

THE RADIO HILL GAZETTE

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July 2010

Celebrating Our 35th Year in Publication

Club Calendar of Events

July 2010

Thu	1	8:00 PM	Club Info Net – 145.230 NCS: Leo N9NBH
Sat	3	8:00 AM	Official Saturday Morning Breakfast – Maxfields
Sat	3	8:00 AM	Public Service Event – Hoffman Estates Independence Day Parade
Sat	3	9:00 AM	VE Testing Session – Schaumburg CRC
Wed	7	7:00 PM	Board of Directors meeting – Schaumburg Airport
Thu	8	8:00 PM	Club Info Net – 145.230 NCS: Bob - W9DXR
Thu	15	7:00 pm	Club Meeting - CRC
Thu	22	8:00 PM	Club Info Net – 145.230 NCS: Rob – N9MVO or Guest
Thu	27	8:00 PM	Club Info Net – 145.230 NCS: Russ - KC9NUV

August 2010

Wed	4	7:00 PM	Board of Directors meeting – Schaumburg Airport
Thu	5	8:00 PM	Club Info Net – 145.230 NCS: Leo N9NBH
Sat	7	8:00 AM	Official Saturday Morning Breakfast – Maxfields
Sat	7	9:00 AM	VE Testing Session – Schaumburg CRC
Thu	12	8:00 PM	Club Info Net – 145.230 NCS: Bob - W9DXR
Sat	14		Busse Woods - Mini Field Day (SiTP) – See Rob N9MVO
Thu	19	7:00 pm	Club Info Net – 145.230 NCS:
Sat	21	???	Pic/Test – More info to come.
Thu	26	8:00 PM	Club Info Net – 145.230 NCS: Russ - KC9NUV

Club Nets:

Technical information net - Every Tuesday night at 7:30 pm. On the SARC Repeater 145.23 MHz.-600 kHz WITH 107.2 Hz PL. Bring your Q&A's

Thursday nights are the 2 meter general information net on the SARC Repeater 145.23 MHz.-600 kHz WITH 107.2 Hz PL. at 8:00 PM. (Except meeting nights)

July Club Meeting Program:

NUE-PSK

CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE SCHAUMBURG RECREATION CENTER ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SPRINGINGGUTH AND BODE ROADS. OUR NETS ARE HELD EVERY THURSDAY (except Meeting nights) AT 8PM ON THE K9IIK REPEATER; 145.23 MHz.-600 kHz WITH 107.2 Hz PL



SARC

2010 – 2011 Membership Dues

The Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club yearly dues are now payable to the club Treasury.

In 2007 the club changed to a membership dues year which begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the next year.

For regular members the amount due is \$25.00. Reduced rate annual renewals are \$20.00. Reduced fees apply only to full time students, active duty military, or over age 65.

Please help your club with your timely renewal.

Dues may be:

- submitted to our Kent - W9KAO our treasurer
- Mailed to the club mailbox,

SARC
P.O. Box 68251
Schaumburg, IL. 60168-0251

- Paid online thru paypal at www.n9rjv.org

When submitting your renewal, please consider opting to receive your newsletter from the SARC website. Just let Kent know you'd like to help save a tree. ☺

TRIP TO DAYTON 2010

I went to Dayton again this year, as I have for many years so far. I met old friends and made new friends, which I believe is just as important as any other aspect of our hobby. This year, as in the past two years, I have done Volunteer work there. If you can give at least 6 hours to volunteering in some function, you get a free admission ticket, hat and onsite parking! The parking alone is well worth 6 hours of your time to help out in some capacity.

This year, as last, I drove the Golf Carts to move people and their purchases around the outside of the complex. I have met hams from all over the world doing this service. When you have bought a large rack or Boat Anchor, it tends to get a little overwhelming after a time, and very hard to handle. The first year I did volunteering at Mecca, I worked the Prize Booth on the Thursday before the Friday opening, inventorying the merchandise and helping to set up the items. DARC people in Dayton are very friendly and helpful in many ways, and really appreciate any help they can get with this Awesome undertaking.

I have added a few photos from the Sunday show that I took with my Flea Market purchase of a Digital Camera. \$10.00 got me a working camera on Sunday that the dealer was asking \$50.00 for on Friday.

