



RHG December 2021 Technician License Classes Begin in January

The Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club (SARC) is sponsoring a series of 10 classes to help prepare people wanting to take the FCC Technician Class License test.

Date: Saturdays Jan 8-Mar 12, 2022

The classes will begin Saturday January 8, 2022, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the Hoffman estates Branch of the Schaumburg Township District Library, 1550 Hassell Road in Hoffman Estates, and continue until Saturday March 12, 2022.

Time: 10:30am-12:30am

Registration Required

[Hoffman Estates Library](#)

There is no charge for the classes. [Registration is through the Library web site](#). Attendees are encouraged to obtain a copy of the ARRL publication "ARRL Ham Radio License Manual 4th Edition", which is used as study guide and reference manual. It's available at arrl.org and other sites.

At the conclusion of the classes attendees are invited to take their license exam through SARC during one of our regularly scheduled testing dates. The testing schedule and registration information is available [here](#).

Location



VE Testing Cancelled January 1, 2022

Our usual [VE testing session](#) in January falls on the New Year's Day holiday. We have cancelled this session. Please join us when we resume testing on February 5, 2022.

Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting December 1st, 2021

Board of Directors Meeting Dec 1, 2021

Burt Schultz AB9CV Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees:

Kent Ochs W9KAO	Charlene Treve K9CMZ	John Douglas KD9KSH
John Zietlow K9WIC	John Shofield AC9JS	Burt Schultz AB9CV
Sid KD9OLD	Danny Kafka KD9HIL	Cliff Sowka K9QD
Ed Lishka AC9SD	Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK	

Secretary's Report:

Cliff Sowka K9QD: Danny KD9HIL moved to approve the November BOD Minutes as published in the RHG. Ed AC9SD seconded. So Moved.

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Treasurer's Report:

John Zietlow K9WIC provides the following report:

Month:	December
Bank Balance 1-Nov	\$7,590.53
INCOME MEMO	\$ 11.02
22-Nov Amazon Smile	\$ 11.02
DISBURSEMENTS MEMO	\$ 167.52
11/10 Data Line	\$ 167.52
Checks Outstanding	\$ 0.00
Deposit not included	\$ 0.00
Account Balance	\$7,434.03

30-Nov Bank Statement \$7,434.03

Checks Outstanding

Adjusted balance \$7,434.03

Checkbook balance \$7,434.03

Petty Cash \$ 131.00

Pay Pal \$ 23.64

+petty cash – special accounts \$7,588.67

114 members on roster

Public Service:

Rob Glowacki N9MVO not present.

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EMCOMM:

John Zietlow K9WIC reports there is no public activity planned in the near-term. John will enlist

Robert's W9RKK assistance in editing the current EMCOMM information on our club's website. Once the frequency assignments and labels are updated, he will then request our webmaster Matt AC9IG to change the website's summary. John has also been keeping Village Management updated on our Ham Radio Licensing class plans for early 2022 (see also Publicity below).

Repeaters:

Rob Glowacki N9MVO and Terry Jarnholm AE9TJ Repeater Committee not present.

Our planned twisted-pair Data Line switch-over from ATT to DSLextreme has failed. DSLextreme claims they cannot find our DSL copper pair in the upstream infrastructure because we're not assigned as an existing phone number. Since twisted-pair copper will suffer continued decline in the years ahead, it may be prudent to install cable access or install wireless access to the repeater site for a better longevity outlook. If a coax pipe to the building is an option (Public Works approval) then a path to the site will require somewhat involved construction access.

John K9WIC is organizing an expanded Repeater Committee meeting to include Rob N9MVO, Kent W9KAO, and Terry AE9TJ, and Barry K9FMB to discuss options.

Our club purchased an FTM-300DR machine in the spring. While configured and operational it is not currently residing at the repeater site but is planned to be moved and physically installed into our equipment cabinet in the pump house.

Construction Project (CP):

Attendance continues to recover from release of January's COVID headcount restrictions. Sessions have resumed with current gatherings approaching ~20 people. December's meeting schedule changes (reschedule Christmas Day to September 18th) are posted on our SARC website.

VE Testing:

John Shofield AC9JS reports the upcoming Saturday session currently has two candidates. Legacy walk-ins were allowed to present themselves for testing in the past but the new FCC VE Testing requirements of FRN-Number registration make things a bit more cumbersome. Candidates will be given instructions ahead of time to help them prepare for VE session admission.

Nets:

Barry K9FMB Net Chairman not present.

Radio Hill Gazette RHG:

Mike K9KMV No Report.

Membership:

A club member has stepped-forward to inquire about what duties are required to become Membership Chair. If the activity is something that member can support, we may be able to announce new leadership shortly.

Publicity:

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Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK Publicity Chair will inform Schaumburg EMCOMM management about the SARC Ham Radio Licensing class offering that begins early January. Additional thanks to Village Park District Management in helping SARC conduct our meetings without interruption.

