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What Did You Do This Month?

I was Net Control for Steppin Out in Pink, and I had a great time participating in the event.

David KB9EWG

Manned a station at Stepping out in Pink!

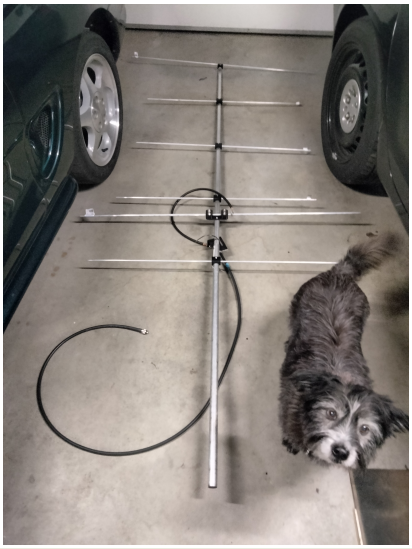
Wayne Oliver
KØWLO

Manned the Witoka rest stop for Ride the Ridges with Shawn KD9KGQ. Also did some Mestastic testing while in Chicago for the weekend of 9/11-9/13.

73,
Rob W9LUP

I am in the process of building a 6-element Yagi beam antenna for 2 meters, following a plan from an ARRL antenna publication.
Also participated in the Ride the Ridges event with the WARC,

Rick, KD9GVS



UPCOMING Events for October 2026

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

September 06	Rick	KD9GVS
September 13	Rob	W9LUP
September 20	David	KD9EPN
September 27	Jon	KD9WPD

Saturday morning Rag chew, weekly on the 146.970 repeater, 8:00-9:00 AM.
October 6...Monthly meeting at UU La Crosse, 401 West Ave
October 10...Hams in the Park
October 20...Trustee Meeting, Time: 5:30 PM, Las Margaritas.All members are welcome to attend.

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Riverland Amateur Radio Club
Members and Friends,
A few notes from the Editor:

Our President, David Peters (KB9EWG), has been in the hospital again recently, so I’m going to fill in with this column as an effort to lighten his load as he recovers.

We are headed into October, so our activities are starting to wind down for the year, but we still have activities to keep us busy through the month.

We have one more hams in the park. It will be in Myrick park by the lower gun club shelter.

The monthly club meeting on October 6 will feature a presentation by Rick KD9GVS about Wires-X and how to use it on the club repeater. We will also have a shack share by Mike KB9HV on his mobile setup.

In November, our monthly meeting will be accepting nominations for the board. The election of the 2027 board will take place at our December meeting, which is our annual meeting designated for that purpose. Please attend the December meeting if you are a club member.

In January we will have our annual post holiday dinner party. I expect it will be held at schmidty's as usual.

Scott
KB3MKD

A note on ham radio license plates

Things that you should know about having your call sign on your auto licensee plate: Oh yes it is good to have your call sign on your license plate, but those plates are not of the “ordinary” type of auto license plate! The good news, or maybe the bad news, is that you can use the same plate on every car that you own, no matter how many autos you have. This can be a handy thing so that you will never forget what the number is on your license plate.

The down side of this is if someone would steal one of your plates, and you call the police to report it, the police officer will want to take your remaining plate so it can be destroyed and reported stolen to the National Auto License Registry, then that number would be flagged as stolen and since most police cruisers have a device that automatically reads license plate numbers, your car would be labeled as having a stolen license plate and as a result you would run the risk of being pulled over repeatedly for possessing a stolen license plate. No Amateur Radio Operator would want this to happen as it would no longer be able to use your call sign on your license plate! So do not report a missing plate as stolen as you will forfeit it forever!

Just say that it is missing and call the DMV for a replacement, thus avoiding the permanent loss of the use of your call sign on future license plates. Another thing that you should do, to avoid such problems, is use a set of Torx Security bolts that can be obtained from any auto parts store, when attaching your license plates to your car, as a special tool would be needed to remove your license plates. Just thought that if you didn't already know this you should be aware of it.

73
Carl kc9hds

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

I am in the market for tuner up to 800 watts output. Automatic or manual depending on age and condition.

Thanks for your help and 73.

Ronald H. Severson, KD9OHQ

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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. 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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