

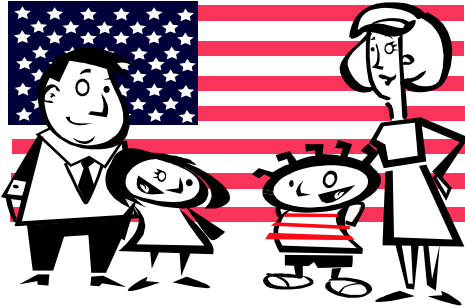
THE RADIO HILL GAZETTE

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Celebrating Our 32nd Year in Publication

Club Calendar of Events



CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE SCHAUMBURG RECREATION CENTER ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SPRINGINSGUTH AND BODE ROADS. OUR NETS ARE HELD EVERY THURSDAY (except Meeting nights) AT 9PM ON THE K9IHK REPEATER; 145.23 MHz.-600 kHz WITH 107.2 Hz PL

July 2007

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| Wed | 4 | 8:00 AM | Public Service Event – Hoffman Estates Parade |
| Thu | 5 | 9:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz |
| Sat | 7 | 8:00 AM | Official Saturday Morning Breakfast – Maxfields |
| Sat | 7 | 9:00 AM | VE Testing Session - CRC |
| Sat | 8 | 6:00 AM | Public Service Event - Schaumburg Triathlon |
| Thu | 12 | 9:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz |
| Thu | 19 | 7:00 PM | Monthly Club Meeting - CRC |
| Thu | 26 | 9:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz |



August 2007

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| Wed | 1 | 7:00 PM | Board of Directors meeting – Schaumburg Airport |
| Thu | 2 | 9:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz |
| Sat | 4 | 8:00 AM | Official Saturday Morning Breakfast – Maxfields |
| Sat | 4 | 9:00 AM | VE Testing Session - CRC |
| Thu | 9 | 9:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz |
| Thu | 16 | 9:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz |
| Sun | 19 | 12:00 PM | SARC Family Picnic – Volkering Lake |
| Thu | 30 | 9:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz |

Dayton Hamfest

Wednesday night the bags were packed, so all we had to do was to pick up and go. But let me take you back a few months. So sit back and relax, enjoy the story.

I had decided to put real effort into studying for the general exam. So that is what I did. I spent at least 2 hrs a day using "ham test online". Every two weeks my uncle (Don Nesbitt N4HH) would call me to see about the progress I was making. Then one day my uncle called and asked us if we wanted to go to Dayton, of course we said yes. It was then I set the goal to take the test at Dayton. I found out that I had to preregister for the test.

We arrived at Dayton late Thurs. 5/17/07 late afternoon. On Friday we went and made our way through the crowds and looked at all of the latest ham radio gear. We went to the DX dinner but I did not stay for the program because I had to get ready for the test the next morning. So I took my uncle's advice and went to my room. Took a nice relaxing shower watched some TV and went to bed. I was in bed by 10:30 p.m. Ohio time.

I was up by 7:30 am. and dressed. We arrived at the Hara arena at around 8:45 am. or so. They let us in at 9:00am and we went right to the test site. By the time the we got there, there was already many people there. It **was** a good thing that I did preregister as the line was already down the hall. The V.E.'s split us up the ones that were registered and the walk ins. People lined up against each

wall as far as the eyes could see. Then they called us into the classroom. There were two classrooms with 12 tables and each table had three chairs. We got our instructions and started to take the test. Since I studied really hard, I knew that I was going to pass the test. I answered the questions one by one not leaving any blank ones.

I sat there after turning in my test waiting to see if I was indeed going to pass the test. While I was waiting to have my test graded there was a young girl who took her test but did not pass. The V.E.'s were very nice and encouraging to her. They spoke in a soft voice told her not to give up but to study some more. They called my name I raised my hand. They gave the thumbs up indicated that yes I did pass the test! I knew then that I was a general class ham radio operator.

All I had to do was to wait for my C.S.C.E. After receiving my C.S.C.E. I made my way down to the hall and called my uncle. On the cell phone I said the following: "Hi uncle Don this is Janet, this is KA9ZDT/AG". Then I heard my fathers voice in the back ground and I met the both of them at the FCC testing site. He took my picture with my new C.S.C.E. and the FCC testing sign in the background above me.

Thanks to the kindness of both my uncle Don and my Father (Earl Nesbitt, W9ELN) I not only walked away from Dayton with a general class license, I also walked away with a my first HF radio (Icom 718) and an antenna (Buddi pole)! After 21 years I finally made to the general class license and hope to talk to you on those HF bands.

