

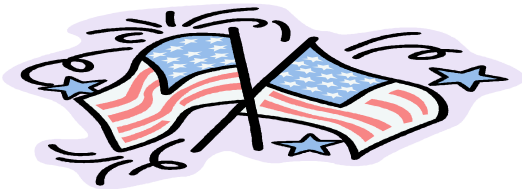
THE RADIO HILL GAZETTE

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Celebrating Our 34th Year in Publication

Club Calendar of Events



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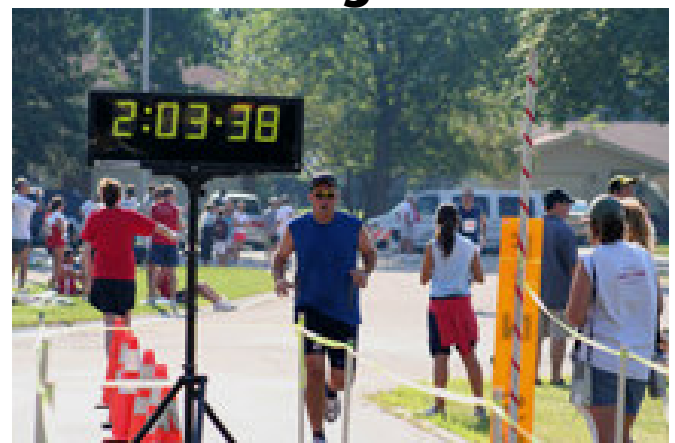
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| Wed | 1 | 7:00 PM | Board of Directors meeting – Schaumburg Airport |
| Thu | 2 | 8:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: |
| Sat | 4 | 8:00 AM | Official Saturday Morning Breakfast – Maxfields |
| Sat | 4 | 8:00 AM | Public Service Event – 4th of July Parade – H.E. |
| Sat | 4 | 9:00 AM | VE Testing Session – Schaumburg CRC |
| Tue | 7 | 7:30 PM | Tech Net – SARC Repeater |
| Thu | 9 | 8:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: |
| Sun | 12 | 6:30 AM | Public Service Event – Schaumburg Triathlon |
| Tue | 14 | 7:30 PM | Tech Net – SARC Repeater |
| Thu | 16 | 7:00 pm | Club Meeting - CRC |
| Sat | 18 | 6:30 PM | Fox Hunt - CRC |
| Tue | 21 | 7:30 PM | Tech Net – SARC Repeater |
| Thu | 23 | 8:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: |
| Tue | 28 | 7:30 PM | Tech Net – SARC Repeater |
| Thu | 30 | 8:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: |

August 2009

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| Sat | 1 | 9:00 AM | VE Testing Session – Schaumburg CRC |
| Tue | 4 | 7:30 PM | Tech Net – SARC Repeater |
| Wed | 5 | 7:00 PM | Board of Directors meeting – Schaumburg Airport |
| Thu | 6 | 8:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: |
| Tue | 11 | 7:30 PM | Tech Net – SARC Repeater |
| Thu | 13 | 8:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: |
| Tue | 18 | 7:30 PM | Tech Net – SARC Repeater |
| Sun | 23 | 7:00 pm | Club Picnic – Volkening Lake |
| Tue | 25 | 7:30 PM | Tech Net – SARC Repeater |
| Thu | 27 | 8:00 PM | SARC Net 145.230 kHz NCS: |

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 8PM ON THE K9IIK REPEATER; 145.23 MHz.-600 kHz WITH 107.2 Hz PL

Public Service Event Schaumburg Triathlon



Please come out to assist us with the Schaumburg Triathlon public service event. This event is Sunday July 12, 2009. We start early for this one, about 6:00 am. We usually meet at the parking lot at the S.W. corner of Roselle Road and Weathersfield Way.

We participate in this event to help the Schaumburg Park District and the village of Schaumburg out for all the assistance we receive from them throughout the year. Meeting rooms, Picnic locations Field day sites etc. This is a fun event that stretches from Meineke Recreation center to the Bock Recreation center.

- Please make sure your batteries are fully charged and you might even want a spare battery or two. This event will run until about 11 am. We will have positions available for all experience levels.

