

THE RADIO HILL GAZETTE

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October 2008

Celebrating Our 33rd Year in Publication

Club Calendar of Events



October 2008

Wed	1	7:00 PM	Board of Directors meeting – Schaumburg Airport
Thu	2	8:00 PM	SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: Dave KC9EHQ
Sat	4	8:00 AM	Official Saturday Morning Breakfast – Maxfields
Sat	4	9:00 AM	VE Testing Session – Schaumburg CRC
Thu	9	8:00 PM	SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: Rob N9MVO
Sat	11	8:00 AM	Construction Project – Schaumburg Tennis Plus
Thu	16	7:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting – CRC & Business Meeting
Thu	23	8:00 PM	SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: John AJ9ON
Sat	25	8:00 AM	Construction Project – Schaumburg Tennis Plus
Thu	30	8:00 PM	SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: Bob W9DXR

Happy Thanksgiving

November 2008

Sat	1	8:00 AM	Official Saturday Morning Breakfast – Maxfields
Sat	1	9:00 AM	VE Testing Session – Schaumburg CRC
Wed	5	7:00 PM	Board of Directors meeting – Schaumburg Airport
Thu	6	8:00 PM	SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: Dave KC9EHQ
Sat	8	8:00 AM	Construction Project – Schaumburg Tennis Plus
Thu	13	8:00 PM	SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: Rob N9MVO
Thu	20	7:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting – CRC & Business Meeting
Sat	22	8:00 AM	Construction Project – Schaumburg Tennis Plus
Thu	27	8:00 PM	SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: John AJ9ON

CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE SCHAUMBURG RECREATION CENTER ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SPRINGSGUTH AND BODE ROADS. OUR NETS ARE HELD EVERY THURSDAY (except Meeting nights) AT 8PM ON THE K9IIK REPEATER; 145.23 MHz.-600 kHz WITH 107.2 Hz PL

October Meeting Presentation

Radio Astronomy

Hello SARC Members,

I learned of some interesting news from the ARRL. They are offering downloads of QST from 1915 to 2004. You must be a member of ARRL and be logged into their website for the ability to view and download. Now I can recycle old mags and reclaim shack space for other stuff ☺.

In 2009 the ARRL is sponsoring a new event called "Year of the State QSO Party". They are offering a nice printable award certificate with places to affix state QSO party stickers, it's like collecting state quarters. State QSO party's are fun to participate in. If your new to HF be sure to check this award out, it will also help you towards your Worked All States (WAS) award. Check out ARRL.Com for more details.

SSB Net Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. 144.2095

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Club elections are coming up shortly. This is your opportunity to help shape the club. You may be thinking that it sounds hard or you wouldn't be good at it. It's actually very easy and fun. If your interested please contact one of the officers for more information.

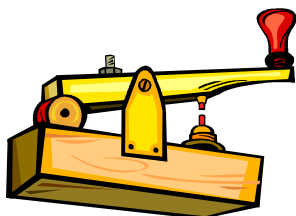
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Help Wanted: The club has open chair positions. Repeater, Construction, Education, Emcom, Membership, Fund Raising. If your interested in helping please see the website for committee definitions <http://www.n9rjv.org/comdef.htm> or see a club officer or board member. In addition, if your interested in a position that is already filled ask the person if they need any help, I'm sure they wouldn't turn you down.

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Mark your calendars for the next big SARC event of the year – SARC's Holiday Party December 18th. The location has not been chosen yet so stay tuned to our weekly nets, RHG and meetings to find out.

73, John, AJ9ON President



Elmering CW Ops

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

I have a reputation for being a CW zealot. It's a reputation that I quite deserve, thank you very much, and one that I'm proud of. Working CW is a heckuva lot of fun, and I want to help as many hams as I can enjoy it as much as I do.

Unlike some OFs (e-mail me if you're not familiar with that CW abbreviation) who just complain that no one operates CW anymore or bemoan the elimination of the code test, I try to walk the walk as well as talk the talk. Here are some of the things I do to get guys to operate CW:

* I always carry around copies of the K7QO Code Course on CD-ROM (<http://www.kc5cqm.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=Main.K7QOcwCourse>). K7QO has graciously allowed this version to be distributed freely, and when I'm at a ham event, and anyone expresses even the slightest interest in CQ, I pull one out of my briefcase and hand it to him or her.

