



# ARCOVER



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The Official Newsletter of the Fox River Radio League  
98 Years of continuous service to our communities

1924  2021

## Who We Are

President:  
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Roger Bara W9YU

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**Dan Harmon WA9YKK**

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**Terry Todd W9AUV**

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**Robert Littler W9DSR**

Director 3: Activities  
**Dave Bulkley K9DWB**

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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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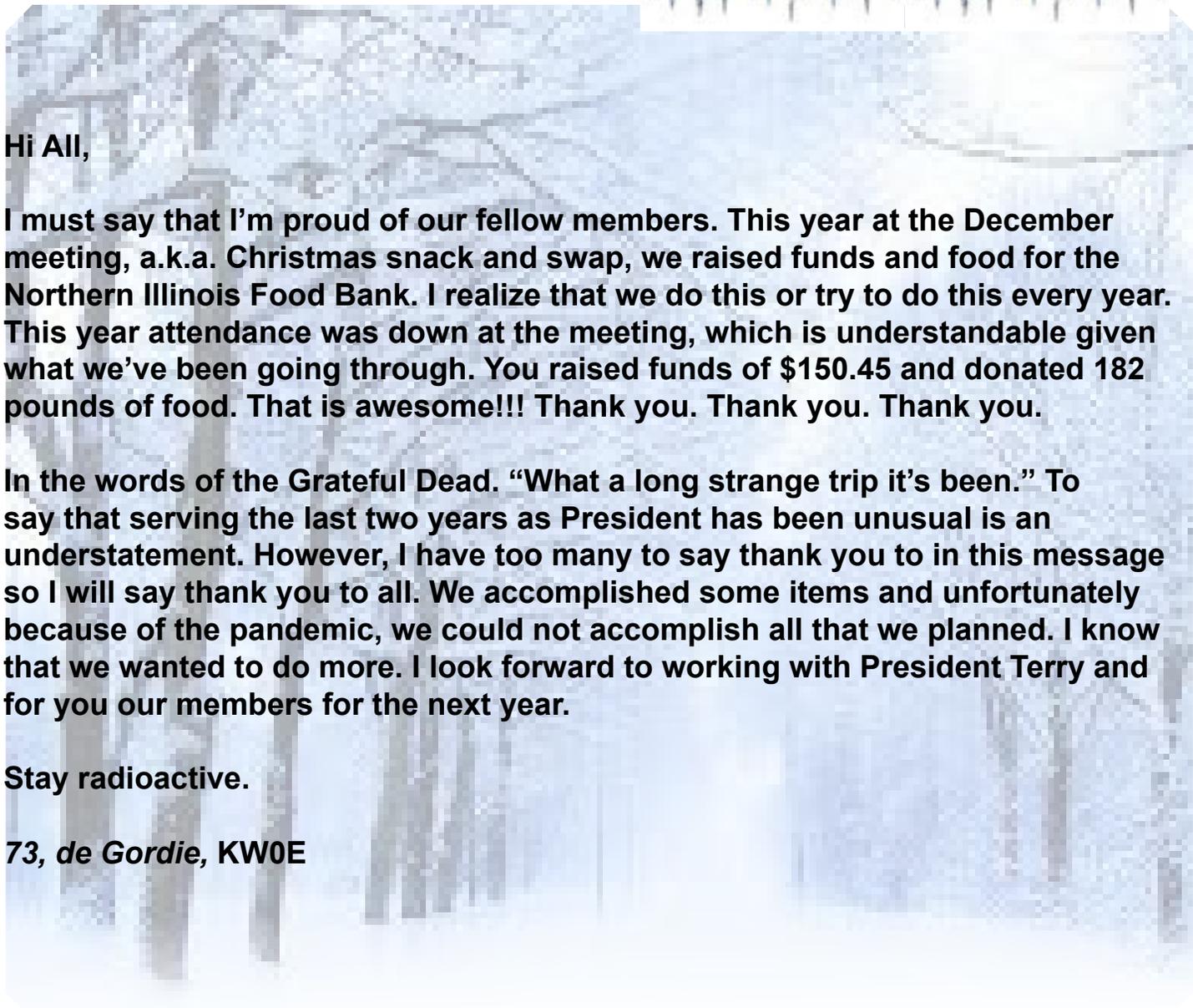


