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



'16 Field Day success at Jostad's

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., Tuesday, meeting room 1, lower level, Gundersen/Lutheran La Crosse. **Elmer session** 6 p.m.

RARC Web page

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

Equipment planning

At the club's July meeting members will decide what to do with Ham equipment donated to the club. Items include: an Icom IC 718 HF Transceiver and Auto Tuner; Switching DC Power Supply; Kenwood TH G71 Dual Band HT; Kenwood TM G707A Dual Band FM transceiver; Yaesu FT 857 Transceiver; Yaesu ATAS 120a active tuning antenna; and much more.



Scott Cross, KB3MKD, left, and Art Osborn, W0JDC, toss a line over a branch to support an antenna.

It was the highest of holy days, for Ham Radio anyhow, so members of the Riverland Amateur Radio Club congregated at the Mount for worship of RF June 25. It was the venerable ARRL Field Day!

Field Day remains the mother of all emergency/disaster/public event training exercises. Miss it at great expense to your annual training regimen. It is the most popular and the most fun on the air event held annually in the US and Canada. More than 35,000

radio amateurs gathered with their clubs, ARES groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations, ideally outdoors in a true field somewhere.

Members of the Riverland Amateur Radio Club returned to the familiar Jostad farm, north of West Salem, and the site of the former WHLA FM transmitter.

Some members such as Scott Cross, KB3MKD, Kevin Holcomb, KC9ZGD, and Dan Abts, AB9TS, camped at the site Friday through Sunday; others came and went.

Sun activity, dead as a doornail just prior to the observance, provided some help providing contacts for the Hams hunched over the hard working transceivers.

Experience and training was gained from transporting radios and antennas to the field, setting them up, using them as they would in an emergency/disaster/public event, troubleshooting problems, deriving efficiencies and effectiveness, and learning lessons and fixes to be applied for the next time were valuable.

Abts, the Field Day chair, and those that commented on the Sunday Night Net proclaimed this year's Field Day a success and suggested a repeat for next year.

Participants included: Roger Reader, KA9BKK; Greg Miller, KA9FOZ; Art Osborn, W0JDC, Carl Thurston, KC9HDS; Larry Worthington, KC9HDP; Dave Peters, KB9EWG; Bob Seaquist, W9LSE; Tom Hawko, KC9RXI; John Keiser, KD9FZX; Mike Abts, KB9QFZ; Scott Cross, KB3MKD; Van Elston, WA9FIO; Abts; Holcomb.



This visitor to the RARC Field Day got on the radio and made a Canadian QSO!

President's Frequency Modulation

By Kevin Holcomb, KC9ZGD



Greetings to you all! Wow, what a great month we have had in June! The club changed its bylaws for all the business to be done at the executive meetings starting next year, we had our regular executive meeting where we were able to get caught up on agenda items that I have wanted to work on, and finally, Field Day!

Field Day, in my eyes, was a great success. Just about a week before Field Day, I purchased an antenna for 10 M to 80 M which we were able to use with

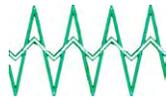
my radio and then the club radio.

This year was my first year to take FD on seriously. I spent the entire weekend camping on site so I could be there and experience the whole event. I did make a couple contacts which is better than what I have done in the past. I was also able to keep up a tradition that was started with the previous president Greg Miller, KA9FOZ, of making breakfast for those who were present on Sunday morning. Operating was exciting, listening was awesome, and doing some of the other duties as setting up and taking down was a very nice experience for me.

The thing that impressed me the most was a coworker of mine from Dairyland Power Cooperative, Rick Kolter, showed up. As I gave him the tour of the grounds, a gentleman and his two kids showed up, so I gave them the tour. Just after I finished, I found Kolter with Dan Abts, AB9TS, in the club trailer making contacts himself which then motivated me to make more contacts. Shortly after that, the other gentleman with his kids were in a camper looking at a radio and the nine year old boy made a contact to Canada. It was so cool to see non licensed people operate and catch the Ham bug.

