



Lakeshore Repeater Association, Inc.

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Newsletter

March 1, 2024

The Lakeshore Repeater Association was first organized 49 years ago.

**LRA Membership stats:**

**We are 108 members strong! There were no changes in membership status in February 2024**



## From the board

email at **Board@KR9RK.COM**

Contact the board members via

Our new Treasurer, **Rick, KC9UJO**, who was elected at our quarterly meeting is returning home after a long and satisfying vacation in Florida. He will be taking over the Treasurer's duties upon his return.

Our MIA committee reports a slowdown in malicious activity during February, but one new jammer doesn't realize that he has a distinctive alternator whine on his signal. He will be easy to identify when he appears on any local repeater.

The MIA group has developed quite an effective tracking system over the past year.

# Volunteering



## Call For Volunteers:

Volunteers are still NEEDED for these KR9RK Activities:, Teaching session scheduler, and Taste of Field Day.

Our committees sometimes have long, very informal discussions about lots of topics, especially club activities. These are fun, on-line conversations.

If you feel left out of these conversations, it doesn't mean they're veiled in a conspiratorial veil of secrecy with secret handshakes... **IT MEANS YOU HAVEN'T VOLUNTEERED!**

Contact any board member or committee chairperson for more information. Attending our quarterly meetings is necessary but it is not sufficient. If you don't join in, you're missing out on a lot of fun.

## Quarterly Meeting Presentation:

Our April quarterly meeting will begin with a presentation following on the great one last month from Greg, W9GTH.

If you have something to share with the group, and would like to present, please contact me.



# Breaking Repeater News!

The long anticipated Walworth County UHF receive site is on line!



Don't forget to switch your transmitted PL tone to 114.8 as you get further west. "Westerners" **Dan, WX9EMS, Jeff, KC9JOB, John, N9ZYL, LaValle, W9SV**, and me, **K9SO** have all been heard using this new capability west of Lake Geneva and into Delavan.

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## Quarterly Membership Meeting April 30, 2024



## NEW HOURS! **NEW LOCATION!**

Our next quarterly open membership meeting will be held at a **new location** this quarter. Doors will open at 6:30pm and **the tech talk will begin at 6:45 sharp**. Members physically present and in good standing for more than 30 days may vote on issues brought up at the meeting.

We will have a 30 minute tech talk at the start of this meeting led by one of our members so **please note the change in starting time and location.**

The business meeting will take place immediately after the tech talk.



## LRA Member Activities:

### Foxhunts



Check out the Fox Hunting article in [ON THE AIR](#) magazine

# February LRA Fox Hunt



**Mike, K9MWG** shown here as part of the February winning "Hound" team (**Brian, KD9IZW**)

February Fox Hunt took place on the second Saturday of February (2/10/2024)

**Mike - K9MWG** and **Brian - KD9ZIW** were the first to find the fox, followed by **John - KC9QFP**. Mike and Brian were using tape measure yagi with the SigTrax app on Android and an HT. You have to ask them how! John was at a considerable disadvantage because he was without a teammate but also found the transmitter using a similar setup to Mike's.

Thank you guys for participating, it was fun!

**Next Fox Hunt** will be on the second **Saturday of March 3/9/2024**. We are meeting for breakfast at Meadows Family Restaurant in Franksville at 8am. Fox leaves to hide at 9am. The hunt itself starts at 10 and ends at noon. The transmitter(s) frequencies and other details will be provided directly before the hunt. The hunt will be coordinated using the 147.27 repeater.

Matt appreciates "early chicken's" for the hunt as this helps me better prepare and make sure everyone has fun! Please send me an email to [secretary@kr9rk.com](mailto:secretary@kr9rk.com) let him know that you are interested.

Matt set up a new Fox Hunt Group on Groups.IO <https://groups.io/g/LRAFoxHunt/topics> Contact Matt to get set up.



**Bernie, N9AZA**, is our SKYWARN coordinator for the LRA. The winter months are a great time to get your certifications. Bernie coordinated a great, well-attended presentation to the membership in January.

Check out the National Weather Service's weather spotter site [HERE](#)

### **How do I get involved?**

Free SKYWARN® spotter training is [available online](#) through the MetEd COMET Program. Please note that there is a checkbox to tick after enrolling in the course. That will ensure the NWS receives notice that you have completed the training.

Bernie has sent me the updated training schedules to become a certified Weather Spotter:

[https://www.meted.ucar.edu/education\\_training/course/23](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/education_training/course/23)

These sessions are all on-line and take about an hour each.

It is important that we get as many members certified as possible as the NWS Sullivan folks do not consider a report from a non-trained person a credible report!!

We are also interested in training anyone that is interested in becoming a SkyWarn Net Control. All are welcome!!