It was a good time as always—but I drank a little too much, and I ate a little too much, and I spent a little too much. But that's why I go there every year.

Pictures are from Sunday, when a lot of people have gone home already.

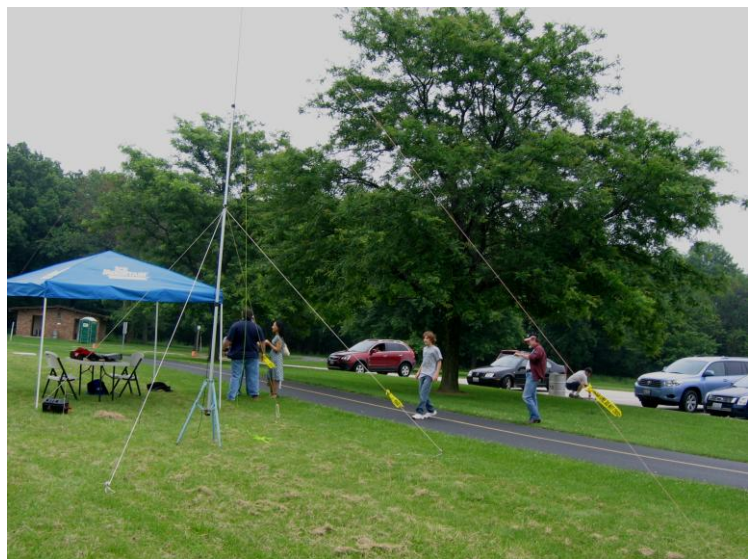
73's Jim KB9RGU



SARC In The Park

Well, the first "SARC In The Park" has been a success! Saturday morning, in the Woods of Busse with Bob, WB9TZC, Kent, W9KAO, Derek, NOCALL, Ray, W9RAP, DJ, WA9UBR, Ron, WB9PTA, Leo, N9NBH, Mel, W9FRT, Annie, KC9CUN, Rob, N9MVO, Frank, N9QPD, Dennis, KC9CUN, and Dennis, N9WBJ the SITP was attempted.

Kent and Derek helped me put the ends of my dipoles into a couple of trees with Kent's (tennis ball shooting) Pneumatic Antenna Launcher (See RHG February, 2010). DJ provided the air compressor to get the launcher working and helped with some knots. Dennis, KC9NZZ, also helped with some knots as well. Bob brought the grill for lunch and a canopy. He also put the CAUTION tape on the lines going to the ground to enhance safety. Ron also brought out a canopy, and since he had never opened it since acquiring it, that was the one we set up first to see if it was in good shape to protect the operating station from the impending rain. Frank and Annie helped out with logistics and communication. Leo and Ray helped get my antenna mast guyed and antenna wires strung. The two Dennis's set up another antenna mast, and Mel made sure that we knew about grounding and antenna radiation. We did not have a G5RV, so chances are that we could radiate. Just because Mel told us about ground did not mean we HAD a grounding rod, though. (Note: Add ground rod and wire to SITP list.)



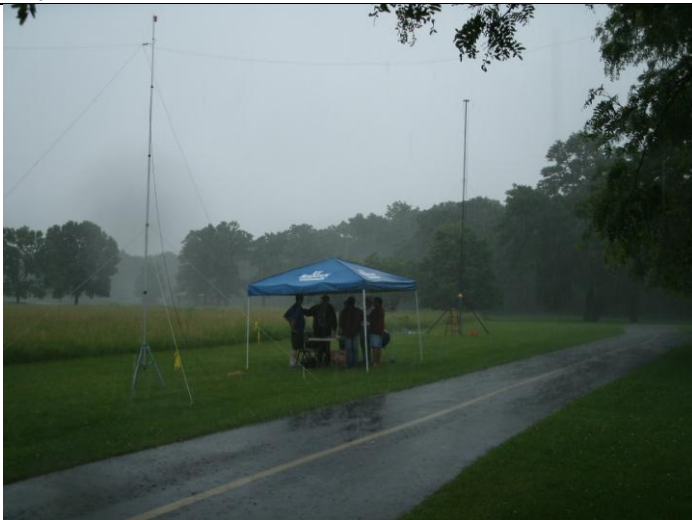
Frank, (not the best picture of Frank) Mel?, (not the best picture of Mel, either), Annie, Derek, DJ, and Kent setting up

