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The Riverland Amateur Radio Club is a Special Service Club affiliated with the American Radio Relay League



Riverland Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 621
Onalaska, Wis. 54650

Repeater

146.970 PL 131.8

RARC Net

8 p.m. Sundays on the
146.970 repeater.

Club meetings

7 p.m., First Tuesday,
meeting room I, lower
level, Gundersen/Lutheran
La Crosse. **Elmer session**
6 p.m.

RARC Web page

<http://rarc.qth.com/>



Skywarn recognition warms participants

Todd Shea, KB9YXS, Warning Coordination Meteorologist

Fears of a new millennium in the form of "Y2K" in 1999 brought new awareness and appreciation of amateur radio operators. The National Weather Service showed its appreciation that year, and since, with Skywarn Recognition Day. La Crosse area Hams came together Dec. 5 at the La Crosse NWS office for another successful day of radio operations and camaraderie.

One of the warmest event days on record brought out 35 people. Mostly sunny skies and no snow cover led to highs in the mid 40s. Several operators tallied 338 contacts with Hams in 46 states as well as Italy, Bahamas, Canada and Wales sharing contact and current weather information. Four radios and antennas operated for much of the day.

Bill Kleinschmidt, N9FDE, made 80

percent or more of the contacts. Members of the Mississippi Valley Amateur Radio Association and the Riverland Amateur Radio Club provided equipment, helped with setup, and making contacts.

Participants included: Kevin Holcomb, KC9ZGD; Carl Thurston, KC9HDS; Larry Worthington, KC9HDP; Dave Peters, KB9EWG; Bob Seaquist, W9LSE; Art Osborn, W0JDC; Tom O'Brien, WB9BJQ; Pat Kendrick, KE9B; Todd Rastal, KC9NOI; Bill Wood, KE9XQ; Roger Reader, KA9BKK; Craig Goldbeck, N9ETD; Cory Lynch, KC9NOJ; Pat Kendrick, KE9B; Rhyse Jensen, KE0FMX; Len Litvan, KC0RSX; John Wetenkamp, KB9UMX; Scott Cross, KB3MKD; Chris Kanable, KC9CMD; and Steve Wiebke, W0STV.

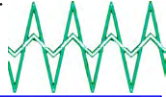
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HOLIDAY PARTY

Schmidty's, 3119 State Rd, La Crosse
Tuesday, Jan. 5, 6 p.m.
Family style party menu

President's Frequency



Modulation

By Kevin Holcomb, KC9ZGD

Greetings and happy New Year!

I would like to start out saying a big thanks to Greg Miller, KA9FOZ, for being the president for the past four years. I have big shoes to fill, but it should help with the transition with Greg staying as an officer.



Thanks to the others for stepping up for the club. They are Dan Abts, AB9TS, vice president, Greg Miller, KA9FOZ, treasurer, and Bob Seaquist, W9LSE, secretary. We are all willing to work hard to make RARC the best club we can.

We have some impressive goals starting the year with more activities in regard to meetings, the Elmer session and a program after our business. It's a challenge, but with a committee, we should get good results.

Here's a preview of ideas in the hopper: work on Elmer sessions, programs, radio events such as run/walk races, traffic control, and other community work. Also getting ARES/RACES working again in this area. The major challenge is to recruit new people to our hobby and our club.

I encourage all of us to support staying positive and moving forward. The saying, "we've been there and done that, it doesn't work," is something we need to change. I know that ideas have been tried and failed. A lot of what was tried was from long ago. This is a new group with some new Hams and hopefully some more new ones to join. As we network with agencies such as the police, the county, emergency management, and other agencies or groups that could use our service, our skills may be used more. There is always a need for us, as Hams, in some form or another if we make our skills and abilities available.

Some of my own personal goals as a Ham are to upgrade my license, work on improving my HF capabilities at home, and to grow as much as I can as a Ham both in education and in "Ham" skills. I am putting amateur radio as number one focus for myself this year and I also encourage you to make a New Years goal commitment related to amateur radio.

I encourage anyone who have questions or suggestions to feel free and contact me either at KC9ZGD@yahoo.com, or at 608 797 2975. I look forward to serving RARC as president and doing what is best for the needs to the club.