# Happy Hour, LRA Style



The “UN-NET” is hatching many more “Chickens” almost every day. **A new record** was set last week when K9SO, as moderator, logged in 60 participants blasting away at the old record of 54.

Incidentally, **Tom, N9BUN**, started this “Chicken” thing. Everyone used to jump in and say “Check-in” very fast. Tom started to say “Chicken” and it caught on.

Going on its 4th year, this is a fun, largely unstructured but moderated “Un-Net” where the moderator writes the often crazy rules. Check in **every day** after work with your call sign and share your happy thoughts. This group meets daily on both the 442 and 147 Allstar linked repeaters at 5:00pm sharp and lasts for an hour. Be prepared to share your happy thoughts for the day. It is moderated regularly by **K9SO, K9WBT, KC9UJO, N9PYA, and KD1Z**. The beautiful FAT SQUIRREL certificate, courtesy of **Dave, NP2I**, is awarded for 100 HH check-ins and there are 68 of them decorating hamshack walls as of today.

As we speak, **Mike, KC9MTE** is earning the 3rd MILLENNIAL award certificate for 1000 HH check-ins, courtesy of **Dave, NP2I**. Previous Millennial certificates were awarded to **Bill, KD1Z**, and **Fred, K9SO**. Watch next month as **John, KD9PLL** is almost there!

Don’t forget you can still also access the HH net via **WB9COW/R (442.850MHz)** in **Burlington**, both of the LRA repeaters, and of course, ALLSTAR. We look forward to the LAARC group in Elkhorn to join up soon.

## Important LRA Dates:

## ARES/RACES AND LRA PUBLIC SERVICE NET.



Join us every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm on our 2 meter repeater for an ARES/RACES net followed by public service announcements. Please visit [[ARES/RACES website](#)] for more information on how to become involved and serve the community.

## Saturday Breakfast



Many of our members meet for an informal breakfast every Saturday morning at 8:00am at the Meadows Restaurant in Franksville. Everyone is welcome.