My goal for the near future is recruiting people into the Ham community and to our club. If anyone has ideas for obtaining this goal, feel free to contact me at kc9zgd@yahoo.com. I am now excited to see how our next event, the ham swap fest, will turn out.

Summer is my favorite time of the year because the weather is nice, but mostly because there are so many more things we can do as Hams. Keep up the good work. 73 until next month.



Upcoming

Tue. July 5

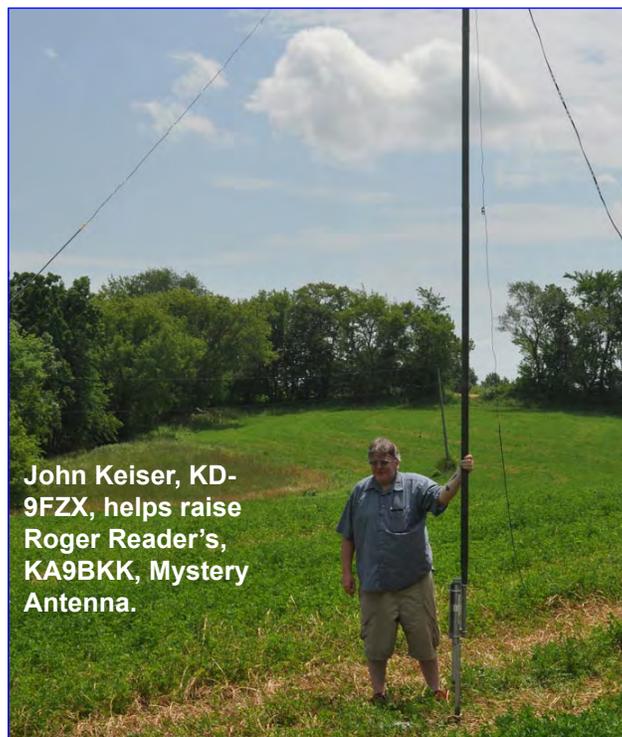
• Riverland Amateur Radio Club meeting, 7 p.m., Gundersen Lutheran, La Crosse. LL1

Sat. Aug. 6

• August UHF Contest, <http://ubfcontest.org/>

Sat. Aug. 13

• RARC Swapfest, 8 a.m. 1 p.m., Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Rd., Onalaska.



John Keiser, KD-9FZX, helps raise Roger Reader's, KA9BKK, Mystery Antenna.

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RIVERLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

On June 5, 1985 at 7:35 P.M. the regular monthly meeting of the Riverland Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President, Craig Goldbeck. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as read from the Badger State Smoke Signals. Treasurers report was approved.

Report from the Repeater Committee: Nothing to report.

Report from the Swapfest Committee: Just a reminder of the Date; July 27 at the Onalaska Community Center. Also it was suggested that we do various types of advertising for the Swapfest.

VE Program: Rich has tentatively set August 14th at 7:30 P.M. at the Onalaska Community Center as the next test session. Anyone interested, please contact Rich as soon as possible.

Old Business: A motion was made and seconded that the Valley View Mall site be made the location for Field Day. After considerable discussion, the motion was passed.

Bill, K9FYZ thanked everyone for the flowers that were sent to him in the hospital. We are all happy to have him back in good health with us.

New Business: A motion was made and seconded that if any local Amateur Radio Operators are hospitalized a card and flowers would be sent to them, using money from the treasury. The motion was passed.

WA9BIK is looking for a handi-talkie with a touch tone pad -- if anyone has one for sale contact WA9BIK, or Greg Miller for his address. Also anyone looking for some 75 ohm hard line contact Gary Webb.

Members present were 25. Program scheduled was a show of various projects of club members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg A. Miller, Sec.-Treas.
Riverland ARC.

