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All members are invited to [contact the Hamster](#) with comments and/or questions. Additionally, members are encouraged to suggest or submit story ideas, photos or content to the Hamster via the Editor's email link below.

The Hamster has an *outstanding* staff of regular contributors and you are invited to join the team!

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RARC President's Message

Jared Pfaffenbach - KFØPGS - President

Hello everybody! I hope everyone had a good February. It was nice to get thawed out for a little bit. Hopefully more of that will be happening in March and we'll have a rapid transition to Spring. I'm sure old man winter has a few more punches to pull though. Daylight Saving time is also right around the corner, another sign that Spring is on it's way.

Last month's club meeting was my first "real" meeting. Other than a few A/V related problems I think it went fairly well. For those that missed it we got a video tour of AIØM - Stan's shack. Followed by a great discussion of topics for future meetings, Field Day 26 and other club outings, and even the possibility of starting new 2 meter net. Speaking of Field Day, we are looking for help with planning and coordination. Let me know if that person is you.

The March meeting program will focus on [digirIq](#) and digital modes. KØTX - Denis Grisak of digirIq will be presenting via ZOOM. Bring your questions. It should be quite informative.

It looks like most everyone is up to date with dues. Thank you! For those who haven't done it yet or those that would like to become a member, there's still time! Visit <https://www.rarchams.org/wp/join/> or talk to George- NOUM at the next meeting.

Have a great month everybody.. I look forward to seeing everybody March 10, 6:30PM at Fire Station #2 for our next monthly gathering. Sign up at <https://groups.io/g/rarchams/> to keep up to date on the latest RARC information and don't forget to keep those repeaters busy!

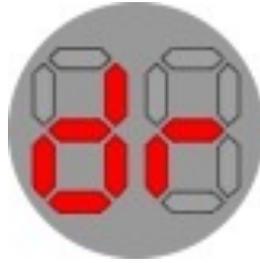
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Jared Pfaffenbach - KFØPGS - RARC President

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RARC Training



digirig
ham radio equipment

Presentation On Digital Modes & Equipment (With Q&A)

A digirig **ZOOM** Presentation By Denis Grisak - KØTX

Starting At 6:30PM March 10th, 2026 Prior To The RARC Business Meeting

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March 2026 RARC ZOOM Meeting Online Login Info



Below is the ZOOM login information for the 03/10/2026 6:30 PM CDT RARC Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting (click on the link below):

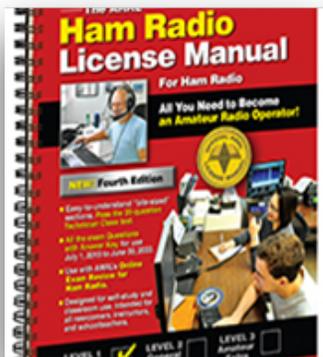
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9876548873?pwd=T0JBWEFzSctBYzhiazA1NTdDb2Rkdz09>

Meeting ID: 987 654 8873

Passcode: : #####

For audio only from a mobile phone:

Call: (312) 626-6799 US (Chicago) **Meeting ID:** 987 654 8873 **Passcode:** #####



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Education

Dave - KØVH

The first step needed to really get into Amateur Radio is to get your Amateur Radio License. This license is required in order to transmit on any of the Amateur Radio frequencies – however, listening does not. Listening is only part of the fun, so we encourage you to get your license so you can get the full experience!

Click on the [ARRL](#) link below to get your ham radio hobby started



[Getting Licensed - Step by Step](#)

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ARES

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Olmsted ARES Mission Statement:

To be so effective that you are able to help others.

For our February ARES meeting we learned and implemented a new EMCOMM program called ZELLO. This program allows us flexibility to communicate with our members and connect repeaters when other means of communication are not functioning or not able to do the job due to distance or RF conditions. We also saw and discussed the use of star link for future ARES needs. The March meeting will be on setup, connecting to StarLink for ARES. Bring your computers, cell phones, and programs, to be able to communicate using the internet when all normal services are down in the area. ARES is planning an April field-testing session using the resources that we have learning to use. This is a drill!

NOTE: Any licensed amateur radio operator is welcomed to attend our monthly ARES meetings. Contact Steve/WØSTV at 507-254-3993 for more details and information.

For more Minnesota ham radio public service needs for 2026 go to link [Amateur Radio Public Service](#) for the latest updates.

