



# RRRC NEWS

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From your friends in the Rock River Radio Club



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## October 2025 RRRC

### Meeting Minutes



The monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was held on OCTOBER 7, 2025 by President Peter Frey, AD9DO. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm CDT.

**SECRETARY REPORT** Ray Teschke, KD9QLE, Secretary, presented the minutes of the September meeting as published in the September Newsletter. Motion to approve by: Brad Gehrt, KA9JDE Second by: Dave DePover, K9MKP Motion Carried

**TREASURER REPORT** Dave DePover K9MKP. Motion to approve by: Ray Teschke, KD9QLE Second by: Mike DeJager, KB9LXP Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ARES/REPEATER:** Dale Marks, WB9ADB

Will be attending the State ARES/RACES Convention Oct. 12th in Wisconsin Rapids.

**TRAILER:** Len Buchda, KB9GDY

The trailer is on order. The Repeater Committee extra item list was approved at September meeting.

**REPEATER:** Dale Marks, WB9ADB

There has been some interference from a repeater in

Michigan on the Juneau Repeater lately.

**FIELD DAY:** Dale Marks, WB9ADB

The 2026 event will be held at the Antique Power grounds near Burnett, June 26-28.

### OLD BUSINESS

The Watertown Repeater is back online. They thanked us for the use of the Juneau Repeater for their net.

### NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party—a location has yet to be determined. President Peter is looking for suggestions for a location. Park Avenue Sports Café was suggested.

Nomination Committee for Officer Elections for 2026: Peter Frey, AD9DO. Brad Gehrt, KA9JDE, Mike DeJager, KB9LXP, and Len Buchda, KB9GDY.

Fox Hunt—Starting point will be the Horicon Marsh Auto Tour parking lot off Highway 49 east of Waupun. The Fox Transmitter will be turned on at 3pm. Peter will send out additional information before the event.

Meeting Attendance Names List- Mike DeJager, KB9LXP brought up: Does the newsletter really need a list of those attending our meeting? Tabled to next meeting.

A motion was made to add the trailer items taxes to the cost of additional trailer items. Taxes amount would be \$207.75

Motion to approve by: Ray Teschke, KD9QLE

Second by: Brad Gehrt, KA9JDE

Motion Carried

#### 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

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## MOTION TO ADJOURNED

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

Motion to adjourn by: Mike DeJager, KB9LXP

Second by: Ray Teschke, KD9QLE

Motion Carried



## MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Raymond Teschke, KD9QLE

Secretary, Rock River Radio Club.



The next monthly RRRC breakfast get-together will be on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau. All are welcome, so join us at around 8:00 AM for a pleasant informal gathering. Contact Dale Marks, WB9ADB, for more info.

**IT IS SUPER EASY  
AND ONLY TAKES  
A MOMENT OF  
YOUR TIME.**

**CLICK HERE-----→**



## PLEASE READ AND HELP HAMS!

ARRL has launched a nationwide grassroots campaign aimed at securing the passage of federal legislation that would grant Amateur Radio Operators the same rights to install antennas on their property as those enjoyed by users of TV antennas, wireless internet, and flagpoles. To advance the legislation, ARRL is calling on its members and all licensees of the US Amateur Radio Service to take action by sending letters to their congressional representatives. [Send your letter Now](#)

**THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RRRC  
WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON ON TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00 PM AT MIKE  
DEJAGER'S PLACE, 111 N. HIGH STREET IN  
RANDOLPH.**

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.

**The nomination committee is looking for  
nominations for all club positions for 2026.  
Email your nominations to (can be yourself):  
[w9tch.rrrc@gmail.com](mailto:w9tch.rrrc@gmail.com)**



## RRRC OCTOBER 2025 MEETING ATTENDANCE

Brad Gehrt, KA9JDE, Rush Lake  
Dale Marks, WB9ADB, Burnett  
Dave DePover, K9MKP, Juneau  
David Odekirk, KA9DQK, Watertown  
Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, Horicon via Zoom  
Evelyn Arndt, Watertown  
Gary Pedersen, KA9BAE, Juneau via Zoom  
Gene DeGroot, WB9QCC, Randolph  
Jean DeJager, SWL, Randolph  
Jerry Arndt, NO9U, Watertown  
Len Buchda, KB9GDY, Randolph  
Mike DeJager, KB9LXP, Randolph  
Peter Frey, AD9DO, Beaver Dam  
Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, Oconomowoc via Zoom  
Ray Teschke, KD9QLE, Fond du Lac via Zoom

## Letter from the President

Hello fellow Rock River Radio Club members and friends!