**Going too far:**

**War is Hell:**







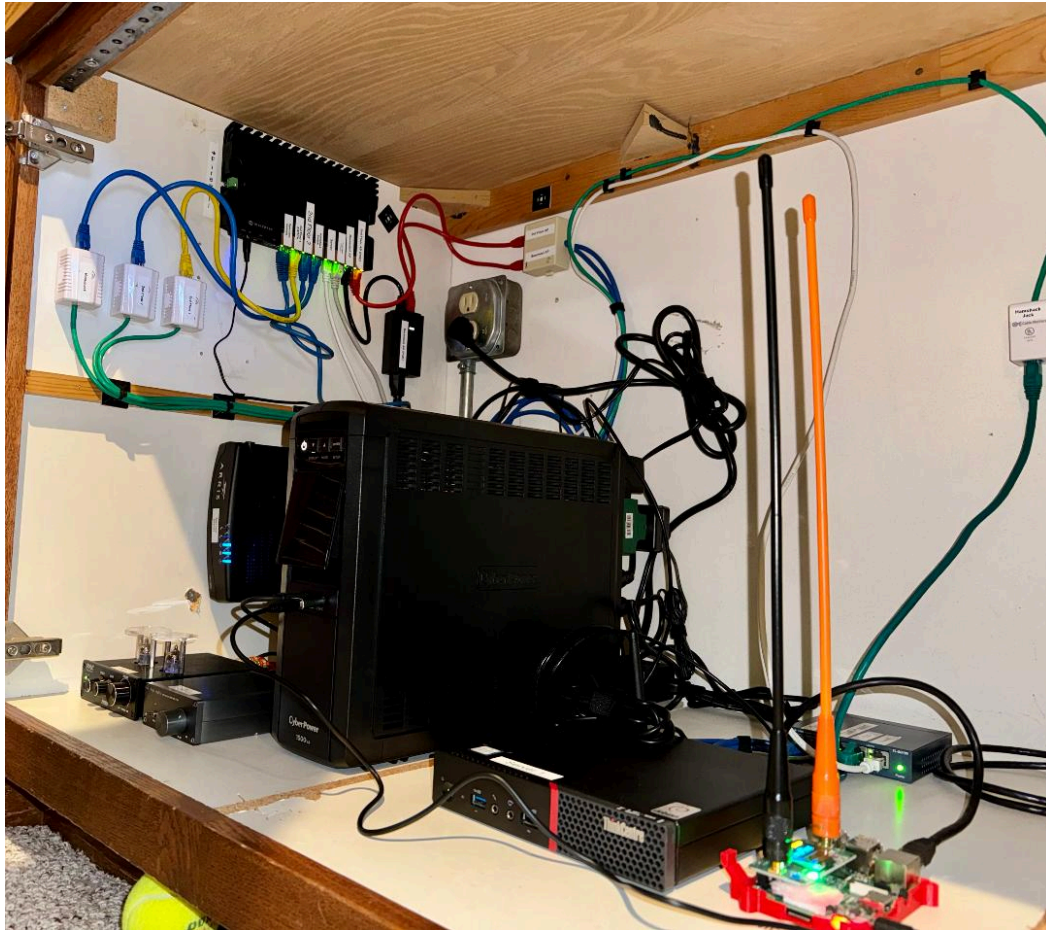
## Member Activities

**Michael, KM6RRS**, is having fun with his new mag loop antenna making QSOs with his IC-705 from inside his apartment running only 5 watts from his Palm Desert, CA QTH:



After scoring Louisiana on 5 watt FT-8, he sat down and enjoyed his “famous” baked potato:

**Greg, W9GTH**, built up a beautiful “business end” of his ham shack. Nice Job!:



His operating position is very functional too.

Greg is an inspiration to us all. Most of us have ham shacks more like this:



Jason, K9QKL, scored some hardline coax at the Orlando Hamfest last month. He intends to use it on his new crank-up tower. That will be interesting.



**Warren, AB1Z**, posted this caution regarding his plan:

*“Agree with Fred even 1/2" heliax while not super rigid and will tolerate your expected bend radius, it's the repetitive bending that's a concern. Keep in mind that the corrugated shield is like BX cable and can be pulled apart lengthwise.”*

Warren attached some hardline spec sheets to emphasize his point.



Speaking of towers, Jason seems happy with his new motorized crank up 60 footer.



Totally tubular!



He got the nearly 500# beast home from Chicago with the help of **Kevin, N9OIG, Greg, Bruce, K9WBT, and Scott, KD9RHA** (who contributed the trailer).

# Orlando Hamfest

In a grand collaboration of LRA and Red Rooster club members, we attacked the Orlando Hamfest the weekend of the 10th of February:



From left to right: **Dwayne, N9PYA, Brad, K9WNG, Bruce, K9WBT, and Jason, K9QKL.** (Dwane insists he was really having a good time)  
Not pictured: **Kevin, N9OIG, Jeff, KC9JOB, my son Jay, K4JFG, and Fred, K9SO** rounded out the group for the weekend.

The outdoor flea market was large, and a bit underwhelming, but there was a massive indoor swap area as well as a couple of large commercial exhibit buildings with all the big players.

We certainly enjoyed the marvelous Orlando February weather:





**Bruce, K9WBT**, went down early and enjoyed some POTA activity at Park K-1927, Wekiwa Springs State Park; Florida. Wolf River Coil antenna and his IC-705,



Scott, W9AFB (super POTA guy) sent me details of his February POTA activities:



A POTA view from Kenosha County Veterans park (W9AFB)

Scott's POTA report:

*Another busy POTA month. I was out in Nebraska at the beginning of February and activated 3 parks. Many of the parks out there don't have a lot of activations and so many hunters want to try for a contact. Started out at the Lincoln Saline Wetland State Park which is right on the edge of Lincoln, NE. I brought the new Xiegu X6100 with this time and was QRP only during the time there. Managed 150 contacts in an hour and a half on 20m! Propagation was short that day and worked a number of midwest stations including John, AC9OT.*

*The next day I was in Omaha and put the Walnut Creek Rec Area on the air. 24 contacts in the book there, including AC9OT again. Day after that, I was out at the Nine Mile Prairie National Historical Park. I tried to do that park the first day there, but the Nebraska National Guard was out there using the property. Anyways, this park is right by the Lincoln airport, and used to be the bomb storage area for the Lincoln Air Force Base. Got 44 in the books for this activation and it started to get dark, so it was time to pack up and head out as it's kind of spooky out there.*

*Back in Wisconsin, I went to a number of the parks in the area during mid month. (Bloomfield, Bong, Big Foot, Turtle Valley, New Muenster, and Volo Bog). Got a push up painters pole at Menards (21+ feet) and dug out an antenna that has been living in the basement for a while. I think it is called a yo-yo-vee. It's a dipole with crank wheels on either end. You can wind in or extend the wire to any length you want. Tried it out on 40m and 20m in an inverted V configuration on the painters pole. I really like it on 40 and it will probably be the new "go to" for that band. The pole mounts to a flag pole mount I have for my receiver hitch on the car. It can be up and on the air in about 10 minutes.*

*For many of the WI activations this month, I have been trying to use the upper HF bands more for DX since the propagation has been so good. This has resulted in many DX contacts including park to parks. It's amazing to think that these QSOs are happening across the Atlantic by 2 people in parks running low power and temporary antennas. For those at home, check out the POTA spotting page in the mornings for the DX stations on 10m, 12m, and 15m.*

*That's all for this month. Will try to get some pictures of my various setups for the next newsletter.*  
Scott, W9AFB

**Fred, K9SO**, ran across this interesting site:

<http://kiwisdr.com/public/>

This site allows you to connect to KIWI SDR receivers all around the world (use map). Use it to monitor your transmitted signal. Fun to play with since the SDRs are 'DC to Light', but limited to whatever antennas the station has.

