



# CQ BARS



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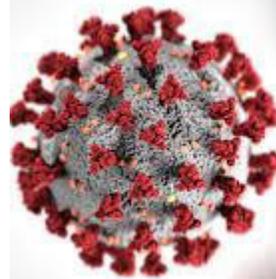
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BARS Website:

[www.k9bar.org](http://www.k9bar.org)



**COVID-19**  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

BARS Membership - UPDATED - Virtual Meetings will Continue -

The BARS Board believes, during this global Coronavirus Pandemic, it is BEST for all members to continue to: *"Stay Home and Stay Safe!"*

The BARS Board is impressed with the success of the BARS General Membership [Zoom](#) meetings. We've decided to continue to conduct all the BARS Monthly Board and General Membership meetings online using the [Zoom](#) platform. Because it's the safe, right thing to do!

All BARS Board and BARS General Membership Meetings will be held via [Zoom until further notice](#). Whenever it's safe to meet in person again. Keep BARS [Zoom Meeting IDs](#) information handy. (see page 3)

*We are all in this Together — Stay Safe and Stay Home.  
We will get through this Together — Separate Alone Together!*

~ the BARS Board

**Stay Home,  
Slow the Spread!**

### BARS – ZOOM Membership Meeting Information:

BARS – Monthly Membership Meetings— [Zoom Meeting ID](#):

**Monday, Dec 21, 2020**

@ 7:30 PM

[Zoom Meeting ID](#):

698 – 491 – 736

[Zoom Meeting Password](#):

K9BAR

[Zoom Meeting URL](#):

<https://zoom.us/j/698491736>

Or: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/698491736?pwd=eSttU0JzbytSTC9YSWxzTitjMktUUT09>



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## Newsletter Editor:

Cyndi Gillies - K9NAX

*Under the misguided  
misdirection of BARS  
Secretary Rob, K9NYO*

Email News Articles &  
Event Information to  
Cyndi - K9NAX at:

[K9NAX@arrl.net](mailto:K9NAX@arrl.net)

## BARS REPEATER STATUS — 2-m VHF / 440-cm UHF Repeaters:

### ALL GREEN — ALL UP — ALL GOOD !!!

**VHF - 2 meter:** Frequency: **147.330** Offset: + **600 KHz** PL: **107.2** **-UP-**

**UHF - 70 cm:** Freq: **443.525** Offset: + **5.0 MHz** PL: **114.8 & NAC293** **-UP-**

**VHF & UHF <—> Cross-Linked Repeaters** **-UP-**

**ECHOLINK: K9BAR-R 2meter : 147.330 ONLY** **-UP-**

**UHF- DMR:** Freq: **443.700** Offset: + **5 MHz** Color Code: **1, TS1 & TS2** **-UP-**

**VHF- 220:** Frequency: **224.540** Offset: - **1 MHz** PL: **110.9** **-UP-**

**Dues are now payable - \$30** for individuals or **\$30** for families. Also, you can **join** or **renew** your **ARRL membership** through **BARS** and the club will receive a donation.

## About BARS —

*Nearly 50 years of serving the Village of Bolingbrook*

The **Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society (BARS)** was established in the **early 1970's**. **BARS** has a strong membership base of active Amateur men, women and families, with a year round calendar full of Ham Radio activities. Which includes: **License Training Classes**, monthly **VE Testing** sessions, and hands-on **Build Projects**. **BARS** participates in annual **Field Radio Events** such as the **ARRL Field Day** in June, and **Winter Field Day** in January. We do several **Special Events** like our **Community Outreach** programs. We recently held the Nation's **FIRST LOTA—Libraries On The Air**. We also do **POTA—Parks On The Air** and activate **RITP—Radio In The Park**, both locally in Bolingbrook as well as other surrounding communities.

**BARS** club specializes in the **SKYWARN** sever weather nets, with direct interacting into the local **NWS—National Weather Service** and both the Kane County and Will County **ARES—Amateur Radio Emergency Services**, and the **Bolingbrook EMA—Emergency Management Association**. We practice **Emergency Communications** readiness, by working **Field Radio** events and providing support to Bolingbrook **Community Event's** with **Auxiliary Communications** services.

**BARS Monthly Meetings** are **Open to the Public**, held at **7:30 PM** on the **3rd Monday** of the month at **Bolingbrook Fire Station # 5** located at **1900 Rodeo Drive** in Bolingbrook, IL. After a brief business meeting, we have interesting Technical Presentations on various topics.

**BARS** also hosts a Monthly **VE Testing Session - BEFORE** our **Monthly Meeting** at **6 PM**.

We invite you to visit the **BARS Website** at: [www.k9bar.org](http://www.k9bar.org) and / or visit the **BARS Facebook Page** at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BolingbrookAmateurRadioSociety/>

We **Welcome** you to **come join us** at our monthly meetings and technical presentations, check into our Weekly Nets, to see what we do to give back to Amateur Radio and our local community. if you join us, you will like what BARS have to offer, and become a BARS member.

To Contact the **BARS Board** - email: [BARSBoard@k9bar.org](mailto:BARSBoard@k9bar.org)



## BARS ZOOM Meetings — HOLIDAY PARTY/MTG



### BARS OFFICERS:

#### President:

Ryan Schultz—W9UEY

#### Vice President:

Cyndi M Gillies—K9NAX

#### Secretary:

Rob Sobkoviak—K9NYO

#### Treasurer:

Deanne Sereno—KD9HLX

### BARS

### MONTHLY

### MEETINGS:

During this Coronavirus Pandemic the BARS Board will be hosting ALL BARS MEETINGS - including the BARS Monthly Membership Meetings - ONLINE using the ZOOM - LIVE Meeting Tool - until further notice.