I want to thank everyone that participated in our Autumn Fox Hunt. It was a great time for everyone and look forward to May for our Spring instilment.

Over the past two years, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the President of this esteemed club. Together we have achieved significant milestones and fostered a strong sense of community among our members. I am proud of what we have accomplished and grateful for the support and dedication each of you has shown. I want to inform you of my decision to resign from my position as President of the Rock River Radio Club at the end of the year. Due to personal family commitments, I find it necessary to step down from my role. My family requires my attention and support at this time and they are top priority. I believe it is in the best interest of both the club and myself to allow someone else to take on the responsibilities of the presidency. I am confident that the Rock River Radio Club will continue to thrive and achieve great things under new leadership. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition and will be available to assist in any way possible during this period. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President! I look forward to remaining an active member of the club and supporting its future endeavors.

All the best,

Peter AD9DO



## **RRRC Member Profile**

### **Diana Kraemer**

### **KD9IXD**



Let's get to know RRRC member: Diana (KD9IXD) of Juneau.

CURRENT LICENSE CLASS:

*Technician*

NICKNAME:

*"D"*

HOMETOWN:

*Stoughton WI*

WHY DID YOU BECAME A HAM RADIO OPERATOR?

*A passage in my physics textbook about a ham radio operator in England who contacted the ISS.*

TELL US ABOUT YOUR RADIO EQUIPMENT/SHACK

*Yaesu FT-65 handheld, 2 Motorola XTS 2500s, an SDR*

TELL US ABOUT YOUR ANTENNA EQUIPMENT:

*What's on my radios and the one that came with the SDR. There's supposed to be a TV antenna in my attic. It has a scary pull-down ladder, so I haven't gone up it yet.*

IF YOU JUST WON THE LOTTERY, WHAT RIG / ANTENNA WOULD YOU BUY?

*Something high powered and HF for DX-ing.*

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HAM RADIO RIG OF ALL TIME?

*I saw a picture once of a riding lawn mower stacked with radio equipment. It has to be that!*

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ANTENNA OF ALL TIME?

*Anything end-fed, but I do appreciate a classic dipole.*

WHAT ARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST AREAS OF INTEREST IN HAM RADIO?

*DX-ing, POTA, fox hunting sounds fun, satellite stuff. Still learning all there is.*

TELL US A FUNNY STORY ABOUT YOU HAS A HAM RADIO OPERATOR:

*While camping recently, I was trying to hit a tower and forgot why I was transmitting on a lower frequency than what was in my radio. Which also happened to be (I thought) the RRRC tower input. Turns out I forgot not only our repeater frequency, I also forgot about negative offsets. Wasted an hour. But it was funny!*

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?

*Electrical engineer*

WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER HOBBIES OR INTERESTS?

*I have a lot of engineering adjacent interests. I also like to garden/plants, cook/bake, DIY/tools, embroidery/crafts, puzzles, camping, canoeing, hiking, national parks trips and I'm trying out blacksmithing.*

Editor's note: Thanks so much, Diana, for being this month's featured member — we're lucky to have you in the Rock River Radio Club!



# RRRC FALL FOXHUNT



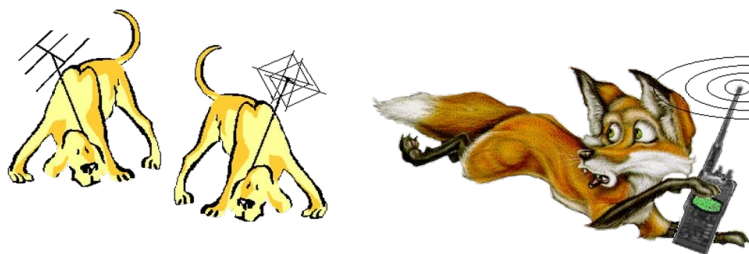
We had an EXCELLENT turnout of “hunters”!