**Dan, WX9EMS**, enjoyed one of our marvelous pre-Spring sunsets working Happy Hour from his trusty Farmall-H tractor:



**Jeff, KC9JOB**, sent me this interesting YouTube presentation about the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8. It seems there is a lot to do before and after the moments of totality:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNK2LI7VeX4>

**Jack, W9LOL**, sends:

Congrats to Nate, KD9VNJ, for getting his antenna system up to hit my Allstar node. We're about a block apart and he can now use LRA's repeater anytime he wants.

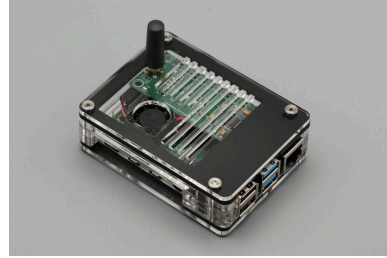
Jack also contributed this:

Here's a good video explanation of the LoRa modulation. This modulation does extremely well in noisy environments and uses very low power to accomplish this.

<https://youtu.be/jHWepP1ZWtk>

**Fred, K9SO**, reports that he got an APRS station working from his car during his last trip. Track him at APRS.FI and search for K9SO-9.





**Rick, KC9UJO**, got his ClearNode up and working.

Also from Rick: *"In the last month I have been working on the following:*

*Inovato Quadra: Thanks to KD1Z's suggestion I purchased and have been using my Hamclock to help in my understanding of band propagation and I really like tracking the satellites.*

*HF: I have made more QSO's with Eastern Europe and Latin America. I have been venturing beyond 10 and 20 Meters lately by participating on some daily nets on 40 and 80 meters. I have made some new contact on 15 meters including the first DX station I ever worked a long time ago on 10 Meters. This is first time I worked a station on two different bands."*

**Did Jack, W9LOL**, really assist in an emergency rescue operation? I wonder ... .





**Bruce, K9WBT**, has been leading a local Winlink Wednesday Radio Email activity. There has been growing participation. Catch Bruce on the air or anyone on the daily Happy Hour Un-Net. Bruce moderates on Thursdays. What's it all about? Check out Winlink here [[Winlink](#)].

Latest check ins:

WX9EMS, VHF, with predictions

K9WNG, VHF, with predictions

KD1Z, HF 80m, w/predictions

W9LOL, w/predictions

K9QKL, VHF on his Pico, his space weather prediction was that "the sun shouldn't explode in the next three days." LOL

N9UUO, telnet from Miami.

KC9HYY, HF with predictions.

K9WBT (NCS)

I've been unable to check in for the past few weeks due to travel, vacation schedules, and other activities. I'll get back on the list soon!