**NEXT BARS MEETING: Monday, Dec. 21, 2020**



*Join Us to Celebrate the Season!*

*BARS Next Meeting is our Holiday Zoom get-together.*

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Every Tuesday &amp; Friday @ available anytime

Zoom Meeting ID: 931 – 281 – 676

Zoom Meeting Password: K9BAR

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/931281676>Or: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/931281676?pwd=aTdFRldqOUZ4R1ZWQStEMlcvSjRVZz09>**BARS – ZOOM - Information: Board Meeting**BARS Monthly – **Board Meetings** — Zoom Meeting ID:

Monday, January 4, 2021 @ 7:30 PM

*BARS Board Meetings are open to any 'active' (dues paid) members.*To attend - email BARS Board: [barsboard@k9bar.org](mailto:barsboard@k9bar.org)

Zoom Meeting ID: 787 – 497 – 842

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/787497842>*The BARS Board Meeting does require a password to join.*



STAY SAFE -  
STAY HOME -  
Shelter-in-Place -  
Separated Together!

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Open to the  
Public - Held on  
the **3rd Monday**  
of every month.  
at **7:30 PM** at  
**NOW ONLINE—**  
**SEE Page 3 for**  
**the ZOOM**  
**Meeting ID**



## BARS Meeting Minutes — November 16, 2020



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### BARS OFFICERS: (L-R)

#### Treasurer:

Deanne Sereno—KD9HLX

#### Secretary:

Rob Sobkoviak—K9NYO

#### Vice President:

Cyndi M Gillies—K9NAX

#### President:

Ryan Schultz—W9UEY

## BARS MEETING MINUTES — Nov. 16, 2020



### Call to Order — NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at **7:33 PM** on the **ZOOM meeting** platform by BARS President: Ryan Schultz—W9UEY, with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other officers present were: Vice-President: Cyndi M Gillies—K9NAX, Secretary: Rob Sobkoviak—K9NYO, and Treasurer: Deanne Sereno—KD9HLX.

Introductions were made answering the question:

**“Did you participate in the ARRL November CW Sweepstakes?”**

**And “Will you participate in the ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes for 2020?”**

In addition to the Officers above, BARS Directors in attendance were:

Pat—N9TBD, Lance—W9QB and Repeater Trustee: Will—W9WSS.

Absent Officers: Director: Todd—KC9UWV

Membership in attendance were: Mike—KD9MDO, Rich—KD9GNX, Levert—KA9CCH, Gary—AA9JS, Greg—K9GLM, Jaye—W9CY, Ferdi—KD9PKQ, Elden—WA9IQL, Bob—W9ZV, Scott—KD9QJJ, Walt—KC9GZA, Bob—KC9MCB, Piotr—KD9NHZ, Dale—N9JH, Scott—KC9UTC, David—W9DJM, Chris—KD9OIW, Sam—KR6SAM, Bob—AA8X, Jack—WA9FVP, and Debbie—WX9VOR.

**CQ-BARS Newsletter** — The minutes of the BARS October Meeting as printed in the November edition of the CQ-BARS Newsletter were offered for approval. There was a motion by Bob—KD9MCB to accept the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Scott—KC9UTC. A vote was taken, there was no dissent and Minutes were approved.

## Officers & Committee Reports —

### PRESIDENT REPORT – Ryan, W9UEY

**Meeting Presentation** — We are always looking for meeting presentations and/or if there is a topic you’d like to see - Please email BARS Board at: [barsboard@k9bar.org](mailto:barsboard@k9bar.org)

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### PRESIDENT REPORT – Ryan, W9UEY

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#### Club Build Project —

A build project is in the works coming up—there are a couple of options, and we will send out a survey to see what price people would be willing to spend and the level of project building interest.

**Club Express** — No updates — Our website and Club Express tools are running smoothly. If you didn't receive email with monthly CQ-BARS Newsletter, contact Ryan—W9UEY.

#### Special Events —

**December 21**—BARS Holiday Party / Meeting will be over **ZOOM** — **COME JOIN US!**

### VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT / EDUCATION – Cyndi, K9NAX

#### CQ-BARS Newsletter —

The **October CQ BARS** was sent out to BARS Membership on **Saturday November 14** via the new Club Express Portal. Note: It is a **download link** at the bottom of the email (this cannot be changed). It is also on the [K9BAR.org](http://K9BAR.org) website under: > Club Info > CQ-BARS Newsletters > click on the “**2020 Nov - CQ-BARS**” button. Please contact Ryan—W9UEY if you are not receiving any club emails.

#### Zoom Meetings —

All BARS **Zoom** Meeting IDs, for **BARS Zoom** meetings and the **Tuesday/Friday Social Drop-In** meetings can be found in the **CQ-BARS monthly newsletter**.

#### Education / NIARTT Report —

NIARTT (Northern IL Amateur Radio Training and Testing), Education License Training Courses are all **on hold until further notice**, due to “*life as we now know it*”.

#### New Members — **Welcome to BARS!**

If you haven't received the monthly CQ BARS Newsletter, or any club emails, please verify your e-mail with the BARS Board at: [barsboard@k9bar.org](mailto:barsboard@k9bar.org)

### SECRETARY REPORT / PUBLIC SERVICE — Rob, K9NYO

We had no communication with other clubs this month. No Other Report.

### TREASURER REPORT – Deanne, KD9HLX

“**We have money.**” Currently BARS has **\$6636.16** —

BARS Financial breakdown:

\$1555.72 in Checking, \$2462.44 in Savings,  
\$218 in Petty Cash, \$2400 in the Repeater Fund.  
There is a Total of \$6636.16 in the BARS treasury.