From La Crosse NWS skywarn (see page 9 for details), a reminder there will not be any future in person training sessions. La Crosse will only have virtual training. Olmsted EOC/Skywarn will pick either March 23rd or April 28th to have a Dodge/Olmsted Skywarn group training session at the new EOC facility for one of these training dates. This will be an opportunity to see the new building, and the weather radio room, and to see each other before the storm season starts. You may register to do your own online training. Reminder, you need to train every other year. You cannot storm spot for Olmsted Skywarn if you have not taken ANY spotter training or did not train last year.

Respond to w0mxw@yahoo.com email indicating either March 23rd or April 28th date that you would be attending. The most popular date will be the group training date.

You may pick any date and registration for your own online training (see page 9 for information).



Reminder there are some local Hamfests happening soon:

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

03/07/2026 - [MVARA Spring Fever Swap Meet](#)

Location: Holmen, WI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Mississippi Valley Amateur Radio Association

Website: <https://www.mvara.net/>

[Learn More](#)

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

03/21/2026 - [Midwinter Madness Hobby Electronics Show](#)

Location: Buffalo, MN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Maple Grove Radio Club

Website: <http://k0ltc.org>

[Learn More](#)

Join the RARC group email reflector by going to [RARC Hams Groups.io](http://RARC.Hams.Groups.io) to register and for more local ham radio and Skywarn information.

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The poster features a background image of a farm with a red barn and a silo under a dark, stormy sky with a visible funnel cloud. The text is overlaid on a dark blue and green background with diagonal white and red stripes.

2026
NWS La Crosse
Virtual Spotter
Training

The National Weather Service logo is a circular emblem with a blue and white globe in the center, surrounded by the words "NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE" and "NOAA".

Mon, 3/23: 6-8pm
Wed, 4/15: 1-3pm
Tue, 4/28: 6-8pm

Free and open to everyone to attend. Must pre-register at: www.weather.gov/arx/skywarn

No in-person spotter training this year

Steve Wiebke (W0STV) - Olmsted/Rochester ARES EC
The more preparation, the less confusion



Contest Corner

Fred - K4IU

It's time for March madness...and not just in basketball. There is a lot going on this month. We're approaching the vernal (spring) equinox on March 20th. This marks the astronomical start of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. The sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in nearly equal day and night lengths globally and highlights the changing propagation paths we will see during March radio contesting. There will be excellent multi-band opportunities because the ionosphere is not too heavily ionized (summer) or too thin (winter). This balance extends to the ionosphere D-region, which absorbs signals. This makes them weaker allowing more signals to reach the higher, reflective F2 layer resulting in a bigger skip zone. The MUF (maximum usable frequency) tends to stabilize across the globe, enhancing long-haul HF communication during the daytime on 10-20 meters and 40-80 meters at night.

To keep tabs on this month's big contests here's a table highlighting **4 major ham radio contests that take place in March:**

Contest Name	Dates	Mode	Key Features
1. ARRL International DX Contest SSB	March 7-8	SSB (Phone)	One of the largest worldwide contests. U.S. and Canadian stations work DX stations, and vice versa. Great for testing your station and skills against global operators.
2. North American Sprint, RTTY	March 15	RTTY	Like all the sprints this one is fast paced, 4 hours long and the playing field is leveled since no one superstation can run the frequency because of the unique QSY rule of this event.
3. BARTG HF RTTY	March 21-23	RTTY	This is an international contest that uses a time stamp in the exchange. Be sure to read the rules by the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group
4. COWW WPX contest SSB	March 28-29	SSB (Phone)	Want some phone fun? The WPX draws thousands of entries every year. Imagine how big it will be this year as we hit the equinox. There are unlimited QSO numbers! There are several entry categories so if 48 hours is too long try a single band. Maybe 10 meters single op, low power would work for your busy weekend.



For a full list of contests, check the [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) and the [ARRL Contest Calendar](#). These calendars provide details, rules, and dates for all major contests throughout the year.



Curiosity In Contesting

In the world of amateur radio, many hams view contesting as a frantic sprint of monotonous exchanges—call sign, signal report, serial number, repeat. But beneath the rapid-fire "CQ Test" lies a deeper, more intellectual engine: insatiable **curiosity**. All hams, young or old, have this characteristic. For the modern contester, radio is not just a sport; it is a science experiment in physics, engineering, and human ingenuity with curiosity a driving force.

