**SARC**Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

## RHG August 2020 QST: Monthly club meetings now to be held on Zoom

As you probably know, due to Covid-19, the monthly club face to face meetings (held on the third Thursday of the month) have not been possible, and so a club net has been taking place on the K9IIK 145.230 repeater.

From this month on, starting this evening, the monthly club meetings will now be held on Zoom. This means there will not be a club net on the repeater. (Note that this only affects the third Thursday of each month. The regular net schedule remains).

Geoff KA9QGH, the club president has sent out a notification to all members with the Zoom meeting details including the meeting ID's and passwords, and how to connect to Zoom. Club members can also view the meeting details via the SARC Google Group. (Sarc membership and login required).

If anyone needs help to get these Zoom meeting details, including non-members, please contact Geoff directly requesting the information.

Here is a schedule of the proposed monthly Zoom meetings:

Topic: General Meeting

Aug 20, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time Sep 17, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time Oct 15, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time

Nov 19, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time

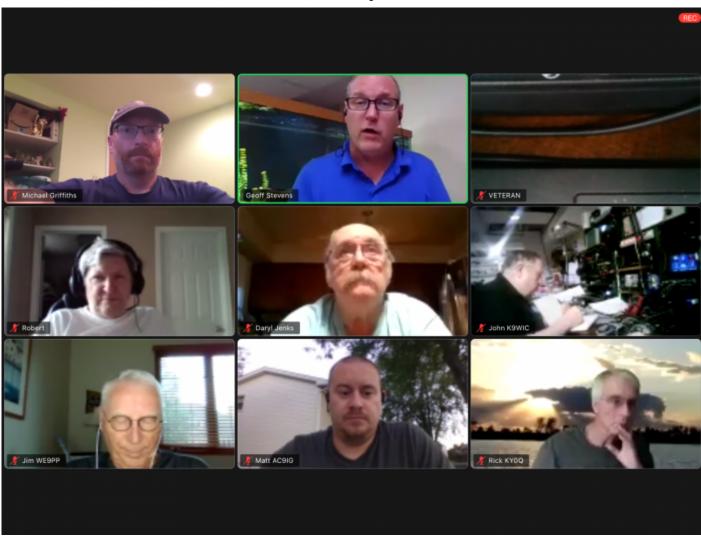
Dec 17, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time Jan 21, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time Feb 18, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time

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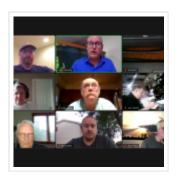
## It happened! The first club meeting held on Zoom

The Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club held it's first Zoom based monthly meeting last week, on Thursday 20th August.

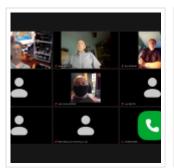
Many club members joined to watch Geoff KA9QGH, the club president, host the meeting from his home.

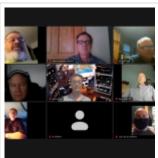


Here are some screen images taken during the meeting.









Club members can view the upcoming meeting details via the SARC Google Group. (SARC membership and login required).

If anyone else needs help to get the Zoom meeting details, including non-members, please contact Geoff directly requesting the information.

Here is a schedule of the next meetings, also planned to be held on Zoom, and until such time that in person meetings can resume.

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## Tim KD9LAI going digital portable



In preparation for a longer upcoming trip in September, Tim KD9LAI went out into the field to a local park to test some new equipment:

**Sotabeams** 23' mast and 3 band linked dipole **Bioenno** Solar panel and solar charge controller

To quote Tim describing his solar panel and charger, "WORKED GREAT... level never dropped below 12.5 during transmit, even with IC-7300 at 40w on FT8, and my laptop plugged in. I ran it that way for the last hour to try to see if I could get it to dip below a usable threshold, but it never did. Of course, had lots of help from the big yellow fire ball in the sky, but that was part of the test."

Here are some more photos of Tim's setup.









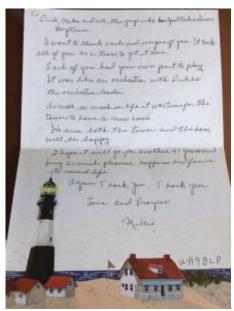
If you have any radio related articles that you would like seen in the club newsletter, please contact me using the following link:

Mike, K9KMV – RHG Editor

## A "Thank You" to SARC

It was with much sadness that several club members, led by Dirk W0RI, helped to remove an antenna tower from the home of silent key Ray, WA9BLP.

Ray's wife Millie was extremely grateful to the group that volunteered their time to complete the tower take down, and sent the following thank you note:



Mike, K9KMV - RHG Editor