

HAM RAG



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JUNE 2006

RARA Mission Statement

A member association with common interest of public service to the community through the use of amateur radio.

Presidents Corner

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. Mine was quiet as Gene was at the International Dart Tournament in Chicago. I was able to spend some time on the lawn and garden, even in the heat.

When I was in Dayton I attended the FCC Forum. Riley Hollingsworth did the forum and discussed many of the enforcement issues that he has been dealing with. The rumors that there was to be an announcement about the morse code turned out to be just that--there was no announcement. Riley said he had no inside track into rulemaking. However he did say that it could happen sometime this summer.

June is a busy month for the club. First we have the Breakfast in the Park on Saturday, June 10th. Tim and Colleen Peterson have agreed to chair this event. If you can flip pancakes, cook bacon or sausage, or scramble eggs give them a call and volunteer. There will be no formal meeting at this event.

Then on June 24th and 25th we have Field Day which seems to be shaping up very well. Give Dick Flemming a call if you want to set up a station. It looks like we will be operating 3A this year, but if more people come out and set up stations this number will grow.

Dave and Sue Peterson, two of our newest members, will chair the picnic in August. They will need some assistance when the time gets closer.

Bill Peters is the chairperson for the On the Waterfront ticket booth. This event is the bread and butter for the club. Bill is already filling positions for the weekend so if you have a favorite time that you like to work be sure to get your name(s) in as soon as possible. That way you can be sure you will get that time slot. Bill will have the sign-up sheets available at the club meetings, and will be making phone calls to fill in the remaining slots. This is a really fun event to participate in.

I just want to take this opportunity to say thank you to those people who have volunteered for these events. It is sometimes hard to get people to volunteer and I am very grateful that these club members stepped up and said yes to helping the club. This is your club, and whatever you put into it in the way of helping out at different events or serving as a member of the Board of Directors will help it grow and become even better.

Time to get off my soap-box and say 73, see you at the breakfast on June 10th.

Shari Harlan - N9SH

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NEXT MEETING

**Saturday
June 10, 2006**

Meeting Program:

No meeting

**Breakfast in the
Park**

LOCATION

*Dalquest Park
Rockford, IL*

One block south of East State Street and two blocks West of Fairview Avenue.

From the Desk of the Vice President....

DAYTON 2006

If you got to go to the Dayton Hamvention from May 19-21, you probably had a great time. The weather was perfect, and there is always quite a group of friendly people to meet, either for the first time, or to renew acquaintances. There were plenty of used radios, parts, and other electronic gear outside at the flea market, and inside where the new equipment is, there was a lot to look at and play with.

At the FCC forum, Riley Hollingsworth praised the behavior of the majority of Amateur Radio operators, especially those who helped in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, however he also indicated we could still be more courteous and less inclined to fly off the handle at some perceived on the air offense.

One thing that stays the same year after year is the friendship and kindness of the people who come from all over the world. Many times we see our friends only once a year at Dayton, and it seems as though we've known each other all our lives. If you have never gone to Dayton, try to plan on going next year and see what everyone talks about.

Don't forget about Field Day, it's just around the corner! If you have some ideas, or can help in any way, contact Dick Fleming (964-3423), or myself at (389-0392). See you at Field Day!

Best regards,
Kurt Eversole – KE9NJ

Secretary's Report

May 12, 2006 Club Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Shari N9SH at 7:00 pm.

Secretary Minutes:

The minutes were read by Colleen KC9EWJ. Motion to approve was made by Carl W9TQ and second by Gary K9LJN. All approved.

Treasures Report:

The Treasures report was read by Carl W9TQ and the cash on hand was \$6,453. Motion to approve was made by Gene KA9BOD and second by Chuck WB9UMC. All approved.

Announcements:

Shari passed around the GO section of the newspaper. On page 3 the RARA club meeting is featured. The Board voted to send OSF \$100 donation for a vein harvesting machine.

On The Waterfront ticket booth T-8. This year we will have a bigger booth. Bill Peters will be calling asking for people to work 4 hour shifts.

Repeaters 147/ 220:

They need to be moved by the first week of June. We are looking at many places, to be discussed at the next board of directors meeting. The 220 machine is now off the air.

ATV cleaning day Saturday five people will be cleaning and spring inspection at OSF. Want to join the ATV club it is \$50. They will take any donations.

Old Business:

Carl has cards for people that have paid their membership. If you haven't paid you still can.

New Business:

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Antenna party.

June 10 the second Saturday of the month we are having Breakfast in the park. There will be no meeting this month.