Curiosity in amateur radio isn't aimless; it is focused on pushing the boundaries of what is possible within specific parts of the hobby. For example:

- **DX Propagation:** It's the drive to understand why a signal might take the "long path" or "gray line" to reach a station 10,000 miles away. Creative operators don't just wait for high solar flux; they hunt for "micro-openings" using real-time ionospheric data and SDR (Software Defined Radio) waterfalls.
- **QRP (Low Power) Operating:** Here, curiosity becomes a quest for efficiency. Can I reach Japan from Minnesota on 5 watts—the power of a nightlight? It forces a creative rethink of antenna gain and the "art of the listen."
- **Contesting & DX Marathon:** These are tests of endurance and strategy. Curiosity leads to better "SO2R" (Single Operator, Two Radio) setups or custom-coded N1MM + automation scripts that shave milliseconds off an exchange, turning a hobby into a high-stakes data-management challenge.





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- **VHF/UHF Operating:** At these frequencies, the horizon is the traditional limit. However, the curious mind looks upward—utilizing meteor scatter, tropospheric ducting, or even bouncing signals off the moon (EME) to defy the "line-of-sight" rule.

This contesting culture isn't just about certificates; it is the bedrock of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).

The transition from a "contester" to a "builder" or "emergency communicator" is seamless because these roles value resilience and adaptability. A contester who has spent years creatively troubleshooting a dead amplifier at 3:00 AM or optimizing a wire antenna in a windstorm is exactly the person you want during a grid-down emergency.

Curious innovation in the shack directly translates to reliability in the field. When standard infrastructure fails, the "builder" mentality ensures that a signal—any signal—gets through. physical object, but as a gateway to the ionosphere. Whether chasing a rare DXCC entity or providing a lifeline during a hurricane, the common thread is a relentless desire to ask, "What if I tried this?" Think about this as we experience a solar terrestrial event this month like the vernal equinox.

CU next month

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Fred K4IU



Hamster Hints

Bob - KEØEXE

The magnifier-lamp at my workbench was giving me fits; it would tip over whenever I tried to move or adjust it! I decided to fix this problem, once-and-for-all, by adding sufficient, extra weight to the lamp's base.

I thought, if I could find just the right-sized barbell weight, then that might work very well and look decent, too. Browsing online, I was able to do just that. I liked the style shown in the photos because it had three, large, extra "holes" near the perimeter, which looked to be in just about the right places for one of them to accommodate the lamp-base's "socket-tower" which receives the pin on the lamp's flexible arm. Some careful measurements from the online photographs, with interpolations, verified that the 7.5-pound form-factor, for this style of workout-weight, would probably work quite well. This amount of weight also seemed right, too, after doing another quick test, using an 8-pound dumbbell that I already happened to have "on-hand" (PI).

After my single (!) barbell weight arrived, I drilled two holes through it, to allow it to be mounted securely to the lamp-base (and force myself to finish the project, as then I could no longer return it). I then purchased a 3-inch drawer-pull (handle), and modified the posts slightly, using my bench-top grinder and a round file.

Next, I decided that the plastic neck (i.e., the "socket-tower" mentioned above), which receives the pin on the end of the flexible arm, needed to be reinforced, or it would eventually break. I built a damn around this receiver, using cardboard, and lined it with aluminum foil. I poured-in some well-mixed, black, plastic-bonder epoxy (you already know: it's my favorite "fix-it" stuff), let it set, and then peeled-away the walls of the mold. I used a fine saw and a utility knife to clean up and finish shaping the new tower.



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You can look through the photos to see the project's evolution. The new lamp now works as intended, and it's a great improvement for my developing, electronics workbench. (I just hate using tools that break or don't work well; for me, it's frustrating and steals a part of the fun of repairing a radio or building something new!)



Finished, heavier lamp with added handle



Test-fitting the new weight on the lamp-base



The original plastic arm socket did not seem sufficiently strong



Handle, bolts, weight and top-view of modified lamp-base



Bottom of lamp base showing the heads of the two bolts used to attach the weight



Green cardboard reservoir to hold epoxy



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Foil-lined reservoir after pouring epoxy



Peeling-away the dam after the epoxy had hardened



Peeling away the foil liner



RARC TECH COMMITTEE

Eric - KFØS

Tech Committee - 2/9/26

Attendees: Eric VN (KFØS), George (NØUM), Jared, (KFØPGS), Eric (KFØRHE), Collin (AAØCN)

Mayo

- D-Star Gateway server - Pat needs to schedule time w/ Darrell to return the computer.
- Hopefully, Pat can configure the power control devices when he is there.