Calendar

Sun. Jan. 3

✦ Kids Day, Kids Day gives young people on the air experience and provides a chance to interest them in getting a license of their own.

www.arrl.org/kids day.

Tue. Jan. 5

✦ Riverland Amateur Radio Club Holiday Party, 5 p.m., social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Schmidty's, 3119 State Rd, La Crosse.

Sat. Jan 9

✦ WARAC 44th Annual Swapfest, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Waukesha Expo Arena, 1000 Northview Rd., Waukesha.

Sun. Jan. 17

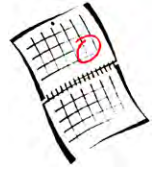
✦ Wisconsin Antique Radio Club Swapfest, 7 to 11 a.m., W.G.'s Banquet and Entertainment Center, 3200 S. 103rd St., Milwaukee. Radios, tubes, parts, books.

Sat.-Sun. Jan. 30-31

✦ Winter Field Day, 11 a.m. Saturday - 11 a.m. Location to be determined. Sunday. www.winterfieldday.com/

Sat. Feb. 6

✦ License testing, 9 a.m. Church of Christ, 3506 28th St. South, La Crosse. Register at least five days in advance with Roger Reader, KA9BKK, 608 783 0723 or readers@centurytel.net.



License course interest asked

Is there interest for Technician and General Class license classes? Bill Wood, KE9XQ, says, if there is interest, he would start presenting the material at the club Elmer sessions, 6 p.m. at the meeting location and night. "Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday of each month and come and help teach and learn more about your hobby," says Wood.

Like the famous Ginsu knife ad, "there's more!"

Wood promises to again present the Modern Electronics course material after club meetings. "Hopefully you can stay around for 30 minutes to stimulate those neurons of yours," he says.

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THE HERALD WISCONSIN DIRECTORY

Here is the first installment of the directory which will list all the hams in Wisconsin. Each address has been checked recently by a mailing with "address correction requested." Please notify the Herald of any errors or additions. Back issues of the Herald are available at 50¢ postpaid.

