

KISHWAUKEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Club Call: WA9CJN / Repeater 146.730, -O/S, 100PL

May 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Club Officers:

President – Tom, K9GPC
Vice President– Brian KD9BKS
Treasurer – Bob W9ICU
Secretary – Ed, KC9PMM



Next Club Meeting:

May 10th, 2017

Location:

Christ Community Church
1200 South Malta Rd.,
DeKalb, IL

Club Dues due on Nov 1st

On the web: www.kish-club.org or
KARC at P.O. Box 371, DeKalb, IL 60115
Monday evening 2 meter net: **8:30 PM** on WA9CJN repeater, featuring ARRL audio news
AREAS/RACES net: Thursday evenings 7PM on WA9CJN repeater

ARC Monday Night 2M Net: New Start Time. At the Feb. Meeting it was decided to start the net 1/2hr earlier each week. The Net now starts at **8:30pm local time.**

80/40 METER RAG CHEW NET: Mike WD9GNX reports that the net is currently on **3.780 +/- 5 kHz at 8PM on Thursdays and Fridays**, with Mike and Paul KD0GIX and occasionally, John K9VIS. Formerly on 160M, at 8:00pm every evening. Then we did have to move to 7.213 +/- 5 kc, and then moved to 3.846 KHz. Unfortunately, 40Ms is not doing well these days.

VE TESTING SESSIONS in DeKalb are now **by appointment only!** The DeKalb, IL (W5YI-VEC) VE (Volunteer Examiner) Team is pleased to announce the 2017 VE Testing schedule.

In addition, **we are administering tests now on Saturday mornings,** rather than

the Tuesday or Wednesday evenings held previously.

So, please note the VE Testing days – the third Saturday of every odd-numbered month, from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon.

Important: a new Element 2 (Technician) question pool came into effect on July 1, 2014, effective thru June 30, 2018, new Element 3 (General) question pool became effective on July 1, 2015, effective thru June 30, 2019, and a new Element 4, and (Extra) Pool became effective on July 1, 2012, effective thru June 30, 2016.

Each question pool is only good for 4 years. Make sure you use the right study materials!

Future dates in 2017 (all times from 9AM to Noon). Be there early, as we have to finish up no later than noon):

- May 20, 2017
- July 15, 2017

- Sept. 16, 2017
- Nov. 18, 2017

The testing site remains the same, Community of Christ Church, 1200 South Malta Road, DeKalb, IL 60115 (see [Google Maps](#) for directions). For some other sites in the Northern IL area, see: [other Ham License Testing Sessions w/in +/- 60 mi. of DeKalb, courtesy of Google Maps](#)

March of Dimes Walk - Was Saturday April 22, 2017, there were 225 walkers who completed the 3.5 mile walk this year. Everything went off without a hitch. Thanks to the Ham volunteers who volunteered this year. Bob, W9ICU - Tom, K9GPC - Debbie, KC9FSC - Barry, W9JBL - Michael, KC9QLT - George, NE9ET - Robert, WA9LKF - Bryant, N9YMY - Jason, KC9CWX - Randy, KB9TVK - Special Thanks to Tom, KA9QPN and Dave, K9DRH who drove up from Sandwich and Mundelein to help out.



Robert WA9LKF



George N9ET



Tom KA9QPN



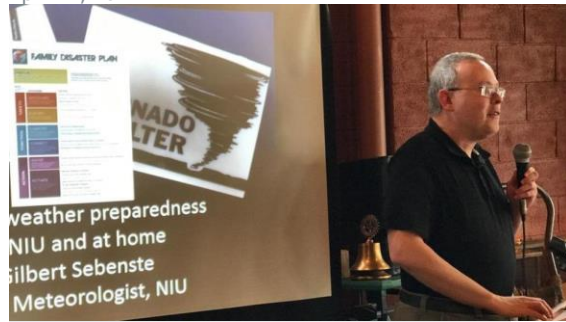
Dave K9DRH



After the Walk Get-together

Valuable Weather Resource LOST

By DREW ZIMMERMAN
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April 14, 2017



Northern Illinois University Staff Meteorologist Gilbert Sebenste gives a presentation on weather preparedness. Sebenste had been laid off by NIU after the Environmental Health and Safety Department was identified as a department with the potential for staff reductions.

DeKALB – Northern Illinois University Staff Meteorologist Gilbert Sebenste was let go after 19 years.

NIU spokesman Joe King said the decision was not a reflection of the work Sebenste has done for the university.

“We are a storm-ready campus because of his efforts and have another designation as a [Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador](#) from the National Weather Service, which goes directly to making sure we’re ready for violent weather and can come back quickly from it,” King said. “We’re at a point where a lot of hard choices have to be made, and that position was deemed one that had to go.”

King said this decision was not related to an email sent out by NIU President Doug Baker to faculty and students, which suggested a decrease in the university’s workforce as a means to offset the uncertainty of state funding because of Illinois’ longstanding budget impasse.

