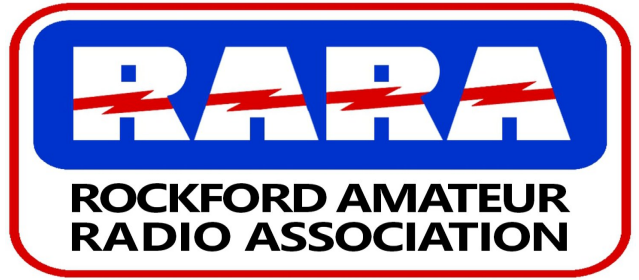


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Visit our website for more club and area ham information at <http://w9axd.org>, or join us on Facebook at this [LINK](#)



RARA Mission Statement

A member association with common interest of public service to the community through the use of amateur radio.

RARA is a volunteer run organization of individuals donating their time each month to develop activities, maintain repeaters, nets, and education. There are associated expenses and when you become a club member, your dues are providing a service to your community and furthering the hobby of amateur radio.

Welcome New Members!

- Guy Adams, KE9CZZ
- David Kiefer, KC9OWB
- Mathew Johnson, KE9CWL
- Bradley Nicholson, KA9WRZ
- Keith Owano, KB9YKM
- Jerry Schoonover, W3TLA
- Cliff Speare, N9BLE

Thanks to this month's contributors to the HamRag

Dave W9CJS, Larry AC9GO and Matt W3MBX

Editor's Note

If you would like to have something published, please call me at 815-505-8170, or email me at vernas.kd9yum@gmail.com

Articles are welcome and encouraged from all hams.

Due Date for the June Hamrag is Monday, May 26, 2025

73, Verna—W9YUM, Editor

May 2025

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NEXT MEETING—NOTE MEETING ROOM CHANGE

FRIDAY— May 9, 2025 - 7:00pm

Program: "My POTA Journey", John Alcock, NG9M

OSF St Anthony Med Center (**Hickey Board Room**)
5666 East State Street, Rockford

When entering through the main entrance of the hospital, walk through the lobby toward the gift shop. Take a right at the gift shop. At the end of that long hallway, the Hickey Board Room will be on your right.

Local Events and Information

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 RARA Board Meeting 7:00pm on Google Meet
Friday, May 9, 2025 RARA Membership Meeting 7:00pm OSF St Anthony

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Local Net Information

Mon - 7:00pm - RARA Info. Net & CW Lesson, 147.195 (+0.6) offset, pl 114.8
- 8:00pm - McHenry County RACES Net, 146.835 (-0.6) offset, pl 91.5

Tues - 7:00pm - RARA Tech & Social Net & CW Lesson , 147.195 (+0.6) offset, pl 114.8
- 7:00pm - Rock County Public Service Net, 145.450 (-0.6) offset, pl 123.0

Wed - 7:00pm - RARA Chat Net, 147.195 (+0.6) offset, pl 114.8
- 7:00pm - Stephenson County ARES Net, 147.390(+0.6) offset, pl 114.8
- 7:30pm - Greater Beloit Radio Net, 147.120 (+0.6) offset, pl 123.0

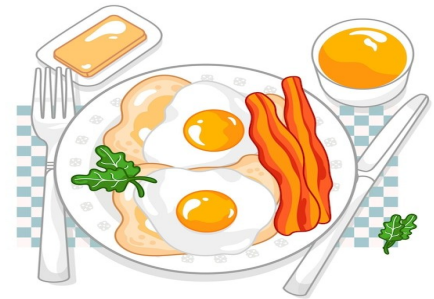
Thu - 7:00pm - Northern Illinois Skywarn Training Net,147.195 (+0.6) offset, pl 114.8

Fri - 8:00pm - Friday Night Fun Net, KC9GCR, 147.195(+0.6) offset, pl 114.8

Sat - 8:00pm - Saturday RARA Ragchew Net, 147.195 (+0.6) offset, pl 114.8
- 8:00pm - Pink Hamsters YL Net, Milw., 146.910 (-0.6) offset, pl 127.3
- 9:00pm - Saturday Night Fun Net Milw., 146.910 (-0.6) offset, pl 127.3

Mon. thru Friday - 8:00am to 9:00am - Senile Net, 14.287 (HF USB)

Local Events and Information



WEEKLY FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Meets every Friday morning from 7:30 am until about 9:00 am.