There were a few bikers and joggers going by on the path, some of whom asked what we were setting up. Some responded with some understanding when we told them Amateur radio, but none stopped. I was hoping to be able to be on the air by 9:00, but with the new dual dipole, one cut for 40 m the other cut for 20 m, it took a little longer than expected to be set up. Arun, KC9KBX came by to see what SITP was about. (Success! A visitor!) However, we got the first station set up, and I connected my NUE-PSK modem to my TS 570 and battery, while both Dennis's were setting up a table for another station. Dialing around on 20 m, I found Ricardo, CO1RG in Cuba calling CQ, and I answered him. On my second try he answered with a 59 signal report. He was also coming in 59 at our location. After a short exchange, we signed off. Good thing, too, because shortly after Ricardo signed off, we started to hear a knocking on the top of the canopy. The rain was starting.



Did I mention it rained? Dennis KC9NZZ as the rain started.

It came down pretty hard for a while. Some of us stayed under the canopy, knowing it would keep us dry and protect the radio and equipment. Others realized that in the wind and with the rain coming down THAT HARD, that we were not going to be protected. They wisely headed for their cars.



"The weather started getting rough..."



Leo, Mel, Ray, Arun, DJ, and Dennis (KC9NZP) with a couple of non-interested cyclists.

(Note: Add rain suit or poncho as well as towels and large plastic bags to SITP list.) Someone (I don't know who) brought some plastic bags, and the radio, modem and keyboard got into one of them quickly. There was enough lightning to make us disconnect (but not ground) the antenna, and fortunately, there were not any close enough strikes to zorch any of us.

After some time, the rain let up, and we rolled up antenna wires, guy lines, support lines, coax and disassembled the antenna masts. We were able to get into the cars with all the equipment and safely closed down SITP for June 2010. We had stopped before we made lunch, before the second station was operational, and before we even made a second contact. That's disappointing, but it leaves room for improvement for next month.

With the response to this SITP, I think we want to do this on the second Saturday of each month, June through September. Rain date on the fourth Saturday each month, except in June, when the fourth Saturday of the month is Field day. Then we will operate in Rain or Wind or Hail or Torn... whatever the weather. (I don't want to give the weather any ideas. The last couple Field Days have been interesting.)

73 and see you in the Park,
Rob, N9MVO

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – June 1, 2010

Club Officers / Board Members / Committee Chairpersons/Members present:

Cliff Sowka, K9QD
Russ Schmidt, KC9NUV
Kent Ochs, W9KAO
Bob McIntyre, W9DXR
Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA
Jim Campbell, KB9RGU
Charles Frageau, N5HSR
Leo Ribordy, N9NBH
Bruce Widenhoefer, KB9JEJ

The meeting was called to order by at 7:05 pm by Cliff Sowka.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Kent Ochs reported a balance of \$2,853.54 as of the end of May. Kent said that we currently have 78 paid members on the roster and club dues are coming up for renewal at the end of July. . Our phone bill was the only major expense for this last month. We are tracking well compared to budget.

Secretary's Report – The rest of our board meetings for this year will be held on their regularly scheduled day which is the first Wednesday of the month.

President's Report – Cliff Sowka reported he is going to work with Larry Carr and Bob Dritz to help transition and get the club eBay sales moving again. Cliff proposed that the club bring some of the eBay equipment or

electronic parts up for eBay sales out to Field Day and offer it for sale during that time.

Membership - Leo has sent out packets to a few new members and potential members.

Public Service – Andy Sharkey has been distributing email to the club regarding upcoming Public service events.

RHG Newsletter/Publicity –Mark Deelsnyder reported he is finishing the June RHG. Articles are still needed for upcoming issues.

Repeater System – No report this evening.

Construction Project –Construction project meetings have ended this spring and will begin again in the fall.

VE Testing/eBay Sales –Larry Carr is performing VE testing. Bob Dritz, KE9PP will be doing eBay sales for the club.

Social Activities – The club Picnic/Contest operating event will be held on August 21st from 1pm Saturday through 1am Sunday.