LA CROSSE COUNTY	
Bangor.....	54614
Holmen.....	54636
La Crosse.....	(88), 54601
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K9APG Thomas E Wulling	613 N 22nd Street
W9BGR Donald F Becky	1519 Bainside Street
W9BI James M Kolladahl	2042 Loomis Street
K9BLA Chester D Christenson	2719 Prospect Street
W9BNQ Walter R Rubin	1507 Avon Street
W9BRI John G Havlik	825 Hager Street
K9BVM Richard E Thomas	2320 Sison Drive
K9CET Alan H Locks	105 S Union
W9CCK A C Van Elston III	2005 Cass Street
W9CII Barry L Cole	106 East Goodard St
K9CIT Frank H Grewer Jr	131 West Avenue South
K9CUT L Bruce Ejerstedt	535 South 22nd Street
K9DAU Charles A Ferriss	403 West Avenue South
W9DMH William H Johnson	1514 So 29
W9DOE Ellsworth L Disamore	2925 Lakeshore Drive
K9DCC Harold D Olson	4161 Ferndale Lane
K9DKO Richard J Konrad	1020 Main
K9EGP Eugene C Lang	1307 South 81th
K9EGO Laveane F Bentzen	611 South 20th Street
K9EQQ William Winder	RPD 1 Box 187
K9EHL George H Wolff	1515 S 30th Street
W9EJQ Thomas A Shaw	2844 So 21st Terr
K9ELK Clarence R Netval	1402 South 29th St
W9EOA Ronald R Martinmaki	RPD 3 Box 200
K9ERF William R Buchner	1214 Perry Street
K9ERT Leroy J Weibel	424 South 20th St
K9ERT Frederick G Asp	1814 South 19th
K9EWH Carl W Buoff	2282 Coulee Drive
W9EZO Frank H Grover Jr	See K9QIT
W9FA Gaylord J Killilea	3205 Cliffside Drive
W9FAB Brian G Hayek	1411 Travis St
K9FTZ William A Fike	#114
W9GOT Joseph B Swice	705 Norman Coulee Rd
W9GHT Orlin E Hanson	2128 Redfield Street
W9GJJ Frank H Pauver	2119 Main Street
W9GPT Terry E Wiphus	1108 Hainbridge St
W9HCH Jerome C Gokowsky	1620 State Street
W9HPD Earl J Patterson	424 N 11th St
	1632 So 29th St
K9HFK Grace V Wilson	
K9HFL Earl T Wilson	1304 State St
W9HHH Raymond G Wakeew	1510 Avon Street
W9HJJ Warren D Rees	4108 Bank Drive
W9HJJJ Tom R Atchison	211 10th
W9HJK Paul H Uber	4015 Brookside Lane
W9HJV Herman J Ludvik	1511 So 15th Street
W9HJV Ronald K Nelson	
K9HVL Terry A Bachmann	705 Norman Coulee Road
W9HVL Burell M DeClute	2206 Park Drive
W9HVL Eugene R Tetlaff	2818 South 23rd St
W9HVS Robert S Rifenberg	2218 Cass
W9IHP Wa B White	136 So 21st St
K 9IMG William D Riley	1633 Charles Street
W9IHZ Walter W Schumacher	1337 George Street
W9IJC Ronald R Rifenberg	2218 Cass St
W9IJD Tyson J McMahon	3500 Farnham
W9IJE Robert J Colleran	RPD 1
W9IME Ernest J Gershon	1526 State Street
W9IJE Martin R Riskin	5427 Elm Drive
W9IJP Fred T Moore	1824 So Loney Blvd
W9IAZ John O Young	518 Perry Street
K9KPE Earl W Posa	RPD 1
W9KTD Bruce Tohinumi	3273 South 31st St
K9KTG Harold J Schans	2107 Sison Drive
W9KUG James E Wehrenberg	3002 So 26 St
K9LES Dallas O Miller	730 Harvey Street
K9LMX Lorin J Mickley	1402 Madison Street
W9LNS Marvin A Haas	2106 So 16th
W9LYT Paul A Van Sol	3014 Ward Avenue
W9MEC Dennis J Frey	RPD 2
W9MIF Timothy P Hulick	1521 Main Street
W9MNG Ray B Snider	203 South 23rd Street
W9MRY Orlan D Emerson	1217 So 10th
W9MVG Gerald A Roessler	3031 So Loney Blvd
W9NQC Melvin H Johnson	4135 Valley Parkway
K9PBE Raymond E Severson	2317 Loomis Street
W9AQP William J Swing	RPD 1 Box 85
K9QTE Don J Bechtel	815 So Eighth St
K9QTF Joseph H Rohrer	2730 Hagen Road
W9SFL Laurence A Knutson	1702 Weston Street
W9SGQ Joseph C Mezera	RPD 2
W9SUV Scott S Davis	RRI Ebner Coulee Road
W9TCV Charles A Ferriss	see
	403 West Avenue S K9DAU
W9VBF Ray P Hadgraft	1428 Wood Street
W9VBF Albert E Roff	1609 Mississippi St
K9VQR Archie E Sokolik III	121 Usher Street
K9VQC Archie E Sokolik Jr	1907 Loney Blvd So
W9VMB Kenneth P Gribi	RRI Ebner Coulee
W9ZAZ Richard G Davis	2042 Loomis Street
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Ministro	54644
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W9BJQ Thomas J O'Brien	507 Third Avenue N
W9GEX Oscar Allen	114th and Lake Road
K9QPE William T Lee	320 Fourth Avenue N
K9GPF James D Hamwell	7
K9GFB William H Brooks	453 Second Avenue N
W9GSH Phillip C Reid	610 Gilster RFD 1
W9EED Phillip P Uehling	512 North Fourth Ave
W9EFL Susan Sokolik	RPD 2 Prairie Pk Addn
W9KFT Stanley Sokolik	RR2 Prairie Park Addn
W9KIO Raymond M Lohken	917 Green Bay St
K9LEK James H Burcum Jr	RPD 2
W9LQZ Richard E Helman	1063 Fairfield
W9LQB Charles E Allen	1025 Oak Ave So
W9RUG Herbert E Rugen	706 Fourth Ave North
K9OAB John E Burcum	1025 South Oak Street
W9FAA Russell E Sackmaster	RPD 2
W9YIK Robert G Kerr	RPD 3 Box 144
K9YTK Samuel C Sokolik	RR Box 177N
Rockland.....	(1)....54653
W9HTU Edward J Ikert	
West Salem...	(7)....54659
W9YALP Lloyd A Wiley	Box 665
W9IBQ Carl V Salbrede	127 No Van Ness St
W9KFX Robert L Humbel	RPD 1
W9BFX Warren R Bruns	119 S Garland St
K9PEI William D Kapanke	116 No Youlan St
W9TQV Loren E Lewis	Box 145
K9TSS James R Carstena	Route 1