We order breakfast at 8:00 am.

An informal gathering of ham folks, no affiliations necessary, good food and good company.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

“The Spring Garden Family Restaurant”

4820 N. 2nd Street

Loves Park, IL 61111

MONTHLY SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

The Greater Beloit Amateur Radio Club (GBARC) meets monthly on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

Denny’s Restaurant

Flying J Truck Stop (IL 75 & 190/39)

All are welcome to join the group for food and lot’s of “ham” talk.

During the warmer weather month’s, a fox-hunt follows breakfast (approximately 10 a.m.).



President's Message— Larry McFall, KD9HKX

Greetings!

It's hard for me to believe it is already May and Field Day is only a month and a half away. Preparations are coming along very well. For our new hams, if you don't know, Field Day is basically all about Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Operations and is a test of the club's ability to respond to the need, for emergency communications, in our community, during a disaster. While testing our preparedness for a disaster, there is a contest component to field day that takes in lots of factors, including the number of contacts made. Field Day is a great time for camaraderie, teaching the public about ham radio, and sometimes making new friends. Matt W3MBX is chairing the event and will be reaching out for volunteers to assist in a variety of ways! Get involved and I guarantee you will have a great time.

Due to a busy schedule, Joe K9JPP has resigned as RARA secretary. On behalf of the board and membership, we thank him for his contribution. He's not leaving, RARA, just needed to step back. Thanks to Matt W3MBX and Verna W9YUM for stepping up to record the board and monthly meeting minutes for this month. A search will be on to fill this important RARA position. If you would like to know more about the secretary position, contact me at lpmcfall@charter.net.

In closing, I want to welcome all of the new members and invite you to participate in club activities and attend the monthly meetings. It's always a good time! Welcome aboard!

73,
Larry, KD9HK

RARA members—please be sure the email address you provide is one you check regularly to make sure you receive club updates and the monthly Hamrag.

Also, don't forget to let us know if there are changes to your email or phone number, ARRL membership status, or call sign.

Please email updates to Verna W9YUM at vernas.kd9yum@gmail.com

Celebrating 70 years-RARA History



***** FIELD DAY 2009 *****

Many thanks to all of those who made our field day a success. Everyone had a great time and the food was outstanding! Thank you Chuck, AB9KA, Linda, KC9FAH, and Dan, KC9ATR, for all your work and culinary skills. I will have a report at the August meeting as to our total points and number of contacts made. Below are a few pictures for your review. ~~~ Kurt Eversole - KE9N



← Gary Hilker at the CW Station.

We better → listen to the lady, she know's the best way!



06/27/2009



← Are (2) Steve's better than one? Steve Thorne & Steve Twigg on 20 phone.

Gordon at the → helm on 80 SSB, with Kurt watching.



06/27/2009



← Time for a little of that fantastic food!

Linda and → Chuck taking a well deserved break.



06/27/2009



← Al Fischer pounding out the q's on 40 phone.

Gordy Seaman → taking a 12 hour cat nap!



06/28/2009

RARA Summer Field Day—SAVE the DATE! Matt Marshall, W3MBX



June 28 – 29, 2025

It's time for another Summer Field Day; **RADIO CONNECTS!**

We have an awesome plan this year. We plan on running two HF rigs; SSB and Digital/CW plus a GOTA (Get On The Air) station, a satellite station plus solar powered VHF station. Last year the GOTA station was a huge hit; it gave people the opportunity to run an HF rig without any pressure and get to know the HF side of the hobby. Field day also gives everyone the opportunity to get to know each other better & have some face-to-face ragchew time. There is something for everyone and a way to try different things.

Stay the night. Bring your tent or camper (no hookups for the campers available) or even sleep under the stars if you like. A firepit is behind the pavilion, we just need to clean it up when we are done. There is plenty of room for everyone. There will be a grill, indoor restrooms and plenty of shade if you want to stay out of the sun.

Sign-up sheets forthcoming for a variety of things; more to come:

Set-up

Take down

Operators; operators; operators, operators. We need operators for SSB, CW and control operators for GOTA. Whether you are experienced or not, plan on operating; it's a lot of fun and there will be plenty of seasoned operators to give you whatever guidance you want. We will be running 24 hours so if there are any night owls you are in luck

If you have a field day story, please share it.