Shari will be attending the FCC forum at Dayton.

Motion to end meeting made by Kurt KE9NJ and second by Chuck AB9KA all approved.

The meeting ended at 7:39 pm.

Submitted by Colleen Peterson KC9EWJ Secretary.

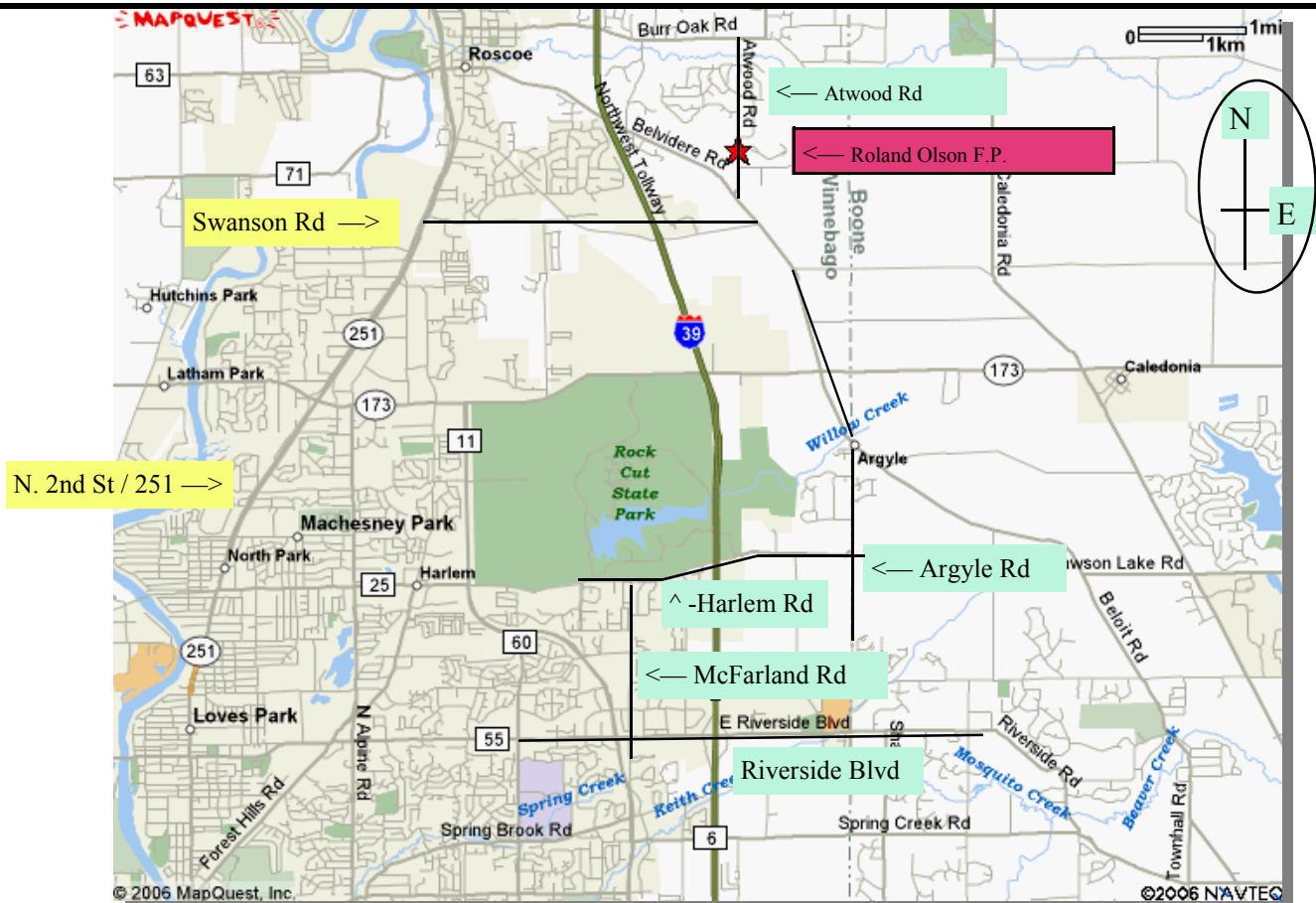
Directions to Field Day Roland Olson Forest Preserve June 24 & 25

Roland Olson Forest Preserve is located about 2 miles north east of Rock Cut State Park on Atwood Road, east of the I 90 Tollroad.

Note: Hwy 173 is blocked off for construction of the Hwy 173 / I 90 interchange so it will be necessary to detour around that area.