Janet Nesbitt
KA9ZDT

Next Gen Hams

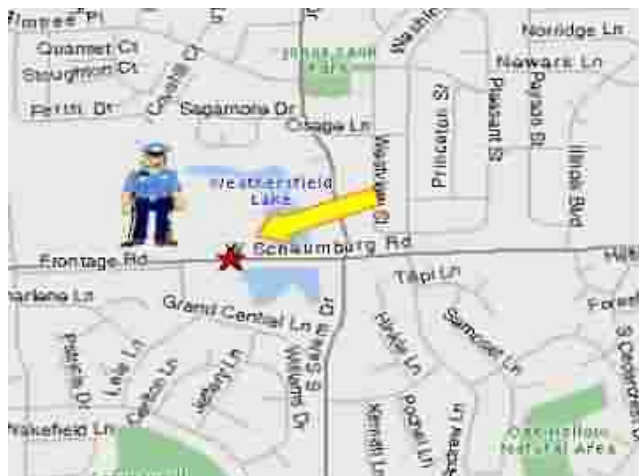


The Next Gen Hams is a group for kids. Its goal is to make ham radio fun, educational and to encourage young people to get licensed and active in the hobby. The hope is that ham radio will be kept alive for years to come.

The Next Gen Hams net meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:00 p.m. on the Fox River Radio League's 2m repeater, 147.210. All kids are welcome, licensed or unlicensed. Although the net is sponsored by the FRRL, membership is not required to call in. We look forward to hearing you join us on the air!

Other kids' activities occur throughout the year, stay tuned to the net and check out <http://www.frml.org/> to find out about upcoming events.

Tobi Davis K9TCD



Save the Date

Calling all SARC members and families. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Annual SARC Picnic. This year it is scheduled to begin

at Noon on Sunday, August 19, 2007. We will be congregating at Volkening Lake again, located next to the police station on Schaumburg Road west of Salem.

This year we will be having a couple "events" during the picnic. First and foremost will be the "On Foot FoxHunt", so make sure you have your gear for this exciting display of your skills. Extra points will be awarded to those who bring their 10mW transmitters. We will also be having a "Best Side Dish" and "Best Dessert" contest. Prizes will be awarded, so be sure to bring that tasty dish for all your fellow club members to try.

Bring your fox hunting gear. Bring a radio and a logbook. Bring a smile; cause a good time will be had by all. The pavilion at this site is fairly close to the parking lot, and there is a large pond nearby as well. There are paddle boats for rent and other activities at the park. Bring your fishing gear if you'd like.

There will be grills to cook on, so bring your meat or other food to cook. Please bring a dish to share with the other club members. And remember, diversity is the key here (would you really want to try 27 different potato salads?). There will be a sign up sheet at the next couple club meetings so that we can get an idea of what we'll have and who will be coming.

Above all, come on out and join in on the fun.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Monday, June 25, 2007

Board members:

Pete Schuyler, N9OF

Barb Schuyler, N9NM

Bill Smead, K9IIM

Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA

Bruce Widenhoefer, KB9JEJ

Kent Ochs, W9KAO

John Bettasso, AJ9ON

Guests:

Ryan Ochs, W9RAO

Pete called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report – Kent reported that the club has \$862.99 as of May 31, 2007.

Secretary's Report – John reported that the SSC renewal has been submitted and it can take a few weeks for the ARRL to review and process.

Presidents report – Kent reported that he is having problems obtaining the FD permit. The village is asking for an electrical permit in addition to the site permit we had last year, they also need 45 days to process permits.

Membership Report – no report

Public Service – no report

RHG Newsletter – Mark Deelsnyder asked the printer if stapling could be removed to save on our bill but the savings was not much. We will continue to get the RHG stapled.

Construction Projects – Bill Smead, no report.

VE Testing – John reported that David Deterich will update the membership brochure for Larry.

Social Activities – Kim Bettasso, no report

Nets – no report

Education – no report

Fox Hunts – Bruce, no fox hunt this month, next may be July.

Publicity – Mark Deelsnyder has created a write up for FD publicity and will submit to local newspapers.

Meeting Programs – no report

Em-Com – no report
eBay Sales – Larry Carr

NEW BUSINESS

Next board meeting is June 27 instead of July 4.

Field Day – Kim Bettasso reviewed with the board FD details.

