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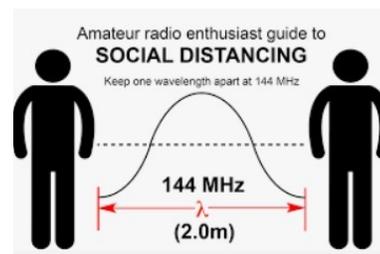
## About Us

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.





## *From The Desk Of The President*



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### *The Honorable Gordon Dailey*



Hi All, I hope all is well with you and your family. At the end of July, I had the opportunity to work the Pigman Triathlon with a dozen other hams. This marked my 16th year working this event. Yes, even during these trying times they held the event. We did adhere to PPE's and social distancing. It is the Iowa age group and high school state championships as well as a qualifier for bigger events.

Historically there are 500 to 750 participants. This year we had 128 participants. It was a successful event and it went off without any major mistakes. We also only had one participant that had an issue with the heat. Yes, it was HOT! I was reminded me how fortunate we are in a normal world as ham's to be able to volunteer for service events. I was on the bike course and I was humbled again at the number of times the competitors thanked me (as well as the other operators through out the course) for our volunteering. It also reminded me that even if not one of the competitors had said thanks, it was worth it.

If you get a chance to work an event, I highly recommend it. Yes, there is a time commitment. Yes, you possibly will make a mistake if it is your first or twentieth time working an event. However, no one is perfect and the only way to learn from your oops is to participate. I know what is involved to get volunteers. I also know the job of coordinating and being net control for these events is not an easy task. We, the FRRL, have volunteered for the MS walk in the spring the last few years. Priscilla Miller AE9PM has done a great job coordinating for the club. When you see her next time, say thanks. Also, maybe next time you can join us. Mark your calendars for November 7th, the club will be working a special event station from Mooseheart celebrating Mooseheart Founders Day (birthday) 107 years. More info to come in the next issue.



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# Meeting Minutes



August 11, 2020

Meeting Minutes August 11, 2020-

The August meeting of the Fox River Radio League was conducted via group video using a product from Zoom, Inc. There were 33 members present via video conference for this meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1933 DST by President Gordon Dailey, KW0E.

Acceptance of the July 2020 Membership Meeting minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report: Dan WA9YKK**, reported the account bank account balances as of 08-04-2020. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded, and passed.

## Director Reports:

**Repeater, Terry, W9AUV**, reported that there is no change in the status of the repeater move.

**Director: Denny, W9HI**, reported that the VEC info has been sent from the ARRL. There has been discussion about outdoor license testing. The next Technician class is being worked on.

**ARES, Marty, N9NTM**, Update the membership on ARES meetings taking place soon.

**Repeater Report, Kermit W9XA**: Not Present.

**Membership: Chris, KC9BKS** reported that we are at 123 members as of this month.

## Old Business:

**Meetings**: All meetings will be conducted using Zoom until further notice.

**Mentor/Elmer Program**: No volunteers as of yet.

**Lending Library**: Let Mike, K9FE know if you have any radio related books to lend to others.



## **New Business:**

**Special Event Station:** President Dailey is working with Mooseheart International to see about setting up a special event station on their campus for their Founder's Day celebration. More to come!

**Technician Class Update:** Denny, K9HI has the slides and a list of instructors. At this time the class will be held on Wednesday evenings at 1800hrs. Watch the FRRL webpage for more information. Dates to be announced.

## **Announcements:**

Eric, K9LGE advised the Red Cross is in need of blood due to the pandemic. See [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more info.



**Program:** Harry Jones, K9DXA presented on assembling and using a QRP FT8 transceiver he built.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2003hrs. DST.



August 20th- Newsletter deadline  
September 1st- BOD Meeting  
September 8<sup>th</sup> - Membership meeting

Respectfully submitted, Dean Holste, KC9EOQ FRRL Secretary

Please Welcome Our New Member !!!



HELLO		
my name is		
Callsign	Name	License Class
	Brad McKellar	

