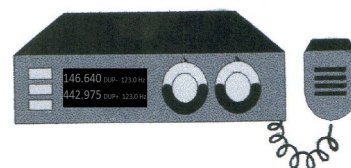




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JANUARY 2025 RRRC

Meeting Minutes



The monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was held on January 7th, 2025 using Zoom Meetings, by President Peter Frey, AD9DO. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm CST.

SECRETARY REPORT Ray Teschke, KD9QLE.

Secretary presented the minutes of the December meeting as published in the December Newsletter.

Motion to approve by: Ralph Hasler, N9WBL

Second by: Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA

Motion Carried

TREASURER REPORT Dave DePover, K9MKP

Motion to approve by: Mike DeJager, KB9LXP

Second by: Ralph Hasler, N9WBL

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARES/REPEATER: Dale Marks, WB9ADB

Nothing new to report

TRAILER: Len Buchda, KB9GDY

Group of members got together and tested the trailer Systems in cold weather in preparation for Winter Field Day. See article on page 4.

REPEATER: Dale Marks, WB9ADB

Nothing new to report

WINTER FIELD DAY: Peter Frey, AD9DO

See discussion under new business

SUMMER FIELD DAY: Dale Marks, WB9ADB

Members who wish to have camping sites need to contact Dale Marks

OLD BUSINESS

HOLIDAY PARTY. The party was held at Bayside Restaurant. A good crowd of members and their guests attended. New officers for 2025 were announced.. Mike DeJager, KB9LXP, received the Ham Of The Year Award.

NEW BUSINESS

NET CONTROL LIST for 2025 needs to be updated. Peter Frey, AD9DO, to contact Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, to update list.

WINTER FIELD DAY JANUARY 25th & 26th
Start time 10:00am.

Motion to accept Dave Carpenter's use of his lot outside of his building in Juneau.

Motion to approve by: Peter Frey, AD9DO

Second by: Tim Norbury, W9LUB

Motion Carried

Peter Frey, AD9DO, will move trailer to Dave Carpenter's building location in Juneau.

President

Peter Frey AD9DO 920-344-1378

Vice President

Ryan Klavekoske KB9OWD 920-356-8757

Secretary

Ray Teschke KD9QLE 920-210-9540

Treasurer

Dave DePover K9MKP 920-210-2209

Club Historian

Gary Pedersen KA9BAE 920-386-4666

2025 Officers



Emergency Coordinator

Dale Marks WB9ADB 920-485-4234

Assistant Emergency Coordinator

Ryan Klavekoske KB9OWD 920-356-8757

Repeater Directors

Dale Marks WB9ADB 920-485-4234 (Trustee)

Dave DePover K9MKP 920-210-2209

Keith Lodahl, WJ9L 920-387-4675

Ray Teschke KD9QLE 920-210-9540

Webmaster Lucky Lasanske K9LUK 920-216-4268

(Meeting minutes continued)

A motion was made to accept a propane tank from Len Buchda, KB9GDY so that the trailer has a backup tank. Kevin Green to take care of getting the tank exchanged so we know it is safe to use.

Motion to approve by: Brad Gehrt, KA9JDE

Second by: Peter Frey, AD9DO

Motion Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURNED

President Peter Frey, AD9DO, heard no further business and requested the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn by: David DePover, K9MKP

Second by: Ralph Hasler, N9WBL

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Raymond Teschke, KD9QLE

Secretary, Rock River Radio Club.



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL RADIO CLUB!

What does that mean?

- Come to club meetings and activities
- Pay your \$20/yr membership fee (\$25/yr for a family). See last page to join / renew for 2025
- Participate in club nets

Friendly Reminder: It is time to pay your 2025 dues. Only \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a family. Form is on the last page of the newsletter.

The monthly **RRRC breakfast** get-together will be on Saturday, February 8th, at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau. All are welcome, so join us at around 8:00 AM for a pleasant informal gathering.



THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RRRC WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH AT MIKE (KB9LXP) DEJAGER'S, 111 N. HIGH STREET IN RANDOLPH AT 7:00 PM.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO JOIN US IN-PERSON (WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR SMILING FACES), A LINK TO JOIN VIA ZOOM MEETINGS WILL BE EMAILED OUT TO YOU THE DAY OF THE MEETING.