Members Present:

Greg A. Miller	KA9FOZ
John Markos	KA9LBF
Craig Goldbeck	N9ETD
Gary Mattie	KA9RQY
Van Elston	WA9FIO
Bill Pike	K9FYZ
Ray Buhr	AA9M
John Carroll	W9MMP

Feroz Ghouse	4S7FG
Bob Pluntz	WD9FKV
John Young	W9KAZ
Jim Broker	N9DBK
Bob Colleran	W9JLH
Steve Mrachek	N9CEY
Ron Reed	KD9DY
Knute Knutson	W9SFL
Larry Berger	WA9NWA
Rick Williams	KV9U
Phil Long	KA9RLI
Art Osborn	W0JDC
Duane Fruechte	W9HW0
Dick Low	K0JYB
Dallas Miller	K9LEC
L. F. "Nook" Bentzen	K9EGO
Gary L. Webb	N9DHO
Ron Strasser (new member)	

Guests Present:

Paul Kuhlen	K9EGY
Bob Chitel	WA9LOX

CRABAPPLE COMPUTER INTRODUCED

(From GEARVAKf Bulletin, Spring, 1985)

Edward Tamethud, president of Gearloose Electronics, announced today the debut of the company's new Crabapple computer.

Due to the overwhelming response of the public to new "user friendly" languages like BASIC, the Crabapple will support its own language designed for a new market segment.

"BASIC answered the needs of people who are not overly technical, but what about those who are just plain incompetent?"

Mr. Tamethud then introduced a new language called PUG (Particularly Unintelligible Garbage) and pointed out that anybody could use it, although he declined to say what for.

When programming in PUG, the user employs the remote control unit for any TV, pushing the buttons at random. A program will result.

Said to offer no greater challenge than drinking beer and watching football simultaneously, the new language is sure to be a hit with people everywhere, Tamethud claims.

Another feature of the new Crabapple is a three-bit WOM (Write Only Memory), a variant of the LIST (Last-In, Still There) memory used on other products in the company lineup.

-WBIG



Tom Hawko, KC9RXI, mounts Art Osborn's, W0JDC, vertical.

Thanks

Whether you participated in Field Day or not, take a moment to identify those individuals that made it happen. They volunteered to contribute their time and effort to make and be a part of some thing larger and different than just "iD." Whether it's helping to pull stations from a pileup, or filling in for someone who called in sick, extra hands are always useful at events that require a lot of logistics.

Clubs with strong records of successful events realize that official recognition of consistent contribution is key to staying strong, and developing new volunteers.

While volunteers do it for their own reasons, it's never wrong to simply say, one way or another, "Thank you for helping make this possible." It's always appreciated.

For the record, this year's Field Day chair was Dan Abts, AB9TS. He was ably assisted by several other club members.

Riverland Amateur Radio Club Executive Board meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

King Street Kitchen, La Crosse

Present: *Kevin Holcomb, KC9ZGD; Greg Miller, KA9FOZ; Dan Abts, AB9TS; Bob Seaquist, W9LSE, Roger Reader, KA9BKK*

Called to order by Holcomb

Minutes of May 17 meeting approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Approved

SWAP - Miller reported swap flyers are being distributed. The Preservation Alliance of La Crosse expressed interest in also being at the Omni Center in 2017 when the Swap is held.

FIELD DAY Abts reported on preparations. At the June general membership meeting a number of members signed up for various Field Day duties. There will be a \$50 Kwik Trip gift card for our hosts, the Jostads. Unanimous

MEETING FACILITIES The search for meeting facilities will be on hold until later this summer.

REPEATER ACCESS Holcomb expressed interest in the club repeater. He, Abts and possibly Art Osborn, W0JDC, visit the WXOW site and acquaint themselves with the machine.

MEETING ENVIRONMENT Seaquist suggested that general membership meetings need someone to welcome members and visitors. There also was discussion of having strategic planning early fall to determine a direction for the club.

NEWSLETTER A discussion regarding who will receive the newsletter and if it should be a benefit of paid membership. Miller reminded the board that the club is obligated to maintain the repeater and that funds generated by dues be kept for repeater, and other, expenses. By consensus paid members will receive the newsletter by e mail, those on the mailing list that have not paid dues will be notified that the club would like their participation and dues; and that the newsletter remain available on the Web site.

STORM SPOTTING Holcomb showed the official ARRL Storm Spotting book and discussed asking club members if they would like to buy a copy. There was discussion of that, ARES/RACES and nets.