## Happy Hour Email Group on Groups.IO

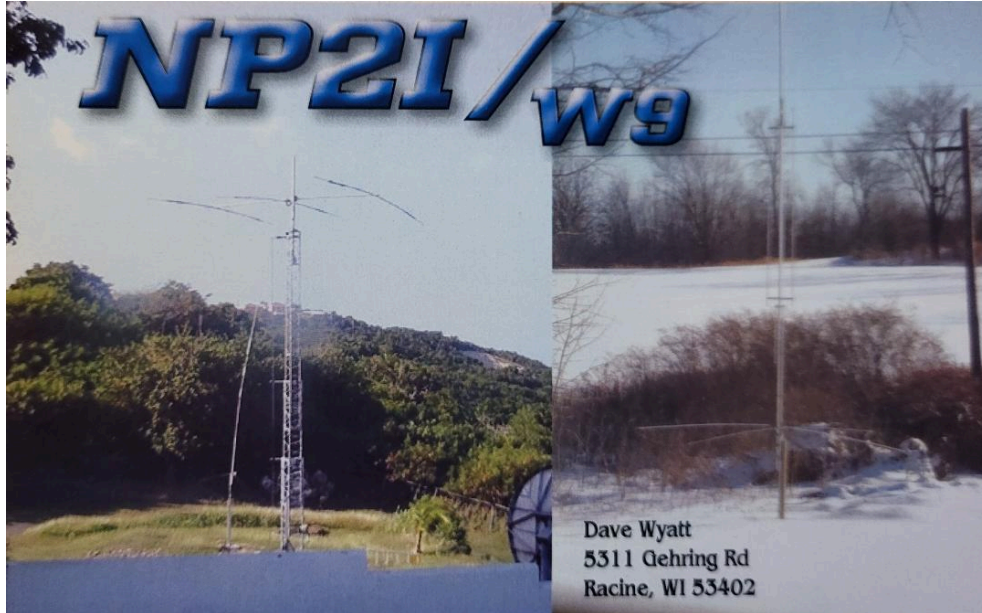


We have a happy hour email reflector ("the forum") on Groups.IO now. Dozens of interesting posts last month. Join in the conversation by clicking on the link below now! You won't get spammed as you can opt to receive only one summary email per day. Get an invite here: [[LRA Happy Hour Net](#)]

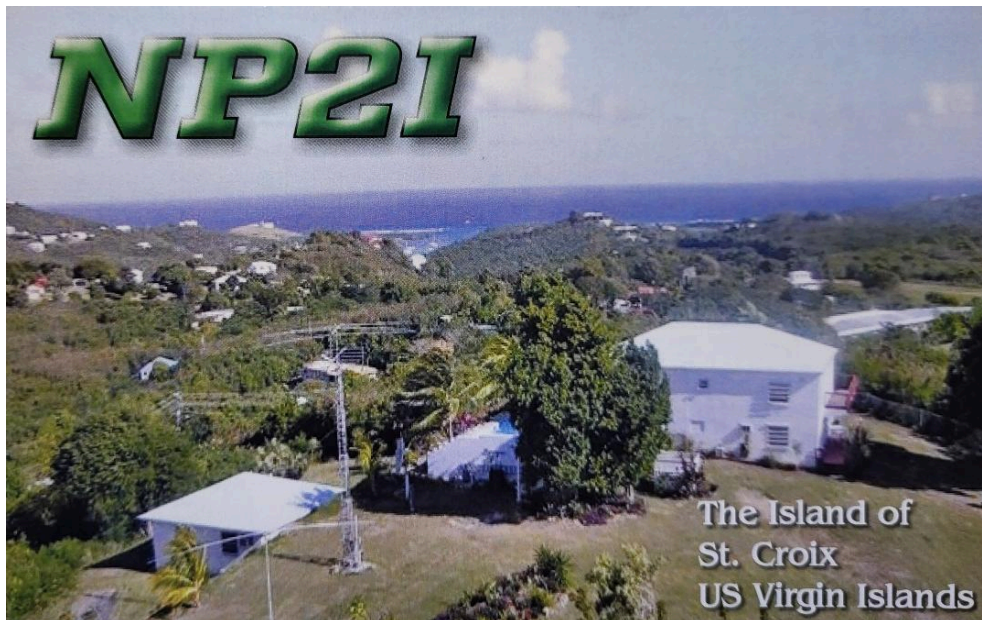
## QSL Cards of the Month

Here are the cards received before the deadline of this month's newsletter:

Dave, NP2I, uses this card from Wisconsin:



... and he used this one when he lived on the U.S. Virgin Islands:



# Amateur Extra Class License ... new question pool:

ZCZC AG04  
QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 4 ARLB004  
From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT February 16, 2024  
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB004  
ARLB004 Errata to the 2024 - 2028 Amateur Extra-Class Question Pool  
Released

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) Question Pool Committee (QPC) has released errata for the new 2024 - 2028 Element 4 Extra Class Question Pool, which goes into effect on July 1. The errata includes minor question changes, the removal of one question, and one modified graphic.

These updates are reflected in the new downloadable files, dated January 31, 2024.

The ARRL VEC advises the community to regularly check the NCVEC website at <https://www.ncvec.org/> for updates to the question pools.

# Taste of Field Day, June 22, 2024

A Field Day organization committee has been formed. Two organizational on-line meetings have already been held and it is really coming together already. Our members are K9SO, AC9OT, W9GTH, WW9X, KC9JOB, and KC9UJO. Let me know if you'd like to be included in the planning: [VP@KR9RK.COM](mailto:VP@KR9RK.COM)

You do not have to be on the committee in order to participate in the FD activities on June 22.

This will be a "Taste of Field Day" event held at the Richard Bong State Park (Pavillion 1) on June 22 (12:00 - 5:00pm). This year it has been sponsored by the Lakeshore Repeater Association and it is intended to be a full-family affair with food, beverages, and HF radio activities provided. We will have all kinds of radio demonstrations including typical POTA setups, a hidden transmitter Fox Hunt, FT-8, satellite communications, HF mobiles, and 3 working HF operating positions. Other family activities are also being planned too.