The “fox” (transmitter) in a Jersey Mike’s box hidden in a tree above co-fox Cameron KD9VG

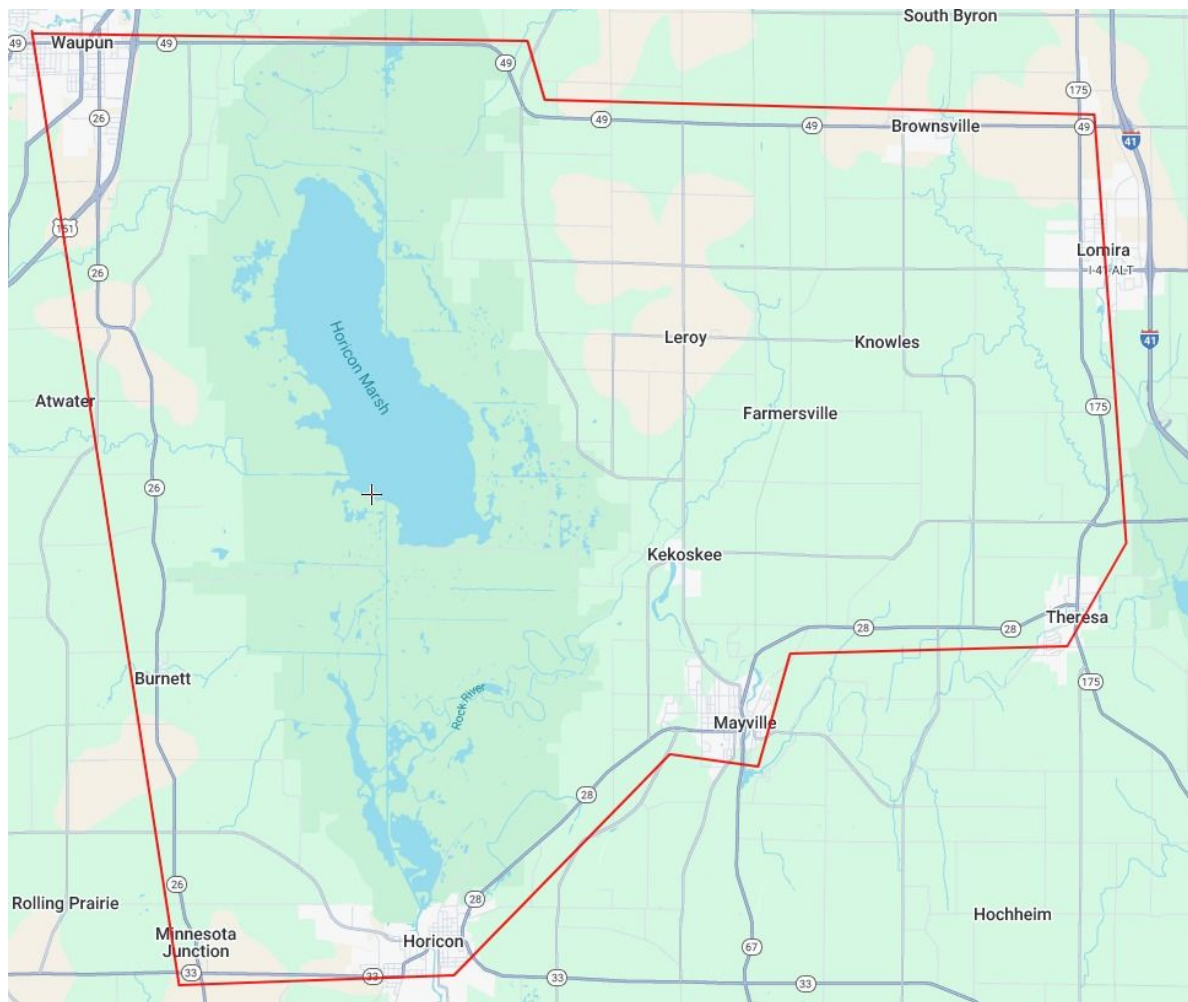


The remaining “hunters” found the fox shortly after Max and Michael



