

The Radio Hill Gazette

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From the Editor

Welcome to another edition of the Radio Hill Gazette.

February might be the shortest month, but it is still chock full of things to do, there are several dozen operating events, from sprints, to QSO Parties, to contests running several modes, CW, SSB and RTTY the most common.

There has been a group of club members getting up to speed on digital modes. February provides two great opportunities to try out your RTTY setup. First up is the CQ WPX RTTY, a DX contest where callsign prefixes are multipliers, and a great chance to pick up some new countries towards a digital mode DXCC. Next is the NAQP RTTY. January hosted the CW and SSB modes, and this is the final mode for this first round of the event, and is a great chance to tick off those contacts for a digital mode WAS. The 21st plays host to the ARRL DX CW mode, a chance to get more DX in the log as the DX will be hunting *you*.

With so much to do, don't sit on the sidelines – get on the air, join in some on air activities and meet new friends.

I challenge you to make twice as many contacts in 2015 than you did in 2014!

Anthony
Editor, RHG



Email on HF anyone?

Jim Brink, W9JFB

Have you found that your email is not slow enough, then how about sending it over HF? Or, if it's been a while since you have been able to get your wife to roll her eyes and make some comment devaluing your radio efforts, how about telling her you plan on replacing that internet line with your radio, cuz you are freeing yourself from one more spoke of the evil grid. Anyway for these reasons and more I have been looking at RMS Express and Winmor.

RMS Express is a free software package that is a Winlink 2000 (WL2K) radio email client. It includes support for the sound card mode WINMORE, as well as support for HF Pactor, VHF/UHF packet, Robust HF Packet and direct telnet to WL2K CMS servers. Basically it allows you to send email as a packet over HF or VHF/UHF. If you haven't used it you have probably heard about it but it is confusing since people may refer to RMS or Winlink or Winmore or WL2K, it's all the same package but different functions. The application I have been looking at is Winmore (WL2K) which I believe is fairly new and interesting since it allows you do packet without buying a TNC, you just need a computer and a radio and a soundcard if your radio does not have one, but mine does. So with my regular digital setup I was able to add email capability over HF which may have some EMCOM applications. Packet has been around for a while but it requires one to have a TNC (Terminal Node Controller) which is one more piece of hardware. If you're HF rig is setup for digital you can add RMS Express and Winmore at no cost.

Who-hoo, one more digital app.

73- Jim W9JFB

2015 Holiday Party

On January 15 2015, SARC held there annual Holiday party at Bueno Beef in Hoffman Estates. Twenty nine club members showed, with 5 spouses. Many conversations were had, ranging from politics, radio, and computers. Two awards were given out. The first award was the Bill Smead Award. This Award is given to the ham who helps advance the art of Radio. The award Winner was Ted AB9SZ.



The winner of the Man of the Year Award goes to Kent Ochs. This award is for the Outstanding job he does keeping the repeater running throughout the year.

List of those who attended the Holiday Party

N9NBH	Leo Ribordy		AC9GN	Chris Brewer +Spouse
W9RDR	Roger Ryan	+spouse	AC9EM	Steve Karson
KB9NCA	Carl Peterson		KC9ZID	Chris Karson
K9IR	Paula Uscian		AB9YC	Anthony Willard
WG9L	Bob Schwerdlin		N9VU	Gary Beernstein
K9KBM	Dave Sims		K6KOK	Albert Valdes
K9UD	Don Smith		WB9PTA	Ron Remus
KD9CRR	Ryszard Puskarz		KB9QVX	Kevin Willard
AB9CV	Burt Schultz		AC9CG	Mike Clodfelter
K9AJK	Arnie Kazmer	+spouse	KA9RXK	Don Mascarella
W9RRR	Robert Kocourek		KC9UUU	Ron Halvorsen
KC9SGV	Bernie Dekok	+spouse	KC9PLO	Rich Cook +spouse
KC9NUV	Russell Schmidt		AB9SZ	Ted Lester
WA9PEB	Tony Jedlinski		W9JFB	Jim Brink
K9QD	Cliff Sowka			

Trading post, things for sale or trade

“Nothing! I have absolutely nothing!”

Calendar and things to do

February

Board of directors meeting	3
Breakfast at Maxfields	7
CQ WPX RTTY	14-15
Club Meeting	19
EmComm Roundtable	21
ARRL DX CW	21-22
NAQP RTTY	28

There are plenty of contests this month operating in many modes on various bands, so find one and listen in. Check out <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php> to see what's coming up.

Looking ahead

Cruise	2016
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VE Testing Results

Results for January 3, 2015
 Next Test February 7, 2015
 Park District CRC; Sr. Center;
 Sunshine Room.



CLASS	NUMBER TESTED	NEW LICENSE or UPGRADE
Technician	3	3
General	2	2
Extra	1	1
Total	7	7

New/Upgraded Licenses:

****Technician****

Kevin Ramos KD9CVH
 David Hug KD9CVI
 Ken Eldridge KD9CVJ

Kenneth Kociolek KD9CRT
 Gary Slagle KD9CVG

****Amateur Extra****

David Hanson AC9KM

****General****

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 60168-0251

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 Sr. Sunshine Room, 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.

Tom Doyle K9MF
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SARC Email Reflector

Want to know what's happening in the club? Join the club's email reflector on Google groups.

Point your web browser to: <http://groups.google.com/group/sarc-all>

Click on the Join this group link. You can use your current email account to sign up or create a free Gmail account.

You can elect to receive individual messages, a daily digest, or just read the messages on the Google Groups webpage.

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.)

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held at the Schaumburg Recreation Center (CRC) on the southeast corner of Springinsguth 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.

Club Officers – 2014

President:	Leo Ribordy	N9NBH	Director:	Rob Glowacki	N9MVO	(2017)
Vice Pres.	Steve Karson	AC9EM	Director:	Anthony Willard	AB9YC	(2016)
Secretary:	Mike Clodfelter	AC9CG	Director:	Kevin Willard	KB9QVX	(2017)
Treasurer:	Chris Brewer	AC9GN	Director:	Ted Lexter	AB9SZ	(2017)
			Director:	Gary Bernstein	N9VU	(2015)

Club Committees

Programs	Open	RHG	Anthony Willard, AB9YC
Social Activities	Roger Ryan, W9RDR	Publicity	Open
Membership	Leo Ribordy, N9NBH	Net	Jim Brink, W9JFB
Education	Open	Technical Assistance	Ted Lester, AB9SZ
Public Service	Rob Glowacki, N9MVO	Fund Raising	Open
Emergency Communications	Bob Langsfeld,	Fox Hunt Coordinator	Steve Karson, AC9EM
WB9TZC		Repeater	Rob Glowacki, N9MVO
Special Events/Field Day	Open		



**Schaumburg
Amateur Radio Club**

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 you can send by email to rhg@n9rjv.org.

We solicit letters, articles, news items, quizzes, advertisements, suggestions, and criticism – plus anything else you can think of, including ideas to improve the RHG! Please make submissions by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next issue.

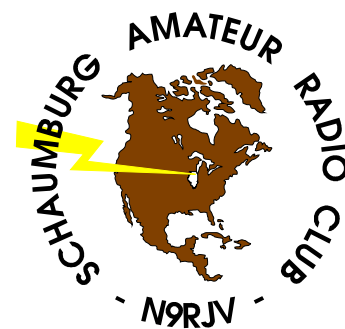
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