There is a small per-car entry fee to the state park but the cost of the picnic (food, soft drinks, etc.) is being picked up by an anonymous donor so there is no attendance fee. Registration, however, is requested for planning purposes.

So load up the entire family and join in on the picnic fun. BYOB, snacks, and desserts to share if you want.







## Jerry's Kids:

Jerry, N0IMJ, Elmers his 8th grade students at the Lutheran School in setting up a radio club. Except on school holidays, they get on the LRA repeaters **every Friday afternoon between 2:00-3:00pm**

## Contesting Corner



## IT'S ANOTHER BIG ONE: March 2-3

This coming weekend: ARRL DX Contest (SSB). Don't miss it!

<https://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

## Wisconsin QSO Party: March 10, 2024

Be prepared: Let's put up a great club showing this year. From the ARRL newsletter:

*"Wisconsin QSO Party: The Wisconsin QSO Party, hosted by the West Allis Radio Amateur Club, is being held soon in the month of March. The contest specifically is being held on March 10th, from 1:00pm CST to 7:00pm CST. It's a contest that accepts all modes except for FT8 and FT4. For more specific details, visit*

*[https://www.warac.org/wqp/wiqp\\_rules.htm](https://www.warac.org/wqp/wiqp_rules.htm) This contest is an exceptional way to get youth onto HF Contests, especially by competing locally within the state. There are two main reasons as to why: • Wisconsin QSO Party is a laidback contest, which lowers the level of skill required to make contests so that even a new contester could both easily make contacts with other newcomers and youth, as well as have an enjoyable time making contacts with experienced operators who help guide them through the process of making a contact. • Wisconsin QSO Party has a dedicated category for rookies; this category gives the ability for newcomers to come and compete with other newcomers, with similar experience in making contacts. The Wisconsin QSO Party is a great local contest to compete in to improve your skills as a ham radio operator and help bring youth and newcomers into HF contesting!"*

# Repeater Etiquette

**Joining a QSO in progress.** If there is a conversation taking place which you would like to join, simply state your callsign when one user unkeys. This is the reason for having a courtesy tone: to allow other users to break into the conversation. One of the stations in QSO, usually the station that was about to begin his transmission, will invite you to join, usually before making his own transmission. Don't interrupt a focused discussion unless you have something to add to the topic at hand. (Don't break in and say "I just wanted to say HI"). Interrupting a conversion is no more polite on a repeater than it is in person.

## ARRL Publications:

The ARRL periodical *QST* is the main amateur radio magazine and the League represents our only political voice. You may notice the long history of our losing frequencies over the years. Support our remaining allocations by joining the League [HERE](#). I'm a Life Member myself. You get digital access to all four periodicals with ARRL membership. Here are the new issues and a link to them [HERE](#) (ARRL members only)





**DX News:** The HF bands have been HOT! Check out this link to DX operations planned for January: [DXNow](#)

As you may know, last year's DXPedition to Bouvet was a near bust for most of us in North America due to the landing location (there was a big mountain in the way). I was fortunate enough to work them twice via long path. If you missed out, here's another chance ... and they're going to have a specific station set up on a hill looking at NA!

Tomotu, Kampuchea, and other great catches were on the spots this morning. The TY5C DXPedition out of Benin is scheduled for a start today.

Also, you won't want to miss Peter I Island ("Peter-one-island"). This would be an ATNO for me, but I'll have to wait until 2026. Check out the advanced plans for both here:

[DXPedition Plans](#)

A good one on now:

FW8GC, TX8GC Team will be active from Wallis Island, IOTA OC - 054, Wallis and Futuna, 19 February - 9 March 2024.  
Team - LZ1GC, LZ5QZ.

## Ham Radio News:

U.S. Senators Roger Wicker, R-Miss., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., introduced Senate legislation (S.3690) to give amateur radio operators the right to install their antennas and serve their community. The House introduced the same bill (H.R.4006) in June 2023.

Homeowner association rules prevent amateur radio operators from installing outdoor antennas on residential properties even though this communication method has proven to be essential in emergencies and natural disasters, such as hurricanes in states like Mississippi and Connecticut.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act of 2024 would require homeowner associations to accommodate the needs of amateur radio operators by limiting the scenarios in which they can ban, prevent, or require the approval of the installation or use of amateur radio antennas. Homeowner associations have often prevented installation and use through private lands restrictions, potentially hindering access to emergency communications.

Among other provisions, this legislation would:

- Prohibit homeowner association rules that would prevent or ban amateur radio antennas;
- Clarify the approval process for installing amateur radio antennas;
- Give amateur radio operators a private right of action.

