



Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

July 1, 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	Glenn Lubin, KE9EJV

Secretary Report - Howard Mitchell KD9WSV

June BOD Minutes as published by Howard Mitchell KD9WSV. Paul Burkett KD9FMN moved to approve and John Douglas KD9KSH 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

Overall, the operation for field Day at the new site location was exceptionally well received. As anyone might expect, given a new site, there were some small improvements that were identified. While it is too early to gain a commitment from the church for the site for next year's field day, Danny will assure that the application is submitted as soon as the time frame for the site becomes open for reservations. Some additional comments were as follows:

- Getting the large sheets of plywood (used as the floor of the tents) was a challenge to move them to basement of the Schaumburg Tennis Plus facility.
- There continues to be some minor discussion about having food at the site. Dennis will attempt to clear this up and document his findings.
- Additional coordination is required associated with members signed up to operate particular equipment at particular times to avoid members not having access to radios they signed up for at the appointed time.
- Danny requested that anyone who has a receipt for any expenses incurred associated with Field Day to please get that information to her ASAP. Even if reimbursement is not requested she would like to make sure she has a handle on the total picture of expenses necessary.
- Dennis Calvey KD9HIK suggested creating a banner that could be used to guide visitors, probably near the welcome station. He will explore options. Additional signage at the street entrance is not permitted by Schaumburg ordinance to prevent the potential for driver's distraction.
- It was pointed out that at all times we should have a minimum of two individuals at the sign in desk so, as necessary, one of the two can escort visitors around the setup.
- As previously approved by the board a \$50 donation was made to the church.
- It was suggested a letter be sent from the Schaumburg club to the Church thanking them for their cooperation during our field day exercise. (As the secretary I sent a note to Danny asking if she would like to write the letter or if she'd like my help in putting something together)
- There was additional discussion about the need to upgrade our HF transceiver and adding one that has a waterfall display. No specific action is required at this time.

Construction Project, Cliff Sowka K9QD

All of the parts for the recommended project, specifically a lightning detector kit, have been processed. Due to high tariffs on some components, the price per unit will likely be closer to \$80 rather than the initial estimate of about \$55. Assuming all of the key components arrive on time, Cliff is targeting the 3rd week of July for the actual construction. Cliff will keep members informed.

EmComm- Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Chairman

Range testing of the radio at the Schaumburg EOC has been scheduled for July 15th beginning at 1:00 PM. Howard has prepared a map identifying the most distant locations within the Village relative to the EOC. He will make assignments to each volunteer of three or road intersections to drive to and to report on communication capability. Another segment of the test will invite members who are resident within the boundaries of Schaumburg to call into the EOC for radio tests. Howard indicated that he will need 4 or 5 volunteers to help out.

Howard was asked whether the village of Schaumburg as last year, was going to request the services of SARC for all three days of their Septemberfest. He indicated that indeed that request has already been made and that he was told we would be notified of a planning session to be held in July. This by far is the most significant public event that we are asked to handle so we will be again looking for a very healthy percentage of membership to volunteer for one of the assignments at Septemberfest.

Radio Hill Gazette (RHG) - Eliot Libner N9EPA Editor

No report

Publicity- Dennis Calvey KD9HIK, Chairman

1. Field Day information published in Daily Herald (copy as submitted attached) , Daily Herald Calendar, SARC Facebook page, Village of

Schaumburg Friday Progress Report, ARRL Field Day Site. Emails sent to elected / appointed officials in Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates.

2. About 75 people signed in. The recap below includes some entries where people are checked into multiple categories, so it's not strictly accurate. But it does give a general indication of what type of attendees we had. For example, Kirk Musselman (K9MSG) conducted multiple "Beacon Hunts", but no one actually signed up. I suspect that some people did not sign in and that the "General Public" category is underreported.

Technician	4
General	15
Extra	13
SARC	22
Other Radio Club	4
Elected Official	0
Appointed Official	2
Served Agency	2
Public Safety	1
Media	0
General Public	16
Daily Herald	0
Club Web Site	0
Facebook	0
ARES	2
No Answer	11
Beacon Hunt	0

2. Field Day "Hot Wash" :

- Additional Banner for posting on Schaumburg Road in addition to the one we have (one facing east, the other facing west). Stand up frame (PVC pipe with sand bag weights?) for both banners so we don't have to pound stakes into the ground.

-Sign up sheet to include "Welcome Desk", two people required per shift. – one to help people sign in, the other to take visitors on a tour. Both should have a prepared "Elevator Speech" to introduce Amateur Radio and SARC.