Social:

John KD9KSH visited with Lucky Monk's management in preparing for our annual Holiday Party:

- Sunday January 16th at 6PM.
- November Business Meeting voted \$300 club support for the event.
- The BOD tonight approved \$300 for appetizers (\$250+\$50 tip).
- Attendees will be able to select and individually pay from a limited menu as in past.
- Room occupancy limitation was increased to 40 from the original 35.
- John will publish reservation email to SARC-ALL shortly.

Education:

Leo N9NBH not present. Leo previously reported that Hoffman Estates Library is confirmed for our Technician Class beginning January 8th, 2022. Set for a 10-week Technician course with class held from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. There are four students signed-up at the moment.

Programs:

Chair needed. Nothing planned for the December Business Meeting at the moment.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

BOD portion of November's Election Requires Correction:

An Election Error for the 2022 cycle has occurred. Our Ballot in November requested a vote for TWO Board Members when there is actually a need for only one candidate to serve for the coming year. Additional error occurred when a mistaken need for THREE candidates was declared. Good news is our vote tally provides an accurate record of the member's votes and subsequent candidate selections.

- John Shofield AC9JS received the most BOD votes and will fulfill the required Director role for three years beginning 2022.

Cliff K9QD therefore moved to correct the 2022's Director Candidate count from three to one. Danny KD9HIL seconded. So Moved.

ACTION REQUIRED: Published Club Officer listing on the website only requires one edit to *Board of Directors* assignment to reflect the currently expiring term in 2021 to be updated with new entry of John Shofield AC9JS expiring 2024.

Summary of offices to be posted for 2022:

President: John Zietlow K9WIC

Vice President: Danny Kafka KD9HIL

Treasurer: Barry Friedman K9FMB

Secretary: Cliff Sowka K9QD

Board of Directors

John Shofield AC9JS 2024

Kent Ochs W9KAO 2022

John Douglas KD9KSH 2022

Dennis Calvey KD9HIK 2023

Ed Lishka AC9SD 2023

Adjourn: 8:41PM.

Submitted December 2, 2021 Cliff Sowka K9QD Secretary

Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting December 16, 2021

Business Meeting Dec 16, 2021

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

Attendees:

Danny Kafka KD9HIL	Charlene Treve K9CMZ	John Douglas KD9KSH
Bob Langsfeld WB9TZC	Barry Friedman K9FMB	Leo Ribordy N9NBH
John Zietlow K9WIC	Cliff Sowka K9QD	Mike Clodfelter AC9CG
Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK	Robert Kocourek W9RKK	Terry Jarnholm AE9TJ
Joe Barela KB9RCR	Don Dewar KD9NJR	Rob Glowacki N9MVO
Bruce Warrington N9EHA	Romel Aranas KD9MDM	

Secretary's Report:

Cliff Sowka K9QD: Leo N9NBH moved to approve the November Minutes as published in the Radio Hill Gazette (RHG). John Douglas KD9KSH seconded. So Moved.

Treasurer's Report:

John Zietlow K9WIC provides this report:

Petty Cash	\$ 151.20
Pay Pal (<i>waiting to be transferred</i>)	\$ 23.64
Account Balance as of November 1 st	\$7,590.53

Income \$ 11.02

Amazon Smile

Expenditures \$ 167.52

Repeater data line

Account Balance as of December 1st \$7,434.03

Available Funds \$7,588.67

Current membership (Dec 15): 114

Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK moved to Approve, Leo Ribordy N9NBH seconded. So Moved.

Public Service:

Rob Glowacki N9MVO mentioned there are no events planned at the moment.

EMCOMM:

John Zietlow K9WIC explained there are no near-term activities.

Repeaters:

John K9WIC previously offered a special thanks to Rob, N9MVO and Kent, W9KAO for giving up their Friday December 10th to oversee the installation and configuration of a new data service at the VHF repeater site. The 50 Mbps download/5 Mbps upload capability should keep K9IHK on the air for the foreseeable future. Monthly \$167 data line expense will decrease to ~\$65 with the new service. All features of the repeater appear to be working as of last Friday afternoon.

Our newly purchased FTM-300DR machine will be physically installed into our equipment cabinet at the pump house sometime in January.

Construction Project (CP):

Don Dewar KD9NJR reports attendance continues to recover from the earlier shutdown. It has been noted December's schedule has a conflict with Christmas Day for the normally occurring session on a fourth Saturday. Therefore it is decided to hold our normal fourth-Saturday session of December with altered calendar:

- Now Third Saturday: **December 18th** instead of December 25th

VE Testing:

John Shofield AC9JS reported candidate test results for December, 2021

Name	Call	Class
Russel A	KD9TZA	Technician
Jason P	KD9TZB	Technician
Class		
Technician		2
General		0
Extra		0
Total		2

Participating Volunteer Examiners (VEs):

Bill	Davies	K9WKD
Steve	Karson	AC9EM
Ed	Lishka	AC9SD
John	Schofield	AC9JS

The exams were given on Saturday, 12/4, and results were posted in the FCC ULS License System by end of day on Monday, 12/6.