For more details, please read the full article at Latest News on the ARRL website home page.

## **Amateur Radio Operators Needed for Help with Solar Eclipse Project**

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<https://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-operators-needed-for-help-with-solar-eclipse-project>

## Strange Claims and Sightings Department

**Dave, NP2I**, has been claiming that his new tractor / snow thrower has been keeping our driveways clear of snow this winter. It's the same reason I planted a yellow flag in my front yard: it keeps the elephants from trampling the daisies. So far it's working.



**John, N9ZYL**, reported seeing a line of 7 lights over Lake Michigan after HH yesterday afternoon. Maybe some Starlink satellites? It would be unusual before sunset. Anyone else see them? Come to think of it, has anyone seen John after he posted this sighting?



[Starlink image](#)

**Fred, K9SO**, reports that a strange, black obelisk suddenly appeared in his backyard. Throwing a bone up in the air, he expected a Pan-Am space stewardess to appear (remember the movie 2001?) but his dog grabbed it and ran off so there was no noticeable evolution for him yet.



## Stuff You Need (?) Department:

A little pricey at \$449, but this new antenna analyzer looks really cool. Check it out at DXEngineering.



Thanks to our growing list of newsletter contributors! Make sure you post your activities on the HH forum or send them to me at [VP@KR9RK.COM](mailto:VP@KR9RK.COM). Pictures say it best!

**73, Fred, K9SO**

**VP, Lakeshore Repeater Association, Inc.**

**APPENDIX I, upcoming hamfests:**

# ***Hamfest 2024***

***Buy/Sell Amateur Radio Equipment, Electronics and  
Computer Gear***

***Sunday***

***March 17, 2024***

***Free Parking!***

The Tri-County Amateur Radio Club invites you to Hamfest 2024 in the Activity Center building at the Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N Jackson Street, in Jefferson, WI, on Sunday, March 17, 2024. We're located centrally in Jefferson County, 30 minutes east of Madison along the beltline, or 45 minutes west of Milwaukee, just off Hwy 26, south of I-94. The event is 100% indoors, so come enjoy the Fest regardless of the weather Wisconsin may throw at us!! Vendor setup will start at 6:30 AM with the doors opening to the public at 8 AM. On-air Talk-in will be available on the club repeater: W9MQB 145.49, negative offset, with CTCSS 123.0. Check the [web site](#) for detailed [maps and directions](#) to the event.

Vendor spots are available in advance for \$15 per 8' table; choose your own tables in advance on the Club website at <https://www.w9mqb.org/SwapFest/> using our online ordering tool.

Prefer to use snail mail? Download the form from <https://www.w9mqb.org/HamfestFlyer2024.pdf>, print it out, and mail it in to the Club with a self-addressed stamped envelope and we'll find a good table for you, or just mail you tickets if that's all you need. Mail orders must be placed by March 5<sup>th</sup> to insure that we get your order and can get your tickets and table maps back to you in time. Or, save the cost and hassle of stamps and envelopes and order online.

Save 20% and time waiting in line when you buy your advance tickets online for only \$8 at <https://www.w9mqb.org/SwapFest/>. You'll get electronic tickets delivered to your mail inbox in a few minutes, so no need to worry about lost tickets! (The Postal Service NEVER loses mail, right?) Online ticketing means no waiting in long lines to purchase once the Fest opens: just print out your ticket, better yet, just show it on your smart phone, and you're inside finding cool ham radio deals!

Want to join the ham world or upgrade your license? We've got Rick Kardos (N9RK) and Team RK managing our ARRL Volunteer Examiner testing room, with tests starting at 9:30 AM. Reservations are REQUIRED to take an exam. Please email us at [HamFest@W9MQB.org](mailto:HamFest@W9MQB.org) by Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to schedule your time. Note that you MUST have a scheduled spot and MUST have your FRN number to take any exam; if you don't have one yet (or don't know yours), reply back to this email and one of the TCARC club members will walk you through the process.

As always, we want this to be a real celebration of Ham Radio, so we're giving away hundreds of dollars of door prizes, with prizes every hour. Your online ticket automatically enters you into the drawings, but you must be present to win. If you purchase tickets at the Fest, please take your ticket to Table 93 to enter for a chance to win radios, books, antennas, gift certificates, and more!

Questions? Reply back to this email at [HamFest@W9MQB.org](mailto:HamFest@W9MQB.org) for answers to any questions!