**Membership Dues** — Dues are now payable - **\$30** for individuals and **\$30** for families. You can also Join or Renew or request a new ARRL Membership through BARS , and the club will receive a portion as a donation.

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## WEEKLY NETS:

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March thru Sept  
& held monthly on  
First Thu of month  
from Oct to Feb)

All BARS Nets  
are Open to any  
& ALL licensed  
Amateur Radio  
Operators.

## REPEATER TRUSTEE REPORT – Will, W9WSS

**Repeater Trustee Report** — We investigated a report of an excessive PL tone heard on the 440 repeater machine—it was found to be working fine.

**Clothing Vendor Report** — BARS apparel at: [www.goldmedalideas.com/bars/](http://www.goldmedalideas.com/bars/)

## VILLAGE LIAISON REPORT – Todd, KC9UWV

**Village Liaison Report** — Todd, KC9UWV was absent  
No report.— The Bolingbrook Fire Stations are **CLOSED** until further notice.

## FIELD DAY COMMITTEE REPORT – Pat, N9TBD

**BARS Field Day Report** — **Winter Field Day** — will be held on **January 30-31, 2021**.  
Club plans for this event are uncertain at this time. Individual scores can be aggregated for a Club Score—we will operate Winter Field Day similar to how we did Summer Field Day this year. There will be a ZOOM meet-up available during event operations.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – Cyndi, K9NAX

**Membership Report** — *Welcome new members of BARS!*

## BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT – Rob, K9NYO

**By-Laws Report** — No Report.

## WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT – Lance, W9QB

**Website Report** — No report.

## VE / TESTING COMMITTEE REPORT – David, K9DWR

**VE Testing Report** — No report. BARS VE Testing is on HOLD until further notice, due to the Bolingbrook Fire Station # 5 being CLOSED to public use.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – OPEN - Acting: Cyndi, K9NAX

No Report. The Chair for this committee is **open**.  
If interested, contact the BARS Board at: [barsboard@k9bar.org](mailto:barsboard@k9bar.org).  
BARS Public Relations is currently being maintained by Cyndi—K9NAX & Rob—K9NYO.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT — Rob, K9NYO

## SKYWARN Severe Weather Spotters Report — Greg, K9GLM

There was a Tornado Watch on November 10, and a severe weather net was activated at 1410 local time with 19 check-in's.

**SKYWARN Training Net** — We are currently operating on the BARS Monthly SKYWARN Training Net Schedule — Held on the **1st Thursday of the month at 8:30 pm** local time. Following the BARS Thursday Information and Traffic Net. This monthly SKYWARN Training schedule will continue until March 2021 when we switch to a weekly schedule.

**SKYWARN Net TOP Check-Ins** — The TOP 3 check-in's for the BARS SKYWARN Nets are: AA9JS/Gary—15 times, KD9MRM/Ken—13 times, and K9DWR/David—11 times. BARS Board would like to congratulate the Top 3 check-ins and everyone

**SKYWARN Recognition Day** — The SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held, but there will be social distancing— For more information check on line.

**SKYWARN Net Control Operators** — BARS, DuPage County and the Kane County ARES need SKYWARN Net Control Operators for next year in 2021. — If you are interested in being a SKYWARN Net Control — please contact: Greg—K9GLM at [K9GLM@arrl.net](mailto:K9GLM@arrl.net).

## AuxComm / ARES Report — Mike, KD9MDO

The Will County ARES meetings have resumed. Will County ARES is looking for ideas for events. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month on ZOOM. For more information Check out the Illinois ARES website at: <https://ilares.org>.

## NET COMMITTEE REPORT – Scott, KC9UTC

## Net Control Report —

The NCOS schedules are now complete through the beginning of February 2021. The NCOS schedule will be published on the club website and within CQ BARS newsletter.

The Anti-Viral Net # 241 will be held at 7:30 pm tomorrow night. The Anti-Viral net has been nightly since mid-March.

## NCOS - Net Control Operator Stations —

Please get all your Net Logs to Scott—KC9UTC for the end of year 2020 tabulation. If you are interested in volunteering to be a Net Control Operator Station, it only takes about 30 minutes a month. For more information, please contact Rob—K9NYO.

## Thursday's — Weekly Information and Traffic Net — 8:00 PM—BARS Repeater Net Control Operator Stations (NCOS) Schedule:

Dec:	12/3 = K9GLM—Greg,	12/10 = W9CY—Jaye,
	12/17 = K9NYO—Rob,	12/24 = AA9JS—Gary,
	12/31 = AA9JS—Gary.	

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## NET COMMITTEE REPORT – Scott, KC9UTC

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Net Control Operator Stations (NCOS) Schedule:

Jan: 1/7 = KE9NT—Ralph, 1/14 = KD9MDO—Mike,  
1/21 = K9NYO—Rob, 1/28 = KE9NT—Ralph.

Feb: TBD

Nightly — Anti-Viral Net — 7:30 PM—BARS Repeater  
Net Control Operator Stations (NCOS) Schedule:

SUN = Jaye—W9CY, MON = Rob—K9NYO,  
TUE = Mike—KD9MDO, WED = Greg—K9GLM,  
THU = TBD — (based on Thursday weekly Traffic Net schedule),  
FRI = Gary—AA9JS, SAT = Sam—KR6SAM.

Tuesday & Friday Night — BARS Drop-In ZOOM Socials — 8:00 PM—on ZOOM

Held every Tuesday and Friday Nights at 8:00 PM on the ZOOM Platform.

There is no Net Control Operator for these Drop-In Zoom Socials. This Zoom IDs can be used anytime anyone wants (24/7), if they are needed.