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*From The Desk  
Of  The  
Honorable Gordon Dailey*



Hi All,

I must say that I'm proud of our fellow members. This year at the December meeting, a.k.a. Christmas snack and swap, we raised funds and food for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. I realize that we do this or try to do this every year. This year attendance was down at the meeting, which is understandable given what we've been going through. You raised funds of \$150.45 and donated 182 pounds of food. That is awesome!!! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

In the words of the Grateful Dead. "What a long strange trip it's been." To say that serving the last two years as President has been unusual is an understatement. However, I have too many to say thank you to in this message so I will say thank you to all. We accomplished some items and unfortunately because of the pandemic, we could not accomplish all that we planned. I know that we wanted to do more. I look forward to working with President Terry and for you our members for the next year.

Stay radioactive.

73, de Gordie, KW0E



# ARC OVER

## FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2021

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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

### Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021-

The December meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted at Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL. There were 31 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 1930CST by President Daily, KW0E

All Board members were present except for Directors Bulkley W9WDB and Littler W9DSR.

**Minutes:** Acceptance of the November 2021 Membership Meeting minutes as printed in the ArcOver were approved by the membership. Motion: Art NN9I; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marty N9NTM, --Voice vote approval.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan WA9YKK, reported the account bank balances as of 12-07-2021.

#### Reports:

**Director:** Dave-K9WDB: No Report

**Director:** Terry-W9AUV: The repeater is working fine.

**Director:** Robert-W9DSR: No Report

**ARES:** Marty-N9NTM: Nothing to Report

**Repeater:** Kermit- Deferred to Terry W9AUV

**Education:** Technician has been completed and the Extra class will be going for a few more weeks yet.

**VE Update:** Next session on January 13, 2022 at 6PM at Geneva Lutheran Church.

#### Old Business:

NONE



## Continued Meeting Minutes:

### New Business:

**Election Update:** Mike K9FE announced the results of the on-line voting system. There were 55 ballots returned and 54 valid votes. The winners are as follows:

President- **Terry Todd W9AUV** 54 votes  
Vice-President: **Roger Bara W9YU**, 54 votes  
Treasurer: **Dan Harmon WA9YKK**, 54 votes  
Secretary: **Art Shuter NN9I**, 54 votes  
Director: **Adrian Dinwiddie KB9QQL**, 50 votes  
Director: **Ruben Noceda K9ARN** Motion: 51 votes

There was one ballot that indicated wanting to write in two votes, however the follow up procedure to email the committee chair with the names never happened. Motion to destroy the ballots; Kermit W9XA Second; Art NN9I--Passed

### **Club Banquet:**

President Daily advised the banquet will be held in March 2022. More information to come. Denny W9HI will chair the event.

### **Announcements from the Floor:**

A reminder that the WCRA Winter hamfest is January 16<sup>th</sup>.

A nod of appreciation to Mike K9FE for helping a fellow ham with getting his vertical ground mounted antenna installed and working properly. There was a round of applause for Mike!

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2005hrs CDT motion by Jim N9XP Second by Mike K9FE.

### **Upcoming Events:**

December 20<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Deadline  
January 4, 2021 BOD Meeting  
January 11, 2021 Membership Meeting  
January 20, 2021 Newsletter Deadline

### **Program:**

There was no program. The members enjoyed numerous snacks and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dean Holste**, KC9EOQ  
FRRL Secretary



# JANUARY 2021

## FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 <a href="#">Straight Key Night</a>
2 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	3 10-10 Net CW Net 	4 1900 FRRL BOD Meeting 1930 FRRL 2m Net	5	6	7	8 <a href="#">HAM Radio University</a>
9 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	10 10-10 Net CW Net 	11 1930 FRRL MEMBER MEETING NO NET	12	13 VE Testing	14	15
16 <a href="#">WCRA HAMFEST</a> ALL OPER NET	17 10-10 Net CW Net 	18 1930 FRRL 2m Net	19	20 	21	22 <a href="#">Winter Fest</a>
23 1900 FRRL INFORMAL ALL OPER NET	24 10-10 Net CW Net 	25 1930 FRRL 2m Net	26	27	28	29
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

