



## RHG January 2022 Upcoming Technician Class Postponed

Our Technician level license class that was to run on Saturdays January through March at the Hoffman Estates branch of the Schaumburg library has been cancelled. The library has temporarily suspended in-person events due to the current surge of COVID-19. The library is moving many of their events to an online-only format, however our instructors did not believe that the subject matter and audience are well-suited for this format, especially given the short notice.

We will work to re-schedule this class when the library resumes in-person events.

## CANCELLED: Winter Field Day In-Person, Outdoor Event

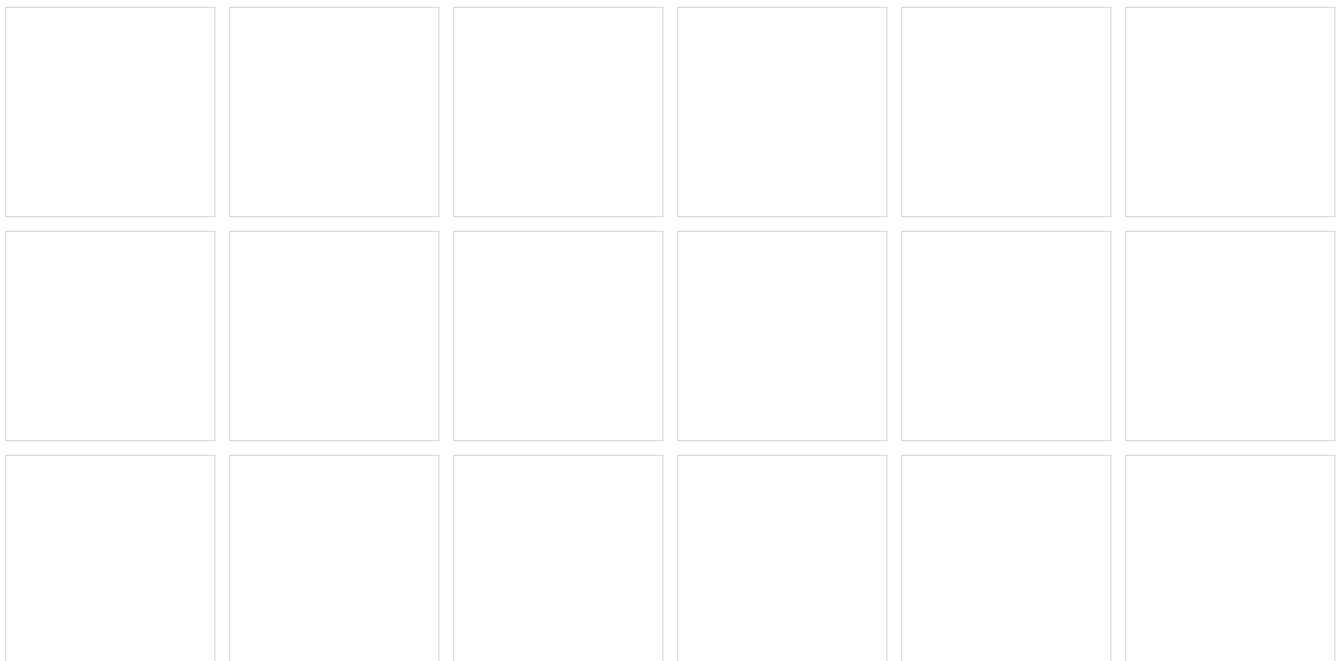
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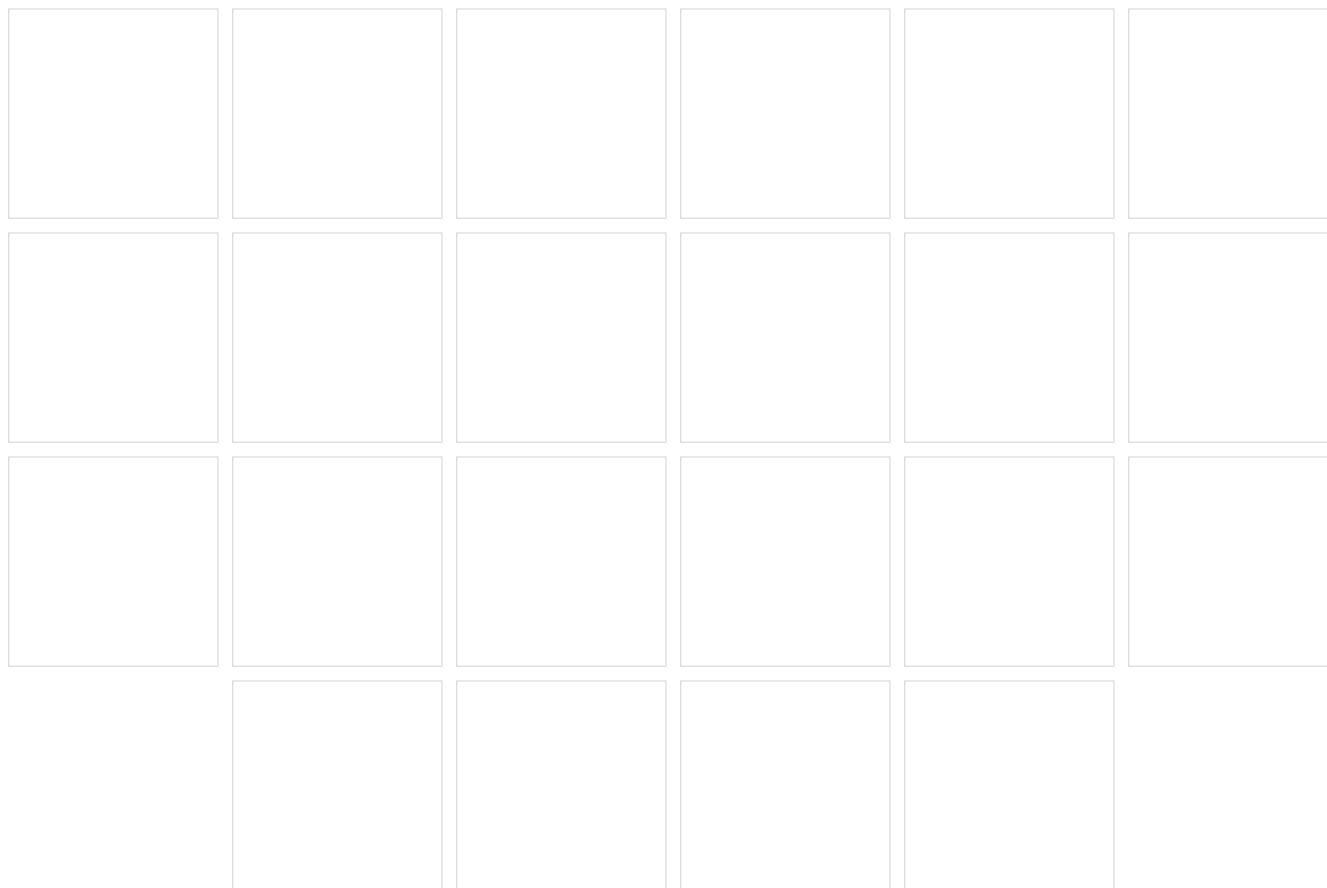
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The Winter Field Day (WFD) will be on ~~Saturday January 29th, 2022~~, with setup commencing at about ~~11:00 AM~~, on the air operation starting at ~~1:00 PM~~ and continuing until late afternoon. WFD is set up under the pavilions adjacent to the Bocce Ball Courts near the northwest corner of the Schaumburg Community Recreation Center (CRC) at the corner of Bode and Springinsguth Roads in Schaumburg. SARC will cancel if weather conditions are too extreme.