Nets –No report this evening. The club information net is held at 8pm on Thursday night. Technical net is 7:30pm on Tuesday evenings.

Education – No report tonight. Annie Mitchell is continuing to work on setting up education activities.

Fox Hunt – No report.

Meeting Programs – Field Day discussion will take place at the next club meeting on June 17th.

Em-comm – No report this evening.

Field Day – The board held a general discussion on field day preparations.

OLD BUSINESS

By-laws revision proposed by Kent Ochs which would limit serving simultaneously as both a director and a club officer is still tabled at this time.

REVIEW OF RECURRING CLUB CALENDAR

Articles may now be submitted for the June RHG.

NEW BUSINESS

An additional large plastic storage bin is needed to store club equipment and items used for Field Day. Cliff Sowka moved that we authorize the purchase of a new plastic storage bin similar in structure and size to what we currently have with a value not to exceed \$100.00. Leo Ribordy seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was closed at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bob McIntyre,
W9DXR Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, Inc Thursday, June 17, 2010

President, Cliff Sowka, K9QD, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The question for the evening was “Have you ever had an incident with lightning?” Several interesting events were explained by several club members.

There were 24 people in attendance at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer’s report – Kent Ochs, W9KAO, was out of town but left his report by email. We currently have \$2,554.11 in the bank. There was a negative cash outflow for the past month, however this should be offset by upcoming dues payments in July. Club Dues are payable July 1st. A new tent will not need to be purchased for Field Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Rober Ryan W9RDR and seconded by DJ Traxler, WA9UBR, to accept the Treasurer’s and Secretary’s report as printed in the May RHG. The motion

carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Net Control – Rob Glowacki, N9MVO, has the net control operator schedule filled in for the rest of this year. Please contact Rob if you are interested in serving as net control chairman or wish to be a net control operator.

Membership – Leo Ribordy, N9NBH, passed out a few copies of an information pamphlet which can be used for new members or anyone who might be interested in joining the club.

Public Service – No Report this evening.

Repeater – Rob Glowacki has scheduled some work on the repeater system for Field Day weekend.

Construction Project – Construction project is over for this year and will return next fall.

RHG/Publicity – Please send articles in to Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA. General articles on ham radio topics are needed or items for sale. You can even submit a picture of your shack. Submitting an article for the RHG could get your name put into a drawing at year-end.

Education – Annie, KC9CUN reported that she submitted the class schedule last month and has a three hour time period on Saturdays in November as the proposed class time. She is looking for instructors to help teach classes. Please contact her if you are interested.

Em-Comm – No report tonight. If you're interested in volunteering to help with Em-comm please contact Bob Langsfeld, WB9TZC.

Program Chair – Program ideas are needed. If you know of someone who could present an electronics or ham radio topic please let us know.

Fund Raising – No report tonight.

EBay Sales – Larry Carr is transitioning out of Ebay sales. Cliff Sowka has taken charge of the remaining ebay equipment and parts. Cliff will try to bring some of the equipment out to Field Day for club members to review and purchase.

VE Testing – Testing is held on the first

Saturday of the month from 9am to 12 noon.

Social Events – There are no scheduled events for June. Coming up on August 21st the club will hold our first "PicTest" combining the club picnic with a contest operating event.

Fox Hunting – A fox hunt will be held this Saturday June 19th at 6:30pm. Please meet at the Recreation Center Parking Lot.

Field Day – Arrangements have been made for most items. Geoff Stevens asked people to bring a dish to pass and we could use an additional grill as well as an extra generator. At 1:30pm on Friday we will start set up and return on Saturday 9am to finish. Once again Geoff requested that everyone pitch in, bring food and come on out.

NEW BUSINESS

For this evening's program, Cliff Sowka, K9QD, will give a brief demonstration "transmitting" audio through a wire loop in the meeting room. Is it electromagnetic transmission or not?

The regular meeting was closed at 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bob McIntyre,
W9DXR Secretary



We need your input for the next RHG!!

- _ Operating stories
- _ Station construction
- _ Operating accessories
- _ Packet and computer hints
- _ Product reviews
- _ Plug your upcoming DXpedition
- _ Cartoons
- _ Your idea here

Please consider putting an article together today!

Article authors get entered into next year's Prize Drawing!