SARC Annual Picnic

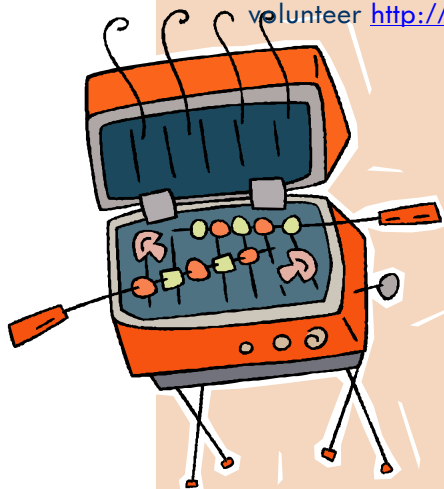
From best we can tell, this year is the club's 34th Anniversary and we would like to make this a club reunion picnic.

All current and past club members are invited to come and join us for food, fun, and entertainment.

Events: On-Foot Fox hunting, someone usually brings a HF radio/antenna

Food: Hotdog, Hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to pass.

In order for this Picnic to be our most successful ever, we need volunteers to help get the word out... We need help calling, emailing, and hunting down past members. Please post a message on our Google group to volunteer <http://groups.google.com/group/sarc-all>.



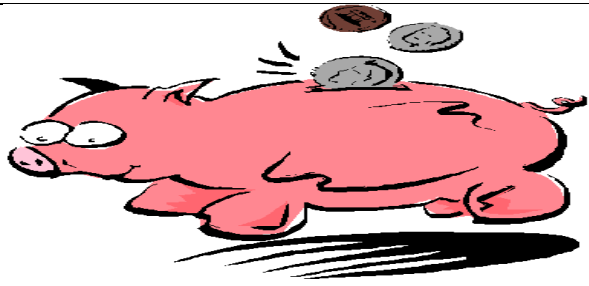
When: Sunday, August 23rd

Time: 12:00 PM

Where: Volkening Lake

900 West Schaumburg Road

Schaumburg, IL 60194



SARC **2009 – 2010 Membership Dues**

The Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club yearly dues are now payable to the club Treasury.

In 2007 the club changed to a membership dues year which begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the next year.

For regular members the amount due is \$25.00.

Reduced rate annual renewals are \$20.00. Reduced fees apply only to full time students, active duty military, or over age 65.

Please help your club with your timely renewal.

Dues may be:

- submitted to our Kent - W9KAO our treasurer
- Mailed to the club mailbox,

SARC
P.O. Box 68251
Schaumburg, IL. 60168-0251

- Paid online thru paypal at www.n9rjv.org

When submitting your renewal, please consider opting to receive your newsletter from the SARC website. Just let Kent know you'd like to help save a tree. ☺

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting - Jun 3, 2009

Board members present:

Bob McIntyre, W9DXR
John Bettasso, AJ9ON
Jim Kempe, KC9LWO
Geoff Stevens, KA9QGH
Bruce Widenhoefer, KB9JEJ

Club Officers / Committee Chairpersons / Members

Kent Ochs, W9KAO
Annie Mitchell, KC9CUN
Carl Peterson, KB9WCA
Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA

The meeting was called to order by John Bettasso at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report – Mel asked the board again for more feedback and comments about the format of the Tuesday night technical net topics.

Treasurer's Report – Kent Ochs reported there is a balance of \$2,914.55 as of May 31, 2009. Kent reported on recent revenue and expenditures. The club is still on budget as expected.

Secretary's Report – The club special service club application will be prepared to submit to the ARRL.

Membership - No report - the chairman position is open.

Public Service - A chairman is needed for this area.

RHG Newsletter/Publicity –Mark Deelsnyder reported the RHG has been printed and is ready to be issued. Articles are still needed for the upcoming RHG issues.

Repeater System – Kent Ochs, W9KAO, reported that the second USB interface was installed. The primary output amplifier is not working properly at present. So far, a bad capacitor was found in the amplifier. Further investigation will be made into what has caused the problem. Discussion followed about the age and condition of the current repeater equipment. John Bettasso moved that we allow funds up to \$100.00 for replacing the amplifier transistors if they are needed. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Construction Project – No report tonight.

VE Testing/eBay Sales – No report tonight.

Social Activities – The picnic permit for August has been obtained. A reunion of current and past club members at the picnic is planned.

Nets – The club information net time is 8pm on Thursday night. Technical net is 7:30pm on Tuesday evenings

Education – No report tonight.