Zoom Meeting ID: 931 – 281 – 676

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/931281676>

[ALL NCO Schedules are available on the website and in the CQ-BARS Newsletter.]

## RADIO SCOUTING COMMITTEE REPORT – Scott, KC9UTC

Radio Scouting Report — No Report.

## ELMER COMMITTEE REPORT – Gary, AA9JS / Jaye, W9CY

For Elmer Committee assistance — Contact : Jaye—W9CY or Gary—AA9JS on the BARS Repeater, email (correct on QRZ), with questions, or if you need help with anything. They are looking for ways to Elmer during these social distancing times.

## ASSET COMMITTEE REPORT – OPEN

No Report. The Chair position for this committee is open  
Need someone to track equipment we have and a way to check things out for loan.  
If interested, contact the BARS Board at: [barsboard@k9bar.org](mailto:barsboard@k9bar.org).

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**BARS CONTESTING COMMITTEE REPORT — Mike, KD9MDO****BARS CONTESTING —**

We had 6 people submit reports results for the Illinois QSO Party, and we will be issuing BARS Certificates for club awards.

Don't forget about the New BARS Contesting Program. BARS has a contest eligibility list on file with the ARRL. To add your name to the list, contact Mike—KD9MDO at [KD9MDO@gmail.com](mailto:KD9MDO@gmail.com). Also <http://ContestCalendar.com> is a great contest resource.

**OLD BUSINESS —****BARS Membership Meetings —**

*ALL BARS Meetings will continue to be held on the ZOOM platform until further notice.*

**BARS Budget —** BARS President Ryan—W9UEY presented the Budget for 2020-2021 — Which was emailed out to the BARS Active Membership after the October 19, business meeting for the BARS membership to review prior to voting on tonight..

A motion was made by Dale—N9JH, that the BARS 2020-2021 Budget be approved. The motion was seconded by Elden—WA9IQL. The membership voted and the BARS 2020-2021 Budget was approved with no discussion.

**BARS Holiday Party —** The **Holiday Party** will be on **ZOOM** this year of the 2020 plague. We will be having a regular meeting on December 21st, with some planned extras. *Please Join Us for the BARS Holiday Party fun!*

No further Old Business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS —**

**No New Business —** There was No New Business to discuss. Rob—K9NYO made the motion to close New Business. The motion seconded by Scott—KA9UTC. The motion passed with no discussion or dissent and New Business was closed.

No further New Business was discussed.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS —****BARS Meeting Dates —**

Announcements were made including the NEXT BARS Board and Monthly Membership meeting dates.

**BARS Board Meeting:** Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:30 PM on **ZOOM**.

**BARS Membership Mtg:** Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:30 PM on **ZOOM**.

At this time, it's uncertain when VE testing in person will continue. The **Bolingbrook Fire Station #5** is **CLOSED** due to restrictions by Will County regarding the coronavirus.

**BARS December Membership Meeting / HOLIDAY PARTY —**

**BARS HOLIDAY PARTY:** Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:30 PM on **ZOOM**.

*(with snacks and cash bar provided at your location).*

**ALL BARS Membership Meetings—** BARS Meetings will continue on **ZOOM** platform — **until further notice**. No additional announcements from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT —**

There was a motion made by **Scott—KA9UTC** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by **Pat—N9TBD**. With no discussion and no votes to the contrary, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at: **8:39 p.m.**

**PRESENTATION —**

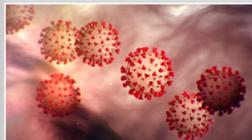
There was no formal meeting presentation following the meeting this month.

**BARS Meeting Minutes —**

Respectfully submitted for approval by:  
*Robert Sobkoviak, K9NYO,*  
*Secretary of the Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society*

- End - BARS Meeting Minutes





### BARS Meeting Presentations Needed:

BARS is looking for topic ideas for our Monthly Meeting Presentations

If you have an idea or would like to do a presentation on a Ham related topic or idea... Please contact a BARS Officer.

*(BARS meetings are 3rd Monday of the month)*

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## BARS Meeting Presentation — HOLIDAY PARTY !!

**JOIN US!**

Season's Greetings

### BARS HOLIDAY PARTY:

**December 21, 2020 at: 7:30 PM**

*The NEXT Meeting is our HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!*

BARS Membership Meeting — using the **ZOOM** platform.

**BARS – ZOOM - Information: Membership Meeting**  
BARS Monthly – **Membership Meeting** — Zoom Meeting ID:

Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 698 – 491 – 736

Zoom Meeting Password: K9BAR

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/698491736>

Or: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/698491736?pwd=eSttU0JzbytSTC9YSWxzTitjMktUUT09>

*Come Join Us to Celebrate the Season!*

*(with snacks and cash bar provided at your location).*

If you have any questions or concerns *Let the BARS Board know....*

Email **BARS Board** at: [barsboard@k9bar.org](mailto:barsboard@k9bar.org)



**Want to share  
your ham  
passion with  
others?**

— If you are  
interested  
in doing a  
meeting  
presentation  
— If you have  
a Topic for a  
Presentation  
— Please  
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**BARS Announcements — For December**

**BARS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS —**

**BARS Meeting Announcements —**

◆ **BARS General Membership Meeting — Monthly**

The **BARS Membership Meeting** will be held on **ZOOM** the **3rd Monday** in month.

The **NEXT BARS Membership Meeting**: **Monday, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 PM**

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◆ **BARS Board Meeting —**

The **BARS Board Meeting** will be held on **ZOOM** the **1st Monday** of the month.

