

W9SRC | 1976-2026



50 YEARS ON THE AIR

STARS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Amateur radio, electronics, history and community - all in one day.



SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

VE LICENSE TESTING STARTS AT 10:00 AM

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

PUBLIC WELCOME - NO LICENSE REQUIRED

COME PLAY RADIO

See what amateur radio can do.

Meet the operators, work the bands, try a hands-on skill and help STARS celebrate a half-century of radio in Chicago's southwest suburbs.



POTA LIVE STATIONS

Portable HF stations and Parks on the Air activity.



MORSE + TELEGRAMS

Try the Western Union-style telegram station and Morse code.



SOLDERING CLASS

Get hands-on with electronics and learn the basics.



VE LICENSE TESTING

Take an amateur radio exam or upgrade. Starts at 10 AM.



50 YEARS OF STARS

Club photos, memorabilia and stories from five decades on the air.



50/50 RAFFLE

Drawing at 4 PM. You do not need to be present to win.

THE CABOOSE

Santa Fe Prairie State Nature Preserve

7300 River Road
Hodgkins, IL 60525

Historic caboose + outdoor
radio operating area

LUNCH

11 AM - 1 PM

or until the food is gone

Burgers, hot dogs and water provided.
Public guests are welcome to join us.

NEW TO HAM RADIO?

Come curious. Leave knowing how to get on the air.

01 SEE IT

Live POTA + radios

02 TRY IT

Morse + soldering

03 TEST IT

VE session at 10 AM

No license required to attend. Curious newcomers are welcome.

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