

# SARC

Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

## RHG December 2019 Winter Field Day 2020 is approaching!

So, another year has almost drawn to a close, which means January and [WFD 2020!](#)

**Date:** Saturday Jan 25th 2020

**Time:** 10.30am CST to 3pm CST

[Schaumburg Community Recreation Center](#)

Similar to the Field Day event held in the

Summer, Winter Field Day encourages ham radio operators to deploy communications in the field, and in less than ideal weather conditions. This serves as a rigorous test on the equipment and skills needed to establish communications in any situation, anytime, anywhere.

[SARC](#) will be participating in this nationwide annual event outside the Schaumburg Community Recreation Center (same location as SARC in the Park).

We encourage members and non-members alike to come and join us. If you are interested in Ham radio and want to see how we can deploy our radio communications in the field, this is the perfect time.

Volunteers for setting up the station should arrive at 10.30am CST, ready for testing at 12pm CST, with the official start time being 1pm CST.

The full 24 hour event takes place between 1900 UTC on Saturday Jan 25th and 1900 UTC on Sunday Jan 26th. For your information, here are the [WFD 2020 rules](#) in printable PDF format.

Mike, K9KMV



## December 2019 Monthly Meeting



Ron KD9IPO presenting to the club

As you can see from the photos, we had a great turnout at the December monthly meeting. After the regular club business agenda was completed, [CSRA](#) members Jim (W9JGH) and Ron (KD9IPO), gave us their “Distracted Driving Laws and Amateur Radio” presentation.

It was a very interesting, informative, and interactive presentation, which everyone enjoyed. Jim and Ron have done a great job making sure the information provided is regularly updated with the latest changes in the relevant laws, as they apply to our hobby.

Mike, K9KMV



## Upcoming WCRA Mid-Winter Hamfest

The [Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Club](#) is holding it's annual [Mid-Winter Hamfest](#) at the Kane County Fairgrounds Expo Center, on January 19th, 2020.

**Date:** Sunday January 19th, 2020

**Time:** 8.00am CST

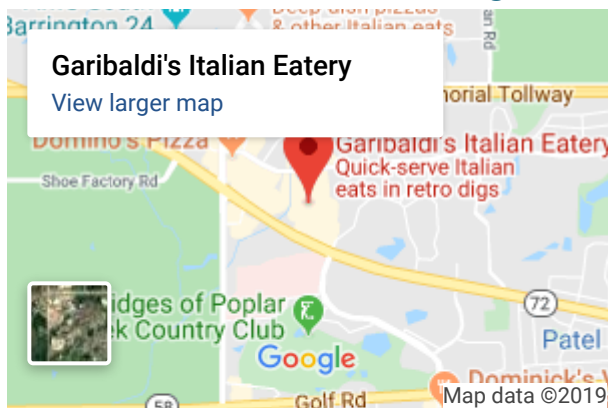
[Kane County Fairgrounds Expo Center](#)



## SARC Holiday Party – Reminder

A reminder to all members that the [SARC Holiday Party](#) will take place on Thursday, January 16th 2020 at 7:00 PM, at [Garibaldi's Italian Eatery](#) in Hoffman Estates.

Click [here](#) for more details, or contact the Club's Social Activities Chair, [John Douglas KD9KSH](#).



**Date:** Thur. January 16th, 2020

**Time:** 7pm

[Garibaldi's Italian Eatery, Hoffman Estates](#)

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

## Board of Directors Meeting, 4 December 2019

Chairman Leo Ribordy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm noting that there was a quorum.

### Attendees:

Cliff Sowka K9QD///Ed Lishka AC9SD///Ken Krzywicki KD9HIJ///Leo Ribordy N9NBH

John Douglas KD9KSH///Burt Schultz AB9CV///Danny Kafka KS9HIL///Frank Giampa N9QPD

John Zietlow K9WIC///Dirk Smith (via phone) W0RI

### Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes of the 6 November 19 meeting was made by Frank N9QPD and seconded by Danny KD9HIL. The motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

There was no Treasurer's report. Cliff K9QD has suggested that the Treasurers budget should include funds to cover refreshments for our Construction Project meetings. Attendance is currently at record highs and there are several members purchasing items to share. It seems there is currently some difficulty among those in attendance toward voluntary reimbursement for this generosity. It may be a good thing for the Club to officially host Construction Project refreshments to further enhance the successful atmosphere underway.

### Public Service:

There was no report.

### EMCOMM:

John K9WIC is looking to put together a 5 to 10 minute presentation for a Club meeting.

### Repeaters:

Dennis KD9HIK has submitted his expense for the batteries used for our water tower repeater.