The **Next BARS Board Meeting**: **Monday, January 4, 2021 @ 7:30 PM.**

The **BARS Board Meeting** is open to any Active (dues paid) **BARS Members**.

To Join, contact the **BARS Board** at email: **[BARSBoard@k9bar.org](mailto:BARSBoard@k9bar.org)** to receive the  
Monthly **ZOOM Meeting ID** and login password information.

**Welcome... New BARS Members!**



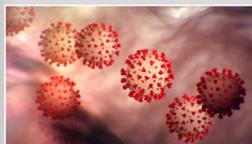
<i>Name</i>	<i>Call Sign</i>	<i>License Class</i>
Joseph Brandon	KD9HJR	General
George Yundt III	KD9QYG	Technician
Jeremiah Nagle	K9NGL	General
James Skupien	AA9NN	Amateur Extra

**In Memoriam - Silent Key**

Archie Hawley                      N9ZMM

*Archie Hawley—N9ZMM WCARES AEC became a Silent Key 12/14/2020  
Rest in Peace Archie, N9ZMM—you will be dearly missed!*

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NEW INFO

*Local  
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## BARS — Nightly NET & Weekly Online SOCIAL Events

- **NIGHTLY** — **Anti-Viral Net** | Every Night at **7:30 PM** | on BARS Repeater.
- **WEEKLY** — **Drop-In ZOOM** Socials | **Tue & Fri** Nights at **8:00 PM** (30-60 min.)

BARS *presents...*

### **NIGHTLY** — **Anti-Viral NET**

Every Night @ **7:30 PM**

**NEW Time** \* Including Friday Nights \*

*These days during the Coronavirus — We need to Stay Connected!*

In March BARS Members saw a need, stepped up to start a NEW NIGHTLY

**Anti-Viral NET** — To be useful during these challenging times. A place to share - Our concerns, experiences, information and knowledge. A place to pass on health and wellness traffic, local news and views. Most importantly a place — To Stay Connected! — **Separate Alone Together!**

*Many Thanks to the BARS Anti-Viral NCOSs:*

*Jaye, W9CY - Gary, AA9JS - Rob, K9NYO - Mike, KD9MDO - Greg, K9GLM and Sam, KR6SAM. <http://www.k9bar.org/index.php/net-info/nightly-anti-viral-net>*



BARS *presents...*

### **WEEKLY** — **Tuesday & Friday Nights - Drop-In Zoom Socials**

Every — **Tuesday & Friday Night** @ **8:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting ID: 931 – 281 – 676

Zoom Meeting Password: K9BAR

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/931281676>



*These days during the Coronavirus — We need to Stay Connected!*

In April BARS Board decided to start a **Weekly Social Get-Together** for BARS Membership to use, enjoy and to Stay Connected with each other. While Stay Home, to Shelter-in-Place regulations. - To Stay Connected!

Stay Connected — Separate Alone Together

***We will get through this — Together!***



**Don't Forget  
to check into  
BARS  
Weekly Nets**

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Offset:

+ 600 KHz

PL: 107.2

&amp;

**220 MHz**

Frequency:

224.540

Offset: -

PL: 110.9

Details on the  
BARS Website

[www.k9bar.org](http://www.k9bar.org)

## BARS Schedules— Net Control Operator's Schedules

### Thursday's — Weekly Information & Traffic Net — 8 pm Net Control Operator Stations Schedule:

**November — 2020:**

11/5 — W9CY - Jaye  
11/12 — KD9MDO - Mike  
11/19 — K9NYO - Rob  
11/26 — AA9JS - Gary

**December — 2020:**

12/3 — K9GLM - Greg  
12/10 — W9CY - Jaye  
12/17 — K9NYO - Rob  
12/24 — AA9JS - Gary  
12/31 — AA9JS - Gary

**January — 2021:**

1/7 — KE9NT - Ralph  
1/14 — KD9MDO - Mike  
1/21 — K9NYO - Rob  
1/28 — KE9NT - Ralph

**February — 2021:**

2/4 — TBD  
2/11 — TBD  
2/18 — TBD  
2/25 — TBD

Back-Up NCOS: KC9UTC - Scott

## BARS HOLIDAY PARTY:

**December 21, 2020 at: 7:30 PM**

### Nightly — Anti-Viral Net — 7:30 pm Net Control Operator Stations Schedule:

<b>Sunday:</b> Jaye - W9CY	<b>Monday:</b> Rob - K9NYO
<b>Tuesday:</b> Mike - KD9MDO	<b>Wednesday:</b> Greg - K9GLM
<b>Thursday:</b> TBD - (based on Thursday's weekly Traffic Net schedule)	
<b>Friday:</b> Gary - AA9JS	<b>Saturday:</b> Sam - KR6SAM



## December - 2020

## Board Meeting:

- Tuesday - Jan 4 @ 7:30 pm  
@ ZOOM Meeting  
contact BARS Board to attend.

