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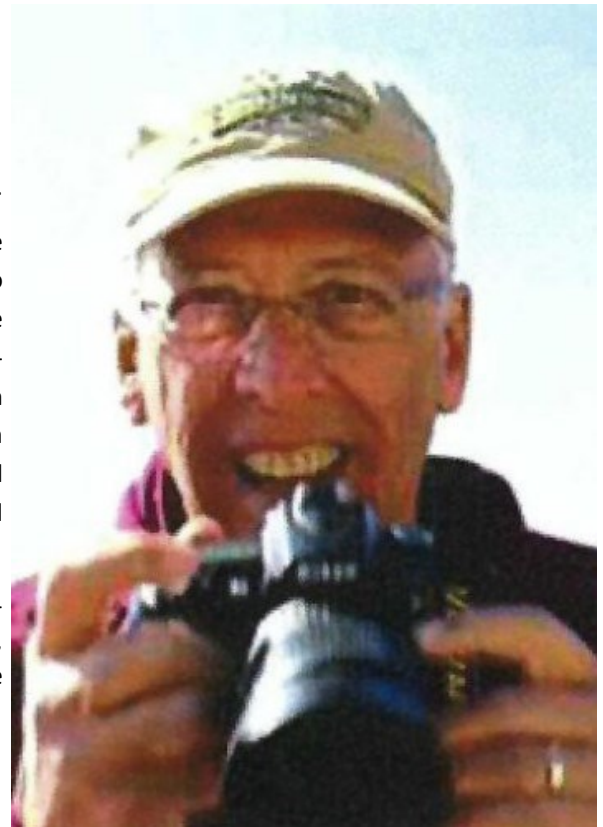
## Bob Seaquist W9LSE

Bob Seaquist became a silent key May 7, 2024.

Bob was a very active Ham, an elmer to quite a few hams in the area, and a good friend to everyone. He said we put a spark in his life. He showed Tim Jacobson N9CD how to participate in a contest, gave encouragement to Ron Severson KD9OHQ, while he was working on getting his license, and encouraged and elmered many others as well. His previous call is KC9IWE.

He was a communications professional working in the broadcast industry for WKBH AM, WKBT TV, and WXOW TV, where he was the first news director in 1972.

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### UPCOMING Events for June 2024

- ◆ RARC Sunday Night 2 Meter Net is held on the 146.970 repeater at 8:00 PM. Net control operators for May are:
 

May 5, 2024	Mark KB9OFK
May 12, 2024	Jon KD9WPD
May 19, 2024	David KD9EPN
May 26, 2024	Rick KD9GVS
- ◆ **Saturday** morning Rag chew, weekly on the 146.970 repeater, 8:00-9:00 AM.
- ◆ **June 4...**Program Night: UU Fellowship Hall 7:00pm. Elmer time 6:30 pm
- ◆ **June 8...**Hams in the Park
- ◆ **June 15...**Swapfest, Stoddard American Legion
- ◆ **June 18...**Trustee Meeting, Time: 5:30 PM, Las Margaritas. All members are welcome to attend.
- ◆ **June 22-23...** Field Day, Stoddard Community Park

## PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

### President's Column

May 27, 2024

It's with a heavy heart that I open my monthly Key column with the loss of another member of our community. If you are not aware, Bob Seaquist (W9LSE) passed away earlier this month. I remember Bob with a wry sense of humor and always with an inquiry showing genuine interest as to what I had been doing since last we had seen each other. I know I'll miss him at club events, and I'm sure many others reading this will, too.

Before I get too much into upcoming events, I'd like to take a moment to celebrate the results of the 2024 Wisconsin QSO Party that were posted last week. Riverland Amateur Radio Club entered with W9UP and earned a Third Place finish in the Multi-Operator Fixed category. I remember last March arriving at Stoddard Village Park expecting to have a single transmitter entry the way we had in 2023 and finding two stations already set up and being hit by a wave of excitement at the prospect of assembling a real competitive team. We had a lot of fun that weekend. We made a good show of it, but I don't doubt we left room for improvement. I think we'll be able to improve on our score next year...

We are coming up on that time of year when we have our premier annual events coming quickly. We have our Swapfest on June 15, and then Field Day the following weekend, June 22 and 23. Both of these are events that feature opportunities to visit with old friends who you may only see once in a while; perhaps since last year's Swapfest or Field Day.