Additional information about operating in this event can be found at the [Winter Field Day](#) web site.

Below are photos from our last Winter Field Day in 2020.





## Restrictions on Club Events

SARC’s meetings and events take place at Schaumburg Park District Facilities. The park district provides these facilities to us free of charge in exchange for the public service events and emergency communication services that our club provides throughout the community. In order to remain in good standing with the park district and simplify any vaccination/mask/testing requirements related to the ongoing pandemic we have reviewed the park district’s current policies and decided to restrict food and beverage at our events.

The park district’s policy is as follows:

*For group meetings where no food is served, face masks are to be worn at all times.*

*If food is served (including snacks or beverages) **ALL** attendees must provide **proof of full vaccination** and masks worn at all times.*

The SARC Board of Directors have reviewed the SPD policy and decided that **no food or snacks will be served at Board Meetings, Club Meetings, VE Examinations, or Construction Project** until such time as the SPD drops the policy.

This will not affect the Winter Field Day as this is held outdoors, not in the facility.

Your cooperation will help assure that SARC can continue to utilize SPD facilities at no charge.

## W9YY Celebrates 60 Years!

Jack W9YY is celebrating 60 years as a ham radio operator. He writes:

*On this day exactly 60 years ago, January 9, 1962, I was first licensed as a ham radio operator, WN8BVX, at the age of 12. The event made the news in three local papers. After 60 years, that constitutes a whole lot of dits and dahs sent to the airwaves!!*

Many club members passed along congratulations of this milestone.

- Jack, Congratulations! That's fantastic! I don't remember when I got my first novice license but I do remember the callsign, KA9OYQ. – KB9RCR
- Congrats, Jack. That's a lot of dits!! And you made the papers, too. That's an accomplishment many of us have not done. – N9MVO
- That's great, Jack. Congratulations! At 12 I was building my first kit, an Allied Radio Star Roamer receiver. I might have intercepted a few of your dits and dahs along the way. – W9WEM
- I hope you all will be there for my 60th licence anniversary!.....in 2080..... – KD9NJR

## Business Meeting will be Hybrid (In person and Zoom)

The contagion rate of the Omicron virus is serious. For example, this last Fall there were typically five students absent from Huntley High School on any given day due to Covid; since the Holidays, that number has increased to 50+. In ham-speak, that is an increase of 10 dB and significant.

Anecdotally, there have been several hams on the 2-meter machines discussing family members that have contracted the virus. Many times, these members have been vaccinated.