## VE Testing - Monthly:

- Monday - Dec 21 CANCELLED
- Monday - Jan 18 TBD @ 6 pm  
- TBD monthly - @ Fire Station # 5 -  
1900 Rodeo Dr. Bolingbrook, IL 60440

## BARS - Monthly Meeting:

- Monday - Dec 21 @ 7:30 pm
- Monday - Jan 18 @ 7:30 pm  
@ ZOOM Meeting ID:  
698—491—736 Password: K9BAR

## Weekly Nets:

- WEDNESDAY – Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.  
Jan: 6, 13, 20, 27.  
220 Round-Table Rag-Chew Net  
220 Repeater @ 8:30 pm \*new time
- THURSDAY – Dec: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.  
Jan: 7, 14, 21, 28.  
⇒ BARS Information & Traffic Net  
2m/440 Repeater @ 8:00 pm  
⇒ SKYWARN—Training Net  
Monthly 1st Thu: Oct—March  
2m/440 Repeater @ 8:30 pm
- TUESDAY & FRIDAY— Zoom call  
Dec: 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29.  
Jan: 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29.  
Tuesday - Night Drop-In ZOOM  
& Friday - Night Drop-In ZOOM  
Zoom Social Event @ 8:00 pm  
@ ZOOM Meeting ID  
931—281—676
- \*NEW — NIGHTLY - 7 days a week  
NIGHTLY — Anti-Viral Net  
Every NIGHT @ 7:30 PM  
2m/440cm BARS Repeater



## EVENT NOTICE:

If you know  
about an Event  
which should be  
listed in the  
BARS EVENT  
CALENDAR

Contact us to  
add it to the  
Calendar on the  
BARS Website  
So everyone can  
be remember!

Do you have...  
An Event to List?  
A news article for  
the CQ BARS ?

Contact either:  
[webmaster](mailto:webmaster@k9bar.org)  
[@k9bar.org](mailto:k9bar.org) or  
Cyndi, K9NAX at  
[k9nax@arrl.net](mailto:k9nax@arrl.net)

## Weekly Training - Saturday:

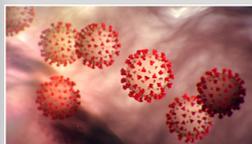
- License Training Course  
Temporarily SUSPENDED  
— TBD —

## VE Testing - Saturday:

- Saturday - TBD @ 9:00 am  
Temporarily SUSPENDED  
— TBD —

Thursday Night's  
Information & Traffic Net  
NCO's Schedule:

Nov 26 — AA9JA - Gary  
Dec 3 — K9GLM - Greg  
Dec 10 — W9CY - Jaye  
Dec 17 — K9NYO - Rob  
Dec 24 — AA9JS - Gary  
Dec 31 — AA9JS - Gary  
Jan 7 — KE9NT - Ralph



## BARS NEW INFO

### *Local Amateur Radio News...*

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## BARS Contesting — *NEW BARS EVENT* INFORMATION

BARS *presents...*

*Since—June 2020*

### **BARS Contesting Pro-**

*Message From :* **Mike Blocker—KD9MDO**  
- BARS Contest Program Committee Chairman

Welcome to the monthly Contesting Program of the CQ-BARS. There are many ways to enjoy amateur radio, one of which is contesting. Contesting can be as serious or as relaxed as you'd like it to be. Personally, I enjoy setting contesting goals. It feels *great* to reach that goal and pass it a little bit.

In this column I'll share details on some upcoming contests and how members of the club performed in recent ones. Even tips and tricks.

#### Upcoming Contests:

- ◆ **ARRL — December - 10 Meter Contest** **Dec 12 - 13, 2020**  
More Info at: <http://www.arri.org/10-meter>
- ◆ **ARRL — December - Rookie Roundup—CW** **Dec 20, 2020**  
More Info at: <http://www.arri.org/rookie-roundup>
- ◆ **ARRL — January 2021 - Straight Key Night** **Jan 1, 2021**  
More Info at: <http://www.arri.org/straight-key-night>
- ◆ **ARRL — January 2021 - Kids Day Contest** **Jan 4, 2021**  
More Info at: <http://www.arri.org/kids-day>
- ◆ **ARRL — January 2021 - RTTY Roundup** **Jan 4 - 5, 2021**  
More Info at: <http://www.arri.org/rtty-roundup>
- ◆ **ARRL — January 2021 - January VHF** **Jan 18 - 20, 2021**  
More Info at: <http://www.arri.org/january-vhf>

This is by no means an exhaustive list. There are tons of contests and QSO Parties every month, they can be a good way to learn new modes or to get contacts you still need. Don't forget to join the "Radiosports" room on slack.

Also if you participate in an ARRL contest be sure you're on our clubs eligibility list to have your points added to the "**Bolingbrook ARS**" aggregate score.

For more info on so many other contests check out:  
<https://www.contestcalendar.com/index.html> or for ARRL Contesting:  
<http://www.arri.org/contest-calendar> or for the All State QSO Party list—see:  
[https://www.qsl.net/va3rj/contest\\_usa.html](https://www.qsl.net/va3rj/contest_usa.html)

If you would like to be added to the **BARS Contesters**, or for more information, about the BARS Contesting Program - email me at [KD9MDO@gmail.com](mailto:KD9MDO@gmail.com).

73 — Mike - KD9MDO

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ZOOM  
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Member

## ARRL News — Contest News

### ARRL — [Contest Calendar](#)

ARRL URL: <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>



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| <p>November 2020</p> <p>7-9 <a href="#">Nov. Sweepstakes – CW</a></p> <p>21-23 <a href="#">Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone</a></p> <p>28-29 <a href="#">EME - 50 to 1296 MHz</a></p>      | <p>December 2020</p> <p>4-6 <a href="#">160 Meter</a></p> <p>12-13 <a href="#">10 Meter</a></p> <p>20 <a href="#">Rookie Roundup–CW</a></p> |
| <p>January 2021</p> <p>1 <a href="#">Straight Key Night</a></p> <p>2 <a href="#">Kids Day</a></p> <p>2-3 <a href="#">RTTY Roundup</a></p> <p>16-18 <a href="#">January VHF</a></p> | <p>February 2021</p> <p>8-12 <a href="#">School Club Roundup</a></p> <p>20-21 <a href="#">International DX – CW</a></p>                     |
| <p>March 2021</p> <p>7-8 <a href="#">International DX – Phone</a></p>                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                             |