## News & Information

Local - National - International



## Fox River Radio League

### CLUB ELECTION RESULTS



**FRRL 2022  
Club  
Officers !!**

**Back Row Left to Right**

**DAN HARMON**  
WA9YKK  
Treasurer

**GORDIE DAILEY**  
K0WE  
Past President

**Front Row Left to Right**

**REUBEN NOCEDA**  
K9ARN  
Director

**ROGER BARA**  
W9YU  
Vice President

**TERRY TODD**  
WA9AUV  
President

**ART SCHUTER**  
NN9I  
Secretary

**ADRIAN DINWIDDLE**  
KB9QQL  
Director  
(Not Shown)



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# FRRL December 2021 Meeting

## Things to Eat



## Things to WIN



50/50

Raffle



## Things to Buy



## Things to Trade



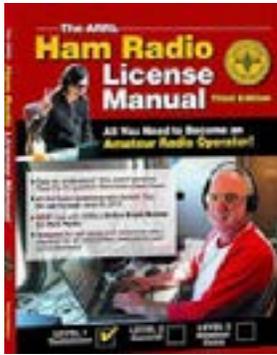
## Things to Give



## People to See



# Technician/Extra Classes:

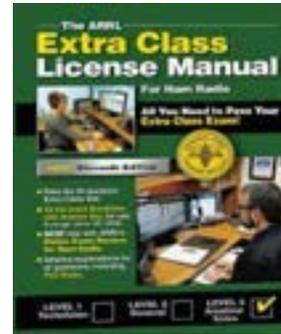


## Technician Class

Wednesday Evenings  
6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Start: September 29th 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting  
[Link to be distributed prior ]



## Extra Classes:

Saturday Mornings  
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Start: October 1st, 2021

Location:  
Messenger Library  
113 Oak Street  
North Aurora, IL 60542

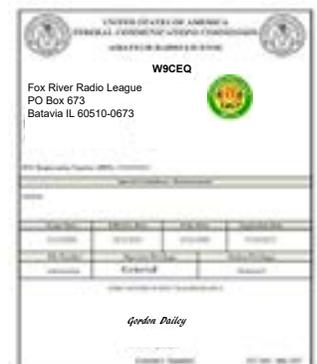
The Fox River Radio League (FRRL) presents regular training classes focused toward new Amateurs interested in gaining their Technician class license or upgrading to the General and Extra class licenses.

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 \[at\] frll.org](mailto:education[at]frll.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](#).



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Gordon Ditzig



# 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](mailto: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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**To Trade**  
**Looking For / Or**  
**To Loan**

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of Borrowing

**Return** it Quickly

**Return** it in Great  
Condition

**Break it** - Replace  
it

**Return** the Favor



To advertise email: [NEWSLETTER@FRRL.ORG](mailto:NEWSLETTER@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](mailto: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:

January 13, 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@fril.org](mailto:ve@fril.org)



## Straight Key Night



On New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, break out your straight key or bug to join in the fun of ARRL Straight Key Night ([SKN](#)). Straight Key Night is held every January 1, 0000 - 2359 UTC. Technician licensees have CW privileges on parts of 80, 40, and 15 meters.

For further information go to: <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night>





TO THE  
FOX RIVER  
LEAGUE !!

Call Sign	Name	License Class
KA0KPO	Jerome Yanek	Advanced
AA9CA	Thomas Dettman	Extra

### 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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# AC6V's

Amateur Radio & DX Reference Guide

(<http://ac6v.com/>), included all kinds of good stuff for radio amateurs. Unfortunately, as is noted on the website, "[AC6V.com](http://ac6v.com/) is an archive of Rod/AC6V's webpages, and is no longer being updated."

Rod, AC6V, passed in 2008 and many of the links on AC6V.Com are now dead, and much of the information is outdated. And, there are a lot of new resources—like our new book—that are missing. Since there aren't any other encyclopedic resources for ham radio—at least none that I know of—I am proposing that we form a group to develop a "Wikipedia for ham radio." It would be a lot of work, but if we could recruit a community of editors, then it might be doable. In addition, a group effort would be a lot more dynamic and sustainable than a one-person effort.