- Sign up sheet should also include columns for set up and take down

3. Schaumburg EOC Test: Howard Mitchell (KD9WSV) has set up a radio test at the Village of Schaumburg EOC. If one of the SARC laptops is available, I would load the programming software for the Kenwood TM-V7A and a copy of the program record onto it. We would also do an antenna sweep with my Rig Expert. The results would be copied to the SARC laptop, onto a thumb drive left at the EOC and copied to Tom O'Boyle (N9GUN) for deposit into the SARC digital vault. The programming software CD and programming cable for the Kenwood would also be left at the EOC. When the exercise is complete the SARC laptop would be returned to a location determined by the Board.

4. I have an inkjet printer donated to SARC by Robert Kocourek (W9RKK). We've used it to print certificates at Scouts on the Air, Anne Fox Elementary School Technology Fair and for the Beacon Hunt at Field Day. Do we have room to store it in the basement of the Tennis Plus Club?

5. Septemberfest: As Howard Mitchell (KD9WSV) has announced, SARC has been asked to provide volunteers for all three days and the Parade. I have applied for a no-charge "not-for-profit" booth like we had last year. Booth assignments typically don't get awarded until early August, but I think there is a good chance we'll get one. We'll need to have this added to the sign up sheets. I need to submit our Certificate of Insurance.

6. Change of the Guard: After close to ten years, I'd like to step down from the Publicity Chair position and recommend Paul Meyers take over. I would act as an assistant to Paul to assure continuity.

SARC Website - Paul Meyers KE9EJX Chairman

Our website continues to improve in terms of appearance and ease of use. Please let Paul know of any additional changes recommended. He would also like to receive any Field Day pictures that may be included on the website.

Social Events - Paul Meyers KE9EJX Chairman

Planning for the picnic is continuing. He 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.

The site for the club holiday party has been changed to Jo Jo's restaurant, 1935 W Golf Rd, Schaumburg. This site will offer additional parking, an enhanced menu, and essentially we will have the restaurant dedicated to our club. Club members will be asked to pay \$10 per person to cover just a small portion portion of the expenses. Each club member may invite **one** guest and pay an additional \$10. Anyone wishing to bring more than one guest will be charged \$25 per extra person.

Repeaters - Rob Glowacki, N9MVO Chairman

Rob not present.

Howard Mitchell KD9WSV indicated the repeater team extends thanks to Kent Ochs, W9KAO who purchases and replaced the router at the Small Drive site. The Echolink access has been very dependable since this replacement. Wires-X needed an additional site visit by Kent and Jack Reeves, K6JWR and that interface is now fully operational. Reports of the 70cm repeater locking up may be a result of the repeater being unable to process Wires-X and RF voice simultaneously.

The repeater team will shortly meet to consider any additional improvements at either repeater to be considered for the near term and welcomes any member suggestions. Please send these to Howard.

VE Testing- William Davies, K9WKD Chair

Bill not present. A June report was submitted and included in minutes for the June Business meeting.

Youth Engagement, Kirk Musselman, K9MSG Chair

Kirk not present, no report

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. (Secretary comment: surely with our expanding membership, we must have a few folks who would consider adding to our list of net controllers. We will help anyone get started. Please contact an officer or Board member to arrange for such training)

Education - Leo Ribordy, N9NBH

Not present. Training for the Extra Class license is still planned to begin in September and Leo continues to need trainers to volunteer.

Programs- Don Dewar, KD9NJR

Don welcomes any suggestions for a program from the membership. Programs will likely focus on the upcoming elections and vacant positions that will need to be filled. (note that at the coming elections, ALL officer positions and two Board positions will be on the ballot.) Don will again release descriptions of the positions and responsibilities. We welcome all members, who qualify, to submit their name to be on the ballot for these positions

Old Business

- None discussed

New Business

- Paul indicated that there have been a few more donations which will prompt a new auction eventually.

- There was considerable discussion about the desire to have hats, shirts or safety vests with the SARC emblem made available for purchase by members.

Eliot was approved to get a sample made up of the preferred logo and content under consideration. Likely, a web site will be set up by the chosen vendor giving individual members the opportunity to choose what they desire and pay directly so the club is not involved with the financial transaction. Delivery would likely be within a week or two once that transaction is completed.

- Additionally, a sew-on 3 inch patch commemorating SARC's 50th anniversary was approved as well as the purchase by the club of 200 such patches.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 PM

**Submitted July 3, 2026,
Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Secretary**