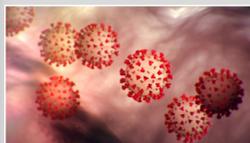
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**ARRL News — ARISS NEWS**

## SSTV Event to Help ARISS Mark 20 Years of Continuous Ham Radio Operation in Space

12/17/2020



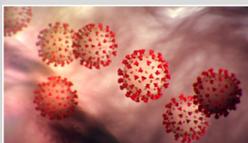
ARRL Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (**ARISS**) will continue its year-long 20th anniversary celebration of continuous ham radio operation from the ISS this month, with a slow-scan television (SSTV) event over the holidays. The first ARISS school contact took place in December 2000, not long after the first ISS crew arrived on station a month earlier and had made test contacts. The commemorative late-December SSTV event will be held December 24 through December 31, although dates are subject to change. The frequency will be 145.800 MHz, using SSTV PD-120 mode. Over its 20 years, ARISS has supported nearly 1,400 scheduled ham radio contacts with schools, student groups, and other education organizations.

“ARISS would not be the complex and growing program of education, operations, and hardware were it not for ARRL, AMSAT, NASA, and the ISS National Lab (INL),” said Rosalie White, K1STO, ARISS-US Delegate representing ARRL. “For these past 20 years and for the years to come, when we grow into lunar ham radio opportunities and more, the ARISS team will continue to be grateful to ARRL and all our sponsors. We could not do it without you!”

The ARISS ham radio gear, for what would become NA1SS on board the station, arrived ahead of the Expedition 1 crew, headed by Bill Shepherd, KD5GSL. Shepherd made the first ARISS school contact with students at Luther Burbank Elementary School in Illinois on December 21, 2000. NASA has marked the ARISS milestone with an **info-graphic** highlighting the educational contacts via amateur radio between astronaut crew members aboard the ISS and students.

ARISS will continue to sponsor various commemorative events through November 2021, including more of the very popular ARISS SSTV sessions. In celebration of the 20th anniversary of ham radio on the space station, ARISS took part in the ISS Research and Development Conference (ISSRDC) panel session, “20 Years of STEM Experiments on the ISS.” A **video** developed for the session describes the program, conveys some key lessons learned over the past 20 years, and describes the ARISS team’s vision for the future.

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**ARRL News — ARISS NEWS***(continued)*

## SSTV Event to Help ARISS Mark 20 Years of Continuous Ham Radio Operation in Space

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Celebrating “Twenty years of continuous operations is a phenomenal accomplishment,” said ARISS-International Chair Frank Bauer, KA3H-DO, who’s been with the program from the start. “But what makes it even more extraordinary is that ARISS has achieved this through hundreds of volunteers who are passionate in paying it forward to our youth and ham radio community. On behalf of the ARISS International team, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to every volunteer who has made ARISS such an amazing success over the past 20 years. Your passion, drive, creativity, and spirit made it happen.”

In September, ARISS **announced** that the initial element of its next-generation Interoperable Radio System (IORS) had been installed in the ISS *Columbus* module, replacing outmoded and problematic station gear.

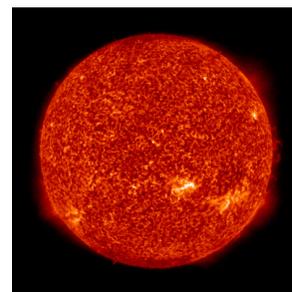
A helpful addition to the ARISS website is a “Current Status of ISS Stations,” which reports the present or coming operating mode of ARISS radios in the *Columbus* and *Service* modules. Click on General Contacts and then Current Status of ISS Stations on the drop-down menu of the ARISS website to access the reports.

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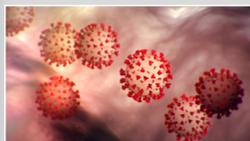
## The K7RA Solar Update

*12/11/2020*

Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: Solar activity quieted this week, with the average daily sunspot number declining from 57.6 to 28.9, and the average daily solar flux softening from 108.1 to 91.9. On December 8 – 10, the sunspot number was 11 each day, which is a minimum non-zero sunspot number.

*(Click the link above to view entire ARRL article)*

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**ARRL News — ARRL in Action...**

## Nominations Invited for 2021 CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW

12/15/2020

The **CWops** is now accepting nominations for its 2021 **Award for Advancing the Art of CW**. The award recognizes individuals, groups, or organizations that have made the greatest contribution(s) toward advancing the art or practice of radio communication by Morse code.



Candidates for the award may be authors of publications related to CW; CW recruiters, trainers, mentors, coaches, and instructors; public advocates of CW; organizers of CW activities; designers and inventors who advance the art or practice of CW, and other contributors to the art or practice of CW. The award is not limited to radio amateurs or their organizations. Nominations can be submitted via **email**, **copying** the CWops secretary.

Nominations must be received by March 18, 2021. It should include the name(s) and call sign(s), if applicable, of nominee(s), and complete contact information. A detailed explanation supporting the nomination should be included along with the name, telephone number, email address, and call sign of the person submitting the nomination. An award presentation will take place at the 2021 **Dayton Hamvention®**.

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## ARRL News — In Action - Continued...

