

RIVERLAND  
AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUB  
(RARC)



# THE KEY

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I operated CW as W1AW/9 for the ARRL America250 Worked All States Operating Event representing Wisconsin. There were about 10 of us operating a combination of SSB, CW, and FT-8. It was a week long. I put in about 15 hours.

Vic WT9Q

Ran into Drew at Dayton Hamvention and bought a blow up antenna that I am looking forward to try

Wayne KØWLO

I just got a Tiny SA Ultra + (407 chip) and a couple of SMA style attenuators. It will be good for testing transmission (and harmonics) strength among other things I suppose.

Jon KD9WPD

I purchased a Xiegu G90 transceiver that I'm having fun with.

John KD9TOR

Rob and I hosted a Meshtastic field day, and Jon Melbo helped us analyze ht antennas.

I am up helping Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio do comms for the Chippewa Valley 100 Mile bike ride.

John KE9ECY

I went to Hamvention and bought a rig that is becoming a project. I got other stuff, too.

Drew AB9NE

### UPCOMING Events for June 2026

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

Saturday morning Rag chew, weekly on the 146.970 repeater, 8:00-9:00 AM.

June 2 ... Monthly Members meeting, UU La Crosse, 7:00pm.

June 6 ... Annual Swapfest

June 13 ... Hams in the Park

June 16 ... Trustee Meeting, Time: 5:30 PM, Las Margaritas. All members are welcome to attend.

June 27 ... Field Day

2026-05-03	KØWLO	Wayne
2026-05-10	KD9GVS	Rick
2026-05-17	W9LUP	Rob
2026-05-24	KD9WPD	Jon
2026-05-31	KB9OFK	Mark

# PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Prez Sez...

Please allow me to fill in for our President this month. David Peters (KB9EWG) is in the hospital. He had swelling in his legs to the point of not allowing him to walk. He was brought into the ER on Monday, May 18. We wish him the best in his recovery and hope he'll be back to activities with the club soon.

Speaking of club activities; we have a few coming soon...

Our Swapfest will be here before we know it. It will be on June 6 at the American Legion on the corner of Sixth and Market in La Crosse. Take this as your opportunity to clear some of those shelves in your shack and get some new items making your hobby that much more interesting. You can also take it as an opportunity to catch up with folks that you may not have seen in a while, or are busy with operating (like at Field Day) when you have seen them.

The weekend after the Swapfest is Hams in the Park weekend. We will operate from Apple Blossom Overlook Park on June 13. It is a very scenic park. I was at that park last year with both Mike McCartys to operate the ARRL VHF/UHF Contest.

Let your families see you on June 20 because that's the off-week for the club in the month.

Field Day is the following week of June 27. We will be (for the third year) at the Legion Ballpark near Chaseburg. The club will operate class 6A again this year. Whether you prefer CW, SSB, or Digital Comms, we'll have plenty of time for you to operate. Come out and join us. We'll be able to set up on Friday evening, we'll have more set-up Saturday morning and operations to begin Saturday afternoon through Sunday afternoon.

We will once again ask for meal adopters. We traditionally have potluck for Saturday supper, but there is also Saturday lunch, Sunday breakfast and Sunday lunch. We'll need people to adopt the meal they'd like to prepare.

There is still an opening for the Saturday supper grill master.

Again, I hope you'll join me in hoping a speedy recovery for David and that you'll join me at our club's events in June.

Tnx es 73  
Drew Neve  
AB9NE  
Vice President



# RIVERLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SWAPFEST



JUNE 6th, 2026 8 AM to 1 PM

American Legion Post 52

711 6th Street South La Crosse, WI 54601

Door Prizes  
Buy-Sell-Trade  
Handicap Accessible  
ARRL VE Test Session 9 AM

Flea Market  
Refreshments  
Talk in 146.97 PL 131.8

### Door prize sponsors



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**Advanced Table Reserve And Entrance Form**

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

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

Limited electrical available. Check 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.

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

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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.

Wanted: Articles for The Key

## CLUB INFORMATION

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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”.

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