### Construction Project:

A dummy load and construction project antenna has been suggested as an activity. Bill W9WEM will be contacted to determine if he will take the Chair for Construction Project. Leo N9NBH will also ask around for anyone interested in the CP Chair. A SARC all will be put out to determine if the dummy load project should be held at CP or at Bob Z's W9GEW shop. In addition, costs will need to be determined relative to resisters, other materials, etc.

## **VE Testing:**

No report as of this writing.

## **Membership:**

Bob N9JAX submitted a report, read by the Secretary. There were 5 contacts made.

14 November: Pat Keane (no call) needed contact info for Dennis KD9HIK.

14 November: Fran Merkley called regarding the disposal of her SK husband's equipment. This project is in progress through Cliff K9QD and others.

26 November: Tim Smith KC9NMW needed information on how to join SARC.

27 November: Lou Childers N9LTW joined SARC through Pay Pal and is awaiting confirmation and roster invitation.

30 November: James Edgell KC9UAB is interested in joining SARC and wanted to know if we were accepting new members. He was welcomed to join and was told to sign up on our website via Pay Pal or come to any of our meetings and sign up in person.

## **Social:**

John KD9KSH has lined up Garibaldi's Restaurant for the SARC Christmas/Holiday Party.

## **Education:**

Leo N9NBH reports that the General Class will be held in the fall of 2020.

## **Publicity:**

No report.

## **Programs:**

Bill KD9AUP has set up a presentation for the December Club meeting which has to do with distracted driving.

## **Old Business:**

John K9WIC reports that In reference to the repeater at St. Alexius, there has been no response to his e-mails as to the status of the repeater.

## **New Business:**

Cliff K9QD is lining members up to assist with the loading and transportation of the SK member's equipment from his house to CP for sorting, pricing and storage. More information will be forthcoming on this. A motion to allow this activity and price at 75% of value was made by Frank N9QPD and seconded by Burt AB9CV. The motion carried.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the January meeting.

It was announced that Bill Clark will be retiring soon. Bill has been a longtime friend to SARC and the possibility of presenting him with a retirement gift was brought up. More to follow on this.

A motion to name Cliff K9QD interim Secretary to cover for Ken KD9HIJ during a pre-arranged absence was made by Frank N9QPD and seconded by Burt AB9CV. The motion carried.

## **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 the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Ken Krzywicki Secretary KD9HIJ

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

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Rebecca Hopkins KA9EFE brought chocolate chip cookies tonight. All gone in minutes.

Danny Kafka KD9HIL Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

### Attendees:

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Danny Kafka  
KD9HIL

Cliff Sowka K9QD

Chris Brewer  
AC9GN

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Mel Luxenberg  
W9FRT

Bob Zuttermeister  
W9GEW

Bill McGovern  
W9WEM

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Ed Liska AC9SD

Bill Whelan  
KD9JYS

Robert Kocourek  
W9RKK

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John Zietlow  
K9WIC

Terry Jarnholm  
AE9TJ

Daryl Jenks  
KB9RHR

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Scott Esser  
N9ASI

Doug May W9YFC

Rob Glowacki  
N9MVO

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D. J. Traxler  
WA9UBR

Burt Shultz  
AB9CV

Lucas Childers  
KB9UGJ



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Lou Childers N9LTW	Scott DeSantis KB9VZW	Anatoly Andrianov AC9VI
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Mike Griffiths K9KMV	John Douglas KD9KSH	Jack McClurkin W9YY
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Bob McIntyre W9DXR	Russ Schmidt KC9NUV	Don Smith K9UD
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Leo Ribordy N9NBH	Jim Campbell KB9RGU	Don Dewar KD9NJR
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Sid Puri KD9OLJ	Raj Chacko KD9OLK	Timothy Smith KC9NMW
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Bill Crockett KD9AUP	Chuck Billstrand KB9RGI	Jim Hull W9JGH
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Ron Delpiere- Smith KD9IPO	Bob Benwitz N9JAX	Dane Duval KD9MBR
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## Secretary's Report:

Cliff Sowka K9QD requested a motion to accept the minutes of the November 19 meeting.  
Burt Shultz AB9CV moved and seconded by Daryl Jenks KB9RHR. So moved.

## Treasurer's Report:

Chris Brewer AC9GN reported

Beginning Balance      \$5,261.35

Income           \$ 258.82

Expense           \$ 127.81 (Final Invoice Water Tank Temporary Storage Fee, \$62.82 Data line)

Ending Balance           \$5,392.36

## **Public Service:**

Rob Glowacki N9MVO reported our first two events for 2020 will be the MS Walk and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade for Hoffman Estates.

## **EMCOMM:**

John Zietlow K9WIC informed he expects to provide an ARRL update during the February meeting.

