

# SARC

Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

## RHG September 2018 Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting September 5, 2018

Frank Giampa N9QPD Chairman opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

### Attendees

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Leo Ribordy	N9NBH	Ken Krzywicki	KD9HIJ	Cliff Sowka	K9QD
Danny Kafka	KB9HIL	Chris Brewer	AC9GN	Frank Giampa	N9QPD
Russ Schmidt	KC9NUV	Kent Ochs	W9KAO		

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### Treasurer's Report

Chris Brewer AC9GN reports: beginning balance \$5,132.94. Income was \$45.00. Expense was \$56.35 for data line. Ending balance \$5,121.59. Paid membership is currently 66.

### President's Report

Matt AC9IG not present but provided the following:

- The roster got a lot of use and updated info. Great work by Chris for making this possible. Chris and I fielded some tech support questions for a few members and made several tweaks as we found some operational issues.

## Repeater:

- I got a report from Rob of Newslite playing at 10pm on Monday 8/20. I have not received any other reports of it playing. Do we want to consider changing the code to play Newslite? All previous net control operators have this code.

## Web site (or new business):

- Chris will request access as the secondary administrator for the web site, this will replace Kent's access who previously had this role. Chris will be able to post articles and make back-end changes as needed. I am good with this change.
- Chris will lead a discussion on who gets access to what information on the roster including who can add new members, update dues and send emails. We've discussed this extensively so I'm good with his suggestions.

## New business:

- Who has access to set up voicemail forwarding to the SARC number at 224-698-1072? Was it Kent? We should contact him for the credentials to update it.

## Publicity

Dennis KD9HIK not present.

## Repeater

We continue to electronically log transmissions through the repeater. Note interference by using the link at the bottom of the web site [note date / time]. Our current ARRL/FCC QRM effort remains active and we're collecting the required data.

## Nets

No Report

## Membership

The following were responded to via email/phone during the month of August:

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8/21 Brad Aronson (no call) looking for info on how to sell his father-in-law's (SK) radio gear

8/23 George Miller (no call given) looking for info on upcoming General Class classes to be offered

Bob Benwitz

N9JAX

Membership Committee Chairman

## SARC Repeaters

We're looking for MI reports to support the FCC process. If you notice interference please note time/day.

## Secretary's Report

Cliff Sowka K9QD: Approval of Meeting Minutes as published on our website.

## EMCOMM

No Report.

## Construction Project

Impromptu CP Meeting September 8th

Since there are only two remaining Hamfests for 2018, there will be a special CP event this coming Saturday morning. We'll meet starting at 7AM and try to finish the effort before Leo's General Class begins at 10:30 at the Library.

Goal is to cull the recent SK equipment donations, select eligible items for internal discounted sales to Members in good standing, and then have the ability to sell the remaining items during the Peoria and Belvidere Hamfests later this month.

Preliminary inventory list at this moment:

Brand	Model	Description
Heath Kit	Vector Scope	Analog Color TV scope
Rubicon	Model 1052	Wheatstone Bridge
Bogen	DB-130	HiFi Audio Amplifier
Aerospace Ind	NS-B	Noise Generator
Leader	LDC-822	Digital Voltmeter
Triplet	630-NA	Volt Ohm Meter VOM
Wavetek	Model 111	V-Cntl'd Generator
HP	200-AB	Classic Audio Generator
Western Electric	Cradle Desk Phone	Dial 1950s vintage

	B&K Precision	Model 3025	Sweep Generator
	EICO	Model 324	Signal Generator
	ESI	Model 250DE	Lab Impedance Bridge LRC
	Motorola	TEK-21	Pocket Pulse Generator
	Motorola	TEK-31	Pocket Tone Generator
	Stancor	Plate Transformer	1,800 Volt at 250 mA (2 pcs)
HP	5314A	Universal Counter	
Fluke	8000A	Digital Multimeter	
Staco	171	Variable Transformer	
Motorola	Signal Generator		
Triplet	310	Multimeter	
Tekroc	453 2100		
Standard	80R	Signal Generator	

Motorola RF Alignment Meter

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Weston 1250 Frequency Counter

