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OUR MEETINGS

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Meeting time:

1st Tuesday of the month
7:00 pm (but we gather to visit
starting at 6:30 pm)

Meeting place:

*Algonquin Township
3702 Northwest Hwy (Rt. 14)
Crystal Lake, IL 60014*

Follow the signs and enter from the rear parking lot ramp entrance.

McHenry County Wireless Association

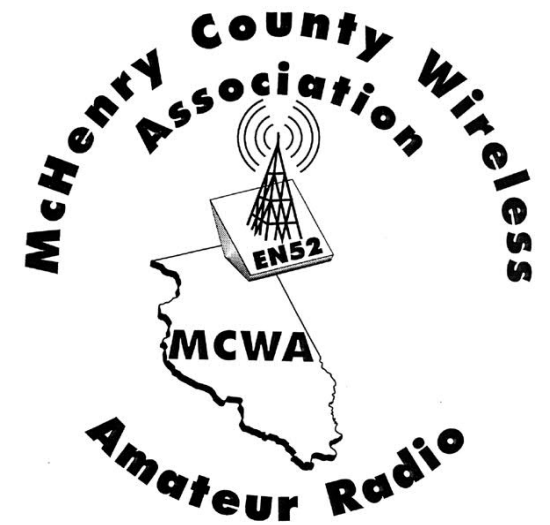
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McHenry County Wireless Association

McHenry County, Illinois

K9RN

For over 40 Years





Who we are

Founded in 1978, McHenry County Wireless Association (MCWA) is an Amateur (Ham) Radio club open to all those interested in learning and exchanging information about the many facets of the hobby.

Everyone serious and/or inquisitive about the hobby is welcome! You don't have to be a member to attend our meetings.

What does a meeting look like? Presentations on antenna farms, ham shacks, DX-peditions, VHF/UHF, low-band, mobile installation, radio rebuilds, and more. There are so many facets of this hobby to share with others. People can learn what else is out there for their enjoyment.

Did you know Amateur Radio is a fundamental communication tool, and in times of trouble is often the ONLY means for information in and out of the affected area. Emergency events where HAM radio was key include the 2015 Nepal earthquake, Boston Marathon, Hurricanes Katrina, Irma, and Maria, and of course 9/11. When all else fails – Amateur Radio.

Becoming a 'HAM'

Are you interested in learning, but don't know where to start? Anyone can become an Amateur Radio Operator – no matter what age, gender or physical ability. And when you are ready to take the test we can help there too! The entry level Technician class license is earned by passing a 35 question test. The Morse code (CW) is no longer required for any ham license class.

Licensing tests

Contact Steve Maresso, KB9OLD @ 847 477-3518

Testing is held during the months of February, May, August, and November (quarterly), on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The sessions will be open for walk in's between 7pm and 8pm.

Testing is held in Woodstock at the Free Methodist Church, 934 N. Seminary St., Woodstock, IL

What can I do after I'm licensed?

- Simply get on the air and meet other hams.
- Make contacts with distant stations in other countries - "DX".
- Participate in organized contests making as many contacts as you can within the designated time period.
- Talk through orbiting satellites and the ISS. Bounce your signals off the moon or a meteor shower and then back to other stations on earth.
- Become a weather spotter.

Communication can be done using voice, Morse code, radio teletype, slow and fast scan TV, and many other digital modes using a computer and keyboard.

More Club Information

Website <https://mcwa.org>

Newsgroup - For current or updated information between meetings you can sign up for our Groups.io newsgroup - K9RN at:

<https://groups.io/g/K9RN>

We ask that you sign up with your name and callsign. Membership in the newsgroup is open to all MCWA members. This is a moderated newsgroup.



MCWA is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) affiliated Club.

Field Day

Field Day is amateur radio's open house held each year on the fourth weekend in June. Tens of thousands of amateurs across North America set up temporary stations to demonstrate their technical skills, emergency preparedness, and community outreach and service.

Visit us on the web to learn more:
<http://www.mcwa.org>