## **Repeaters:**

Terry Jarnholm AE9TJ reported our recent 2M repeater outage was caused by some of the controller's data going into the tulips; the USB port required reboot and machine working fine now.

## **Construction Project:**

Bill McGovern W9WEM reported the SK sale went well with most equipment paid for and delivered during last week's Construction Project meeting. Chris AC9GN will see to it that sales receipts of the estate will be sent to Fran shortly.

A dummy load for a Construction Project has been suggested as an activity. A *SARC-ALL* broadcast will be published to determine if the dummy load project has enough interest to begin the organizational efforts. In addition, costs will need to be determined relative to resistors, other materials, etc.

## **VE Testing:**

John Schofield AC9JS reports Volunteer Testing Results:

### **VE Tests Results for December 7, 2019**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Call</b>	<b>Class</b>
Howard	KD9OLI	Technician
Surrender	KD9OLJ	Technician
Rajesh	KD9OLK	General
Robert	KD9NDS	Extra

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<b>Class</b>	
Technician	2
General	1
Extra	1
Total	4

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Participating Volunteer Examiners (VEs):

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Bill	Davies	K9WKD
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Ed	Lishka	AC9SD
William	Riess	KW9WR
John	Schofield	AC9JS

Next examination date: January 4, 2020

## Radio Hill Gazette RHG

Mike Griffiths K9KMV requests articles for publication.

## Membership:

Bob N9JAX submitted a report, read by the Secretary. There were 5 contacts made.

14 November: Pat Keane (no call) needed contact info for Dennis KD9HIK.

## Social:

John KD9KSH has lined up Garibaldi's Restaurant for the SARC Christmas/Holiday Party and reported that we look forward to a New Year with the promise of new projects, new adventures, and new friendships. SARC is a great organization providing help and insight to both new and experienced ham radio operators. SARC wants everyone to enjoy the benefits of the club and to celebrate its accomplishments.

On Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at 7:00 PM for a Holiday Party at Garibaldi's Italian Eatery in Hoffman Estates which is located in a shopping center to the East of Route 59 on Higgins Road behind our normal meeting place of Buona Beef. We will all order our own food/drink and be responsible for the cost.

Every member is invited to attend the Holiday Party and we ask that you bring a grab bag gift of \$10:00 in value. The grab bag gift should be something that might be useful in the

operation or building of a ham station. If everyone participates it will result in a fun surprise for all.

In addition, the honorary *Bill Smead K9IIM Construction Project Award* will be given to a deserving member of SARC's successful Construction Project activities.

The SARC *Member of the Year* will also be named. Both of these awards are an honor for the recipient.

We look forward to seeing all members.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM (Replaces our normal January meeting)

**Place:** Garibaldi's Italian Eatery

2346 West Higgins Road

Hoffman Estates, IL

## Education:

Leo N9NBH reports schedule for next Ham Radio License class to start Sep 5<sup>th</sup>

## Publicity:

No report.

## Programs:

Bill KD9AUP invited Jim Hull W9JGH and Ron Delpiere-Smith KDIPO tonight for a Distracted Driving presentation which has to do with equipment use as it applies to Ham Radio operators. Bill may also prepare a Fox Hunt for some time in February.

## Old Business:

Leo reminded we are in need of a Membership Chair. Effort of ~1 hour per week is required. Contact Leo via [WWW.N9RJV.org](http://WWW.N9RJV.org) to access his email address.

## **New Business:**

Mike Meder donated several ham radios tonight: Hallicrafters S58, S55, S40.

Danny KD9HIL reminded our January 8<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting will be held at the CRC instead of the normal meeting room in the basement of the Schaumburg Airport. The first Wednesday of January will be supplanted with the new date of January 8<sup>th</sup> due to room reservations conflict at the airport.

John K9WIC announced the Wheaton Club is offering a free table for club promotion only. The club will need to inform John of any plans to utilize this offer so that he can make a commitment to the Wheaton Club. Rob N9MVO has the club's banner.

Mike K9KMV reports planning for Winter Field Day Jan 25<sup>th</sup> at the CRC. More details to follow.

Action Required: Cliff K9QD to author a broadcast to SARC-ALL to ascertain headcount for 250W dummy load. Club decided a flat \$10 cost to cover Bill's KD9AUP component expense and allow any funding residuals to be a fund-raiser for the treasury.

## **Motion to Adjourn:**

At 8:36PM Burt Shultz AB9CV motioned to Adjourn, Bill McGovern W9WEM seconded. So Moved.

## **Submitted**

Cliff Sowka K9QD Interim Secretary during Ken Krzywicki's KD9HIJ Scheduled Absence