RRRC JANUARY 2025 MEETING ATTENDANCE

(in alphabetical order)

Art Schregardus, N9TSC, Randolph
Brad Gehrt, KA9JDE, Rush Lake
Dale Marks, WB9ADB, Burnett
Dave Carpenter, KC9REP, Hartford
Dave DePover, K9MKP, Juneau
Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, Horicon
Fred DeJager, SWL, Randolph
Gary Pedersen, KA9BAE, Juneau
Jean DeJager, SWL, Randolph
Kevin Green, KC9YPK, Mayville
Len Buchda, KB9GDY, Randolph
Mike De Jager, KB9LXP, Randolph
Peter Frey, AD9DO, Beaver Dam via Zoom
Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, Oconomowoc via Zoom
Ray Teschke, KD9QLE, Horicon via Zoom
Ted Neuburg, W9LUQ, Waupun via Zoom
Tim Norbury, W9LUB, Watertown via Zoom

RRRC VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY All are welcome!

Saturday, February 15 at NOON
At KB9LXP's place in Randolph
111 N. High Street

Mike's providing plates, silverware, cups, napkins and DECAF coffee
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS!

We're playing bingo!
Please bring a white elephant gift



Winter Field Day

An Amateur Radio Field Exercise

January 25th & 26th 2025

Open to the public!

CQ, CQ, CQ... visitors welcome

Come watch amateur radio operators

- ❄ Set up a field station & antennas
- ❄ Contact people around the world
- ❄ Operate voice, digital and morse code
- ❄ Test their equipment and abilities
- ❄ Practice emergency skills

Visitors are welcome to stop by, ask questions, and learn about the exciting hobby of amateur radio.

You may even have the opportunity to pick up a microphone and get on the air!

Local Information:

Rock River Radio Club

Saturday January 25
starting at 10 am

207 West Street
Juneau WI

Learn about
emergency communications!

Contact: Peter Frey AD9DO
alphadelta9deltaoscar@gmail.com

More info at www.winterfeldday.org





ARES / RACES EMERGENCY TRAILER UPDATE

By Brad KA9JDE



On Monday, January 6, RRRRC members Dale Marks WB9ADB, Kevin Green KC9YPK, Dennis Weigel KC9ICA and Brad Gehrt KA9JDE made a “service call” to our ARES / RACES emergency trailer. A cold winter day seemed like a perfect time to make certain everything is working properly and ready for Winter Field Day January 25-26!

Together we tested the following systems:

- The Generac generator works.
- The baseboard electric heaters work.
- The furnace works.
- The Icom 706 main and backup rigs work.
- The auto antenna tuner works after finding a loose coax connector.
- The vertical whip works on 20m, 40m, and 80m.
- The new tires look great.



Brad KA9JDE, Kevin KC9YPK, Dale WB9ADB and Dennis KC9ICA

We made several contacts with excellent signal reports on 20m and 40m SSB. Thanks to all that helped. Also, thanks to Len KB9GDY, Mike KB9LXP, Dave K9MKP, Ray KD9QLE and Art N9TSC for helping with the trailer in the past. Sorry if I missed anyone as many RRRRC members have helped over the years!



Dale, Kevin and Dennis checking out the whip antenna

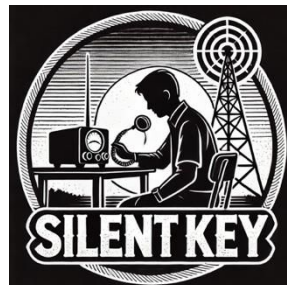


Brad and Dennis firing up the club's generator. Brrrrrrr!