* I try to keep one or two inexpensive paddles around to sell to interested folks. Bencher BY-1s are good starter paddles, and you can often find them at hamfests or on EBay for fifty to sixty bucks. I usually keep one or two "in stock." When someone asks about paddles, I offer to sell them one of the ones I have for exactly what I paid for it. Since they know me, they get a good feeling that they're getting a decent paddle at a decent price. And once they have it in the shack, it takes away one excuse for not operating CW. I also, provide technical support. By that I mean I help them get the key and keyer adjusted properly and help them use it properly.

* I never denigrate or complain about hams that never had to pass a code test. That's a sure turnoff. As soon as people get the feeling that you're looking down your nose at them, you lose all credibility with them and they just stop listening to you. My personal opinion is that if more folks have ham licenses, then the pool of potential CW operators is bigger.

* I never denigrate or complain about hams that don't operate CW. See above.

* I acknowledge that Morse Code can be difficult to learn. I often apologize for the fact that I got into it when I was young and it was easier for me to pick it up then. I also apologize that I seem to have at least a limited talent for Morse Code. I acknowledge that this is not something one learns overnight. You're more likely to win someone over if you sympathise instead of criticise. I like to challenge them to learn it, noting that once they've acquired the skill, it's something that they can be proud of. Not only that, it's a lot of fun!

* I try to show them how much fun CW is! I have an Elecraft KX-1, which I take to things like club picnics. Throw up a simple antenna and I am on the air making contacts. I also invite guys to my shack and show them in person how cool it is.

Finally, I give presentations to just about any club that invites me, if I can make the arrangements. On my blog at <http://kb6nu.com/a-cw-presentation-for-your-club/>, you can find the text for the slides I used for my presentation, "CW is Fun!" Feel free to use them to give a presentation to your club.

Who knows? If you give this presentation to your club, maybe you'll even get one or two guys interested enough in CW to learn the code and get on the air. If every current CW op Elmered one other ham every year, the CW bands would be chock full of activity. We'd be complaining that it's impossible to find a clear frequency instead of complaining that it's getting hard to find a contact.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting - Sept 2008 Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Wednesday September, 3 2008

Board members present:
Cliff Sowka, K9QD
Bill Smead, K9IIM

Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA
Jim Kempe, KC9LWO

Club Officers & Committee Chairpersons present:

Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA
Bob McIntyre, W9DXR

Visitors present:

Jim Campbell, KB9RGU

The meeting was called to order by Mark Deelsnyder at 7:15 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report –Cliff Sowka reported there is currently \$1,247.37 in the club bank account.

Secretary's Report – Nothing new to report for this meeting.

President's Report - No report.

Membership Report – No report at this time.

Public Service - Public service events have concluded for 2008.

RHG Newsletter/Publicity –Mark Deelsnyder reported the RHG is at the printers Mark has a few extra articles in for this month.

Repeater System – The repeater is operational. The club needs someone to take over technical support for the repeater system.

Construction Project – Bill Smead is working on the circuit board. The project is a battery monitor project which will allow a Lithium battery to be used in your handheld radio.

VE Testing/eBay Sales - VE testing is still the first Saturday of the month. There are a few items currently waiting to be sold on eBay.

Social Activities – The club picnic was held in August and about fifteen people attended.

Nets – No report.

Education – No report.

Fox Hunts – No report at this time.

Meeting Programs – No report tonight. A program has been scheduled for the September meeting on a recent DXpedition.

Em-Comm – No report.

OLD BUSINESS REVIEW OF RECURRING CLUB CALENDAR

Articles may now be submitted for the October RHG

There are still several open committee chair positions.

Number of members – there are currently 41 paid members.

NEW BUSINESS

The list of current directors and their terms were reviewed. There are two openings for directors.

Officer positions that need to be filled were also discussed.

Club membership dues need to be paid. If you have not done so please send them in.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting closed at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bob McIntyre,
W9DXR Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, Inc Thursday, September 18, 2008

President, John Bettasso, AJ9ON, called the

meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Introductions were given by each member and the question for the evening was: Did you attempt to work the 2007 Scarborough Reef DXpedition ?

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's report – Cliff Sowka, K9QD reported that the club has a balance of \$1,210.57 as of the meeting and all bills are paid.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

John Bettasso asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's and Secretary's report as printed in the September RHG. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Net Control – Rob, N9MVO, reported that the new net starting time is now 8pm and we have had some additional check-ins. We have also added a round table discussion to the net.