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HP 1744 Storage Scope

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1 Can Power Transistors

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2 Cans Relays

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1 Can of Fuses

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3 Cans of Resistors

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1 Can of pilot lights and holders

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4 Cans of Mixed Vacuum Tubes

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2 Can of Swtiches

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3 Cans of Misc connectors and components

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19 spools of solid 12-24AWG

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## Social

Robert Kocourek W9RKK not present but previously reported he has organized this year's 'Pilot Pete's' institutionalized club social event at Lou Malnati's for September 8th 5PM and we shouldn't linger past 8PM. Robert communicated specific advance-order details they have requested before the end of this week.

## Education

Leo N9NBH reported plans for a winter General Class with the Library District are in place. September 8th through the end of October at the Hoffman Estates Hassle Road facility, same as last fall's Technician class.

## VE Testing

John Shoefield AC9JS no report.

## RHG

No Report.

## Website

Chris AC9GN and Matt AC9IG working on a few updates: Some information moved over to the new site needs to be updated such as Ham Resources, DX Spotting, APRS Beacon Page for 2M. BOD voted to grant Chris AC9GN authority to go ahead with the new edits.

Chris AC9GN moved to allow our Membership Chair database access and the authority to send an automatic email application to new members. Passed.

## Public Service

Rob N9MVO not present.

## Programs

Cliff Sowka K9QD: September presentation is not yet confirmed but Dirk W0RI may be able to prepare a digital mode presentation.

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Steve AC9EM no report.

## Ebay Sales

None. There are two large hamfests in September and it would be good to cull the surplus SK equipment donations received over the past several months, build a list with suggested values, and offer for rapid internal sale to membership. Any unclaimed inventory could then be taken to both Belvidere and Peoria for sale. Time is tight to have equipment decisions made and available for these two Hamfests so there will be a special CP meeting this coming Saturday to clear our storage cabinets of eligible items.

A separate SARC-ALL Email will be published announcing this coming Saturday CP effort.

## Old Business

By Law Committee Report: Dirk W0RI prepared another amended *Code of Conduct* document.

The November election night is targeted for any By Law changes to be presented to the membership for ratification. There is a required 30-Day notification period and therefore initial September RHG publication is the current goal.

Russ KC9NUV restated his objection to this entire By Law change being proposed. His case is simply these new regulations will not preclude BOD's convicted offenders (as determined by a proposed change requiring BOD super-majority vote) from attending club functions or using club resources such as our repeaters. Discharged members would suffer lost voting rights as well as lost access to any current SARC-ALL email distribution list, but not blocked from attending SARC functions.

Cliff K9QD discussed hearing political dialog (*proposed* to now become offensive behavior) during K9IHK Repeater morning drive-time. This situation would become grounds for dismissal but curiously some of these transmissions appear to be originating with non-member(s) utilizing our open (to licensed Hams) machine; any such proposed By Law-mandated punishment for political/religious conduct by members in good standing would be superfluous because offending non-members would not be affected by definition.

## New Business

Russ KC9NUV will Chair this year's Nominating Committee and prepare a candidate list by October's Business Meeting.



Cliff K9QD moved delinquent membership renewals will lose access to all Membership benefits after 90-days. Leo N9NBH seconded. Motion passed.

Chair N9QPD requested the proposed By Law changes be read into the BOD Minutes tonight:

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- Voice their opinions, requirements and suggestions to the Board of Directors/Officers.

### **MEMBERS MUST:**

- Treat others with respect and courtesy
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- Only publicize material that is tasteful and upholds the integrity and dignity of the Club, determined by a vote of the Board of Directors.
- Not harass others in any form, (verbal or written)
- Report any inappropriate behavior of any Member to the Board of Directors. SARC-ALL Reflector, social media or other communication modes is not the appropriate means of communication.
- Abide by and uphold the By-Laws and Code of Conduct of SARC.
- Pay any fees in relation to an event, or offering which that Member has committed to. Regardless of whether the Member attends the function or not.
- Notify Club **President and Treasurer** of any changes to emergency contact information, call sign, address or other information.