Fox Hunts – Bruce Widenhoefer, KB9JEJ reported that we will try to do a fox hunt again this month if there is enough interest from club members.

Field Day – Geoff Stevens, KA9QGH, reported that the application and permit form for our field day site has been secured. Volunteers have been set up for tent captains and plans are progressing. Food is being planned and we have \$250.00 reserved in the budget for this.

Meeting Programs – A Field Day discussion is planned to be held at the June meeting. Annie, KC9CUN reported about upcoming plans and the search for new programs.

Em-Comm - No report this evening.

OLD BUSINESS REVIEW OF RECURRING CLUB CALENDAR

Carl Peterson, KB9WCA, presented information to the board about creating a club logo for clothing apparel through Cabela's. Club members could be able to order various types of clothing with the logo if we establish a logo setup.

Articles may now be submitted for the June RHG

NEW BUSINESS

Repair and replacement of the repeater amplifier and antennas was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting closed at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bob McIntyre,
W9DXR Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, Inc Thursday, June 18, 2009

President, Mel Luxenburg, W9FRT, called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. There were thirty people in attendance at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's report – Kent Ochs, W9KAO reported that the club has a balance of \$2,914.55 at the end of May. We did have some expenses in May mostly related to the repeater but we are currently tracking well compared to our budget. A new tent was purchased for field day which was previously budgeted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Ed Bohlke, NF9C, to accept the Treasurer's and Secretary's report as printed in the May RHG. The motion

carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Net Control –David Dietrich, KC9EHQ, reported that a new net script and schedule will be coming out sometime in the next week.

Membership – no report this evening a membership chairman is needed. According to Kent Ochs the club has 82 paid members.

Public Service – The 4th of July parade is coming up and a triathlon in the middle of July.

Repeater – Rob, N9MVO, reported that there is a new USB device that was purchased to aid in getting 440 Mhz going again. The repeater voice ID is now working as it used to.

Construction Project - The construction project is over for this year but will start again in the fall.

RHG/Publicity – Field Day information was sent to the Daily Herald. Please send articles in to Mark Deelsnyder. General articles on ham radio related topics are needed or items for sale. Submitting an article for the RHG will get your name put into a drawing at year-end for a one year club membership.

Education – No report tonight.

Em-Comm – Bob Langsfeld, WB9TZC, reported that he attended a citizens core meeting in Springfield. He also discussed contacts made with local hospitals and other groups related to emergency communications. If you are interested in volunteering to help with Em-comm please contact Bob.

Program Chair – Program ideas are needed. Please send your program ideas to Annie, KC9CUN.

Field Day – Remember to bring a side dish to pass if you work at field day and attend the Saturday evening meal.

Fund Raising - The club is looking for someone to fulfill this role.

EBay Sales – No report tonight.

VE Testing – Testing is held on the first Saturday of the month.

Social Events – John Bettasso reported that the club picnic will be August 23rd. A few volunteers will be needed to help contact members. We will try to have as many founding, former and current members as possible to make this an anniversary picnic.

Fox Hunting – There is no scheduled fox hunt for this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Carl Peterson, KB9WCA, presented information about creating a club logo through Cabela's clothing. If we set up and register a logo with them, club members could purchase clothing items with an embroidered logo on it. Carl is checking out the details.

Club dues need to be paid in July. Memberships expire on the last day of July. Dues are \$25.00 for regular members and \$20.00 for seniors.

For our main program tonight a discussion will be held about Field Day by our field day chairman, Geoff Stevens, KA9QGH.

A motion was made and seconded to close the regular meeting at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bob McIntyre,
W9DXR Secretary

RHG Article submission Membership Drawing

Below are the folks who have submitted articles for this year's RHG.

December: Kim Bettasso
Kent Ochs

January:
February: Bob Langsfeld
Kent Ochs
Art Paton

March: Art Paton

April: Bob McIntyre
Bob Langsfeld

May:
June: Geoff Stevens
Rob Glowacki
John Bettasso

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 participate in general discussions. Our e-mail list is open to anyone interested in SARC, you don't need to be a member. The normal volume of e-mail sent is fairly low, and an archive of messages is kept online and available to any list member to go back to for reference.

TO SUBSCRIBE: Go to the club web site www.n9rjv.org. Find the Email list link on the left side.