82 Repeater

- Eric, KFØS, received some info on admin/programming from John S.
- Cabinet keys: John D, John S, and Eric VN have keys.
- Comment of some profanity on the 147.255 repeater. Reminder to everybody to please be careful.

Digipeater

- Lease is paid, contract needs one more signature. Check with John S on what key we need two of.

Website

- Repeater page needs updating. BJ is still listed. Review pages to see what else needs updating.

Facebook page

- No current administrator. Can we get a new one assigned? Steve W to check on getting us access.
Jared would volunteer as new administrator. Mark would like the ability to post.



RARC MEETING MINUTES

Collin - AAØCN

Program: Stain AIOM Shack tour!

Field Day Discussion: Chester Woods?

Discussion of net ideas - topic focused rag chew nets

Discussion of POTA options: May 2nd (3rd fallback) 10AM Douglas POTA (tentative), possibly at Chester woods weekend, rent a cabin? Thoughts! Aug 23rd as another date?

Business meeting to order 8PM

Drawing winner: AA3ME wins!

Dues are due! Pay NØUM!

VE test on Thursday the 12th 7PM at 305 Alliance Pl. NE (RedCross building), walk-ins welcome!

ARES training: To be discussed!

Hamfests: St. Cloud, then Buffalo Midwinter Madness 8-noon March 21st (see Dakota Division Happenings in this Hamster).

Monday Nets:

- Monday night Elmers net on 255
- Monday Waseca 146.715 digital net 7pm
- Tuesday 10m sideband net 28.325
- River Bend net 80m Digital Net 8pm 3.583MHz Olivia 8/500
- Wednesday Southeast MN Digital Net on 146.820 at 7PM FLDIGI
- Faribault 146.79 at 8PM PSK125RC12
- Wednesday Experimenter net 146.79
- Thursday MN Digital Ares Net 8PM 3.5835MHz Olivia 8/500
- 2M Daisy Chain Simplex Net 146.520 8:30pm Thursday (145.19 repeater to coordinate)
- Saturday IBM 20m 14.347 Net 11AM

Sunday Nets:

Austin 7pm 146.73,

- Owatonna 7:30 145.49
- Fillmore 147.015 Wykoff repeater and 444.250 repeater,
- Goodhue and Hiawatha 8PM 147.300 pl 136.5
- Dodge County 8:30pm on 146.820
- Faribault 8:30 146.79
- Winona 8:30 146.835
- Olmsted County ARES Net: 146.255 (odd Sundays) and 146.820 (even Sundays)

Socials:

- Roosters breakfast Wednesdays 9AM
- Saturday Grandmas Kitchen 6:30AM breakfast.
- Meeting nights - Pre-meeting get together 5PM



RARC TREASURER'S REPORT

George - NØUM

Opening Balance:	\$1,995.20
Checking:	
Credits:	
Dues:	\$150.00
PayPal Dues:	\$340.00
Equipment Sold:	
Raffle:	
Donation:	
Misc:	
Debits:	
RPU	\$41.17
Meeting Food	\$28.98
Paypal Charges	\$12.19
Field Day:	
Picnic	
Equipment	\$123.01
Tower Lease	
Insurance	\$200.00
Web domain	
Postage	\$210.00
Misc.	
Total:	\$2,079.85
Savings:	
Opening Balance	\$8,828.55
Credits:	
Interest:	\$0.37
Closing Balance:	\$8,829.30
TOTAL	\$10,909.15
CD Matures January	\$4,000.00
CD Matures January	\$4,849.51

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Happenings In The Dakota Division

Bill Lippert - ACØW - ARRL Dakota Division Director

Thanks to all those who participated in the Minnesota QSO Party. The band conditions were good; the weather was perfect for mobiles and there was lots of activity on the air. Four stations made 1,000 or more QSO's in the 10 hours of the contest.

Next up for QSO Parties in the Division is North Dakota April 11 & 12. Reserve the date to participate and join the fun.

Update on the Vice Director position. With Lynn stepping down so close to the January board meeting, President Roderick wanted us to hold off until after the board to start working on this. When Rick was ready, I did provide him a few names. He responded with "go find some individuals that meet these qualifications...". Hopefully in a week or two I should have a few more names for him to discuss. Personally, I'd like to see us get this finalized in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

The January Board meeting minutes have been released and can be found at www.arrl.org/board-meetings . I've mentioned some of the key things in past updates so won't repeat them here.