FROM THE RRRC ARCHIVES

OUR SILENT KEYS



Date of Death						Years Gone
11/24/86	Miller	Les	W9OFL	Waupun	WI	38.2
02/25/91	Benditz	Redd	W9IZG	Juneau	WI	33.9
05/01/95	Vander Galien	Sam	W9RZK	Randolph	WI	29.7
09/29/98	Klein	Jack	W9YOA	Beaver Dam	WI	26.3
03/01/99	Russell	Ed	N9XQF	Beaver Dam	WI	25.9
09/16/99	Kindt	Charles	W9MPP	Beaver Dam	WI	25.3
03/01/00	Carr	Sherman	W9NGT	Hartford	WI	24.9
10/10/00	Gould	Gene	KB9QIW	Horicon	WI	24.3
11/01/00	Keegstra	Larry	N9NZN	Beaver Dam	WI	24.2
01/20/01	Fadness	Jerry	W9GF	Stevens Point	WI	24.0
02/11/01	Kimble	Bill	WA9OAY	Watertown	WI	23.9
03/03/01	Maas	Doug	WB9OCV	Juneau	WI	23.9
08/18/01	Ludwig	Terry	N9JUU	Oconomowoc	WI	23.4
06/05/02	Rasmussen	Emil	KB9UOD	Waupun	WI	22.6
12/27/02	Victor	Albert	K0HPP	Marion	IA	22.1
02/03/03	Brueckner	Melvin	WB9RKO	Beaver Dam	WI	22.0
08/02/05	Zietlow	Arnie	KA9FNE	Juneau	WI	19.5
12/11/05	Thoma	Leo	WD9EKY	Watertown	WI	19.1
12/20/05	Von Allmen	Jeff	KB9MRU	Beaver Dam	WI	19.1
05/18/07	Hickey	James	AA9HJ	Beaver Dam	WI	17.7
11/07/08	Barajas	Ann	WB9SZC	Beaver Dam	WI	16.2
12/03/08	Pedersen	Roy	K9FHI	Juneau	WI	16.1
10/15/09	Norbury	Bettie	K9GJC	Watertown	WI	15.2
07/10/10	Dunham	Bob	KA9UPI	Beaver Dam	WI	14.5
11/04/11	Haas	Duane	W9BCV	Beaver Dam	WI	13.2
12/24/14	Pitzlin	Dave	N9XQJ	Beaver Dam	WI	10.1
10/08/15	Grunewald	Randy	KB9KEG	N. Fond du Lac	WI	9.3
04/08/16	Nowak	Alice	KB9UYL	Beaver Dam	WI	8.8
09/08/16	Lerum	Phil	N9MGF	Fox Lake	WI	8.3
08/01/17	Verhoeven	Johannes H.	KA9OIF	Watertown	WI	7.4
11/11/17	Mullen	Judy	KB9MKK	Beaver Dam	WI	7.2
12/07/17	Druecke	Dennis	K9DLD	Juneau	WI	7.1
11/14/19	Roberts	Gale	WB9RWW	Clyman	WI	5.2
01/01/20	Pedersen	Beryl	KA9BAC	Juneau	WI	5.0
01/31/20	Mullen	Marcus	W9MIM	Beaver dam	WI	4.9
03/08/20	Klein	Robert / Bob	W8RCK	Luxemburg	WI	4.8
08/28/21	Jansma	Louis	K9ZPT	Waupun	WI	3.4
12/05/21	Nowak	Joe J.	KF9PT	Beaver Dam	WI	3.1
01/29/22	Mullin	William	N9XQI	Randolph	WI	3.0
07/10/22	Moran	Mike	AC9VY	Waupun	WI	2.5
07/11/22	Perry	Eugene	K9FHJ	Waupun	WI	2.5
07/12/23	Paxson	Bill	KA9OTV	Cambridge	WI	1.5
03/07/24	Priest	Nyles	K9KUW	Found Du Lac	WI	0.8
?	Miller	Joseph	W9WYG	Hartford	WI	

If you know of someone who isn't on our list, please email Brad ka9jde@gmail.com

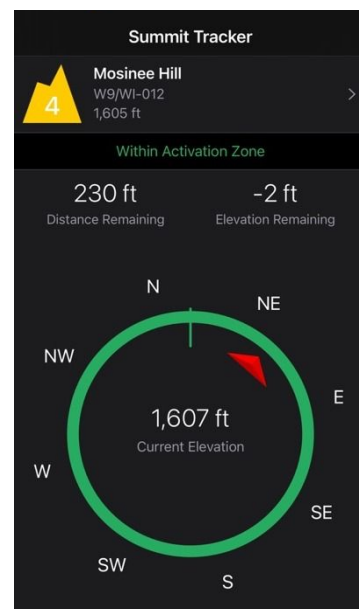
SUMMITS ON THE AIR (SOTA) PARKS ON THE AIR (POTA)

WISCONSIN WINTER FUN!

