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Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

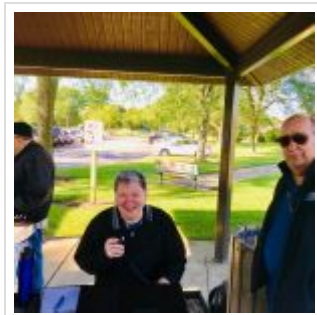
## RHG September 2019 Last SARC in the Park of 2019

By: Mike Griffiths, K9KMV



Saturday September 14th saw the last [SITP](#) of the 2019 Summer season.

Thank you to Kevin, K9MKD for providing the following photos:



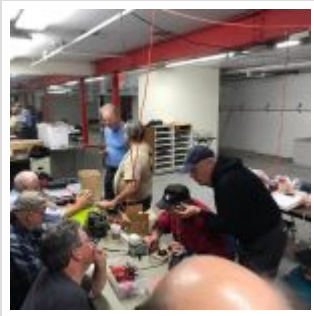
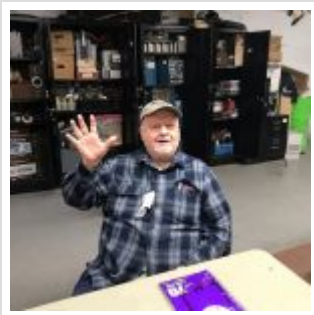
For more information about this regular club event, please check out the [SARC in the Park](#) link.

# Construction Project Meeting – September 28th 2019

By: Mike Griffiths, K9KMV



A great turnout at our club's Construction Project Meeting today. Here are some photos, courtesy of Kevin K9MKD.



## A humorous update from Dave K9KBM

Thank you to club member Dave, K9KBM, for providing some comic relief.

### Status Report on Strategic Materials

#### VSWR GREASE

The lack of the purple grease (which is more UV resistant) has meant that we must use the green grease. Remember to wax your car before using otherwise the stains from the bird droppings (after they ingest the grease) will stain the finish. Before you shake hands check the persons thumb and index finger for stains to prevent the stain being transferred, right Ken KO9H.

#### Transparent Aluminum

For those of you needing to build stealth antennas Bob W9GEW said his shipment is stuck at 37°14'0"N 115°48'30"W according to UPS tracking.

#### Flux Capacitors

Rob N9MVO is offering a reward for the return of the flux capacitor which was stolen from his 160M loop antenna. It seems the cap was borrowed from a friends DeLorean and Rob said something about not getting back in time.

#### Unobtanium

The source has completely dried up but with the recent interest in Greenland Leo N9NBH is looking for volunteers to join him on a prospecting expedition. A DC source is willing to pay all expenses after the return from Greenland, sounds fishy to me.

### *Ultra-Velocity Coax*

Dirk W0RI Has the last remaining production of C=1.1 coax. Better order yours before it's all gone.

### *Wave Stretcher Ferrites*

Bill KB9AUP has found an affordable source for WS Ferrites in Aurora. Always remember to observe the polarity and distance from the end of the element if you want to stay in the band. A personal note, with two ferrites on my 10M dipole I could work 20 and 40m with a 1.2 SWR.

### *Mel's EME Antenna*

Mel's antenna was seized by two men dressed in black driving a large black GMC SUV, the cops refused to file a report. The antenna was seized shortly after he started receiving an undecipherable code on 148.0Mhz every night when the Moon was full.

## **From the President – September 2019**

From the President,

The last week in September has been a busy week. The SARC annual Club dinner was a widely attended success. I was unable to make it to the dinner despite my best efforts. The club also conducted a first, and possibly last annual, in-house hamfest. From what I have read, this was largely a success as well. The Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club continues to find unique and interesting ways to bring members together. This was demonstrated with the perennial Construction Project that also kicked off on the last Saturday of September. There is always something to do as a SARC member. We are also conducting a Tech class with about seven

participants. Interestingly, every month there is always a report of at least a few radio licenses being issued at our monthly VE testing program. These same numbers can be extrapolated across the nation to other VE testing programs. There are potentially hundreds if not thousands of newly licensed amateur radio operators coming online every month. There is no reason why many of these newly minted hams can't find their way to our rich and active group.

Geoff Stevens

KA9QGH

## Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting September 19th, 2019

**Schaumburg Business Meeting    September 19th, 2019**

President Geoff Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All officers are in attendance.

Rebecca KA9EFE brought her usual delicious treats.