On the Programs and Services Committee (PSC), but the Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) and the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) have been busy. The CAC has been discussing The ARRL November Sweepstakes contest to see what can be done to reverse the declining participation. The Dakota Division representative Jon, WØZQ, has received input from many in the



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division and has used that input during some of the discussions. They hope to have their recommendations for the PSC in the near future.

The DXAC has been reviewing the DXCC rules to see make sure they are still viable for today's activity and technology. They should be wrapping up that work soon with the report being sent to PSC.

Hope you've enjoyed our short burst of spring. Sounds like winter will be back in a few days.

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ARRL Director
Dakota Division
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Division elected leaders:

Director Bill Lippert, ACØW ac0w@arrl.org
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MN Section Manager Bill Mitchell, AEØEE ae0ee@arrl.org
ND Section Manager Ralph Fettig, NØRDF fettigrd@gmail.com
SD Section Manager Chris Stallkamp, KIØD ki0d@arrl.org



LICENSING CLASSES

3/5/2026 – Technician Class

Stillwater Amateur Radio Association

Thursdays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, 8 weeks

Contact w0gaf@me.com

Stillwater Public Library, 224 3rd St N, Stillwater, MN

3/24/2026 – Technician Class

Owatonna Steel County Amateur Radio Club

Tuesday 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, 7 weeks, test 8th week

Contact oscarhamradio@gmail.com

Owatonna Fire Department, 107 West Main St., Owatonna, MN

<http://oscarhamradio.org/licenseclass.html>

www.arrl.org/courses/owatonna-mn-550660

SPECIAL OPERATING EVENTS

July 4 – 5, 1500 – 2359 UTC; K0ND

Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Dedication

Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club

K0ND - 28.430, 21.375, 14.340

QSL – TRARC

PO BOX 1854

Dickinson, ND 58602-1854

www.trlibrary.com



VE TEST SESSIONS (all times local times)

VE - South Dakota

3/7 – 10:00 AM Hot Springs, SD; must preregister

contact k0ork@yahoo.com

Hot Springs ARC

Hot Springs Library

2005 Library Dr

Hot Springs SD

<https://k0hs.net/licensing/>

www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/hot-springs-sd-57747-2767-54

3/10 – 7:00 PM Sioux Falls, SD; must preregister

Contact: wgravning@yahoo.com

Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club

Minnehaha County Emergency Management Building

608 N Sigler Ave

Sioux Falls SD

<https://hamstudy.org/sessions/SEARC/all>

www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/sioux-falls-sd-57104-39

VE - Minnesota

3/3 – 6:00 PM, Bemidji, MN;

Contact: milocke@paulbunyan.net

Paul Bunyan Amateur Radio Club

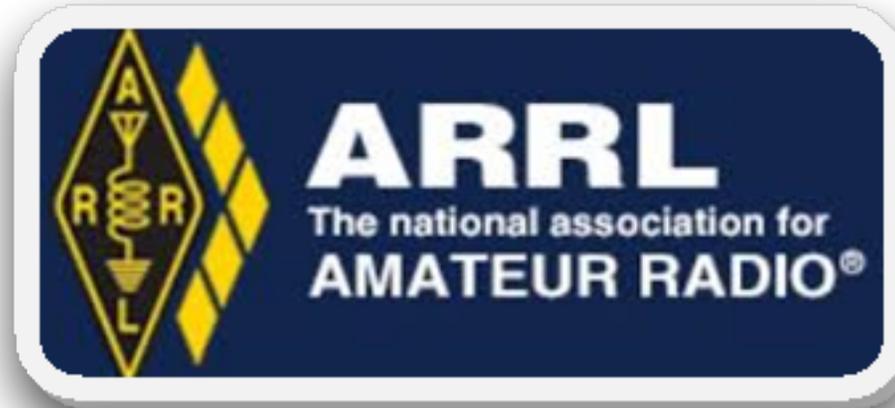
Beltrami County LEC Training Rm

613 Minnesota Ave NW

Bemidji MN

www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/bemidji-mn-56601-3036-44

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Are you a member of the [ARRL](#)?
Are you new to Ham Radio?
Have you been licensed for a while but not active?
Are you active but never explored the [ARRL](#)?