BY Brad KA9JDE

One of the main goals of SOTA and POTA is to sharpen your skills as a portable operator. If you would like to get involved in SOTA or POTA, here is a link to our RRRC Elmer list on our website:

<http://www.rrrc.net/pdf-files/2023/Elmer-10-10-23.pdf>



As mentioned at our last RRRC meeting, I planned to do a SOTA / POTA road trip the next day, Wednesday, January 8th. Since my passion is SOTA, I chose Wausau as my destination because Rib Mountain is a SOTA summit, and since it is a state park, it is also a POTA site. That makes it a “two-fer”. Rib Mountain is 6 point SOTA summit and a “drive up”, which means any of you could do it! The last time Rib Mountain was SOTA activated was September 18, 2024. Do you think that might be because it is REALLY COLD during winter in Wisconsin? Fortunately for me, Rib Mountain has a 3 point SOTA Winter Bonus from December 1 to March 31. I really earned the winter bonus as it was 12 degrees out. I made 20 SSB contacts.



No using a vehicle to keep warm with SOTA!



Brrrrr!!!



Next stop, Mosinee Hill, which is also a “drive up” SOTA summit. I will be making up for that over the next 3 weeks while backpacking up to many of the summits I activate in Arizona! Even at a drive up SOTA summit, the rules require you carry all you gear to where you set up your portable station. You are not allowed to use your vehicle even for support for your antenna mast. The activation was a success with 6 SSB contacts. SOTA requires a minimum 4 contacts whereas POTA requires 10. One contact was to a SOTA Chaser in France.

My goal is to reach 1,000 SOTA points. This activation brings me to up to 761 points. Woohoo!



HAM RADIO LICENSE TESTING DATES

If you are looking to get your ham radio license or upgrade your current license, here is the info you need. Tests can be taken In Person or Virtually via Zoom in the comfort of your home. The choice is yours!

UPCOMING NEARBY "IN PERSON" EXAMS:

01/18/2025

JANESVILLE

Sponsor: Wisconsin Area VEs (WAVE)

Date: Jan 18 2025

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Scott A. Fry

(608) 751-3996

Email: n9fry@arrl.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Saint John Lutheran Church

Basement - Lower Entrance

302 N Parker Dr

Janesville WI 53545-3024

01/18/2025

WAUPACA

Sponsor: Waupaca County ARE'S Group

Date: Jan 18 2025

Time: 9:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: David L. Wedde

(920) 505-0184

Email: davewedde12@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Waupaca Public Library

107 S Main St

Waupaca WI 54981-1521

01/25/2025

MILWAUKEE

Sponsor: MRAC VEC, INC.

Date: Jan 25 2025

Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Tom Fuszard

Email: mracvec@gmail.com

VEC: Milwaukee WI

Location: Ham Radio Outlet

5710 W Good Hope Rd

Milwaukee WI 53223-4736

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

(608) 437-8937

Email: w9goc@arrl.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Univ of WI Space Place

2300 S Park Street

Villager Mall Lower Level

Must have FRN at time of exam.

Madison WI 53715-2143

Website: www.w9jz.org/exam/

02/22/2025

MILWAUKEE

Sponsor: MRAC VEC, INC.

Date: Feb 22 2025

Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Tom Fuszard

Email: mracvec@gmail.com

VEC: Milwaukee WI

Location: Ham Radio Outlet

5710 W Good Hope Rd

Milwaukee WI 53223-4736

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

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EXAMS:

Brad, KA9JDE, is a member of the AA7HW Volunteer Examiner Team under the W5YI VEC. With over 40 Volunteer Examiners on the team, we offer virtual testing via Zoom. The cost of the exam is \$14. For more info or to schedule an exam, go to aa7hw.org.

Testing is done virtually via Zoom usually Monday-Thursday at 4pm and Friday at 8:30pm. To schedule your exam session, go to: aa7hw.org
Also, feel free to contact Brad KA9JDE with any questions at ka9jde@gmail.com.