## **Sterling Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society Hamfest**

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### **HAMFEST/CONVENTION**

**03/17/2024**

**Start Date: 03/17/2024**

**End Date: 03/17/2024**

**Location: Sauk Valley Community College Gym**

**173 IL. Rt. 2**

**Dixon, IL 61021**

**Sponsor: Sterling Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society**

**Type: ARRL Hamfest**

**Talk-In: 146.850 113.8**

**Public Contact: Lloyd Sherman , KB9APW**

P.O. Box 521 Sterling, IL 61081  
Phone: 815-336-2434  
Email: [w9mepclub@hotmail.com](mailto:w9mepclub@hotmail.com)

## **Tri-County WI HamFest 2024**

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### **HAMFEST/CONVENTION**

**03/17/2024**  
**Start Date: 03/17/2024**  
**End Date: 03/17/2024**  
**Location: Jefferson County Fair Park, Activity Center**  
**503 N. Jackson Ave.**  
**Jefferson, WI 53549**  
**Website: <http://www.w9mqb.org>**  
**Sponsor: Tri-County Amateur Radio Club**  
**Type: ARRL Hamfest**  
**Talk-In: 145.49- 123.0**  
**Public Contact: Michael Zore , AE9MZ**  
**P. O. Box 321 Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0321**  
**Phone: 414-455-5493**  
**Email: [Hamfest@w9mqb.org](mailto:Hamfest@w9mqb.org)**

### **HAMFEST/CONVENTION**

**04/13/2024**  
**Start Date: 04/13/2024**  
**End Date: 04/13/2024**  
**Location: Mandt Community Center**  
**400 Mandt Parkway**  
**Stoughton, WI 53589**  
**Website: <https://w9hsy.org>**  
**Sponsor: Madison Area Repeater Association**  
**Type: ARRL Hamfest**  
**Talk-In: 147.150 MHz (+600) pl 123.0**  
**Public Contact: Paul Anderson , WB9QVV**  
**459 N. Arthur Cir. Verona, WI 53593**

Phone: (608) 354-1025

Email: [pda53593@gmail.com](mailto:pda53593@gmail.com)

## HAMFEST/CONVENTION

04/27/2024

Start Date: 04/27/2024

End Date: 04/27/2024

Location: Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Center (Milwaukee Curling Club)

W67N890 Washington Avenue

Cedarburg, WI 53012

Website: <https://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org>

Sponsor: Ozaukee Radio Club, Inc.

Type: ARRL Hamfest

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## Appendix II contests:

### March 1

- [NCCC FT4 Sprint](#)
- [Weekly RTTY Test](#)
- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [NCCC Sprint Ladder](#)
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)

### March 2

- [ARRL International DX Contest, SSB](#)
- [Novice Rig Roundup](#)
- [Wake-Up! QRP Sprint](#)

### March 3

- [UBA Spring Contest, CW](#)
- [NSARA Contest](#)
- [SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emergency Contest](#)
- [WAB 3.5 MHz Phone](#)

### March 4



- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)
- [OK1WC Memorial \(MWC\)](#)
- [RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data](#)

#### March 5

- [Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](#)
- [ARS Spartan Sprint](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)
- [AGCW YL-CW Party](#)

#### March 6

- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [Phone Weekly Test](#)
- [A1Club AWT](#)
- [CWops Test \(CWT\)](#)
- [VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest](#)
- [Mini-Test 40](#)
- [Mini-Test 80](#)
- [UKEICC 80m Contest](#)

#### March 7

- [Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest](#)
- [CWops Test \(CWT\)](#)
- [NRAU 10m Activity Contest](#)
- [SKCC Sprint Europe](#)

#### March 8

- [NCCC FT4 Sprint](#)
- [Weekly RTTY Test](#)
- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [NCCC Sprint](#)
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)

#### March 9

- [YB DX RTTY Contest](#)
- [SARL VHF/UHF FM Contest](#)
- [SARL Field Day Contest](#)
- [RSGB Commonwealth \(BERU\) Contest](#)
- [SKCC Weekend Sprintathon](#)
- [EA PSK63 Contest](#)
- [South America 10 Meter Contest](#)
- [DIG QSO Party, SSB](#)
- [AGCW QRP Contest](#)
- [Stew Perry Topband Challenge](#)
- [Oklahoma QSO Party](#)
- [TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest](#)

- [Idaho QSO Party](#)

#### March 10

- [North American Sprint, RTTY](#)
- [UBA Spring Contest, 2m](#)
- [FIRAC HF Contest](#)
- [YOTA Contest](#)
- [Wisconsin QSO Party](#)

#### March 11

- [4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint](#)
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)
- [OK1WC Memorial \(MWC\)](#)

#### March 12

- [Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)

#### March 13

- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [Phone Weekly Test](#)
- [A1Club AWT](#)
- [CWops Test \(CWT\)](#)
- [VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest](#)
- [Mini-Test 40](#)
- [Mini-Test 80](#)
- [RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW](#)
- [AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest](#)