In addition, attendance has decreased at our meeting and planned activities. Members are rightfully concerned and cautious.

To encourage participation in our business meetings by more members, without endangering their health, I personally purchased a conference style, omni directional microphone and a Zoom membership. My intent is to offer hybrid meetings (meetings that are both in-person and virtual) for the foreseeable future.

For the first meeting on January 20th, we will use a fixed-field camera. The video is not going to be great or perhaps, even good. But this is going to begin an ongoing effort to improve our audio and video over time. We will be seeking suggestions for improvement from the members that attend the meetings. For future meetings, we will probably need someone to control the AV equipment.

Ham radio operators have always adopted and adapted technology to overcome challenges. We need to do the same for our meetings and activities. I suspect we will be able to relax some of our efforts later this Spring, perhaps as early as April.

We need to recognize that there is a new "normal" that requires us to develop new methods to mitigate the challenges of 2022. The alternative is to continuously postpone our activities until we can return to the normal of 2019. In my mind, returning to 2019 is counterproductive. We need to push forward, overcoming the challenges as we go.

73,  
John, K9WIC  
President

## Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting January 20, 2022

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John Zietlow K9WIC President called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

## Attendees:

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John Douglas KD9KSH	John Zietlow K9WIC	Danny Kafka KD9HIL
Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK	Barry Friedman K9FMB	Don Dewar KD9NJR
Rob Glowacki N9MVO	Cliff Sowka K9QD	Jim Miller KD9HFD

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## Virtual Participants:

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Daryl Jenks KD9RHR	Charlene Treve K9CMZ	John Shofield AC9JS
Ed Lishka AC9SD	Robert Kocourek W9RKK	Leo Ribordy N9NBH
Steve Karson AC9EM	Pat Carlsberg KD9PWI	Brent Kaser WB9UXN
Scott Petersen N9SLA	Jack McClurkin W9YY	Doug May W9YFC
Romel Aranas KD9MDM	Richard Dickens KY0Q	Mike Kondratowicz KD9TKL
	Joe Barela KB9RCR	
Mike Sorensen K9KQX		Pierre Berube K9EYE
Jim Miller KD9HFD		

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## Secretary's Report:

Cliff Sowka K9QD: John Douglas KD9KSH moved to approve the December Minutes as published in the Radio Hill Gazette (RHG). Danny Kafka KD9HIL seconded. So Moved.

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## Treasurer's Report:

Barry Friedman K9FMB provides this report:

Petty Cash	\$ 151.20
Pay Pal ( <i>waiting to be transferred</i> )	\$ 23.64
Account Balance as of November 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$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 (January 20):	114

Danny Kafka KD9HIL moved to approve, Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK seconded. So Moved.

## Public Service:

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

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## EMCOMM:

John Zietlow K9WIC reported there is no current communication regarding the ChicagoLand Marathon at the moment. Since that particular event is a profit-making venture, we as Amateur Radio Operators are not to be supportive yet because we're assisting government agencies (Schaumburg Police/Fire) in hosting radio coverage, there is no conflict. This year's event is scheduled one week prior to the Dayton (Xenia) Hamfest. There are other potential events that may request support as the year's calendar solidifies. Updates will be announced as we learn more.

## Repeaters:

Rob Glowacki N9MVO and Mike Sorensen K9KQX discussed near-term planning to move our newly purchased FTM-300DR machine to be physically installed at the Small Drive pump house.

## Construction Project (CP):

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Don Dewar KD9NJR hosts our events. January meeting schedule has returned to normality with sessions held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.

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## VE Testing:

John Shofield AC9JS reported there is currently one candidate scheduled for the next session February 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Nets:

Barry K9FMB Net Chairman reported our Nets continue to be well attended.

## Radio Hill Gazette RHG:

Mike K9KMV No Report.

## Recurring Calendar:

No action items.

## Membership:

No report.

## Publicity:

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

## **Social:**

John KD9KSH is considering a possible summer picnic to replace the canceled Lucky Monk Holiday Party.

## **Education:**

Leo N9NBH discussed potential for course offering in September to replace the now-canceled Technician Class due to temporary closure of our Library resources.

## **Programs:**

John Zietlow K9WIC presented Committee organizational ideas tonight with detailed roles/definitions/duties as our club moves to better apply the various resources we have within the membership.

## **Old Business:**

Winter Field Day is planned for January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1PM following CP. Dennis KD9HIK and Rob N9MVO are Winter Field Day Chairs. Discussion regarding equipment and site preparation ensued. SARC-ALL updates will be published beforehand to ascertain potential head-count.

John Douglas KD9KSH moved to allocate a \$200 budget for coffee/food. Members of the Board were in attendance tonight and approved the proposed expenditure.

## **New Business:**

Don Dewar's QSL initiative for welcoming new NET attendees will be assigned to the Membership Committee to define resources needed (printing, postage, administration) and subsequently request BOD funding to begin the program.

**Adjourn:** 7:47PM.

Submitted January 21, 2022. Cliff Sowka K9QD Secretary

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