



# WISCONSIN SECTION NEWSLETTER

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ARRL Wisconsin Section Manager: Jason Spetz, KC9FXE

## From the Section Manager

Hamfest season is in full swing!

As you will see, in this edition of the Section Newsletter, Tom and I (and a few other ARRL representatives) have been attending ARRL sanctioned events around the section over the last few weeks.

There was a good turn out at the fest in Stoughton resulting in some great conversations...



The same in Superior where I tag teamed the ARRL tables with the Dakota Division Director and the Minnesota Section Manager and others...

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Green Bay Hamfest  
May 31, 2025

Riverland Swapfest  
June 21, 2025

FCARC Swapfest  
June 21, 2025

S. Milwaukee  
Swapfest  
July 5, 2025

More details inside



### New Ham? No problem!

If you are a new ham or know a new ham, the ARRL has a web page full of resources to help a new ham get started. The ARRL is also offering an Operating Manual to new members to help them get started.

Visit the new ham resources page at: <https://www.arrl.org/new-ham-resources>

# ARRL MEMBERSHIP CAN HELP YOU GET ACTIVE ON-THE-AIR

The *ARRL Operating Manual*  
is our gift to you when you join!

Get this comprehensive guide to amateur radio operating with code **RESOURCE**

Have a happy and safe Memorial Day Weekend! See you in Green Bay on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Until next time... 73!

# General Announcements, Event, and Reminders

## EAA Airventure 2025 Special Event Station

The sign-up for this year's EAA Special Event Station is now open to all ARRL members. Sign up will be drawing to a close on May 28 2025. This has to be done so the EAA can finalize their planning to accommodate us during the event.

This year we will operate on 6 days -- Monday through Saturday, during the show (July 21 thru July 27, 2025). This operating event is open to all license classes. We will operate 2 HF stations, one on 20m, one on 40m, 6-meter SSB, plus local communications on 2-meters. The club call, W9ZL, will be used throughout the event.

We are looking for both "AM" and "PM" operators covering each of the 7 days. You can sign up for one shift or more if you so desire. The event is open to all of the amateur community. If operators sign up for a 4 hour shift, they will be given a daily wristband that will allow them to go and wonder around the Fly-in.

For further information and to sign up to operate the event go to: <http://fcarc.club>

The sign-up form is available at the Event Sign-ups tab on the W9ZL website home page. Or you may contact Jon Oldenburg AB9AH at: [AB9AH@arrl.net](mailto:AB9AH@arrl.net)

Hope to see you all soon!

Jon Oldenburg AB9AH  
W9ZL Special Event Coordinator  
EAA AirVenture 2025



## New Club Resources

There is a new version of the [Active Club Primer](#) posted on the ARRL website. This document offers a lot of good guidance for club success and is worth a look.

There is also a new [Convention and Hamfest Primer](#) that has been published.

Both are excellent and up to date resources for clubs!



**Field day** is June 28-29. There is a website dedicated to this event up and running. Start planning your field day activities early.

The website: [Field Day](#)

### ARRL Field Day

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 31,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.



## Save the Date!

The 27th annual Wisconsin  
ARES/RACES Conference will be  
held

**October 11, 2025 at the  
McMillan Library, Wisconsin  
Rapids**



More information to follow



There is a new version of the Rules and Regulations for ARRL Sanctioned Conventions and Hamfests available online. Follow this [link](#) for more information.





ARRL announces a sweepstakes for those who [Join or Renew](#) their ARRL Membership in 2025. Click on the graphic for details.



### ARES Group Registration

Much like the club listing, the ARRL has a place for ARES groups to register their organizations. I encourage each of your ARES organizations to register and remember to keep the information up to date. This will provide a good place for people to find ARES organizations in their area with accurate contact information. Registration only takes a couple minutes.

Register at: <https://www.arrl.org/ares-group-registration>



If you're having issues renewing your **FCC Amateur Radio license**, check out these helpful resources:

- Easy to follow website with instructions and screenshots by W0IS: <https://w0is.com/LicenseRenewal/FCCRenewalInstructions.htm>
- ARRL Website: <https://www.arrl.org/cores-uls-registration>
- Video featuring ARRL VEC Department Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. You'll also hear from ARRL VEC "expert" Josh Nance on a few common issues he tends to help folks out with over the phone: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI8nmjRJg4>