You can email Verna (W9YUM) at vernas.kd9yum@gmail.com and she will put it in the HamRag.

Location: YMCA Camp Winnebago; 5804 North Main Street, Rockford, IL 61103.

Further details to come so keep an eye out on RARA Facebook page, the website and future HamRags. If you have questions, call or email Matt (W3MBX) 815.222.5959 or matthew.marshall@gmail.com.

What is ARRL Field Day? You're Invited!

ARRL FIELD DAY



www.arrl.org

ARRL Field Day is a radio communications event that brings together amateur radio operators (also called “hams”) within your community. The theme for 2025 Field Day is “Radio Connects” – highlighting the many ways that wireless technology connects people across distances near and far. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun! ARRL Field Day is the most popular ham radio activity held annually in the US

and Canada. On the fourth weekend in June each year, more than 31,000 hams get together with their radio clubs, schools, or friends to operate from remote locations.

For many radio clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights on their annual calendar. A typical Field Day site will showoff many aspects of amateur radio and its many roles.

Some groups use Field Day as an opportunity to practice their emergency communications readiness. ARRL Field Day is an annual demonstration and invites the general public and organizations to see how amateur radio can serve in an emergency, When All Else Fails®. Hams are well-known for their communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations. Despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they are so complex — ham radio has been called into action, again and again, to provide communications in crises when it really matters.

Amateur radio also inspires the next generation of technical leaders by providing a hands-on sandbox where students gain experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

For those with a competitive spirit, Field Day stations compete to make radio contacts with as many other stations as possible while learning to operate radio equipment in challenging situations and less-than-optimal conditions. These same skills are used by hams who volunteer to help with large, preplanned, non-emergency events such as marathons and bike -a-thons; fundraisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades, and exhibits at fairs, malls, and museums.

Who is ARRL?

With more than 137,000 members, ARRL is The National Association for Amateur Radio in the US. Our mission is to promote and protect the art, science, and enjoyment of amateur radio, and to develop the next generation of radio amateurs. ARRL and our affiliated radio clubs provide benefits to members to discover radio, to develop new skills, and to serve your local community.

Looking Back at Field Day 2024



CQ Field Day.....CQ Field Day!



Best Field Day Ever in my entire life!



Key Dates to Save!

Friday, May 9 2025, 7:00pm

RARA Monthly Meeting, “My POTA Journey” with John Alcock NG9M

Please note the room change for this meeting (see page 1)

Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday at each month.

Following the monthly meetings, there is a social time at Gerry’s Pizza, 7403 Argus Dr, Rkfd

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 9am—noon Rain or Shine.

Swapfest, sponsored by Larry Lisle, K9KZT

Note the new location: Hononegah Forest Preserve (site of last fall’s RARA Family Picnic)

80 Hononegah Road, Rockton IL.*

No sponsor, No admission, No vendors, No VE testing! Just a bunch of hams getting together to swap stuff and socialize. Please direct questions to Larry K9KZT on the 2-meter nets or at L.lisle@usa.net.

Sunday, May 18, 2025—following Swapfest

RARA & GBARC Tape Measure Antenna Build and mini Fox Hunt.

Registered participants will build their own tape measure antenna (basically a simple, hand-held 2-meter Yagi) often used for foxhunts.

Weather permitting, plans are to hold mini foxhunt so you can put your new antenna to work and learn more about this fun radio activity.

Direct questions to Verna W9YUM at Vernas.kd9yum@gmail.com

June 28-29, 2025—Summer Field Day

YMCA Camp Winnebago; 5804 North Main Street, Rockford, IL 61103

In addition to the information in the HamRag, watch your email and make sure to attend the June meeting dedicated to field day preparation.

Contact: Matt W3MBX, 815-222-5959 or matthew.marshall@gmail.com

Saturday, September 13, 2025, 11am until we are done!