No sweeps clean-up

By Bob Seaquist, W9LSE

There's no new coffee cup in the cupboard but contacts from the US Virgin Islands to the Yukon made running the ARRL Sweep stakes Nov. 21-22 a great time! A failed antenna didn't really crimp plans too much either.



The goal in running the Sweeps is to contact each of the 83 North American ARRL sections and, if you do, you earn the right to buy a coffee mug that says you made a clean sweep. It is a simple event any Ham could enter and enjoy. It also gives two shots, the CW Sweeps the first full weekend of November and the Phone Sweeps the third weekend of the month.

My goal was simply to get on the air and play; I hoped to make a clean sweep but needed to spend time on some projects around the house so I just aimed at making a bunch of QSOs. Once done with the Hon ey Do List I turned on the rig and tuned up and down the 10, 15 and 20 meter bands collecting one contact after another. They came fast and furiously during searching and pouncing. Tune, hear a station, call, make the contact, log it and tune some more. 'Hardly had to call twice before being recognized and confirming the contact.



The plan was to run 10, 15 and 20 'til dark then spend the night on 40 and 75 meters, a plan that worked right up to evening. Going to 40 meant switching to the venerable G5RV, a reliable and versatile antenna. Or USUALLY a reliable and versatile antenna. It would not tune. I turned off the radio and waited until Sunday before finishing up my log.

There were many entries on the log but not every section. Far from it. Still, it was fun and I made many contacts and I certainly will try it next year.

Course offered for Tech license

The Winona Amateur Radio Club is offering a Tech Class course beginning Monday, Jan. 25. It will run 6-9 p.m. Classes will be in 105 Watkins Hall, Winona State University.

The course is free. Participants should have a copy of the ARRL Ham Radio Licensing Manual, 3rd Edition. Manuals will be available for purchase for \$29.95 or participants may provide their own copy. There is a \$15 testing session fee.

For registration or more information contact Len Litvan, LjLitvan@gmail.com or 507 643 7526 by Jan. 17.

It's nice to be appreci-

Everyone likes to be noted for what they do. If a person puts themselves out, they usually aren't looking for a reward of any kind, but it is nice to get an "at a boy!" or a pat on the back for a job well done. For this reason our last event of the year is especially rewarding. The first Saturday in December each year has been designated Skywarn Appreciation Day, and is a nationwide at all participating National Weather Service offices. How this event takes place at other NWS offices is not clear but if the one on the top of Grand Dad's Bluff is any indication, they must all be special and well attended. The topographical location is about as good as one could expect, being on top of the bluff line, several hundred feet above the City of La Crosse. That alone makes it a desirable site for amateur radio activity, but that is only the beginning. Added to the great scenery and nice high elevation. The local event takes place inside of the NWS office where all Hams are invited to gather, regardless of club affiliation, home location or whether they are active in Skywarn spotting or not. As nice as the offices of the NWS are, the food, beverages and friendly hosting furnished by Todd Shea, KB9YXS, and the entire staff of the La Crosse NWS office, makes it very good indeed.

This is an especially noteworthy event, since Hams from all around the area come together there to share in the bountiful goodies, the great radio operating conditions, and the camaraderie. This being neutral ground, Hams who would not necessarily be meeting with each other, unite for this one day and share stories, compare equipment, and discuss articles they read in QST magazine, as well as operating the various bands.