# Member Contributions

## Ozaukee Radio Club Spring Swapfest

Tom Czaja, KG9EE  
Wisconsin Assistant Section Manager



*Gary, N9UUR, and Chuck, KC9YEP*



*Richard, N6NKO, and Tom, KG9EE, staffing the ARRL Table*

The Ozaukee Radio Club (ORC), a Hiram Percy Maxim ARRL Club, held their annual Spring Swapfest on April 26, 2025, at Cedarburg Firemen's Park in the Milwaukee Curling Club building. The Swapfest was a great success with over 200 attendees and approximately 90 vendors. Tower Electronics, Unified Microsystems, Wolf River Coils, C3 Electronics and Cable Xperts also had tables. There were many great deals and a lot of networking. Thanks to everyone who stopped at the ARRL table and to those who renewed their membership. Remember, you will receive a gift if you renew or join the ARRL at a

Swapfest. We also checked QSL cards for a few members seeking endorsements on their DXCC Awards. The ORC Fall Swapfest will hold at Firemen's Park on the first Saturday in September.

Thank you, Tom, KC9ONY, Swapfest Chair, and your team for putting on a great show!



**ELMER**

**by Rich Regent, K9GDF**



## **News From Around the Section**



**If you have news that you would like to share, it could be placed right here!**

**Send your stories directly to the Section Manager at: [kc9fxe@arrl.org](mailto:kc9fxe@arrl.org)**

## **Public Information Coordinator Report**

From Myron Oestreich, KB9STB, Section Public Information Coordinator:

May is upon us, and it looks like the weather may be starting to straighten out a bit. Of course, now that I said that I just jinxed everyone, and we'll get a foot of snow. 1,000 pardons if that prophecy does come to fruition.

This month, I'm going to keep things kind of brief. The weather is beautiful and I'm sitting on my deck writing this in the sun while convalescing on a postoperative hiatus from work. The downside is that the cat my XYL insisted we get (that I was dead set against) has decided that I'm now his bestest friend in the whole wide world (probably because he's as obstinate as I can be), and he thinks that because I'm home it's bonding time. Sorry, Bubs...but Big Mac has things to do that don't entail carrying you around the house like a little baby. Oh well. It's time to remaster typing with one hand. Here goes.

On the calendar this month, we have the annual Green Bay Hamfest sponsored by the Green Bay Mic and Key Club. The fest will be on May 31 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Green Bay. It's out on the east side of town, off I-43 near Aurora Bay Care Medical Center and the 183 exit for East Mason Street. Doors open at 8 a.m., and there are *a lot* of activities planned aside from the buy/sell/trade. Of note, the Bay-Lakes Council Amateur Radio Club is hosting an Amateur Radio Youth Lounge at the fest where they will be making clothespin CW keys, having a demonstration station and treats. VE testing will also be available as well as food. PLUS...our ARRL – Wisconsin Section Manager KC9FXE (and most likely other section leadership) will be there at the ARRL table, and it's always a good chance to have a meet and greet for networking at the hamfest.

The other thing I need to go over at least a little this month is putting a couple ribbons on some Field Day pointers. Over the last few months, we've talked a bit about some of the logistical things, hints and tips related to Field Day, and ARRL released their "PR Pack" for the event, which really takes care of helping with your group's messaging leading up to the event. That leaves the (in my humble opinion) most important part of the event – the menu. Before I delve into that, I have to acknowledge that for some groups the menu isn't a huge deal – and that's fine. Ultimately your group knows what works the best for your group. That said, the group I do Field Day with is a bunch of certified foodies (and I mean that in the absolute most endearing way possible), so we go all out. Typically, we'll say something to the effect of "potluck dinner at 6 p.m.," and within minutes group chats are blowing up with scads of gluttonous recipes that may warrant experimental cooking time at FD. Some things we've done in the past include pulled pork (with BBQ sauce that Bohemian tactically acquired the recipe for), a cookout with brats/hot dogs/burgers, steak night, and one year I got a wild burr in my saddle and bought a quarter barrel of Point Root Beer and five gallons of vanilla DQ ice cream and we engorged ourselves on root beer floats for 24 hours. Anyway, those are a few things our local group has done for Field Day. If your group enjoys the fellowship and comradery side of Field Day as much as operating, meal time can be your best opportunity to spend time simply being together and visiting. Whatever your group chooses to do, we wish you the absolute best of fortune with it.

One other quick tip before I forget. I think I may have mentioned it last month as well, but if you have a local PIO that is going to be doing posts for your social media outlet, hashtag #ARRLFD can help generate hits as well as tagging ARRL itself @ARRL.org , @ARRLOTA or the ARL Field Day (Annual Event) Facebook group....and don't forget the section page as well! We live at @ARRLWisconsin and would love for you to follow and/or tag us!

Until June – please take a moment to enjoy the weather and check out how the bands are sounding when you have the chance.