### ARRL News: Coronavirus COVID-19—UPDATE

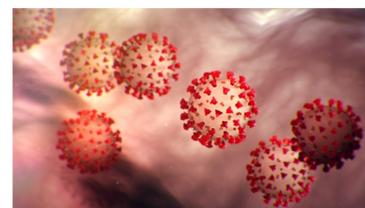


#### INFORMATION RESOURCES

**CDC** - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**FEMA** - Federal Emergency Management Agency [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

**Ready.gov** - Plan ahead for disasters [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)



#### ARRL RESOURCES

##### License Examination Sessions

We know many examiners have canceled amateur radio license exam sessions to meet the requirements and recommendations of national and local government and of health officials. Use the ARRL's [License Exam Search](#) to find scheduled exam sessions in your area. And please verify with the local exam team that the session is still being held. The ARRL VEC is continuing to process license examination materials from VEs who have completed exam sessions, although some delays may occur under the circumstances. The ARRL VEC electronically forwards all required data to the FCC for qualified examinees.

For more information Also read... [ARRL News Coronavirus COVID-19](#)

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#### ARRL COVID-19 INFORMATION

**ARRL Pages:** [www.arrl.org/coronavirus](http://www.arrl.org/coronavirus) or [www.arrl.org/COVID-19](http://www.arrl.org/COVID-19)  
Includes Coronavirus COVID-19 news and information of interest to ARRL members and our global amateur radio community.

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73 — Shout-Out's



We Thank You!

**To: Rob Sobkoviak, K9NYO — All the work  
Tuesday and Friday Night — Zoom Drop In Social**

For all the planning, hard work, and time spent to help set up and get going  
the **Tuesday & Friday Night Drop-In ZOOM Social** Event to be a Success!

**THANK YOU!**

**To: Jaye Sauer, W9CY — Gary Smith, AA9JS —  
Rob Sobkoviak, K9NYO — Greg Morley, K9GLM &  
Mike Blocker, KD9MDO — Sam Kretchmer, KR6SAM  
for All the work on the very popular BARS **Nightly Anti-Viral Net****

For all the planning, hard work, and time to make the **Net Control Operator**  
rotation work for the **Nightly Anti-Viral Net** to be a Success!

**THANK YOU!**

**To: ALL of our New and Existing BARS Members**

For Paying your Dues, and Renewals in a timely manor. **THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU!**

**To: ALL BARS Members — Doing your part to help keep Everyone Safe!  
— Stay Home — Shelter-In-Place — We can get through this Together  
— Separated Together! The BARS Board Appreciates your Support.**

**THANK YOU!**

**To BBK Fire Department —**

**To BBK EMA Team —**

For keeping BARS in the loop on what is going  
on in the village. Including road construction  
at Fire Station # 5 as best they can.

And Thanks for allowing BARS to call the Fire  
Station # 5 - BARS Home. **THANK YOU!**

**To BARS Membership —**

For contributing to BARS as a club and all the  
BARS Events and Activities. The BARS Board  
appreciates all the hard work and time you  
give back to the community.

Thank you for your CQ-BARS contributions!  
(...and for reading it) **THANK YOU!**

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STAY SAFE -  
STAY HOME -

**CQ BARS Notice:**

*All misspellings, typos and grammatical errors of any kind found within this CQ BARS are completely intentional and the full responsibility and sole product of the prior CQ BARS editor's overactive imagination, (Rob, K9NYO). Since his work load is much lighter now - Please send all corrections you find anywhere directly to Rob. To insure the secretary records them properly for posterity purposes, before depositing them in the circular file bin reserved for such communications.*  
73,  
- the CQ BARS Editor  
Cyndi M Gillies—  
K9NAX

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**BARS — Repeater Information:**

*Eff. Dec. 15, 2020*

The **Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society (BARS)** has several local **Repeaters** all of which are **OPEN to the Public** for any licensed Amateur Radio operators' use.

**VHF - 2 meter:** Frequency: **147.330** Offset: + **600 KHz** PL: **107.2** **-UP-**

**UHF - 70 cm:** Freq: **443.525** Offset: + **5.0 MHz** PL: **114.8 & NAC293** **-UP-**

**VHF & UHF:** <—> **Linked Repeaters** **-UP-**

**ECHOLINK - K9BAR-R** 2meter : **147.330 ONLY** **-UP-**

**UHF - DMR:** Freq: **443.700** Offset: + **5 MHz** Color Code: **1, TS1 & TS2** **-UP-**

**VHF - 220:** Frequency: **224.540** Offset: - **1 MHz** PL: **110.9** **-UP-**

BARS recently completed the needed repair work on our Repeater antenna systems. This means once again our main VHF 2m Repeater and our UHF 440/70cm Repeater, are back to being a Linked Repeater System. Our Thanks to the Village of Bolingbrook!

**BARS - MONTHLY MEETINGS** are **Open to the Public.** Held on the **3rd Monday** of the month at **7:30 PM** at **Fire Station # 5** located at **1900 Rodeo Dr** in Bolingbrook.

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**STAY SAFE—STAY at HOME — We want to see you next time in person!**

**The Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society (BARS)** was established in the **early 1970's**. We have a strong membership base with a year-round calendar of events and activities. Which includes license training classes and VE test sessions. **BARS** specializes in **SKYWARN**, Emergency Communications, and **Field Day**, along with supporting local **Community Event's Auxiliary Communications**. We invite you to browse our website at [www.k9bar.org](http://www.k9bar.org) to see who we are and what we do. We hope you will like what we have to offer, come visit us at our meetings and maybe become a Member of our organization. ARRL AC & SSC club # 1271.

**The Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society (BARS)** meets monthly on the **3rd Monday** of each month. Meetings are **Open to the Public**, held at **Bolingbrook Fire Station # 5**, located at **1900 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, IL 60490** The meeting starts at **7:30 PM** in the Community Room. Don't need to be a member - Everyone is welcome to attend!

*The Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society wishes to acknowledge: Mayor: Mary Alexander-Basta, — The Village of Bolingbrook — The Bolingbrook Police — The Bolingbrook Fire, and EMA Departments, for their continued generous support.*