02/01/2025

MADISON

Sponsor: Four Lakes ARC

Date: Feb 01 2025

Time: 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Frederick Baguhn



AA7HW^{VE} Team

Yes, you CAN take your License Exam Online using Zoom

from the comfort of your own home or office

Our team of Volunteer Examiners has administered nearly 2000 friendly, efficient online amateur radio license exams since May 2020

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<https://www.aa7hw.org>

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Local contact:
Brad Gehrt, KA9JDE
W5YI Volunteer Examiner
ka9jde@gmail.com
(920) 210-1620

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

Tri-County WI HamFest 2025

03/16/2025

Start Date: 03/16/2025

End Date: 03/16/2025

Location: Jefferson County Fair Park, Activity Center
P.O. Box 321

Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Website: <https://www.W9MQB.org>

Sponsor: Tri-County Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.49

Public Contact: Michael Zore , AE9MZ

P.O. Box 321 Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0321

Phone: 414-455-5493

Email: MZore@SterlingTech.net



Madison Hamfest

04/26/2025

Start Date: 04/26/2025

End Date: 04/26/2025

Location: Mandt Community Center

400 Mandt Parkway

Stoughton, WI 53589

Website: <https://w9hsy.org/>

Sponsor: Madison Area Repeater Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.15 MHz (+600) pl 123.0

Public Contact: Paul Anderson , WB9QVV

459 N. Arthur Circle Verona, WI 53593

Phone: 608-354-1025

Email: pda53593@gmail.com

ORC 45th Annual Spring Indoor Swapfest

04/26/2025

Start Date: 04/26/2025

End Date: 04/26/2025

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

Talk-In: 146.97 MHz (- offset), CTCSS 127.3 Hz

Public Contact: Tom Trethewey , KC9ONY

W69N905 Evergreen Ct. N., #202 Cedarburg, WI 53012-1170

Phone: 262-421-6351

Email: swapfest@ozaukeeradioclub.org

RRRC Weekly Nets

Monday A.R.E.S. Net 7:30 PM

RRRC 2-Meter Repeater 146.64 MHz

Net Control Stations

January 13, 2025	Ted - W9LUQ
January 20, 2025	Ryan - KB9OWD
January 27, 2025	Gary - KA9BAE
February 3, 2025	Jeff - KB9UNY
February 10, 2025	Peter - KD9UVX /
Cameron KD9VGV	

Repeater Backup 147.585 MHz Simplex

160-Meter HF Net Wednesday 7:00 PM

1.908 MHz Lower Side Band

(1.920 MHz backup frequency)

**70-Centimeter Net RRRC Knowles
Repeater 442.975**

Thursdays at 7:30 PM

75-Meter HF Net Saturday 10:00 AM

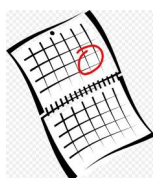
7.278 MHz Lower Side Band

Alternate Frequency 3.947 MHz

Calendar 2025

WINTER FIELD DAYS Jan 25th & 26th 10am

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY Feb 15th



RRRC Repeaters

2-Meter Located in Juneau, WI

146.640 MHz Output

146.040 MHz Input

(Duplex, Standard Negative Offset)

123.0 Hz PL Tone

70-Centimeter Located in Knowles, WI

442.975 MHz Output

447.975 MHz Input

(Duplex, Standard Positive Offset)

123.0 Hz PL Tone

Standard FM and

Yaesu System Fusion (C4FM) Capable

Rock River Radio Club Mailing Addresses

Send Bills / Club Business to:

R.R.R.C.

P.O. Box 26, Juneau, WI 53039-0026

Send Newsletter Related Items to:

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617 Mohawk Cir, Horicon, WI 53032

rkteschke@att.net

Send Club Dues to:

Dave DePover K9MKP

W7657 Stone Rd, Juneau WI 53039

Website: www.rrrc.net

Webmaster: Ray (Lucky) Lasanske K9LUK

k9luk@sbcglobal.net

Annual Membership Dues
Rock River Radio Club of Wisconsin
PO Box 26, Juneau WI 53039-0026



Last Name: _____

First Name(s): _____

Call(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

ARRL: YES NO

State: _____ Zip: _____

Description	\$ Each	Quantity	Total
RRRC 2025 Membership - Family	\$25.00		
RRRC 2025 Membership - Individual Regular	\$20.00		
RRRC 2025 Membership - Individual Associate	\$10.00		
RRRC Badge	\$10.00		
A.R.E.S. Communication Trailer Fund Contribution			
GRAND TOTAL:			

Send to: Dave DePover
 Attn: RRRC treasurer
 W7657 Stone Rd.
 Juneau, WI 53039