## Section Emergency Coordinator Report

Kyle Schaefer, KC9SDK, Wisconsin Section Emergency Coordinator-

No Report.

## Section Traffic Manager Report

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*It's Time*

FAQ #285 Hey, Kids, what time is it? When the first book was published on clock-making, critics said, "It's about time." (pause for laugh) You've heard that for every thing there is a season. A time to laugh, a time to cry; a time to . . . well, you know. So it's time. Spring and summer activities and conditions give us the opportunity to sharpen our traffic-handling skills. When we are working for a public service event -- a race, walk, parade -- we learn more net discipline. When it comes to practice, it's always a good time.

While we may have fun testing portable operation in warmer seasons, we are often listening through interference to get a very specific call, message, or report under less than ideal conditions. On nets, when we must relay for each other or strain to copy through the static crashes and fading, we are building our skills for message handling during times of need. Now is when following good net protocol pays off.

In spring, we prepare for severe weather. We re-check our antennas in preparation for more windy days. We review our emergency preparedness. We continue to monitor local frequencies for travelers in trouble. April may see severe weather nets. May may find us at a POTA outing, and June -- of course -- has Field Day, a *time* out.

In a way, summer can be kind of a *timely* and extended simulated emergency test. We use the adversity it brings to prepare ourselves to do even better what we should do well -- handle messages efficiently and exactly. And we do that because it's the primary service we offer.

So, how you doing? (See what we did there?) Using your time to improve? Remember to send a monthly Station Activity Report to your STM before the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. When you do, include the number of messages you originated (on behalf of someone *other than you*), the number of messages received, sent, and delivered as well as unsuccessful delivery attempts. Also file a PSHR summary. Details are on <https://www.arrl.org/public-service-honor-roll>. We'll add your numbers to those from our section and forward them to ARRL HQ as a measurement of how we're doing. And don't forget to count the message you send with the report. Take it from an Old *Timer*. 73 -- K9LGU/STM-WI

**...and don't forget about our nets:**

## WISCONSIN TRAFFIC NETS

Updated 1/19/2025

Name Of Net, Frequency, Local Time	Net Manager	Net Control Stations						
		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Badger Weather Net (BWN) 3984 KHz, 0600	<a href="#">K9LUK</a>	KB9GO	K9LUK	N9NBC	W9CPY	W9IHW	AG9G	WB9WKO
Badger Emergency Net (BEN) 3985 KHz, 1200 ALT 7270 KHz	<a href="#">NX9K</a>	WJ9L	WJ9L NX9K	W9RTP	KB9IME	K9STN	NX9K	N9VC
Wisconsin Side Band Net (WSBN) 3985 or 3982.5 KHz, 1700	<a href="#">AG9G</a>	NX9K KA9BAE	N9VC	KC9FXE	KB9GO	WB9WKO	AG9G	AC9F
Wisconsin Slow Speed Net (WSSN) 3555 KHz, Daily 1800	<a href="#">KB9ROB</a>	KB9ROB	N9VC	*	*	*	AG9G	*
Wisconsin Intrastate Net - Early (WIN-E) 3555 KHz, 1900	<a href="#">WB9ICH</a>	WB9ICH	K9LGU	KC9UC	N9CK	N9VC	AG9G	WB9ICH
Wisconsin Intrastate Net - Late (WIN-L) 3555 KHz, 2200	<a href="#">W9RTP</a>	AG9G	K9LGU	KC9UC	N9VC	N9VC	W9RTP	W9RTP
ARES/RACES Net 3967 KHz, 0800 Sunday ALT 3977.5 or 7250	<a href="#">WB9WKO</a>	*						
WI ARES/RACES Digital Net Tuesday on WINLink 7PM Mon - 7PM Tues	<a href="#">KD9USW</a>		KD9USW					
WI ARES/RACES VHF Net on WECOMM Frequencies Last Thursday of the month 7PM	<a href="#">KA9KJE</a>					KA9KJE		

\* Net Control Operator needed. Contact Net Manager for information.

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## Section Youth Coordinator Report

From Etienne Robitaille, K9ZN, Section Youth Coordinator:

No Report.

### Contact Me:

Please email me at [et.k9zn@icloud.com](mailto:et.k9zn@icloud.com) if you have any questions or issues about my Section Youth Coordinator work. Response times can range from an hour to a day.

## In Memoriam

We have been made aware of the following members who have become silent keys since the last publication.

- Larry Noldan, NZ9I, of Pewaukee, WI – [view obituary](#)

On behalf of the Wisconsin Section, our condolences go out to the family and friends of our fellow hams who have passed. May they all rest in peace.

If you become aware of a silent key, from our section, please contact the [Section Manager](#) or Assistant Section Manager, [Tom Czaja, KG9EE](#) with the details.