### **BREACHES OF CODE OF CONDUCT or Article IX of By-Laws....**



Will be investigated, discussed and an appropriate course of action will be taken by the Board of Directors or as assigned by Board Chairperson, which may include a warning, suspension, up to revocation of Membership.

Definitions: Member in good standing = Current on dues – **with voting rights**, active participant, no active or pending disciplinary actions.

## Adjourn 8:54 PM

September 6, 2018 Cliff Sowka K9QD Secretary

## Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting September 20, 2018

Frank Giampa N9QPD Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Rebecca KA9EFE brought Chocolate Cookies; Even the Front Desk partook!

### Attendees

Leo Ribordy	N9NBH	Danny Kafka	KD9HIL	Cliff Sowka	K9QD
Anthony Willard	AB9YC	Don Smith	K9UD	Frank Giampa	N9QPD
Varum Devulapalli	VU3DVS	Mahathi Devulapalli	VU2DTR	Bharathi Devulapalli	VU2RBI
D J Traxler	WA9UBR	Chris Brewer	AC9GN	Robert Kocourek	W9RKK
Larry Burke	K9FLT	Peter	N9POL	Terry	KD9LEU

Maziuk

Jarholm

Bob Benwitz	N9JAX	Dick Mitchell		Orson Baker	AB9WQ
Tim Manwell	KD9LAI	Bob McIntyre	W9DXR	Rob Glowacki	N9MVO
John Douglas	KD9KSH	Edward Lishka	AC9SD	Doug May	KD9CER
David Romz	KD9LEV	Bill McGovern	W9WEM	Jim Campbell	KB9RGU
Ken Krzywicki	KD9HIJ	Dennis Calvey	KD9HIK	John Douglas	KD9KSH
Burt Schultz	AB9CV	John Zietlow	K9WIC	Terry Jarnholm	AE9TJ
Bob Schwerdlin	WG9L	Bill Crockett	KD9AUP	David Romz	KD9LEV
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## President's Report

Matt AC9IG not present but provided the following:

I'd like to remind every to look for a proposal to the changes in the bylaws in October's RHG. Please be sure to read it as we will likely have a lengthy discussion of it during November's election and meeting.

W9DXCC was last week. I've very much enjoyed the conference in the past, but was unable to attend this year. We were able to send two members on a scholarship this year. If anyone who was there would like to tell us about what new or interesting things you learned please make yourself known.

I'd like to thank all of our volunteers who are helping with the opening and closing of construction project. It resumes this Saturday.

I am very excited for tonight's guest VU2RBI and the discussion of the Amateur Radio situation in India that she brings us.

I hope to be back for October's meeting. If you have any questions or comments for me I am available via email or phone. Please check the roster or the web site for that information.

## Publicity

Dennis Calvey KD9HIK previously reminded the membership to bring items of interest for public announcement.

## SARC Repeaters

Terry Jarnholm AE9TJ and Rob Glowacki N9MVO have teamed-up to become our new Chief Engineering talent to control our three repeaters. Software and Hardware talent is now aboard to handle duties to be vacated by our previous long-time Chief Engineer Kent Ochs W9KAO.

Don't forget: we are logging all transmissions through the repeater. If you hear interference please use the link at the bottom of our web site to note the date and time it occurred. Log any MI reports that help us continue the ARRL OO/FCC process. FCC has reduced the number of volunteer monitors and is now utilizing Official Observers (OO) with more targeted activity so concise logs are imperative.

Membership Bob Benwitz N9JAX provided previous report:

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## EMCOMM

John Zietlow K9WIC will take command of our EMCOMM Committee. October 6th is the Schaumburg Open House to be held at Fire Station 51. Rob N9MVO and Cliff K9QD will organize our club's presentation table for Bill Clark's request to have SARC representation for the day.

There will be a state-wide DARK WEB EMCOMM Exercise held October 25, 26th. John will be providing more information to help us organize SARC participation.

## Construction Project (CP)

There are currently five members:

Rob N9MVO, Russ KC9NUV, Leo N9NBH, Bill W9WEM, and Dave KD9JKG on the CP Committee to insure we're ready for the Second and Fourth Saturday events that begin later this month and continue through the later weeks of Spring 2019.