### Attendees:

Robert Kocourek W9RKK///Mel Luxenberg W9FRT///Bill Crockett KD9AUP///

Daryl Jenks KB9RHR///Leo Ribordy N9NBH//Burt Schultz AB9CV///John Zietlow K9WIC

Jim Campbell KB9RGU///Dirk Smith W0RI///Steve Karson AC9EM///John Douglas KD9KSH

Bill McGovern W9WEM///Don Dewar KD9NJR///Danny Kafka KD9HIL///Geoff Stevens KA9QGH

Ken Krzywicki KD9HIJ///John Martin K9JDM///Art Paton N9AEP/AE///Rob Glowacki N9MVO

Terry Jurnholm AE9TJ//Doug May W9YFC///Bob Benwitz N9JAX///Paul Burkett KD9FMN

DJ Traxler WA9UBR///Garrett Neyenkircher K9GBN///Rick Dickens KY0Q///

Greg Howard KD9MYA///Chris Brewer AC9GN///Kevin Willard KB9QVX///Bob W9GEW.

## **Treasurers Report:**

The Treasurer did have a report but the Secretary was unable to copy the information (dollar amounts).

## **Presidents Report:**

The President was in attendance, ran the meeting, and announced that Danny KD9HIL will be the new Field Day Chair.

## **Vice President's Report:**

Danny KD9HIL was in attendance and had no report.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Approval of the minutes from the 15 August 2019 meeting was requested. A motion to accept was made by Burt AB9CV and seconded by Leo N9NBH. The motion carried.

## **Publicity:**

Dennis KD9HIK wasn't in attendance but he had made a request via email asking for how much information would be available for publicity on upcoming events. That request was passed on to John K9WIC who said he would be in contact with Dennis reference his request.

## **Repeater:**

Rob N9MVO will acquire the battery packs needed to update the repeater at the Plum Grove tower in Schaumburg.

## **Membership:**

Bob N9JAX was in attendance and had no report.

## **EMCOMM:**

John K9WIC is looking for volunteers for Schaumburg's Public Service Day being held on 5 October, and Hoffman Estates emergency management agency being held on 25 October. He will be sending out a SARC ALL soon with more details.

## Social:

John KD9KSH has 32 people signed up for the Club dinner on 29 September beginning at 4:00 pm at the Lucky Monk. The room can accommodate 40 people and he is requesting that if you know of anyone who may like to attend, please give them the specifics of the activity.

## Education:

Leo N9NBH reports that the Tech Class is coming along.

## VE Testing:

On 7 September 2019 VE testing was held for 6 applicants.

Results: James	KD9MGU	Extra
Tomokazu	KD9NVB	Technician
Donald	KN4YBP	General
Paul	KD9NVC	Technician
Kevin	K9MKD	Extra
Reginald	KD9NUQ	General

Participating VE's: Bill K9WKD///Steve AC9EM///Ed AC9SD///James KC9UFB///John AC9JS///Dirk W0RI

Next exam date is 5 October 2019 (per John Schofield AC9JS)

## **Public Service:**

Rob N9MVO reports that the decathlon and the MS walk went well. The 5 October public service safety day is coming up. John K9WIC will have more information on that activity coming soon.

## **Old Business:**

Bob N9JAX brought up the subject of the SARC ID Badges. After some discussion the President called for a show of hands as to whether the badges should be red or blue. Red was the color picked.

Bob W9GEW has volunteered to put together a signup sheet via email with choices for color, style, names, etc.

Leo has donated the tower from the Township to the Salvation Army. They will handle the pickup and installation at one of their satellite locations.

## **New Business:**

There was a special construction project of volunteers on Saturday 21 September to sort through the boxes of equipment given to SARC from the families of silent keys. It was also an opportunity to clean out some of the cabinets. This began at 8:00 am and was open to the general membership for bidding on the items beginning at 10:00 and lasting until 12:00. The unsold items will be going to the Belvidere ham fest on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September for possible sale.

The regular Construction Projects will begin Saturday 28 September 19.

## **SITP:**

On 9/14/19 the last SITP was held.

Attendees included Dennis KD9HIK///Paul N9ISP//Bob W9DXR//Robert C. KA9YHD///



Cliff K9QD///Rob N9MVO///Ronald WB9PTA///Ken KD9HIJ///Kevin K9MKD///

Robert W9RKK///and Bob W9GEW.

## **Motion to Adjourn:**

With no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn was made by Geoff KA9QGH and seconded by Ken KD9HIJ. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted on 24 September 2019.

Ken Krzywicki KD9HIJ

Secretary

## **Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting September 4th, 2019**

**Board of Directors Meeting, 4 September 2019**

Chairman Leo Ribordy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and noted that there is a quorum with all five Directors in attendance.