Skywarn Appreciation Day is not the only instance where the efforts of the

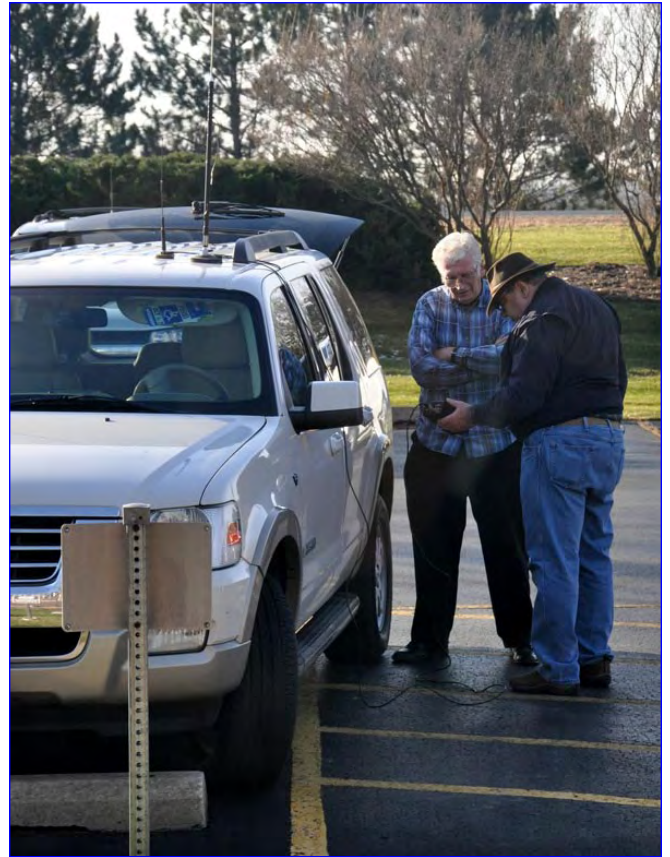
local Hams receive a note of appreciation, there is also the Rotary Club's donation to the RARC's treasury in appreciation for the efforts of those Hams who help them out annually with the set up of Rotary Lights in Riverside Park in La Crosse. The RARC is one of the oldest organizations that participate in the set up of Rotary Lights, and the longest continuously active group to help out at the set up. The donation that the RARC receives is the main fund raising source of the club, and their appreciation in the form of that check is always welcome.

There is another form of appreciation that the local Hams receive on a more personal level, it is the thanks that is expressed by those individuals who participate in one of the events that the RARC marshals. The RARC, since it is a Special Service Club as designated by the ARRL, annually offers its services to many organizations which host run walks, bikeathons, and marathons. When standing watch over the proceedings of these events, the individual Hams are quite often thanked personally by the participants as they pass by. They know full well that their safety and well being during those events is largely due to the vigilance of the event marshals.

Another form of appreciation every once in a while comes from the public at large who, by one means or another find out that the local Hams have been

storm spotting, and thus helping to keep them safe from possible disasters due to storms and floods.

But yet another form of appreciation comes from those stations that are contacted during this event, our other Special Events, Field Day, and daily as Hams practice their art. Operating the bands is definitely an art form as in spite of the science involved with the design and construction of the needed equipment, it is the finely tuned ears and well trained methods used by Hams that really make it work. This last instance of the Ham operators' art is most appreciated by the individual Hams themselves, for if they weren't "bitten by the bug" they would be Hams and there would be none to appreciate.



Bill Wood, KE9XQ, left, and Carl Thurston, KC9HDS, at the Dec. 5 Skywarn Recognition event.

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Riverland Amateur Radio Club Membership

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Call _____
Street _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
E-mail _____

Member dues \$20
or
Family membership dues \$25 (covers all members of immediate family in the household)

Names and call signs (if any) of family members

Contributions for special projects or general operations \$ _____
Dedicated purpose _____
(Contributions may be applied to tax deductions)

Total dues and contributions enclosed \$ _____

Return this form and a check to the treasurer at the January club meeting or mail it to:

**RARC
Box 621
Onalaska,
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My interests include:

Public Service DX Construction Boat Anchors QRP Ragchew

Suggest program topics that would interest you, that you could present, or persons who possibly could make presentations.



**Dues are payable
by Jan. 31**