Family Picnic and celebration of RARA 70th Anniversary

Hononegah Forest Preserve, 80 Hononegah Forest Preserve, Indian Rest Shelter*

September 28, 2025, 8am—noon

Radio Expo 2025 (Belvidere Hamfest) Sponsored by the Chicago FM Club

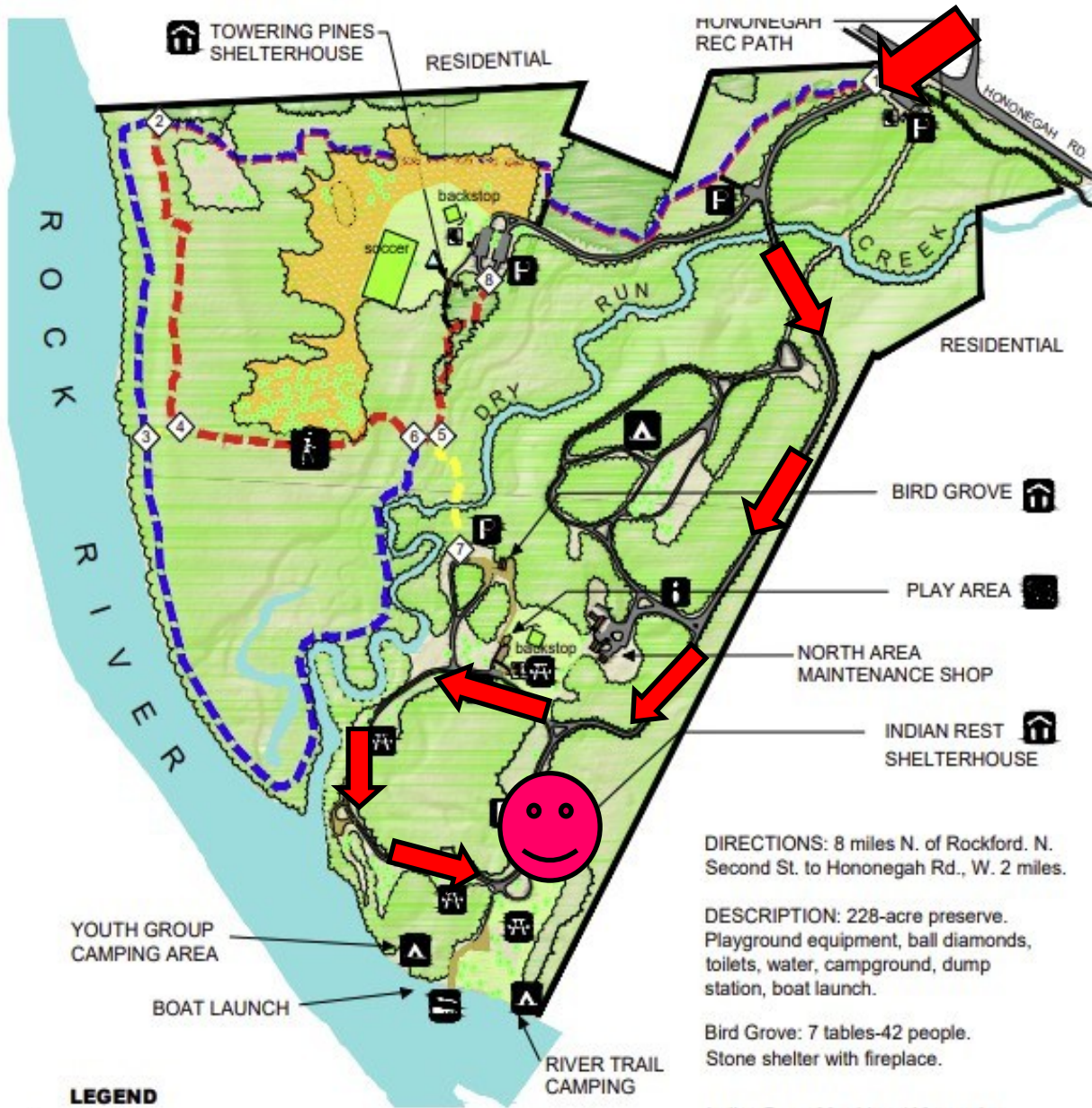
RARA will have tables and will be looking for volunteers to assist.

This is a great hamfest!

♦ ***A map of Hononegah Forest Preserve is on the following page.***

Follow the red arrows until you get to the Indian Rest Shelter. Designated on the map with a Smiley Face.

Key Dates to Save!



DIRECTIONS: 8 miles N. of Rockford. N. Second St. to Hononegah Rd., W. 2 miles.

DESCRIPTION: 228-acre preserve. Playground equipment, ball diamonds, toilets, water, campground, dump station, boat launch.