First Place: Max KD9NZB and Michael AA9RK

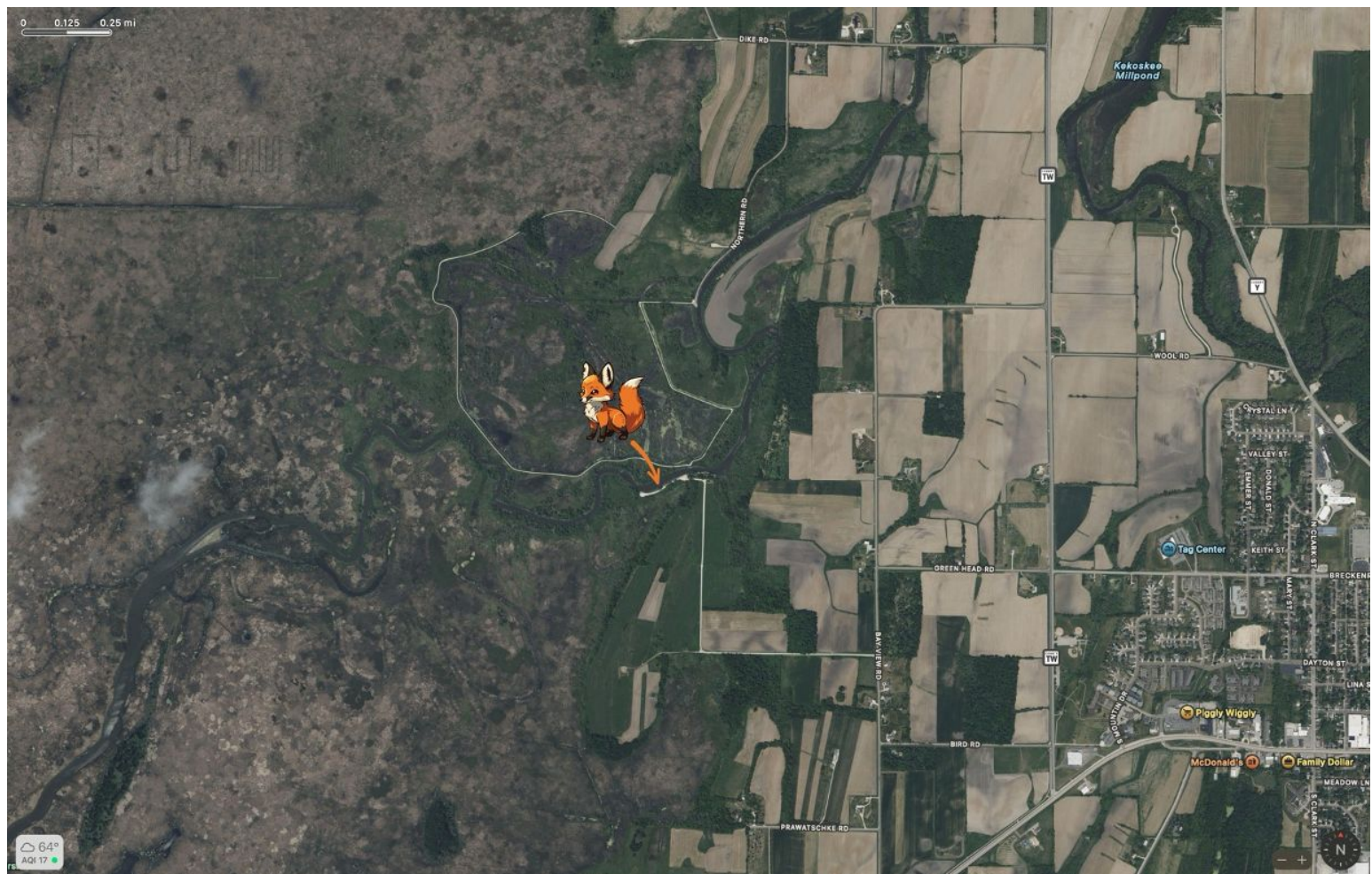




The red outline on the left shows the bounders for the Fall Fox Hunt.