Treasurer Attendance – Motion presented to the board to remove George from the Treasurer position due to lack of participation. Motion made by Bill Smead and seconded by Bruce Widenhoefer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion presented to the board to appoint Cliff Sowka as Treasurer. Motion made by Pete Schuyler and seconded by Bruce Widenhoefer. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The Secretary will inform George by letter to supply the corporation's books at the next general meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting closed at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted by John Bettasso,
AJ9ON Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, Inc

Monday, June 25, 2007

President Kent Ochs, W9KAO called the meeting to order at 7:15PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's report – Cliff Sowka reported via email that the club has a \$1,782.73 balance as of the meeting and all bills are paid.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Kent Ochs asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes as they appear in the June RHG made by Dave Detrich and Jim Campbell.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Net Control - Rob Glowacki, N9MVO reported that a schedule will come out someday.

Membership – David Detrich, KC9EHQ reported that he is working on the flyer and brochure.

Repeater – Bill Zapel, N9QPD reported that he is looking for some gurus to look at the 70cm RX. Bill also reminded that the repeater belongs to the club now and all members have full access to all repeater functions.

Public Service – Kent reported that a few SARC members participated in the Tour da Cure.

Education Chair – The club is still looking for a chairperson.

Em-Comm – David reported that sometime after FD a meeting will be held.

Program chair - Adrian Russell, KB9YAB no report.

Fund Raising- Roy Merkley, KC9BPI no report

VE Testing – Larry Carr, NO9A reported that July 1 the new General question pool will take effect.

Website – Bruce Warrington, N9EHA no report

Construction project – Bill Smead reports that it will start in September.

RHG – Mark Deelsnyder KB9VHA reported that he is looking for extra articles. Send articles to sarc-rhg@comcast.net. FD press release was sent out to Pioneer Press.

Social Activities – Kim Bettasso

Fox Hunting – Bruce Widenhoefer, KB9JEJ no report

NEW BUSINESS

Janet Nesbit – Passed General exam.
 Bill Smead – Ran into Marv Gino and Marv says hello to the club.

Respectfully submitted by John Bettasso,
 AJ9ON, Club secretary.

INFO WANTED!

I'm updating our club roster and trying to fill in missing information, I need email addresses from the following members. Please email me aj9on@arrl.net or call me at 224.805.0342.

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| AJ9V | N8DMT |
| K9DEI | N9GUN |
| K9FRM | N9QGB |
| K9UJA | N9XJU |
| KA9SUP | W9RAO |
| KA9YDY | WA9NMW |
| KB9TQC | WB0VXI |
| KB9UXV | WB9PEI |
| KB9WEK | WB9TZC |
| KB9YAB | WK9V |
| KC9CNL | WR9S |
| KC9JGP | Roger Anderson |
| KC9JUB | Richard Holmes |
| KC9KBX | Cathy Kuncio. |

Thanks,
 John AJ9ON, Club Secretary



The Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club would like to express our deepest condolences to member John Robson WB9STT whose wife of 64 years recently passed away.

**VE TESTING RESULTS**

NEXT EXAMS:
July 7, 2007
 Park District CRC ; Sr. Lounge.

RESULTS FOR June 2, 2007, TEST SESSION:

| CLASS | NUMBER TESTED | NEW LICENSE or UPGRADE |
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| Technician | 1 | 0 |
| General | 5 | 4 |
| Extra | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 7 | 5 |

UPGRADES:******GENERAL******

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| Lynne Bosnyak | N9CBE |
| Benjamin Bernstein | W2TCB |
| Martin Witkowski | N9RJJ |
| Ryan Ochs | W9RAO |

******EXTRA******

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| Charles Simon | K9AZH |
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The fee for taking a VE exam increased from \$12.00 to \$14.00 on January 1, 2005. This increase applies to all W5YI and ARRL VEC test sites nationwide. The increase was attributed to the diminishing number of examinees and rising costs.

According to the FCC, the test fee allows an examinee one attempt to pass or fail each of the four examination elements. In addition, the order in which the examination elements are taken is not restricted; they may be taken out of sequence.

The SARC-sponsored VE exam sessions are held at 9:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month (unless it is a holiday or advised to the contrary by Schaumburg Park District) at **Schaumburg Community Rec Center (CRC)**; 505 N. Springinsguth Road; Schaumburg, IL. The CRC is located at the S.E. corner of Springinsguth and Bode Road. Park

in the North lot and enter through the North doors. Testing will be in the Senior Lounge just inside the doors. Signs will be posted to guide the way to the room.

