater in Plano?

Have you wanted to try it out but were unsure when you could operate in FM?

Now you will have the perfect opportunity to find out first hand how it performs.

I will be hosting an **FM net at 7:30PM on Wednesday March 2**

Please stop by to check-in to the net and checkout the repeater.

We will have a survey question, the ARRL Audio News and of course your questions and comments.

The repeater details are **147.225 Mhz Positive offset with a PL of 100 hz.**

Hope to hear you on the net.

**73,
Curt W9YNP**



MARCH 2022

FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1900 FRRL BOD Meeting 1930 FRRL 2m Net	2 Special FRRL FM Net 1930 147.225	3	4	5
6 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	7 10-10 Net CW Net 	8 1830 FRRL 	9	10	11	12
13 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	14 10-10 Net CW Net 	15 1930 FRRL 2m Net	16	17 	18	19
20 1900 INET 	21 10-10 Net CW Net 	22 1930 FRRL 2m Net	23	24	25	26
27 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	28 10-10 Net CW Net 	29 1930 FRRL 2m Net	30	31		
				MEMBER MEETING BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 8 SOUTH LINCOLN ST. BATAVIA 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	



Fox River Radio League

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*You're
Invited*

Banquet

FRRL

Buffet Menu

Lemon Chicken breasts, lightly floured & served in a White Wine Herb Lemon Sauce

Boneless seasoned pork tenderloin pan seared then oven roasted topped with homemade gravy.

Oven Roasted Potatoes Chef's Special Herb Rub makes these potatoes a hit. Baked and generously sprinkled with freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

Corn Niblets tossed in butter.

House Salad A fresh mix of iceberg & romaine lettuce, mixed with red cabbage & carrots. Topped with olives, red onions, cucumbers & tomatoes with italian and ranch dressing on the side. Rolls/ Butter Petite Dinner Rolls

Soda, Gourmet Coffee Regular and Decaf.

Ice Cream Sundae Bar. Vanilla and Chocolate Ice Cream. Hot Fudge, Carmel, Nuts, Crushed cookies, Sprinkles, Cherries, Toffee Bits, M&M, Whip Cream

SUGAR FREE Vanilla pudding topped with SUGAR FREE cool whip.

We hope to see you there !!

**FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE
ANNUAL BANQUET**

When: March 8th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where:

**Bethany Lutheran Church
8 South Lincoln St
Batavia IL**

Members - Spouses - Family Invited

RSVP deadline was February 24th



2022 Field Day is June 25-26



Field Day is ham radio's open house. Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

FRRL is in need of Band Captains

Band Captains head up each station /mode/ band. These "band captains" and are responsible for planning their individual station, working in conjunction with the Field Day Chairman and the other stations planned.

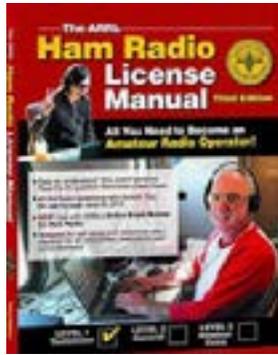
If your interested in this position or able to help in general contact [Dan](#) WA9YKK



The 2021 Field Day Band Captains



Technician/General Classes:

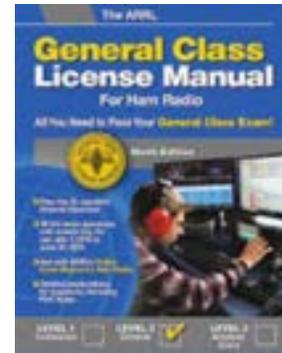


Technician Class

Wednesday Evenings
6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Start: TBD 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting
[Link to be distributed prior]



General Classes:

Thursday Evenings
6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Start: TBD, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting
[Link to be distributed prior]

The Fox River Radio League (FRRL) presents regular training classes focused toward new Amateurs interested in gaining their Technician class license or upgrading to the General and Extra class licenses.

These are free courses where you will learn everything you need to receive or upgrade to the appropriate FCC radio license.