RARC has been an [ARRL](#) affiliated club for the past 50+ years. RARC wants all members to know about the benefits of being a member of the ARRL and how the [ARRL](#) promotes amateur radio and represents and supports Hams throughout the year.

Here is a link for you to view what the [ARRL](#) offers Hams. Take a look:

[ARRL Benefits](#)

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Wednesday Morning **RARC** Ham Radio Gathering

You Are Invited!

*Stop By For Breakfast or Coffee
&
Ham Radio Talk*



• **Wednesdays at 9:00 AM (1400 UTC)**

Rooster's (North Location) - 2280 Superior Drive NW

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Parks On The Air® (POTA)



K4IU during a recent POTA activation at [Fort DeRussy Park, Hawaii](#)

Perhaps you've heard talk on the repeaters or on one of the Nets about [Parks On The Air \(POTA\)](#) You might be interested and think that it could be fun to operate your rig and antenna remotely in a beautiful outdoor setting.

In a nutshell it's all about operating in a state or national park, state trail, national monument, historical location or battlefield and making at least 10 QSOs to "activate" the entity. It's as simple as that, but there are a few [rules](#).

Take a look at the [Parks On The Air](#) website, view the [FAQ page](#), the [Help/Getting Started](#) section and perhaps view some of the getting started [videos](#) by seasoned POTA operators. If you are interested in becoming an Activator fill out the [sign-up](#) to become a member and get started.

Do you know that there is a [POTA entity in Rochester?](#)



Weekly Nets

- Sunday:**
- Austin 73 Sunday Evening Net** - 7 PM - 146.730 MHz. PL 100
 - Owatonna/ Steele Co. Amateur Radio Club Net** - 7:30 PM - 145.490 PL 100
 - Fillmore Co. Amateur Radio Net** - 7:45 PM - 147.015 PL 110.9 and 444.250 PL 136.5
 - Goodhue Co ARES Net/ Hiawatha Valley Amateur Radio Club Net** - 8 PM - 147.300 PL 136.5
 - Dodge Co ARES Net** - 8:30 PM - 146.820 PL 100
 - River Bend Wireless and Mechanical Society Sunday Night 2m Net** - 8:30 PM - 146.790 PL 100
 - Winona Emergency Preparedness Net** - 8:30 PM 146.835 PL 131.8
 - Olmsted County ARES Net** - 9 PM - 146.820 even days/ 147.255 odd days both PL 100

 - MN D Star Net** - 7:30 PM - Reflector XLX632A
 - Southern MN Fusion Net** - 8:30pm - Wires X Rm 40861
 - 144.260 USB Net** - 9 PM - KA0PQW in Ellendale - Net Control
- Monday:**
- Elmers Net** - 8 PM - 147.255 PL 100
 - Waseca Digital Practice Net** - 7 PM - 146.715 PL 141.3
- Tuesday:**
- Rochester 10m SSB net** - 7 PM - 28.325 MHz USB
 - River Bend Wireless and Mechanical Society (RBMWS) 80m Digital Net** - 8pm - 3.583 MHz. - Olivia 8 - 500
- Wednesday:**
- Southeast MN Digital ARES Net** - 7 PM - 146.820 PL 100 - MT63 2000L
 - RBWMS 2m Digital Net** - 8 PM - 146.790 PL 100 - PSK125RC12
 - Wednesday Night Experiment** - 9pm - 146.790 PL 100
- Thursday:**
- 80m MN Digital ARES Net** - 8 PM - 3.583.5 MHz. - Olivia 8 - 500
 - 2m Simplex Daisy Chain Net** - 8:30 PM - 145.190 PL 100/146.520
- Saturday:**
- 20m IBM Net** - 11 AM - 14.347 MHz.



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Contact RARC

RARC meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM (except the August meeting is the Annual RARC Picnic and January is the annual holiday party) in the lower level of Rochester Fire Station #2 in the EOC at 2185 Wheelock Drive NE, Rochester, MN

Website: <http://www.rarchams.org/>

Snail Mail: RARC , P.O. Box 1, Rochester, MN 55903

Groups.io: [Register](#) to post and receive RARC official email, notices and the Hamster

Weekly Net: Sundays at 9:00 PM: 147.255 repeater (PL Tone 100) **Odd** numbered Sundays
146.820 repeater (PL Tone 100) **Even** Numbered Sundays

If you have any questions or comments about the Hamster or are interested in perhaps being a contributor please feel free to [contact me](#).

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