Those of you not familiar with Stoddard's Village Park are in for a real treat. There is a very nice building that we have reserved there, it will suit our Field Day needs very well. There is a partitioned area so that we can have a food and visiting area that is not right next to people trying to operate the radios. There are doors along the walls that roll up to provide ventilation on a hot day. There is shelter from which to operate when the rain starts. There is room for antennas to be separated from each other to reduce interference between stations. The fact that we have the trailer and gazebo will help to spread antennas out further. It may be away from La Crosse, but not terribly far. It is a ten mile trip that will yield a fantastic site and is easy for people to find. Please be sure to encourage visitors. We plan to have a GOTA station set up and we're relying on you to bring in folks that keep it busy.

Interested folks should also be told that another Technician Licensing Class is being planned for October. Your help is needed to spread the word. It will be spread over three Saturdays, one will be out in the field to get hands-on and exposure to equipment and operating, the other two will be more classroom-oriented to cover material for the exam.

Anybody interested in helping as an instructor can contact any of our Board members to become involved.

73

Drew AB9NE



## Bob Seaquist W9LSE (CONTINUED)

He retired from the University Relations at UW La Crosse in 2006 and promptly became an amateur radio operator, like his friend Art (W0JDC, sk) whom he worked with at WXOW.

He was very active in civic activities, a member of the La Crosse, Common Council, Trustee of the La Crosse Public Library, served on the Riverfront Board, was a Skyrocket, director of the La Crosse Area Jazz Society, and served other organizations.

He was active in the Riverland Amateur Radio Club and the Winona Radio Club.

He is survived by his wife, Marietta, a daughter, Sara, a Son Christopher, several grandchildren, and other relatives. See his Obituary for more details.

Obituary by Scott Cross

KB3MKD



## PUBLIC SERVICE

Hello Club members,

This month I'd like to focus on a slightly different topic related to public service and radio communications.

Recently I had the opportunity to see first hand a local hospital's new "incident command" room that had a wealth of technology available, as well as some Amateur Radio gear that is available for use should it be necessary if the community and/or the hospital was in need.

The equipment consists of a BTECH 2M/70CM mobile radio along with a Diamond power supply. See photo. The radio is connected to an outside gain type antenna at the top of a 5 story building so it should give excellent coverage of the La Crosse area. As can be seen in the photo, there is some large size

hardline in place for the transmission line. I believe it was roughly a 100-125' run to the antenna.

The hardline was recently installed new, while the antenna was moved from its previous home atop a different hospital building. The transmission line also has a lightning arrester installed in-line near the cable entrance.

Going forward I will be the contact for the Amateur Radio community should questions arise or operators are needed.

73 for now...

Rick KD9GVS





## Volunteer Needed



### BUY-SELL-TRADE-ISO



*Wanted: Articles for The Key*

*Please submit your Article by the 26th of the month and include "The Key" in the subject line.*

Wanted: Ham shack, antenna and other ham radio related pictures that can be used in the Key.

*Send your Amateur related classified ad(s) to Scott, NLT noon the 26th of each month to kb3mkd@arrl.net. Please Include "The Key" in the subject line.*

Looking for items for this space

## CLUB INFORMATION



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- \* The Key is published monthly and e-mailed to members and friends of the Riverland Amateur Radio Club by the 28th of each month. The newsletter focuses on news, announcements and activities of the Riverland Amateur Radio Club. It may also consist of news and information of interest to the Amateur Radio community as a whole. Guest editorials and articles related to Amateur Radio are welcome. Contribution articles should be submitted NLT the 26th of the month. Address any correspondence or anything that should be included in the newsletter to: Scott Cross KB3MKD@arrl.net. Please include the word "Key" in the subject line of your submission.
- \* The Riverland Amateur Radio Club maintains a website at [rarc.qth.com](http://rarc.qth.com). More information about the club can be found there as well as past copies of The Key.
- \* RARC also maintains a Facebook page where members add information and share their Amateur Radio adventures. Please friend us at Riverland Amateur Radio Club—RARC.
- \* RARC maintains a repeater that is located on the WXOW television tower above La Cresent, MN. 146.970 pl 131.8.
- \* RARC holds a weekly 2meter net on Sundays at 8:00 PM on the 146.970 repeater.
- \* Trustee Meeting is held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Las Margaritas at 5:30 PM, all club members are welcome.
- \* Program evening is held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, elmer session at 6:30 PM at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 401 West Avenue in La Crosse.
- \* Weekly "Breakfast Club" Ragchew on the 146.970 repeater on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Stop by to say "hi".

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