“Going forward, we will need to continue to decrease the size of our workforce, because employment costs account for more than 50 percent of our overall budget,” Baker said in the email. “In the past, employment reductions have come largely through attrition. We hope to continue doing that going forward, but we must recognize that we might need to cut more than what’s possible through attrition.”

Sebenste’s layoff was one that was proposed during [NIU’s “program prioritization” talks](#) that have been going on since fall 2015.

“Last spring, when the Program Prioritization Administrative Task Force made its report to campus, the area where Gilbert works, Environmental Health and Safety, was identified as one where there was potential for staff reductions,” King said. “As we make reductions, we are trying to be strategic and attempt to find cuts that do not impact our core missions of educating students and supporting research and artistry.”

As a supportive professional staff member, Sebenste is allowed a full year from the time of his termination notice before he must leave.

King said it is unclear how his duties will be redistributed once he’s gone.

Those of us that have benefitted from his forecasts all these years will sorely miss his counsel.

Upcoming Events:

06/04/2017 | Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest and Hobby Show

Location: Princeton, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Starved Rock Radio Club

Website: <http://w9mks.org>

06/18/2017 | Six Meter Club of Chicago 60th Annual Hamfest

Location: Wheaton, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Six Meter Club of Chicago, Antique Radio Club of Chicago and Midwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree

Website: <http://www.K9ONA.com>

07/09/2017 | Fox River Radio League Hamfest

Location: Aurora, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Fox River Radio League

Website: <http://www.frrl.org/hamfest.php>

07/16/2017 | KARSFEST

Location: Peotone, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Kankakee Area Radio Society

Website: <http://w9az.com/karsfest.html>

HAMFEST - Sunday May 7, 2017. Still need volunteers to help with loading equipment on Friday night, Setup on Saturday, And for Sunday. for Ticket Sales, Ticket Drum, Talk-in and Tear Down following the event. Remember this is how we get the money for club operation. There 60 some members in the club, it no longer seems fair that 10-12 members do all the work. Let's make this the best Hamfest ever....with the MOST volunteers EVER!



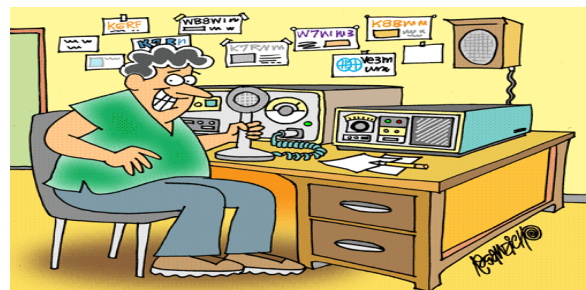
April showers bring May Flowers





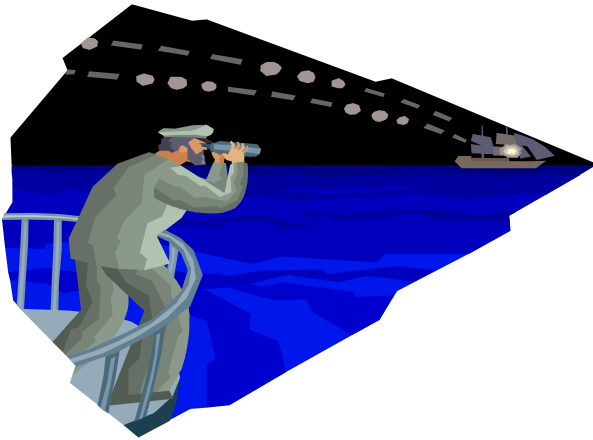
Club Event Calendar: Be sure to contact Tom K9GPC for those events that you want to volunteer for. The more the merrier.

| 2017 Club Event Calendar | |
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| January | July |
| 11 - Club Meeting | 12 - Club Meeting |
| 21 - VE Testing | 15 - VE Testing |
| | 30 - Classic Car Show, Sycamore |
| February | August |
| 8 - Club Meeting | 9 - Club Meeting |
| | 19 - RLAE Ride, Egyptian Theatre |
| March | September |
| 8 - Club Meeting | 13 - Club Meeting |
| 18 - VE Testing | 16 - VE Testing |
| April | October |
| 12 - Club Meeting | 8 - Autumn on Parade, Oregon, IL |
| 22 - March of Dimes Walk | 11 - Club Meeting |
| May | 19 - Crop Walk for Hunger |
| 5 - Load Hamfest Equipment 5:45pm. | 29 - Pumpkin Parade |
| 6 - Hamfest Setup 8:30am, Sandwich | |
| 7 - HAMFEST | November |
| 10 - Club Meeting | 8 - Club Meeting |
| 20 - VE Testing | 18 - VE Testing |
| June | December |
| 11 - ADA Bike Ride, Aurora, IL | 13 - Club Meeting - Holiday Party |
| 14 - Club Meeting | |
| 24 - 25 Field Day Weekend | |





Field Day 2017 UPDATE: It was decided at the April club meeting not have a club FD this year. No one interested in Chairing the event and only a couple members who should some interest in participating. SAD ☹



REMEMBER Club MEETING:

May 10th , 2017 at 7pm.

**73,
Kent KC9LIF**