So, I'm throwing this out there. Do you think it's worth creating an up-to-date AC6V.Com? Should it be a wiki or perhaps some other kind of website? Would you be willing to help? If so, send me an email ([cwgeek@kb6nu.com](mailto:cwgeek@kb6nu.com)). If there's enough support for this idea, perhaps we could get the ball rolling after the first of the year.

Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

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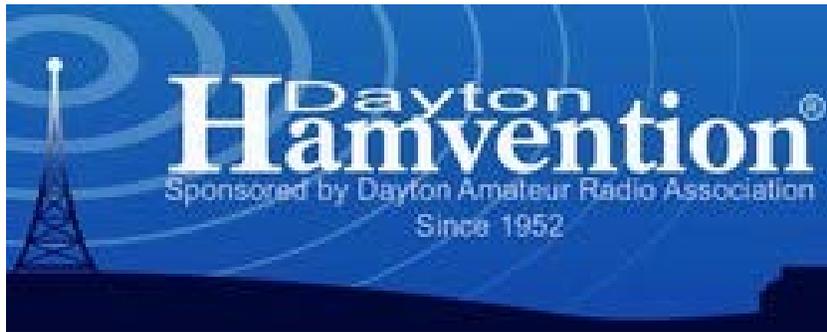
For more information go to:

[WINTERFEST.SLSRC.ORG](http://WINTERFEST.SLSRC.ORG)

**Winterfest 2022**  
January 22nd, 8am - 4pm 2022

Back in person at the Gateway Convention Center, One Gateway Drive Collinsville, IL 62234





## Dayton Hamvention Expects to be Live Event in 2022

Dayton Hamvention® organizers are planning to mount an in-person show in 2022, the first following 2 years of COVID-related cancellations. The event is set for May 20 - 22 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio. Last January, Hamvention organizers from the sponsoring Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) announced they were calling off the 2021 event after considerable planning was already under way.

Southgate Amateur Radio News quoted Hamvention General Chairman Rick Allnutt, WS8G, as saying that Hamvention committees “have been meeting, and volunteers are committed to making up for the time lost to pandemic cancellations.” The Hamvention website is already accepting bookings from vendors and inside exhibitors, and individual visitors can already buy tickets, which Allnutt said, “are all printed and ready to go.”

For further information go to: [HTTPS://HAMVENTION.ORG/](https://hamvention.org/)



# WCRA 55<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MID-WINTER

## HAMFEST (ELECTRONICS HOBBY EXPO)

HAM RADIO, COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS FLEA MARKET



Free Parking ● Heated Indoor Facility ● Paved Parking Lot  
Amateur Radio Exams ● Educational Forums ● Raffle Prizes

Previous raffle prize provided by Amateur Accessories, Tower Electronics, and Batteries America

### Sunday, January 16, 2022

Doors open at 8AM (close at 1pm)

Kane County Fairgrounds Expo Center

525 S. Randall Rd., St Charles, IL

(coordinates: N 41.9056, W 88.34232)



Tickets and Tables can be purchased online





## Ham Radio University Going Virtual Again

With COVID-19 uncertainties precluding an in-person gathering for a second year, the 23rd annual Ham Radio University ([HRU](#)) educational conference will be held as a virtual event again this year, on Saturday, January 8, 1300 - 2000 UTC, as an online GoToWebinar videoconference.

Advance registration is required and begins on December 20.

HRU 2022 will be adding five forums this year, for a total of 19 presentations by experts in a broad range of amateur radio activities, including Amateur Radio Emergency Communications. Other topics are:

Basics of HF Operating

Ham Radio Contesting and DXing

Communicating through Amateur Radio Earth Satellites

Software-Defined Radios

HF and VHF Digital Communications

Parks on the Air

SKYWARN

Cables and Connectors

Using Raspberry Pi Computers in Amateur Radio.

Online attendees will be able to ask questions of the presenters. Founded by Phil Lewis, N2MUN (SK), HRU also serves as the online convention of the ARRL NYC-Long Island Section.

As in past years, participation in HRU 2022 is free; an optional donation of \$5 is suggested. Additional information is online, including the schedule of forums and advance registration starting December 20.