The textbook for the class will be the official ARRL License Manual. Books are available for purchase via the club at a discounted rate by emailing [education \[at\] frrl.org](mailto:education[at]frrl.org).

Classes are instructor-led, and you can expect engaging conversations to ensue around the topics of discussion.

In addition to our regularly scheduled bi-monthly testing we will be scheduling a dedicated VE session after discussing best availability with the class participants. For more information on VE sessions, please see [VE Test Sessions](#).

We are in need of

Instructors

If you are willing to teach a section or two contact education@frrl.org



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Address: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
Date of Birth: _____	
Date of Issue: _____	
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Signature: _____	
Gordon Dilley	

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

Calling all newly licensed hams.

Remember the old Radio Shack slogan “You’ve got questions, We’ve got answers”?

Well, I know new hams have a lot of questions and those of us that have been hams for a while have the answers.

I will be adding a new segment to our Tuesday Night Net called “ask Elmer” If you have a question about ham radio, ask it on the air and someone will give you the answer over the air.

Now, for this to work properly we need lots of questions and lots of people who know the answers.

Don’t be afraid to ask a simple or “stupid” question, we all had them when we started. Would you like to be an “Elmer” without getting out of your chair? Well, this is the opportunity you have been waiting for.

I want to invite all the club members to check-in to the net and either ask a question or provide an answer.

You never know what you might learn or what fun you will have if you don’t join the net. For those who may need a reminder, The net meets on our club 2-meter repeater (147.21 MHz, 103.5 Hz PL tone) Every Tuesday at 7:30PM except on our meeting nights.

Hope to hear you on the net soon.

73, Curt W9YNP



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The Radio Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is...

CONSIDERATE... He never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL... He offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his country through which Amateur Radio in his country is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE... He keeps his station up to date. It is well build and efficient. His operating practice is above reproach.

FRIENDLY... He operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED... Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC... His station and skills are always ready for serice to country and community

...adapted from the original Amateur's Code, Written by Paul M Segal, W9EEA, in 1928

© John Devoldere 0N4UN and Mark Demeuleneere 0N4WW

Taken from: [Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur.](#)

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



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 10th, 2022

May 12th, 2022

July 14th, 2022

Testing Location:

Geneva Lutheran Church

301 S 3rd St,

Geneva, IL 60134



No Walk-ins. All events subject to COVID-19 venue availability and restrictions. Please pre-register by [emailing](#) or calling Dan Harmon 630-272-1768

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



Instructors to teach **Technician** & **General** License zoom classes



Field Day Captains
Assistance at Field Day
(Set Up-Take Down - In General)



VE Examiners



There are plenty of volunteer organizations that could use your radio skills.



Consider volunteering
you can make
the difference !!



American Red Cross

Illinois Traffic Net



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 (M-F) 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.



ARES

Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES.

ARES Resources

· [Download the ARES Manual \[PDF\]](#)

· [ARES Field Resources Manual \[PDF\]](#)

· [ARES Standardized Training Plan Task Book \[Fillable PDF\]](#)

· [Emergency Communications Training](#)



Kane County ARES

Information

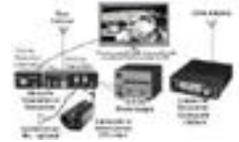
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For Sale
To Trade
Looking For / Or
To Loan