Peter AD9DO and Cameron KD9VG were the foxes.

The satellite image below shows the location of the “Fox”, also known as our hidden transmitter near the Green Head Boat Landing on the east side of Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area.





# Winlink: Email Over Radio

Have you ever wanted to send an email when cell service is down or the internet isn't available? That's exactly what Winlink makes possible.

Winlink is a worldwide digital messaging system that lets amateur radio operators send and receive email using our radios. Messages can travel directly station-to-station or pass through a network of "gateways" that connect to the internet.

## Why Hams Use Winlink

- **Emergency Communications (EMCOMM):** Winlink is one of the most reliable ways to move formal traffic and ICS forms during disasters.
- **Remote Operations**  
Sailors, adventurers, and SOTA/POTA activators use it for weather reports, position tracking, and staying in touch from remote places
- **Everyday Practice**  
Many ARES/RACS groups hold weekly Winlink nets so operators can stay proficient.

## Quick Start Checklist

- ✓ Download Winlink Express (free software)
- ✓ Radio: HF, VHE or UHF with a sound card or TNC interface
- ✓ Practice sending a "check-in" message to a Winlink net.

## Why It Matters

Winlink bridges radio and the internet. Whether you're preparing for storm season, helping at a community event or just exploring digital modes, Winlink is a powerful tool that belongs in every hams toolkit.



## DID YOU KNOW...

KC9YPK-10 and KA9JDE-10 are local WinLink nodes on 145.61 MHz.

The WI ARES/RACES Digital Net is open for check-ins weekly from 7 PM CDT Monday to 6:59 PM CDT Tuesday. Contact Brad KA9JDE, Joe KD9USW or Dale WB9ADB for more information.

# UPCOMING HAMFESTS

## Hidden Valleys Amateur Radio Club Free Hamfest

### HAMFEST/CONVENTION

10/18/2025

**Start Date:** 10/18/2025

**End Date:** 10/18/2025

**Location:** Grant County Fair Grounds, Youth and Ag Building  
916 East Elm Street (County Road A)  
Lancaster, WI 53813

**Website:** <http://kc9kq.net>

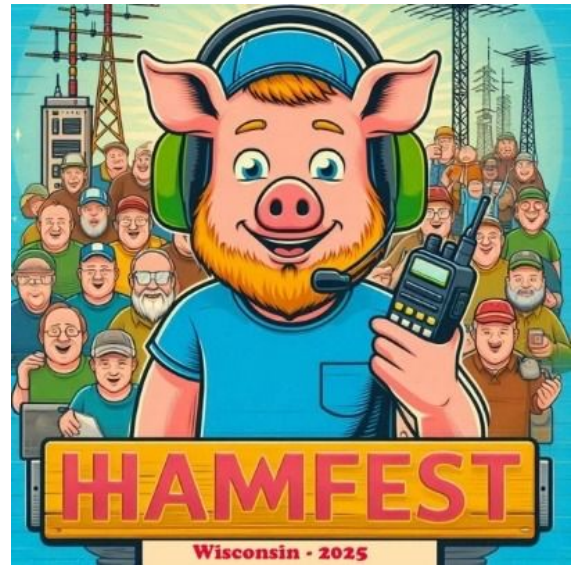
**Sponsor:** H.V.A.R.C.