Next examination date: February 5, 2022. The first Saturday of January is New Year's Day, so no exams will be given in January.

I would like to thank our entire VE Testing staff for their hard work and dedication:

- Bill D. K9WKD
- Steve K. AC9EM
- Ed L. AC9SD
- John S. AC9JS
- Dirk S. W0RI
- Bill R. KW9WR
- James M. KC9UFB
- Will S. W9WSS
- Neil O. N9NL

John Schofield

Session Manager

AC9JS

Nets:

Barry K9FMB Net Chairman reported he's still working to establish a consistent team of Net Controllers for the first Tuesday (Tech Net) of a month.

Radio Hill Gazette RHG:

Mike K9KMV No Report.

Recurring Calendar:

Programs and Articles for RHG needed.

Membership:

We're looking for someone to Chair this important role.

Publicity:

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Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK Publicity Chair has submitted our Tech Class plans to the Daily Herald.

Social:

John KD9KSH has arranged our event with Lucky Monk on Barrington Road:

- Sunday January 16th at 6PM.
- SARC will provide \$300* club-paid appetizers this year.
- Attendees will be able to select and individually pay from a limited menu as in past.
- John published request for member reservations; 23 confirmed at the moment.
- Room occupancy is limited to 40.

Education:

Leo N9NBH informs the Hoffman Estates Library branch has published his 10-week Technician course to begin January 8th, 2022. Class will be from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. The Library allows capacity of 16 attendees with 5 seats reserved at the moment.

Discussed potential General course offering in the fall of 2022.

Programs:

John Zietlow K9WIC presented VSWR theory with associated instrumentation tonight. We're in need of a Program Chair.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

John Zietlow K9WIC moved we alter our January schedule:

- Maxfield's Breakfast January 8th
- Construction Project (CP) January 15th and January 29th
- SARC participation w/Winter Field Day January 29th @ 1PM following CP
- Dennis KD9HIK and Rob N9MVO will be Winter Field Day Chairs

Danny KD9HIL seconded. So Moved.

Adjourn:

7:52PM.

Submitted December 17, 2021. Cliff Sowka K9QD Secretary

January Schedule Changes

SARC has re-scheduled or cancelled some events in January due to the New Year's Day holiday falling on the first Saturday of the month.

- VE Testing Saturday, ~~January 1~~ Cancelled. Please join us on our regular testing date February 5, 9:00 am.
- Breakfast at Maxfields Saturday, ~~January 1~~ January 8, 8:00 am
- Construction Project Saturday, ~~January 8~~ January 15, 8:00 am
- Construction Project Saturday, ~~January 22~~ January 29, 8:00 am

Family Dinner Returns January 16

The Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club is once again hosting a dinner for all club members. This event is open to club members, their significant other, and to all singles. Two years ago we had a great time at [The Lucky Monk in South Barrington](#) while last year covid prohibited a holiday party but now we are ready to once again participate in a fun evening. This is a great opportunity for you or your partner to meet the people they have heard about for years and to renew friendships with others. One great thing about our club is the ability to make everyone feel at home.

Date: Sun. Jan 16, 2022
Time: 6pm-9pm
RSVP Required
[Lucky Monk Barrington](#)

The event is scheduled for Sunday, January 16th at 6:00 in the evening. We will have a private room capable of seating 40 people so please reserve a place for yourself and your guest without delay. The club is providing appetizers and everyone will be responsible for their own meal and beverage charges. The special menu for this event contains a variety which should please everyone.

This event is a great way for new club members, and those who have been in the club for years, to meet others and have a chance to learn a little about them at a relaxed and fun event.

Additional details will be posted here and through SARC-All. Please let John KD9KSH ([member roster](#)) know if you plan to attend by sending an e-mail with your name and if you will have a guest. The previous holiday dinner was a great success where all who attended had a great time, and I am sure this dinner will be another event to remember.

- January 16th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Everyone is responsible for their own dinner and beverage charges.
- A drawing and award will be given for Thursday's net attendance. (Winner does not need to be in attendance.)
- SARC is providing a great selection of appetizers.
- Please let John KD9KSH ([member roster](#)) know if you plan to attend by sending an e-mail with your name and if you will have a guest

Update December 30, 2021 Regarding Covid-19 and vaccination policies:

The SARC Holiday Party taking place on January 16th will require that we comply with the revised covid procedures which are as follows:
Show proof of having received the covid vaccine injections or show proof that a covid test has taken place within 48 hours prior to our event and that the test results are negative.

As you know, covid testing sites are being opened in many locations so it should not be hard to have a test prior to the SARC party.

Location