## Upcoming Fests and Conventions

### **May 31, 2025 – Green Bay Hamfest**

Location: Green Bay, WI  
Sponsor: Green Bay Mike & Key Club  
Website: <https://www.k9eam.org/>

### **June 21, 2025 – Riverland ARC Swapmeet**

Location: Onalaska, WI  
Sponsor: Riverland Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://rarc.qth.com>

### **June 21, 2025 – FCARC Sunshine Swapfest**

Location: Oshkosh, WI  
Sponsor: Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <https://fcarc.club/>

### **July 5, 2025 – South Milwaukee ARC Hamfest**

Location: Oak Creek, WI  
Sponsor: South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <https://www.wi9sm.org>

### **August 9, 2025 – W9UDU Free Fest**

Location: Franksville, WI  
Sponsor: W9UDU  
Website: <http://w9udu.org>

### **September 6, 2025 – ORC Annual Regional Fall Swapfest**

Location: Cedarburg, WI  
Sponsor: Ozaukee Radio Club  
Website: <https://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org>

### **September 19-20, 2025 – HRO Superfest**

Location: Milwaukee, WI  
Sponsor: HRO  
Website: <https://www.hamradio.com/>

### **September 20 - 21, 2025 – Central Division Convention**

Location: Chillicothe, IL  
Sponsor: Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <https://www.w9uvi.com/midwest-superfest/>

### **September 20, 2025 – CVARC 2025 Hamfest**

Location: Bloomer, WI  
Sponsor: Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <https://w9cva.org/hamfest>

### **October 11, 2025 – Wisconsin Section Convention / ARES Conference**

Location: Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
Sponsor: WI ARES & WeComm

Website: [wi-arrrl.org/events](http://wi-arrrl.org/events)

**October 18, 2025 – Hidden Valley ARC Free Hamfest**

Location: Lancaster, WI

Sponsor: Hidden Valley Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://kc9kq.net>

**November 2, 2025 – FCARC Annual Hamfest**

Location: Oshkosh, WI

Sponsor: Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club

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

\*\*\* See these items and additional Section information on the [ARRL WI Section website](http://arrrl.org/wi-section). \*\*\*

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### STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY APR 2025

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	ATT	TOTAL
NX9K	531	120	738	0	0	1389-BPL
WB9WKO	0	332	348	1	0	681-BPL
N9CK	0	279	279	0	0	558-BPL
KB9GO	0	340	177	5	0	522-BPL
AG9G	0	270	168	0	0	438
KC9UC	0	159	179	1	0	339
N9VC	0	107	165	0	0	272
WJ9L	0	63	59	6	6	134
K9LGU	0	51	71	0	0	122
KB9ROB	1	43	7	7	1	59
KA9BAE	0	28	15	0	0	43
W9RTP	0	24	7	0	0	31
KC9FXE	0	7	12	6	0	25
WB9ICH	0	22	2	0	0	24
W9RNA	0	9	1	5	2	17
N6NKO	0	2	14	0	0	16
KA9KJE	1	7	1	0	0	9

### WISCONSIN SECTION P S H R SUMMARY APR 2025

POSSIBLE POINTS >	40 nets	40 tfc	30 appt	5 /hr. sked events	5 /hr. emrg events	10ea bbs/ web pg	
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N9VC	40	40	30	295	0	20	425
AG9G	40	40	30	50	0	0	160
KC9FXE	40	25	20	35	5	10	135
K9LGU	40	40	30	5	10	0	125
WB9WKO	40	40	30	5	0	0	115
NX9K	40	40	20	0	0	0	100
KB9GO	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KC9UC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N6NKO	9	10	20	0	0	0	39

**WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY****APR 2025**

<b>NET</b>	<b>QNI</b> CHECK- INS	<b>QTC</b> TRAFFIC	<b>QTR</b> TIME	<b>SSNS</b> SESSIONS	<b>NM</b> NET MANAGER
<b>BWN</b>	1021	1469	3140	30	K9LUK
<b>BEN</b>	295	274	427	30	NX9K
<b>WSBN</b>	433	264	638	30	AG9G
<b>WSSN</b>	148	44	348	30	KB9ROB
<b>WIN/E</b>	137	246	272	30	WB9ICH
<b>WIN/L</b>	169	96	273	30	W9RTP
<b>WI ARES/RACES HF</b>	54	10	98	4	WB9WKO
<b>WI ARES/RACES VHF</b>	27	0	50	1	KA9KJE
<b>WI ARES/RACES DIGITAL</b>	266	3418	5760	4	KD9USW
<b>totals</b>					