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.52

**Public Contact:** Alvin J Bontreger , KC9MCC  
8123 County road U PO Box 100 Beetown, WI 53802  
Phone: 608-732-2660

**Email:** [abontreger@rocketmail.com](mailto:abontreger@rocketmail.com)



## FCARC Annual Hamfest

### HAMFEST/CONVENTION

11/02/2025

**Start Date:** 11/02/2025

**End Date:** 11/02/2025

**Location:** Sunnyview Exposition Center  
500 E. County Rd. Y  
Oshkosh, WI 54901

**Website:** <https://fcarc.club/>

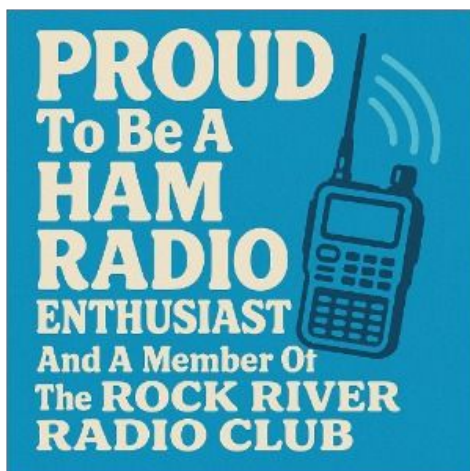
**Sponsor:** Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.76 pl 100

**Public Contact:** Carol Young , W9PIO  
E5869 Clark Street Weyauwega, WI 54983  
Phone: 920-915-8960

**Email:** [W9PIO2024@gmail.com](mailto:W9PIO2024@gmail.com)



### WHAT IS A HAMFEST?

A "hamfest" is a gathering, often a weekend event, for amateur radio operators (or "hams") to socialize, buy, sell, and trade amateur radio equipment, participate in forums and seminars, and potentially take amateur radio license exams.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

**Social Event:**

Hamfests are primarily social events where hams can connect with each other and share their passion for amateur radio.

**Flea Market:**

A significant part of a hamfest is a flea market where attendees can buy, sell, and trade a wide variety of amateur radio equipment, from vintage to modern, and related accessories.

**Seminars and Forums:**

Many hamfests feature seminars and forums covering various aspects of amateur radio, including technical, operational, and legal topics.

**License Exams:**

Some hamfests also host volunteer examiner teams (VEs) who administer amateur radio license exams.

**Commercial Exhibits:**

Some hamfests include commercial exhibits where manufacturers and vendors showcase and sell their amateur radio equipment.

**Amateur Radio Clubs:**

Hamfests can also serve as a venue for meetings of amateur radio clubs.



# October

## RRRC - 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (WgLUQ)	3	4 Club Breakfast – Village Garden (Juneau)
5	6 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (KBgUNY)	7 Club Meeting – 7pm	8	9 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (KDgVGV)	10	11 Autumn Fox Hunt – 3pm
12	13 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (ADgDO)	14	15	16 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (KBgUNY)	17	18
19	20 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (WgLUQ)	21	22	23 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (ADgDO)	24	25
26	27 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (KBgOWD)	28	29	30 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (KDgVGV)	31	

# November

## RRRC - 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Club Breakfast – Village Garden (Juneau)
2	3 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (KA9BAE)	4 Club Meeting – 7pm	5	6 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (W9LUQ)	7	8
9	10 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (KB9UNY)	11	12	13 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (KD9VGV)	14	15
16	17 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (KD9VGV)	18	19	20 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (KB9UNY)	21	22
23	24 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (W9LUQ)	25	26	27 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (AD9DO)	28	29
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# December

**RRRC - 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (KB9OWD)	2 Club Meeting – 7pm	3	4 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (W9LUQ)	5	6 Christmas Party – Location TBD – 1pm
7	8 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (KA9BAE)	9	10	11 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (AD9DO)	12	13
14	15 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (KB9UNY)	16	17	18 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (KB9UNY)	19	20
21	22 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (AD9DO)	23	24	25 70cm Net – 442.975 – 7:30pm (KD9VGV)	26	27
28	29 2m Net – 146.640 – 7:30pm (W9LUQ)	30	31			

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

**NEW MEMBERS:**

**Join October 15 – December 31 2025**  
**You will also be a paid member for 2026!**



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Call(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL:        YES        NO

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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