Bird Grove: 7 tables-42 people. Stone shelter with fireplace.

Indian Rest: 22 tables-132 people. Electricity. Food service shelter.

Towering Pines: 22 tables-132 people. Electricity. Food service shelter

Campsites: 62 - 50 with elec. 12- No electricity.

NOTE: Preserve closes 1/2 hour after sunset. All reservations subject to GENERAL USE REGULATION ORDINANCE.

LEGEND

	LOOP TRAIL		BOAT LAUNCH		PRAIRIE
	CONNECTOR TRAIL		PLAY AREA		GRASSLAND
	PATH MARKER		CAMPING		FOREST
	INFORMATION KIOSK		SHELTER HOUSE		EVERGREEN
	PARKING		OUTHOUSE		LAWN
	PICNIC		HAND PUMP		SHRUB/ UNDERSTORY

0 200 500 FEET

For additional information call (815) 877-6100, or visit www.winnebagoforest.org

HONONEGAH FOREST PRESERVE
80 HONONEGAH ROAD



Signal Sticks by Larry Schubert, AC9GO

The SignalStick antenna is the only one I know of that not only advertises it can be tied in a knot but also has optional pieces that enhance its performance. I had also heard that it was a great replacement for the rubber ducky that comes with most handheld radios. We have three different iterations of Baofeng radios, and a Yaesu FT-70DR handheld, so I decided to try out the SignalStick.



I have one HT that had an antenna so bad that it got hot in my hand the first time I tried it out. It was so hot that I got off the air because I thought it was going to self-destruct. Earlier I had spotted an ad for five antennas for around \$10, and they were supposed to cover 2-meters and the 440 band, so I thought “why not?”, let’s see what I get for that price. It was close enough that it did keep the HT cool when I used it but when I hooked it up to the analyzer, I found it was better suited for the 150 meg band. A few months later I ran across a YouTube video on the SignalStick. I had seen it in another video some time earlier so I decided I would try it out. We talked it over and decided to get three, one for the Yaesu and two others to cover the Baofeng radios because we have different connectors on one of the three. Some have the male connector on the antenna and the others have it on the body of the radio. They are not that easy to tell apart because the wire that is in the center of the male connector is a very small wire.

The results of the tests were great. I had found earlier that the Baofeng radios did not hit the repeater from inside the house with the antennas that came with them, and the Yaesu did if it was on the table in a certain spot. I live about 10-12 miles from the repeater, and this turned out to be a good test for the SignalStick. My conclusion was that with any of the units, communications over this distance from inside the house could not be counted on with any of our units.

Then the Signal Sticks came. The trial with the SignalSticks showed we could contact the repeater and actually hold a conversation that was scratchy, but it was a little better than the communication we had before. Then I decided to add the counter poise 19.5-inch wire to the

Signal Sticks by Larry Schubert, AC9GO

base of the antenna. The result is a small signal improvement over just the SignalStick alone. SignalStuff has an adapter and counter poise wire for a reasonable price that would screw on to the bottom of the antenna and lay flat for a good connection. We made a couple of wires with lugs that fit on the radios, but some would have fit better with the adapter from Signal Stuff.

All in all, the bottom line is if you are going to a place where you may have to rely on your hand held for communications, take along a Signal Stick antenna, and check out their counter poise and adapter. If you put your radio name and model on their order page, they can tell you what to order for your Signal Stick antenna and adapter if needed. They also offer a counterpoise and can tell you if an adapter is needed for your radio. The adapter is needed because some of the radios have a recessed antenna port that the signal stick doesn't fit into. The Signal Stick is a good resonant antenna, and the counterpoise will add just that much more onto the signal. When not in use, just tie it into a loose knot to keep it out of the way, and when a call comes in pull it out of the knot and answer with confidence that you will make the contact if anyone can. In fact, you may be able to make to contact with less power.



“73” and have fun with your radios. Larry AC9GO

The SignalStick is made by hams and sold by SignalStuff which uses the profits to support its mission of providing quality resources for everyone:

HamStudy.org (study resource for those getting ready for their license exams)

HamBook.org (a free series of comprehensive study guides)

Exam Tools (provides VE teams the software they need to administer exams)

I used HamStudy when I was studying for my Extra back in 2012, and my XYL, Verna-W9YUM, used it as one of her tools for her Tech and General.

