

W90 FRRL's 90th's Anniversary Special Event

The FRRL is celebrating its 90th anniversary! To commemorate the occasion, the club will host a special event station at its annual hamfest on July 13, 2014. The callsign W90 will be on the air July 13 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Kermit W9XA has graciously agreed to provide his mobile van/station for our use.

Any club member may sign up to operate during the hamfest. Tobi K9TCD is coordinating the event's operations, and you may contact her at specialproj@frrl.org to add your name to the list. If you are coming to the hamfest, but have not signed up to operate, stop by and see us and if you want to operate, we will gladly hand over the mic (or key.)

In addition to the station at the hamfest, W90 will stay on the air for two weeks, through July 27. Operators will work from their own shacks (or mobile). More than one person can be on the air at the same time, as long as they are either on different bands or using different modes. We plan on publishing the schedule of operation on the FRRL website once we have operators lined up.

If members wish to operate W90 during the two weeks, they will use the following time slots each day:

8:00am-9:00am
9:00am-10:00am
2:00pm-3:00pm
3:00pm-4:00pm
7:00pm-8:00pm
8:00pm-9:00pm

Contact Tobi to sign up for an operating slot. Please provide the mode you will use, the band you wish to be on, and if possible, a frequency range, so that people seeking out the special event can find you. Tobi has created a script you may use to describe the FRRL and the special event. She will email it to each operator prior to July 13. You do not have to use the script, but it will be available to you in case you need help with what to say during your QSOs. A "Meet the Operators" section on the website will introduce people to you. If you have signed up or will sign up to operate, we will share your rig/antenna information, and include your photo, or a photo of your rig or shack.

A special QSL card is being designed and will be sent to everyone who makes a QSO with W90 and requests one by sending in an SASE. Tobi will be QSL manager. All operators will need to log their contacts. The exchange will be a signal report, plus first name and state. Tobi will use the information gathered to fill out the QSL cards, so operators are asked to note the equipment they use. Logs should include the rig, antenna and power used, plus the

mode/band/frequency, date and time, as with any typical QSL card. Logs should be submitted in ADIF format to Chris KC9BKS at database@frrl.org.

We hope many FRRL members will join the excitement of our 90 years and operate W90 in July!