## **Attendees:**

Dirk Smith W0RI///Frank Giampa N9QPD///Danny Kafka KD9HIL///Chris Brewer AC9GN///

Ken Krzywicki KD9HIJ///John Douglas KD9KSH///Edward Lishka AC9SD///

Geoff Stevens KA9QGH///Burt Schultz AB9CV///John Zietlow K9WIC///Leo Ribordy N9NBH///

Kent Ochs W9KAO///Cliff Sowka K9QD///and Dennis Calvey KD9HIK///

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning balance: \$6338.28

Income: None

Expense: \$ 167.53 (\$61.53 data line)

Ending balance: \$6165.75

Current number of fully paid members: 67

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Frank N9QPD and seconded By Burt AB9CV. Motion carried.

## **President's Report:**

The Technician Class is full and scheduled to begin Saturday 7 September. The Club has retrieved the last section of the donated tower and the Club now has a 65 foot Rohn 45 tower for sale.

Burt AB9CV has suggested that we consider donating it to some community who lost theirs in the hurricane. Leo N9NBH will be looking into possibly putting it on Craig's list or even advertising it on QRZ.COM. Another possibility is contacting the Salvation Army.

Elections will be coming up in November. A check of all in attendance showed that all are interested in staying in their position. Leo N9NBH and Ed AC9SD will be calling the membership to see if there is any interest in running for the open positions.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Approval of the last BOD minutes as published in the RHG. A motion to accept was made by Frank N9QPD and seconded by Burt AB9CV. The motion carried.

## **Publicity:**

Dennis KD9HIK has put together a public relations blurb for publishing in relation to the Schaumburg Public Safety open house on Saturday 5 October. That is attached to these notes. John K9WIC has suggested we only publish “SARC will be participating”.

Dennis has also acquired at his expense some brochures relative to ham radio and the cost of the brochures is his donation to the Club.

## **EMCOMM:**

John K9WIC has written a memorandum of the EMMCOMM group for September 2019. That memorandum is attached to these notes. A motion to make John the official liaison between the Club and Bill Clark was made by Frank N9QPD and seconded by Dirk W0RI. The motion carried.

## **Social:**

John KD9KSH reports that we have 26 people signed up for the Club dinner on 29 September and we have room for 14 more. He is also making a second request for member's favorite web sites for publishing on the Club web site.

## **Education:**

Leo's Technician class begins this Saturday 7 September with a full class and instructors lined up.

## **VE Testing:**

No report.

## **Public Service:**

No report.

## **Programs:**

No report.

## **RHG:**

The RHG is available for reading on the Club website.

## EBay Sales:

None.

## Repeater:

We will have to check with Rob N9MVO to determine the status of the repeater at the water tower. John K9WIC says it's time to disable and pull out the repeater that is at the hospital. There is no control operator and they have not provided us with an internet connection. Leo N9NBH will contact the hospital and determine who the contact person is and if this situation can be remedied or if we do have to pull the repeater.

## Old Business:

John KD9KSH purchased from the Club an IC720 radio that hadn't been checked to determine if it was functional. This was due to a shortage of time. An effort to have another Club member fix it was to no avail. After nine months the radio is still not functional. A motion to reimburse John \$230.00 was made by Burt AB9CV and seconded by Geoff KA9QGH with the understanding that the radio and parts be returned to the Club prior to the Belvidere Ham Fest. The motion carried.

Chris AC9GN wrote a check and presented same to John. Kent W9KAO will contact the POD company to remove the POD before incurring additional charges.

## Membership:

Bob N9JAX had three contacts during August either by phone or email. On 12 August Tom KD9KF needed help accessing the membership directory. On 26 August Juan Alvarez (no call sign) needed advice on choosing a hand held radio. And on 27 August Maurice (no last name given/no call sign) needed information on the upcoming Tech class.

## New Business:

Chris AC9GN will purchase an insurance renewal rider for the Park District Tennis Club. Once that is done, Cliff K9QD with the rider in hand will meet with the new Park District Manager to gain his approval. A motion to allow Cliff to speak for the Club was made by Kent W9KAO and seconded by Frank N9QPD. The motion carried.

The first construction project is set for 28 September. There will be a special construction project meeting on Saturday 21 September at the tennis club for the purpose of sorting, viewing and bidding on the Items available before the Belvidere Ham Fest on 29 September. Chris AC9GN will be on hand to handle the money transactions.

## **Motion to Adjourn:**

With no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn was made by Ken KD9HIJ and seconded by Burt AB9CV. The motion carried and Leo N9NBH adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted 5 August 2019,

Ken Krzywicki KD9HIJ

Secretary