Below the Ionosphere by Dave Gauger, W9CJS

This time I thought I'd deviate a little from technical concerns and share a little history. Read on, you may find this a bit off the beaten path, but I hope entertaining. Knowing that Hams use the "Airwaves" ... so do airplanes. (a bit of a stretch ... but you understand) Let me take you back to the late 1940's for a few moments.

During WW2 I was aged 8-11 and very interested in airplanes. With the help of SPOT THAT PLANE Christmas books I could name many of the airplanes I saw. So could many of you, I bet.

My uncle got me started in 3rd grade by giving me a balsa wood, paper and GLUE model, and showing me how to build it. I worked furiously at building the fuselage ... formers, stringers and GLUE. I was working in the basement on a little table below a hanging light bulb.

When the fuselage was ready for paper covering and before the wings were built, one night I stepped up on my chair to reach up and turn off the light, but when I stepped back onto the floor ... I heard a crunch. The fuselage had rolled onto the floor and I crushed it when I stepped down. My dad heard his 3rd grader son crying and came to the basement to see what was wrong. I was sent to bed, but Dad (bless his heart) stayed up several hours and re-built the whole fuselage. I was thrilled.

When it was done, complete with yellow paper and rubber band motor, I was so proud to wind up the prop and let 'er rip ... across the kitchen floor ... vibrating like crazy but not at all flying... I think it weighed 2 pounds from all the GLUE, ... but I had built a model airplane ... and many more were to come. I would buy the usual \$0.10 cent balsa-and paper kits at Den-son's Drug Store in Wheaton, my home town. Occasionally I would splurge and buy a Paul Guillow model for \$0.25 ... a nice step up in quality.

Fast forward a few years.... I was a Jr. in Jr. Highschool and by now Ham Radio had replaced model airplanes, and also I had a new interest ...a cute little girlfriend named Benny. For some reason her mother hated me, but Benny and I secretly met at the swimming pool and went out to movies and so on.

An adult, Ham friend of mine who was Chief EE at Operadio (now Dukane Corp) in St. Charles, employed me to build a bunch of power supplies. To get from Wheaton to St. Charles I boarded the Chicago-Aurora-and-Elgin electric train line which, on its route from Wheaton to Elgin, stopped at a shuttle bus connection to St. Charles. Each day the bus stopped at DuPage County airport while coursing back and forth along Rt. 64 to and from the rail connection.

One day I got off and walked into the airport office just out of curiosity. An hour later the friendly instructor had given me my first-ever airplane ride and I was hooked. I wanted to fly.

Below the Ionosphere by Dave Gauger, W9CJS

Over the course of the summer, most all of my wages from building power supplies went into flying lessons. In those days, flight instruction cost \$11.50 an hour while solo flying cost \$8.50 per hour. On my way home from work, I could exit the bus, get in a half hour of solo flying for \$4.50, and catch the next scheduled shuttle bus home... Dad and Mom never knew.

While I was still in flight training, a friend of mine, Ralph, grew interested in learning to fly, which he did. Training includes flying several cross-country routes to airports, where you would seek out the resident Instructor or the Manager to sign your log book, signifying that, yes, you did safely navigate to your destination. On my first cross-country I flew from Sycamore airport to Janesville airport where I noticed one of several runways appeared to be newly black topped, but sported huge, white "X" marks on both ends of the runway. The book said, "X's indicate never land on such a runway" So, I didn't.

Friend Ralph followed my route a week later. He saw the "X's" but concluded that the runway was newly black topped and certainly cured by now. So, he landed an Aeronca Champ on that runway only to find that the black surface was black soil and, soaked with recent rains was very soft. You guessed it ... he touched down, the wheels sank into the mud and the plane flipped over on its back. He recounted the crash to me... "Dave I wasn't hurt ... until I unbuckled my seat belt and fell on my head".

Now when you are 17 and a Senior in High School, being a pilot triggered one's ego and I just had to give my girlfriend a ride, which I did. One Saturday we climbed into a Cessna 140A and took off. Being a show-off I let her steer the airplane as I coached.

"Do everything slow and easy" ... but when she grasped the yoke, all was well for a few moments until she pulled back sharply and before I could correct her maneuver we zoomed steeply upward until the airplane stalled and rolled off on the left wing. No problem, a stall is not a crash and it is easy to recover from but it scared her. I don't know if she ever told her mother that she flew an airplane... well, sort of "flew".