Membership – no report this evening.

Repeater – Bill Smead reported that the repeater is operational.

Construction Project – Bill Smead reported on next year's project which will be a replacement battery protection circuit for your handheld transceiver. The 4th Saturday of September will be the first construction project meeting.

Public Service Events – Public service events have ended for this year.

RHG – We are always looking for articles to use in upcoming issues of the RHG. If you have items for sale please send them in to Mark Deelsnyder. You can also write an article on a ham radio topic of interest.

Education – No report.

Em-Comm – No report. The club is looking for

someone to lead this special interest group. They would have help and be able to build the group from the ground up.

Program Chair – Annie reported there may be an upcoming program next month on radio astronomy.

Fund Raising - No report. The club is looking for someone to fulfill this role.

EBay Sales – Larry Carr report that the items reported for sale previously have not sold to club members and will now be put up for sale on eBay

VE Testing – the next session will be the first Saturday in October.

Social Events – no events are upcoming at this time.

Fox Hunting – No report tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

John Bettasso entertained a motion to accept Garrett Neuenkirchen, Ed Bohlke, NF9C, and Jason Weber, KC9NGB as new members. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote of the club.

Cliff Sowka mentioned that there are a number of committee chairman positions open. Club elections are coming up in November so if you are interested in a position let one of the club officers know.

Roger Ryan, W9RDR, made a suggestion that the club should consider having an annual prize drawing for people submitting articles that are published in the RHG.

Annual club dues are now due and payable. Please send them in to Cliff Sowka, pay them on-line or pay at the next club meeting if you have not done so.

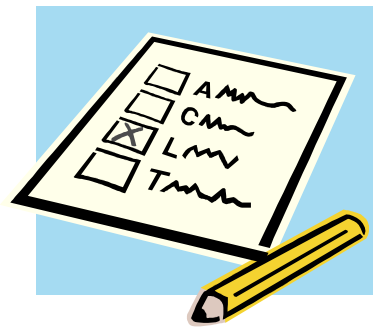
A presentation will be given this evening by Mike, K9AJ, on the Scarborough Reef 2007 DXpedition.

A motion to close the meeting was given and seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was closed at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bob McIntyre,
W9DXR Secretary

Officer and Board Nomination Notice

It's that time of year again, your chance to change the structure of SARC for 2009 and beyond. If you have never run for a position please consider, you will get help in your new position from the existing officer or board member. Please submit your nominations to any officers or board member.



Notice for Absentee Voting - SARC 2008 General Membership Elections

For those not able to make the November general membership elections meeting here is the procedure to request an absentee voting ballot.

1. Make a request by mail to the club's official address at SARC - Absentee Ballot Request, P.O. Box 68251 Schaumburg, IL 60168-0251 or in person at the Board of Directors Meeting . All requests should be received by the club **no later than November 1**.

2. Complete the absentee ballot once you receive it and mail back to the club in the return postage paid envelope so it will be received by November 14th . You may also present it at the regular club meeting which will be held on Thursday November 20th.

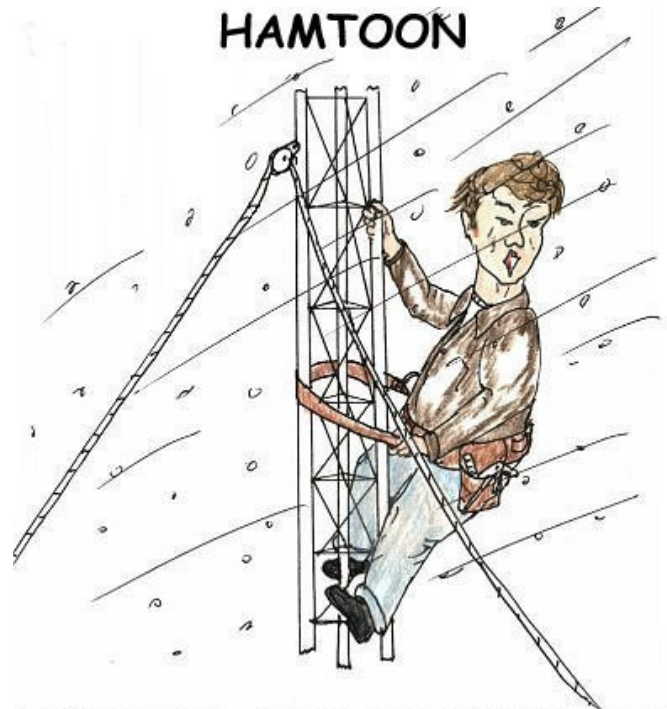
Thank you,
Bob McIntyre W9DXR, Club Secretary