From Rockford— Take N 2nd street north to Swanson Rd.
Go east on Swanson Rd about 3 miles. It will dead end at Belvidere Rd.
Go left (north/west) on Belvidere Rd about 1/2 mile to Atwood Rd.
Turn right onto Atwood Rd (north) about 1/2 mile to Roland Olson FP.
Turn right into park and follow park road about 1/3 mile to picnic area.

From East Rockford - From Riverside and Perryville Rd go east to McFarland Rd.
Go north on McFarland Rd 1.5 miles to Harlem Rd.
Go right on Harlem Rd (east) to Argyle Rd
Go left (north) on Argyle rd to Beloit Rd
Bear left onto Beloit Rd for about 3 miles to Atwood Rd.
(Beloit Rd is renamed Belvidere Rd after crossing 173)
Go right (north) onto Atwood Rd about 1/2 mile to Roland Olson FP
Turn right into park and follow park road about 1/3 mile to picnic area.



Program for July 14 Meeting

Kurt has booked the program, described below for **July 14th**.

The program is presented by:

Greg Buchwald - K9QI

Motorola, Inc., Communications Research Laboratories

Schaumburg, IL

Note from Greg ->

I would like to do the presentation on:

QRP Transmitters using Vacuum Tubes

I will present 2 designs I have made and built; the first is a plate-modulated version of a 1968 CW design that appeared in the ARRL handbook and which was re-visited a couple years back in QST as the T-5 / Two Tube Tuna Tin Transmitter.

I have boards laid out for that design and will discuss that as well. The second transmitter I will discuss is my miniature version of the Joe Sinton / Continental Electronics High Efficiency Screen Modulated Doherty AM Transmitter. The particular design I will present uses subminiature tubes and generates about 2 watts of carrier on 40M. I hope the presentation will prove to be interesting to your membership.

73,

greg - K9QI

(Editor note: Thanks to Kurt KE9NJ and Chuck AB9KA for the input.)

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM NOTICE

May 20th there were 4 applicants. Resulting in 2 new Technicians and 1 General.

Joanna Webber - Technician

Brian Grant - Technician

Eric Wilkins, N9IXU - General

Northern Illinois Volunteer Examiners will be holding the next Amateur Radio exam session in Rockford, IL on Saturday, June 17, 2006.

Location:

St. Anthony Hospital

5666 E. State Street

Rockford, IL

Exams will be held in the St Francis Room (just right of the front entrance after you enter).

Check-in is from 9:00 AM till 10:30 AM.

What You Need To Bring To A W5YI-VEC Session

1. Your original Amateur License (unexpired or within the 2 year grace period) and a copy to attach to the paperwork.
2. Any valid CSCE that you are using for credit. Again the VE's have to see the original and have a copy to attach to the paperwork.
3. Two forms of Identification with your signature on them. One must be a picture ID (drivers license, passport, school ID, library card, credit card, etc.)
4. Test Fee \$14.00 cash or check. (please make checks payable to W5YI-VEC)

Contact Information

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W9HL@arrl.net

815-877-4328

SCHEDULED DXPEDITIONS

By Gary - K9LJN

CALLSIGN	QTH	WHEN	QSL VIA
OY/PA2A	FAROE IS.	NOW TO JUNE 8	PA2A
S79RS	SEYCHELLES	NOW TO JUNE 9	IZ8CLM
VI9NI	NORFOLK IS.	NOW TO JUNE 20	*
YI/WD8CRT	IRAQ	NOW TO JULY 1	WD8CRT
6W2/F6ELE	SENEGAL	JUNE 9 – 18	F6ELE
P29VV	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	JUNE 16 – 19	PA3EXX
J48WT	GREECE	JUNE 22 – 27	SV2HPP
C91CF	MOZAMBIQUE	JUNE 29 TO JULY 13	K5LBU
9M6/JA3EGZ	EAST MALAYSIA	JULY 7 – 10	JA3EGZ

* ODXG, PO Box 612, Childers, 4660, Australia

Note: Sources for this column include the 425DXN, ARRL, NG3K and NJDXA websites.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder that it is now past the April 1, 2006 grace period for membership renewal. As of April 1, your 2005 membership ended and you have been removed from the Ham Rag distribution and the membership roster.

You may pay you dues by coming to the next meet or sending it to PO Box. 8465, Rockford IL. 61126-8465

Upcoming RARA Events

- 2006 -

*** Breakfast in the Park – Dahlquist Park June 10th ***

(Park is 2 Blocks west of State St & Fairview)

Serving breakfast from 7 AM to 9 AM.