Advertise Here



Golden Rules
of Borrowing

Return it Quickly

Return it in Great
Condition

Break it - Replace
it

Return the Favor



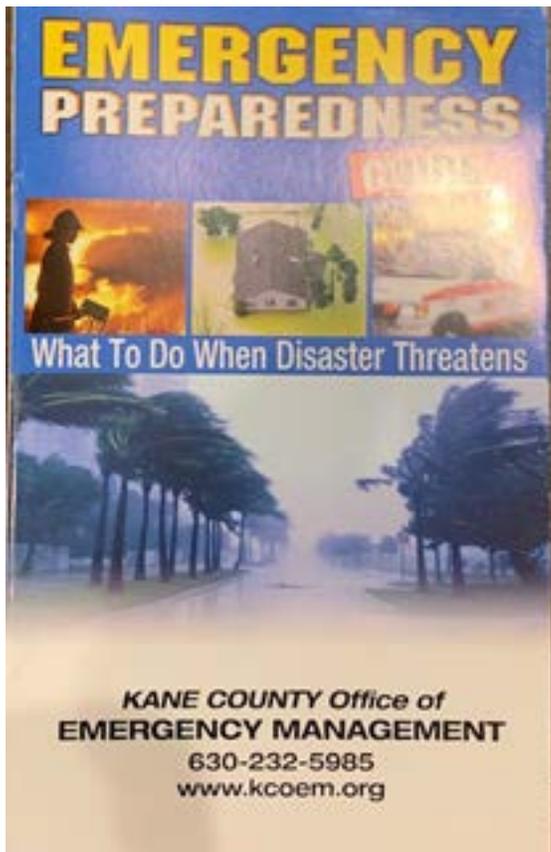
To advertise email: NEWSLETTER@FRRL.ORG

FRRL Items For Sale (Proceeds Go To Clubs Treasury)

- Bearcat 350A Scanner
- New Home-brew antenna (20m / 40m)
- MFJ564 Deluxe Lambic Key
- MFJ441 Slimline Econo Keyer
- Radio Waves 40m End Fed
- Radio Oasis 10 Kit 1/2 Wave Wire
- LNR Precision 10-40 QRP End Fed
- MFJ926B Remote Tuner w/Bias TEE and Supply
- Shure Prolog Desk Mic w/Base
- TS4405 with 10-160m
- (2) Hygain 2kw SWR Bridge - Single Large Meter
- Midland 100w SWR Bridge - Single Small Meter
- Swan 100w SWR Bridge - Single Small Meter
- Heathkit 2m amp, 1-3 Watts In 10 Watts Out
- Blitz-Bug COAX Lightning Protector
- (2) Cheap External Speakers
- Yaesu FT-470HT w/Car Adapter & External Battery Box

If interested in any of these items please contact Mike Urso K9FE





Emergency Preparedness



At the February Meeting Director Sean Madison, of the Kane County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management, gave a presentation on Emergency Preparedness.

Are you ready??



- _ Non Perishable food
- _ Can Opener
- _ Water
- _ Flashlight & Extra batteries
- _ Radio
- _ Extra Keys
- _ First Aid Kit
- _ Cash
- _ Special Needs Items
- _ Candles & Lighters/Matches
- _ Important Family Documents
- _ Emergency Plan
- _ Personal Hygiene Items
- _ Hand Sanitizer
- _ Garbage Bags & Duct Tape
- _ Toilet Paper
- _ Blanket(s)
- _ Basic Tools
- _ Scissors
- _ Whistle
- _ Dusk Macks
- _ Pens/Pencils & Paper



Checking us out

Unlicensed Brothers Dan & Mike attended the February meeting to check out our club and to inquire about obtaining licenses.. We hope to see them back..



March 8th
50/50 Raffle

Gotta pay to play !!





QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo

Returns

March 12th and 13th 2022

GO TO: <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/>

If you're going to be in the St Louis area March 19th you may want to check out the:



LEWIS & CLARK RADIO CLUB 2022 HAMFEST

SATURDAY – March 19th – 7 AM to NOON

For More Information go to:

<https://k9ham.org/2022/01/06/lewis-clark-radio-club-2022-hamfest/>

ARRL National Convention Emergency Communications Academy Offers Hands-On Training; Glimpse into the Future; Introduction of New ARRL DEM; Affirmation of League Commitment to EmComm



Highlights of the day-long session included exceptional, dynamic presentations from C. Matthew Curtin, KD8TTE, Warrant Officer, Signal Section, Ohio Military Reserve, and founder of the BLACK SWAN exercise and training program that has pioneered interoperability among agencies and NGOs. Curtin opened the sessions with an overview of amateur radio response to disasters and how communication works through layers of networks and interchanges.

View his series of excellent YouTube training videos: Click Here [KD8TTE](#)