Our first session for the Fall of 2018 will be held this coming Saturday with W9WEM opening and making coffee. Several other club members will be attending the Belvidere Fest and miss

this first session of CP.

## Social

Robert Kocourek W9RKK organized this year's *Pilot Pete's* at Lou Malnatis and reports 16 attendees.

## Education

Leo N9NBH reported winter General Class training attendance of 10. Series/Parallel theory contained in the initial course material has been a challenge but success is in the offing.

## VE Testing

John AC9JS reports Results for September 2018

Name	Call	Class
Marzelli, Michael	KD9LRN	Technician
Mastenbrook, Mary	N8DKK	Extra
Libner, Eric	KM6VON	Technician

Class	
Technician	2
General	0
Extra	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

Next examination date: October 6,2018

## RHG

Matt AC9IG previously added a feature-set to our new website that allows extemporaneous article submissions with reasonable editing capability.

## Public Service

Rob N9MVO said we've finished our Public Service duties for the year.

## Programs

Cliff Sowka K9QD: Bob Schwerdlin WG9L introduced special guest speakers for tonight:

Mrs. Bharathi VU2RBI and her family hosted our program tonight to speak about Ham Radio in India.

She informed us of India's Amateur Radio activities, Governmental support, regulations, clubs, and special events occurring in her country and her experiences during world-wide travels.

Link: [QRZ.COM](http://QRZ.COM)

## Nets

17 log-ins during last week's Net.

## Ebay Sales

No eBay sales to report but we were somewhat successful in Peoria. The impromptu Construction Project meeting last week yielded several tables-full of Silent Key donations that were offered to membership internally and sold. Final accounting of the internal sales isn't completed yet but appear to be around \$450 or so. Sold items are in the northern-most

cabinet and ready for pickup. Un-sold items then took the trip to Peoria. \$124 sold. Peoria Hams consumed only about a third of the inventory so we're hopeful Belvidere this weekend will allow us to find new homes for everything that remains.

## Old Business

Nominating Committee: Russell Schmidt KC9NUV will manage the candidate nomination process this year. Please make your intentions known to Russ so that we can continue to have dedicated leadership for the coming year.

## New Business

Bob Zuttermeister W9GEW would like to gauge interest in building a J-pole Antenna at Construction Project. Quick poll of audience in attendance tonight indicates at least 5 are interested.

## Adjourn 7:42 PM

Submitted: September 21, 2018 Cliff Sowka K9QD Secretary.

### Addendum

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- Not harass others in any form, (verbal or written)
  
- Report any inappropriate behavior of any Member to the Board of Directors. SARC-ALL Reflector, social media or other communication modes is not the appropriate means of communication.
  
- Abide by and uphold the By-Laws and Code of Conduct of SARC.
  
- Pay any fees in relation to an event, or offering which that Member has committed to. Regardless of whether the Member attends the function or not.
  
- Notify Club **President and Treasurer** of any changes to emergency contact information, call sign, address or other information.

### **BREACHES OF CODE OF CONDUCT or Article IX of By-Laws....**

Will be investigated, discussed and an appropriate course of action will be taken by the Board of Directors or as assigned by Board Chairperson, which may include a warning, suspension, up to revocation of Membership.

Definitions: Member in good standing = Current on dues – **with voting rights**, active participant, no active or pending disciplinary actions.

## President's Report September 2018

This month's RHG will be fairly brief. As you know I've been busy outside of Ham radio for the last month or so and this publication and the less frequent web site updates show this. I have been able to keep tabs on the club through meeting minutes and SARC-All and I'm very happy to see the club has continued to keep busy.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped clear out a lot of equipment from our construction project location, as well as those of you who toted it to two hamfests and organized our online auction for the items. I'd also like to thank Bob WG0L and Peter N9POL for bringing in VU2RBI as our guest speaker at this month's club meeting.

Don't forget that the Illinois QSO Party is October 21 from noon to 8pm local time. It's an easy exchange in this contest you give your signal report and county, such as "59 Cook." You'll get back a signal report and either a state or county. The great thing about this contest is everyone will be looking for you!