In the Google Groups box Enter your e-mail address, and click "Subscribe", and you'll get a confirmation message containing a link. Click the link in that message to confirm to Google that you have access to the e-mail account used when subscribing (prevents mistakes, or signing up other addresses maliciously). Clicking that link is all you need to do, and you're done. While it will prompt you to create a Google account, and customize settings, etc, it's all *optional* at that point, you'll be subscribed whether you create an account or not.

In Memory of



I am sorry to report Ron Steinberg, W9RVR, a very active member of SARC until his move to Tennessee a number of years ago, passed away, Saturday, June 20, 2009, at 10:15 PM.

I spoke with Ron's wonderful wife, Gladys, this afternoon and she explained Ron had been in the hospital on Kidney Dialysis for the last 15 days. She believes he finally succumbed to heart failure.

The radio club Ron belonged to in Tennessee, Reel Foot Amateur Radio Club, is planning a Memorial Service for Ron during their upcoming Field Day operation.

If you would like to send condolences, or speak to Gladys, she kindly consented to my passing along their address and phone:
117 Fourth Street,
Fulton, TN 38257,
731-479-7990.

Ron was a true friend to many of us with SARC, both on the air, and through his participation in many activities including his membership on the Board of Directors. I will miss him as I know many of you will.

Andy Sharkey
K9AND



VE TESTING RESULTS

NEXT EXAM:

August 1, 2009

(NOTE: There will not be an exam session in July because the first Saturday is a holiday, July 4).

Park District CRC ; Sr. Lounge.

RESULTS FOR June 6, 2009, TEST SESSION:

| CLASS | NUMBER TESTED | NEW LICENSE or UPGRADE |
|------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Technician | 0 | 0 |
| General | 5 | 5 |
| Extra | 0 | 0 |
| | 5 | 5 |

NEW LICENSES:

**** **GENERAL** ****

James Myatt KC9PYV

UPGRADES:

**** **GENERAL** ****

Peter Maziuk KB9KZO

Raymond Parsons KC9PSY

Reid Kleiner KC9KHX

Lois Sweetko WB9SGB

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 Springsinsguth 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 three 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 May 2009

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| Beginning Balance | \$3,137.86 |
| Expenses | |
| Debit Card – ATT Phone Bill | \$29.31 |
| 1012- Superior Copies – May RHG | \$41.60 |
| 1015- John Bettasso – Name tags | \$111.67 |
| 1016- Jim Campbell – Picnic Permit | \$25.00 |
| 1017- Kent Ochs Rptr USB Interface | \$79.90 |
| 1018- Kent Ochs Rptr PCRC parts | \$12.79 |
| 1020- Kent Ochs Rptr Cable parts surge pwr strip | \$19.22 |
| 1022- Kent Ochs Rptr USB Interface 2 | \$79.90 |
| Total Expenses | \$399.39 |
| Deposits | |
| Dues transfer from Paypal | \$22.08 |
| 50/50, Membr. Due, Sandwich Hamfest | \$154.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$176.08 |
| May Ending | \$2914.55 |

2009 SARC OFFICERS

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| President: Mel Luxenberg | W9FRT |
| Vice Pres.: Phil Sawicki | N9IQ |
| Secretary: Bob McIntyre | W9DXR |
| Treasurer: Kent Ochs | W9KAO |
| Director: John Bettasso | AJ9ON |
| Director: Bob McIntyre | W9DXR |
| Director: Jim Kempe | KC9LWO |
| Director: Bruce Widenhoefer | KB9JEJ |
| Director: Geoff Stevens | KA9QGH |

CLUB COMMITTEES

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Programs | Annie Mitchell, KC9CUN |
| Social Activities | Kim Bettasso |
| Membership | - Open - |
| Education | - Open - |
| Public Service | - Open - |
| Emergency Communications | Bob Langsfeld, WB9TZC |
| Special Events / Field Day | Geoff Stevens, KA9QGH |
| Publications | Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA |
| Publicity | Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA |
| Net | Dave Dietrich, KC9EHQ |
| Technical Assistance | Bill Smead, K9IIM |
| Fund Raising | - Open - |
| Fox Hunt Coordinator | Bruce Widenhoefer, KB9JEJ |
| Repeater | Rob Glowacki, N9MVO |

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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