Club E-mail List

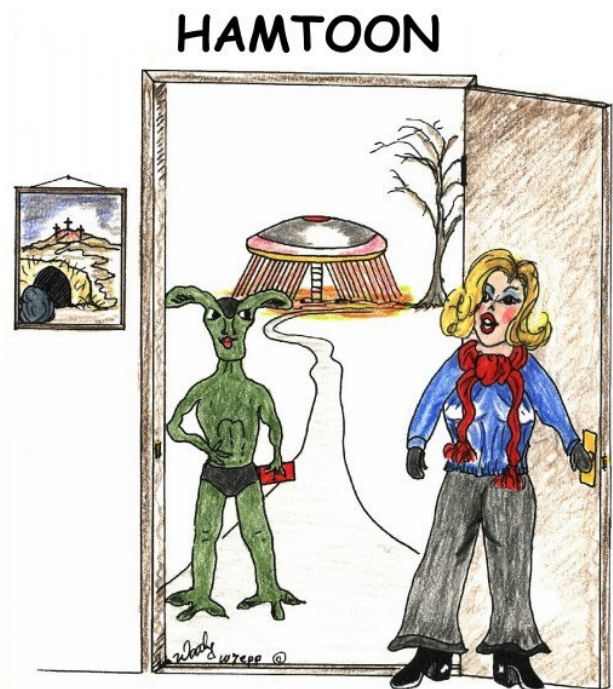
SARC maintains an e-mail list in order to reach all members of the club in a timely fashion. Sometimes this is for public service or emcomm events coming up with too short of a notice to publicize in print or at general meetings. Other times it is for items of general interest to the club, requests for 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@n9rv.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.



NEXT TIME, HOW ABOUT WE PUT UP THE ANTENNA BEFORE THE SNOW BLOWS ?



HONEY ! THE GUY IS HERE WITH YOUR QSL CARD !



VE TESTING RESULTS

NEXT EXAM:

October 4, 2008

Park District CRC ; Sr. Lounge.

RESULTS FOR September 6, 2008, TEST SESSION:

CLASS	NUMBER TESTED	NEW LICENSE or UPGRADE
Technician	0	0
General	1	1
Extra	2	2
	3	3

NEW LICENSES:

***** EXTRA *****

Kenneth Ladendorf AB9SG

UPGRADES:

***** GENERAL *****

Robert Wadowski KC9NXC

***** EXTRA *****

Thomas Larimer Jr KC9OBA

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.

The fee for taking a VE exam is \$14.00.

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.

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



**Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club
 Monthly Treasurer's Report
 September 2008**

Beginning Balance	\$1,247.37
Expenses	
RHG Printing - August	\$38.02
Total Expenses	\$144.68
Deposits	
None	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$0.00
Total Cash On Hand; All Bills Paid	\$1,209.35

2008 SARC OFFICERS

President: John Bettasso	AJ9ON	224 805-0342
Vice Pres.: Phil Sawicki	N9IQ	
Secretary: Bob McIntyre	AF9U	
Treasurer: Cliff Sowka	K9QD	
Director: Bill Smead	K9IIM	847 934-1817
Director: Cliff Sowka	K9QD	
Director: Jim Kempe	KC9LWO	
Director: Bruce Widenhoefer	KB9JEJ	
Director: Mark Deelsnyder	KB9VHA	847 885-3157

CLUB COMMITTEES

Program	Annie Mitchell, KC9CUN
Social Activities	Kim Bettasso
Membership	- Open -
Education	- Open -
Public Service	Dave Downing, N9DAV
Emergency Communications	- Open -
Special Events / Field Day	Geoff Stevens, KA9QGH
Publications	Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA
Publicity & PR	Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA
Net	Rob Glowacki, N9MVO
Technical Assistance	Bill Smead, K9IIM
Fund Raising	- Open -
Fox Hunt Coordinator	Bruce Widenhoefer, KB9JEJ
Repeater	Bill Smead, K9IIM

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



Deliver To:



Thursday Night 8:00 Net

S.A.R.C. Repeater

**145.230 MHz - 600 kHz
PL=107.2**

**442.275 MHz +5 MHz
PL=114.8 Hz**

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 8p.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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