VE TESTING RESULTS

NEXT EXAMS:

Aug 7, 2010

Park District CRC ; Sr. Lounge.
Results for June 5, 2010, Test session:

CLASS	NUMBER TESTED	NEW LICENSE or UPGRADE
Technician	3	2
General	2	2
Extra	2	2
	7	6

NEW LICENSES:

****TECHNICIAN****

Frank Chiriboga KC9SNW
Richard Nelson KC9SNX

****Extra****

Andrew Khan AB9WV

UPGRADES:

**** GENERAL ****

William Kindt KC9EPQ
Steven Bucksbaum KC9SAZ

The SARC-sponsored VE exam sessions are held at 9:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month (unless it is a holiday or advised to the contrary by Schaumburg Park District) at **Schaumburg Community Rec Center (CRC)**; 505 N. Springinsguth Road; Schaumburg, IL. The CRC is located at the S.E. corner of Springinsguth and Bode Road. Park in the North lot and enter through the North doors. Testing will be in the Senior Lounge just inside the doors. Signs will be posted to guide the way to the room.

The fee for taking a VE exam is \$14.00.

According to the FCC, the test fee allows an examinee one attempt to pass or fail each of the three examination elements. In addition, the order in which the examination elements are taken is not restricted; they may be taken out of sequence.

As in the past, an identical fee will be assessed to any applicant who fails an exam and wants to retest at the same session. The only condition is that the same exam (identical set of questions) cannot be given to the applicant. Since all our exams are unique, this is not a problem at our sessions.

Larry Carr NO9A
W5YI-VEC CVE & Test Session Manager
847-593-8658
E mail: NO9A@ARRL.NET



Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Monthly Treasurer's Report May, 2010

Beginning Balance	\$2,719.33
Expenses	
Debit Card - ATT Phone Bill	\$33.04
Total Expenses	\$33.04
Deposits	
Misc. Receipts	\$88.00
Total Receipts	\$88.00
Ending Balance	\$2,774.29

2010 SARC OFFICERS

President: Cliff Sowka	K9QD
Vice Pres. Russell Schmidt	KC9NUV
Secretary: Bob McIntyre	W9DXR
Treasurer: Kent Ochs	W9KAO
Director: Annie Mitchell	KC9CUN
Director: Bob McIntyre	W9DXR
Director: Bruce Widenhoefer	KB9JEJ
Director: Geoff Stevens	KA9QGH
Director: Jim Campbell	KB9RGU

CLUB COMMITTEES

Programs	- Open -
Social Activities	- Open -
Membership	Leo Ribordy, N9NBH
Education	Annie Mitchell, KC9CUN
Public Service	Andy Sharkey, K9AND
Emergency Communications	Bob Langsfeld, WB9TZC
Special Events / Field Day	Geoff Stevens, KA9QGH
Publications	Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA
Publicity	Mark Deelsnyder, KB9VHA
Net	Rob Glowacki, N9MVO
Technical Assistance	Bill Smead, K9IIM
Fund Raising	- Open -
Fox Hunt Coordinator	Bruce Widenhoefer, KB9JEJ
Repeater	Rob Glowacki, N9MVO

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Deliver To:



Thursday Night 8:00 Net

S.A.R.C. Repeater

145.230 MHz - 600 kHz

PL=107.2

442.275 MHz +5 MHz

PL=114.8 Hz

Don't forget to check into the net! It will only take a minute and will let other club members know how you sound on the club repeater. The net features current club news, weekly NEWSLINE, news from other clubs and (of course) the swap-and-shop. Encourage your friends who are not yet members to check in with as well. Keep in mind that this is an open net and we encourage everyone to check in. See you Thursday at 8p.m.

The Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, Inc., is organized as a general not-for-

profit corporation in the State of Illinois to render public service whenever applicable to the needs of the community and further various pursuits of amateur radio as a hobby. Meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month. Visitors are **always** welcome.

Please send all submissions for the Radio Hill Gazette to the following address:
SCHAUMBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. 790 Washington Blvd. Hoffman Estates, IL 60169-3077

Or E-mail to: sarc-rhg@comcast.net

We solicit letters, articles, news items, quizzes, advertisements, suggestions, and criticism -- plus anything else you can think of, including ideas to improve the RHG!

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