



Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

June 3, 2026

Board Chairman Bill McGovern W9WEM, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Attendees

Don Dewar KD9NJR	Bill McGovern W9WEM	Paul Burkett KD9FMN
Cliff Sowka K9QD	Howard Mitchell KD9WSV	Danny Kafka KD9HIL
Paul Meyers KE9EJX	Bob McIntyre W9DXR	Dennis Calvey KD9HIK
Eliot Libner, N9EPA	John Douglas KD9KSH	Tom Harrold, KE9EKE
Glenn Lubin, KE9EJV	Kirk Musselman, K9MSG	

Secretary Report - Howard Mitchell KD9WSV

March BOD Minutes as published by Howard Mitchell KD9WSV. Paul Burkett KD9FMN moved to approve and Tom Harrold, KE9EKE seconded. Motion Adopted

Treasurer's Report - Chris Brewer AC9GN

Chris not present. Monthly report will be added upon receipt.

Field Day Committee, Danny Kafka KD9HIL

The permit application is currently proceeding through the various Schaumburg organizations for approval.

Mr Coffee, aka Cliff Sowka K9QD, initiated a discussion about whether it would be possible to have a set up for coffee at the site. While something will probably ultimately be set up, if worse comes to worse, those in dire need can get coffee at their favorite local fast food place.

Hopefully Rob Glowacki, N9MVO will handle the messaging requirements as he has done in the past.

While a rider was not obtained specifically naming the church, it was stated that our general insurance policy will be adequate.

Finally it was discussed that the general public is welcome to participate at the times previously posted

Construction Project, Cliff Sowka K9QD

A recommended project, specifically a lightning detector kit , certainly looks like it has “sparked” a lot of attention. When it's time for an order to be placed for the kits, Cliff will post final information,including price about the kit.

EmComm, Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Chairman

We will be scheduling the range testing of the radio at the Schaumburg EOC after Field Day

Radio Hill Gazette (RHG) - Eliot Libner N9EPA Editor

No report

Publicity - Dennis Calvey KD9HIK, Chairman

1. Article submitted to Daily Herald and Daily Herald Calendar for publication
2. Event posted on ARRL Field Day Site
3. Event posted on Facebook page
4. Publicity emails to elected / appointed officials will start next week.
5. Notification to the Village of Schaumburg Police Department Beat Watch will be sent as soon as we have the Village of Schaumburg Permit.
6. PLEASE NOTE: Publicity on website, ARRL Field Day Locator, Facebook page and submissions to the Daily Herald state “Open to the Public” on Saturday June 27th from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. St. Peter’s Lutheran Church will promote “Open to St. Peter’s Lutheran Congregation” to their members on Sunday June 28th from 08:00 AM until 1:00 PM. This will NOT be published.
7. The last several Field Days I had a laptop running a 32” monitor showing Ham Radio related stuff at the Welcome Desk. Will we have a generator near or within 100 ft extension cord distance from the Welcome Desk at the entrance?

8. Does Robert Benwitz (N9JAX) want to do a “Morse Code Magic” session? If yes, do we want to print Certificates of Achievement for participants?
9. Kirk Muselman (K9MSG) is going to organize Fox Hunt during the Open to the Public period. Does SARC want to print a certificate of achievement like the one used for the Robert Benwitz (N9JAX) Morse Code Certificate?
10. The SARC Banner will be used at the Welcome Desk during Field Day and turned over to Rob Glowacki for Hoffman Estates Independence Day Parade at the end of Field Day.
11. We need directional signs to be placed at Schaumburg Road entrance, and a couple of locations between the entrance and the North Soccer Fields.
12. Might be a good idea to have Traffic Cones within the Soccer Fields to help limit people from wandering around.

Social Events - Paul Meyers KE9EJX Chairman

Planning for the picnic is continuing . We will get the word out regarding sign up as we get closer to the event. Paul indicated we needed to finalize the menu as well.

Repeaters - Rob Glowacki, N9MVO Chairman

Rob not present.

Howard Mitchell KD9WSV indicated the repeater team is targeting to replace the router at the Plum Grove Road site on June 6th. It is hoped that this will resolve the problems we have experienced with Echolink , Allstar and Wires-X not being available. (Note: The installation on June 6th was not completed and a follow up visit to the site is now scheduled early in the week of June 8th)

VE Testing- William Davies, K9WKD Chair

No Report

Youth Engagement, Kirk Musselman, K9MSG Chair

Kirk presented an update and the following summary

Last year events:

1. Arlington Heights
2. Wood Dale
3. Schaumburg
4. Bartlett

5 elements of support from the club

1. Permitting and supporting a request to members that they volunteer
2. Permitting the use of the repeater (if requested by the volunteers who plan the activities)
3. Permitting the event to be promoted on the club website, social media, groups io, etc
4. Supporting the event by contributing \$1 per attending scout toward the costs of producing an information packet that includes promotion of the club and club events
5. Allowing scout troops to be invited to future club Field Day events.

Upcoming events – partnering with SARC

1. July 7 (Tues), 7-8:30pm

Location: Church of the Cross, 475 W. Higgins Rd, Hoffman Estates

Troop: 297; boys ages 11-17

Participants: ~25 (15 boys + leaders & family)

Structure: Looking for 5 radio activities and 7-8 volunteers

2. Aug 3 (Mon), 7-8:30

Location: Glendale Heights

Troop: 401 Glendale Heights (Monday - 8/3)

Participants: ~25 (16 boys + leaders & family)

Structure: Looking for 5 radio activities and 7-8 volunteers

3. Sept 1 (Tues), 7-8:30pm (was 8/25)

Location: Our Saviour's United Methodist Church, Schaumburg & Plum Grove Rd

Troop: 392 in Schaumburg; boys/girls ages 12-18

Participants: ~28 = (8 girls, 10 boys plus leaders/family)

Structure: Looking for 6 radio activities and 7-9 volunteers

Nets- Don Dewar, KD9NJR

Attendance at all of our Nets continues to be very good. As always we are in need of additional net control operators to volunteer.

Education - Leo Ribordy, N9NBH

Not present-No report

Programs- Don Dewar, KD9NJR

Following Field Day several programs will be planned. Don welcomes any suggestions for a program from the membership.

Old Business

- Members are reminded that dues are due no later than the end of June
- There was considerable discussion regarding a suggestion made by Pierre Berube, K9EYE to have videos made of various club activities. Numerous challenges associated with this suggestion we're tabled including adequacy of the equipment, availability of members to run the equipment and privacy concerns of those recorded. It was recommended that a written policy be developed for response hopefully by the next meeting.

New Business

- Howard Mitchell KD9WSV informed the board of a small amount of equipment donated by a fairly new ham (non member) who was relocating to Texas. This donation will be stored and offered the next time we have auction scheduled by the club.
- There is ongoing discussion about the desire to have hats or shirts or safety vests with the SARC emblem made available for purchase by members. This will be further discussed after Field Day.
- Don Dewar, KD9NJR informed the board of a donation made by Hermann Wagner, AJ4ZS of two older, but very usable, Windows laptops.

Meeting Adjourned 8:24 PM

**Submitted June 7, 2026,
Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Secretary**