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## RadioDaze 2025...

Even if you don't have a driving passion for antique radios, going to RadioDaze is definitely a worthwhile event to go to. It is put on by the Northland Antique Radio Club. It is held annually at the Comfort Inn in Plymouth, MN, just out side of the Twin Cities Metro area. The NARC has been hosting this event for over 20 years and they have honed it to a fine edge. Everything is set up for everyone to have a good time. The room accommodations, dining facilities, and bar are first class. In addition to the entry fees and possible membership dues in the NARC, the cost is very fair, less than \$30 will pay for all of the things needed, other than the room reservation even that is at a special lower rate for the event. That includes a free breakfast buffet that is all you can eat.

The event includes an antique radio auction that was well attended (over 200 bidders had signed up to bid), there were over 300 items that went on the auction block. There were 2 auctioneers who took turns taking the bids. Several accountants kept track of the sales and final prices and there were 2 "Sheriffs" who kept everything orderly and moving swiftly along. Some items sold at very reasonable prices, others at surprising prices due to the active bidding on many of the lots for sale. The selling prices ranged from a low of \$10.00 to a surprising high bid of \$1700.00 on one very rare radio. (continued next page)

## UPCOMING Events for June 2025

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

June 1, 2025	Rick KD9GVS
June 8, 2025	Jon KD9WPD
June 15, 2025	Mark KB9OFK
June 22, 2025	David KD9EPN
June 29, 2025	Wayne K0WLO

- ♦ **Saturday** morning Rag chew, weekly on the 146.970 repeater, 8:00-9:00 AM.
- ♦ **June 3...**Monthly meeting at UU La Crosse, 401 West Ave
- ♦ **June 14...**Hams in the Park
- ♦ **June 17...**Trustee Meeting, Time: 5:30 PM, Las Margaritas. All members are welcome to attend.
- ♦ **June 21...**Swapfest
- ♦ **June 28-29...**Field Day

## RadioDaze 2025... (continued)

The whole thing was so well organized that it was impossible to find fault with any of the proceedings even though all of the workers at this event were amateur members of the NARC, it was evident that they all were so experienced with the workings of this event, so it all ran like a well oiled machine.

In addition to the auction there was also a Best in Show Antique Radio completion that was voted on by all in attendance. Also there was a multimedia presentation presented by an author of a book on metal detecting that was very fascinating.

That was followed by the raffling off of door prizes. Everyone got 3 tickets that they could place in cups by the various door prizes. The winner of each prize was drawn from those cups. One prize per person. The prizes ranged in value from \$20.00 to \$75.00. There were so many prizes that nearly everyone won something.

As is often the case, there was a free flea market in the

parking lot on the following day. It wasn't limited to radio related things so it had a wide range of things for sale. Being out side, it was subject to the vagaries of the ambient weather. It threatened rain but it held off, although it was unseasonably cold. Even so, that event was also well attended and many items were sold, much to the delight of both sellers and buyers.

A lot could be learned from the organization, design, and efficiency of this event. The advanced publicity was well planned and executed and all possible contingencies were met and taken care of. It is recommended that everyone look to next year's event and plan to attend this fine event.

73 Carl  
kc9hds





## PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Greetings all! Well, here is the end of May and we are onto June and there are some good things coming in June starting with our next program night meeting We will be presented with highlights from Dayton Hamvention and we will be discussing Field day and its plans. I am told there will be a Shack Share. It will be good to have a great turn out both in person and on Zoom especially for the Field Day plans.

I have a new portable antenna to take to the next Hams in the park and possibly Field day. Hams in the park location to be determined. June 21st we have our Swap-fest at the Onalaska American Legion Hall and of course

June 28 and 29 we have Field Day we will be at E2852 County Road OK in Chaseburg, WI.

Our Club Picnic will be July 12th. We have Shelter number 2 at Veterans Memorial Park in West Salem. Bring a dish to pass.

I am proposing that possibly either our July or August program night meeting be a cruise on the La Crosse Queen as we have done in the past so it's great to see some good events coming up for the Club I hope to see everyone at the next club meeting either in person or on Zoom. Until then  
73 David Peters KB9EWG











# RIVERLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SWAPFEST

JUNE 21, 2025

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Door Prizes  
Flea Market  
Buy—Sell—Trade  
Food Vendor  
Handicap Accessible  
Talk in 146.97



**VE Test Session at 9:00 AM**



## Advanced Table Reserve And Entrance Form

Entrance Fee \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Table Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ [Does not include Entrance Fee]

Limited electrical hook-up available on a 1st come 1st serve. Indicate here if you are requesting electrical hook-up ☐ (Checking box does not guarantee availability of an electrical receptacle)

Advanced form will be held at the entrance table for you. No pre-fest mailings.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and fee to:  
RARC  
Box 621  
Onalaska, WI 54650

## Nuggets

Save the date

Saturday, July 12, 2025: Club Picnic



*Wanted: Articles for The Key*

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

*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 consists 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 there 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".

**Below are listed your RARC 2025 Board of Trustees and contact information.**

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