I have tons of stories about flying, but this is getting too long. Flying was one of the most enjoyable things I ever did, but it was subject to weather, and health demands, and high costs, and regular re-testing. Ham Radio on the other hand isn't subject to any of those limitations but rather enjoys a multitude of life-long activities based on radio communication.

What other hobby can involve a litany of activities like DX hunting, nets on VHF, Em-Comm, Skywarn, FT-8, adventures in Mobile operation, EME, contesting, Fox Hunting, equipment building, Field Day, POTA, weekly breakfasts ... and there are very few limitations. Long live Ham Radio.

Thanks for wading through this article and sharing some memories with me.

— Dave Gauger

Hamfests, Contest and DX Links

Hamfests and Swapfests in Northern IL, Northwest IN, and Southern WI **Click the link**

AMATEUR RADIO EVENTS



THE HAM RADIO COMMUNITY IN ACTION!

Thanks to K9MSG, Kirk Musselman— www.amateurradioevents.com or use link above

No more struggling to find local foxhunts, hamfests, public service/volunteer events and more. **Over 50 events** are all in one place including maps, descriptions, contact links, costs, and more. And, we just added a *Guide for Amateur Radio Volunteers* and a list of worldwide *Amateur Radio History Events* which you can join remotely.

The site will keep updating and expanding to carry more types of events (training, POTA, etc.) so bookmark the site and join us as we bring event organizers and amateur radio operators together to grow the amateur radio community. Please use the contact page to share suggestions, updates, additions, or comments.

WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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Link to the WA7BNM Contest Calendar or go to www.contestcalendar.com

Want to see what's new in the world of DX? Select the link below and make sure you check out the weekly bulletins or go to www.dxworld.net

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DX WORLD.net

Upcoming Exams

Looking to upgrade or know someone looking for a testing location?

More information available at ARRL.org

[Click here](#) for link to VE Teams offering Online Exam Sessions

MUST HAVE FRN AHEAD OF EXAM

- **05/10/2025 | [McHenry IL 60050-4422](#)**
Sponsor: NW IL S WI Amrron
Location: McHenry Masonic Lodge
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)
- **05/17/2025 | [Janesville WI 53545-3024](#)**
Sponsor: Wisconsin Area VEs (WAVE)
Location: Saint John Lutheran Church
Time: 1:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead) [Learn More](#)
- **05/31/2025 | [Milwaukee WI 53223-4736](#)**
Sponsor: MRAC VEC, INC
Location: Ham Radio Outlet
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)
- **06/07/2025 | [Freeport IL 61032-4116](#)**
Sponsor: Stephenson County Repeater Association
Location: Freeport Public Library
Time: 12:30 pm (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)
- **06/07/2025 | [Madison WI 53715-2143](#)**
Sponsor: Four Lakes ARC
Location: Univ of WI Space Place
Time: 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)



website: w9axd.org
email: w9axdrara@gmail.com

RARA Membership* Form

Dues are \$25.00

*This is an editable PDF Form. Fill in the information with your keyboard,
then save the PDF, and then attach it to an email to: w9axdrara@gmail.com*

For Internet payment: To use PayPal, click on the link below. After clicking "Send" and then logging in, enter \$25.00 in the "Dollar Amount", and click "Send" to complete your payment to RARA.

Click here for the PayPal link 

Mail in information: Fill out all the information on the form and mail it with \$25.00 to the following address:

Rockford Amateur Radio Association
P.O. Box 8465
Rockford, IL 61126

Make your check payable to: Rockford Amateur Radio Association

Thank you for your support!

Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) New Membership Renewal
Name: _____ Callsign: _____ License Class: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Phone - Main: _____ Alternate: _____

Can we release your e-mail and phone number to members only? Yes No

Are you a member of the ARRL (American Radio Relay League)? Yes No

(check all boxes that apply to the following questions)

What type of equipment do you own? Base Mobile Handheld
What band capabilities do you have? HF VHF UHF
What are your favorite operating modes? Voice CW PSK31 FT4/FT8 SSTV
What club activities can you help with? Field Day Hamfest Special Event
Can you operate under emergency power? Yes No
How did you hear about RARA? Other Member Internet Friend Listening on air

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