*** Field Day – Roland Olson Forest Preserve June 24th & 25th ***

(East of I90, north of hwy. 173 on Atwood Rd.)

Setup starting at 10 AM on Saturday the 24th

Field day starts 1300 Saturday and runs till

Sunday at 1300

(Everyone welcome—Assist in anyway you can)

Family Picnic – Alpine Park Shelter #1 August 13th

(Alpine Rd 2 blocks south of State St.)

Gathering from 1 PM to 3 PM

Bring dish to pass

(More information to come)

SURVEY QUESTION

We are trying to find out if there is interest in getting clothing with a RARA logo on it.

Would you be interested in getting logo clothing? YES NO

If interested, what would you prefer?

T-Shirt	Yes	No
Polo shirt	Yes	No
Jacket	Yes	No
Hat	Yes	No

Please send an e-mail to Carl W9TQ@ARRL.NET or contact a club officer with your preference.

HAM CLASS INTEREST SURVEY

In the fall of 2006 and the spring of 2007 RARA will be planning and scheduling ham classes. It would be of help if we would know what interest the Ham Community had in different ham classes. **The following classes could be scheduled if we thought that sufficient interest would justify their scheduling.**

- **Technician Class**
- **General Class**
- **Extra Class**

These classes would be offered through Rock Valley College.

If you have any interest or know of anyone that has an interest:

send an e-mail to W9TQ@ARRL.NET

let us know the number of people interested and which classes that they would be interested in.

The ham classes scheduled for this fall 2006

Tech -- Oct 14 and 21, 2006
General -- Nov 4 and Nov 11, 2006

Classes meet on Saturdays from 8:00 Am to 4:00 PM
Both will be at RVC. Cost per class including Text is \$48.00
Carl W9TQ

ITEMS FOR SALE / WANTED

Yeasu FT-1000D: Speaker, phone patch, digital recorder and mic. Asking \$2,000.00 Call Louie Rossi, N9FBC at 815-963-6819.

Wanted: I am looking for a **Digital Display model DG5** for a Kenwood TS520SE radio. Please contact Gene KA9BOD at 815-226-1806 or email at ka9bod@arrl.net.

Crystals: Are you looking for a special crystal for the project your working on? Contact Everett L. Stockton of Classic Frequency Control, Inc at (405)-943-8095. (Manufacturer of quality quartz crystals)

FIELD DAY

Plan now to come out to **Field Day June 24 / 25** at Roland Olson Forest Preserve. We need help setting up and operating for this event. This is an excellent opportunity for all license classes to get onto the low bands as well as socialize with other hams. **EVERYONE** is welcome. Setup will start around 10 AM and operation starts at 1 PM (1800 Z)

Editors Note

If you would like to have something published , please call me or email me at ka9bod@arrl.net.

Cut-off for the JULY 2006 issue will be Friday June 23, 2006.

Gene KA9BOD, Editor

RARA BOARD MEETING MEETS ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM
St. Anthony Medical Center 5666 E. State St. Rockford, IL

RARA Repeaters

146.610 - ENC/DEC pl 114.8 W9AXD
**147.000 + ENC/DEC pl 114.8 W9AXD
**223.880 - ENC/DEC pl 118.8 W9AXD
ATV input 1250 Mhz/ 434 Mhz W9ATN
output 421.25 Mhz
(** = Temporarily off the air—being relocated)

Do you have a question about radio?
Call Scott, WB9LHU Earth Works
965-9841

2006 RARA Officers and Board

President—Shari Harlan, N9SH
Vice President — Kurt Eversole, KE9NJ
Secretary — Colleen Peterson, KC9EWJ
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Wendy Owano, KC9BCF
Dan Hunt, KC9ATR
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Web Master — Paul Franklin, K9RNR

FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Meets every Friday morning from 8 am until about 9:30 am. An informal gathering of ham folks, no affiliations necessary, good food and good company. Everyone is welcome to attend.

“Red Flame Family Restaurant” 915 S. Alpine Rd
Across from Alpine Park

**ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Single Adult: \$25.00 Adult w/Family: \$30.00
Single Senior: \$15.00 Senior w/Family: \$20
Student: \$15.00

Above rate includes the RARA monthly newsletter, Ham Rag, via email.

Ham Rag Via U.S. Postal Service: \$12.00 extra

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Other Interests _____

Suggestions: _____

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Thursday 7 PM	ARES	147.195 +	114.8
Thursday 8 PM	SATURN	146.610 -	114.8

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