As in the past, an identical fee will be assessed to any applicant who fails an exam and wants to retest at the same session. The only condition is that the same exam (identical set of questions) cannot be given to the applicant. Since all our exams are unique, this is not a problem at our sessions.

Larry Carr NO9A
W5YI-VEC CVE & Test Session Manager
847-593-8658
E mail: NO9A@ARRL.NET



Club E-mail List

SARC maintains an e-mail list in order to reach all members of the club in a timely fashion. Sometimes this is for public service or emcomm events coming up with too short of a notice to publicize in print or at general meetings. Other times it is for items of general interest to the club, requests for assistance on various topics, and so on.

All SARC members are encouraged to join the list so they can get timely updates on club activities as well as general discussion, but you don't have to be a club member to join the mailing list. The list is open to anyone interested in SARC. The normal volume of e-mail sent is low, and your e-mail address will never be sold or given out by us for any reason.

TO SUBSCRIBE: send an e-mail to mail-list@n9rjv.org asking to be added to the

mailing list, so we know your correct e-mail address. We'll send you back a web link shortly, that you use to confirm your e-mail address and your request to join the list, and you're done. You can remove yourself from the list at any time without needing to contact us, but we're here if you have any questions about it or need some help.



Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Monthly Treasurer's Report June 2007

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| Beginning Balance | \$1782.73 |
| Expenses | |
| Stamps for RHG Mailing | \$39.00 |
| Annual Liability Insurance | \$320.00 |
| Repeater Transfer to SARC | \$431.06 |
| Printer; RHG. April, May | \$129.68 |
| Total Expenses | \$919.74 |
| Deposits | |
| None | 0 |
| Total Receipts | \$0.00 |
| Total Cash On Hand; All Bills Paid | \$862.99 |

2007 SARC OFFICERS

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| President: Kent Ochs | W9KAO 847-891-6025 |
| Vice Pres.: Phil Sawicki | N9IQ |
| Secretary: John Bettasso | AJ9ON SkypeME |
| Treasurer: Cliff Sowka | K9QD |
| Director: Bill Smead | K9IIM 847 934-1817 |
| Director: Barb Schuyler | N9NM |
| Director: Pete Schuyler | N9OF |
| Director: Bruce Widenhoefer | KB9JEJ |
| Director: Mark Deelsnyder | KB9VHA 847 885-3157 |

SARC Membership / Renewal Form

Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: N T G A E Expires: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____ ARRL Member? Yes/No if yes, expires: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Additional (non-voting) licensed persons at the same address (INCLUDE CALL, CLASS, AND EXPIRATION):

(If new, how did you hear about the club?) _____

Special Interests: _____

Type of membership:

New membership – full voting (Licensed) \$30.00 (new memberships pro-rated based on the month the new member joins)

Full Voting (Licensed) Membership renewal (\$25.00)

Additional (Licensed) Family members at SAME ADDRESS to become full voting member(\$15.00)

Full Voting, Senior (over 60) (\$20.00)

Full voting, Full time Student (\$20.00)

All memberships expire on July 1 of the upcoming year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit your application by mail, in person at any club meeting, or to any club director or officer.

Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 68251, Schaumburg, IL. 60168-0251

Note! The IRS requires us to inform you that, though we are a not for profit organization, DUES are NOT tax deductible.

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Deliver To:



Thursday Night 9:00 Net
S.A.R.C. Repeater

145.23 MHz - 600 kHz

Don't forget to check into the net! It will only take a minute and will let other club members know how you sound on the club repeater. The net features current club news, weekly NEWSLINE, news from other clubs and (of course) the swap-and-shop. Encourage your friends who are not yet members to check in with as well. Keep in mind that this is an open net and we encourage everyone to check in. See you Thursday at 9p.m.

The Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, Inc., is organized as a general not-for-profit corporation in the State of Illinois to render public service whenever applicable to the needs of the community and further various pursuits of amateur radio as a hobby. Meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month. Visitors are **always** welcome.

Please send all submissions for the Radio Hill Gazette to the following address:
SCHAUMBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. 790 Washington Blvd. Hoffman Estates, IL 60169-3077

Or E-mail to: sarc-rhg@comcast.net

We solicit letters, articles, news items, quizzes, advertisements, suggestions, and criticism -- plus anything else you can think of, including ideas to improve the RHG!

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