

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

April 2026

PO Box 94, Belleville, IL 62222

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Club Repeaters: 147.120+ / 224.120- / 444.625+ (pl 127.3)

## Club Officers

President – Randy Bastian  
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Secretary –(open)

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## VE Test Coordinator

Randy Bastian, KC9MZ

## Repeater Committee

Dale Wentz, KB9JJA, Project Manager  
Dan Crockett, KD9ADB  
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Michael Petz, KA9HNT  
Garry Valentine, N8GIL - emeritus,  
John Sundstrom, WA0LIS - emeritus

## Emergency Comm Committee

Gene Kramer, WA9TZL  
ARES/RACES Directed Net is normally  
conducted by Gene Kramer, WA9TZL  
(Tuesdays following the Club “on-the-  
air” meeting.)

## VE Testing April 18



Michael, Larry, Colin, and Randy



Randy, Michael, Warren, and Larry

## Club Breakfast



Bob and Steve

AA2KF photo



Larry and Dean

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Jim

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## VE Testing April 18<sup>th</sup>

Our test session was very successful with a new Extra and Technician! Warren Hardy past his Technician and Colin Krenitzki was successful in upgrading to Extra! If you would like to test, or know of someone who would like to test, please email Randy KC9MZ at [rbkc9mz---gmail.com](mailto:rbkc9mz---gmail.com). I'll get a VE team together and make sure we have space at the Moose.

Our next test date is **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Thanks to our VEs, Larry K9LWW, Michael KA9HNT, and Randy KC9MZ!

Please note: The question pool for the Technician license will be replaced July 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. If you know of anyone studying for their Tech please tell them about this change, we have two tests dates before the pool change.

## Club Dues

Bob WA9TUG reminds us that Club dues are due. You may bring them to the next meeting or mail them to the Club's PO Box 94, Belleville, IL 62222. You may choose to mail them to Bob's QTH also. His address is correct on QRZ.com Regular Membership \$25, family \$30.



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## Operating Events, Club Events and HAMFESTS:

May 9<sup>th</sup> - Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – VE Testing, Moose Lodge, Swansea, IL 9:30 am

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Club meeting at the Swansea Moose 8 pm.

June 13<sup>th</sup> – 15 ARRL VHF Party see: <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Egyptian RC Hamfest EgyptianFest 2026 (New Location) see: [EgyptianFest 2026](#)

June 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> ARRL Field Day We will be at Schieve Park in Mascoutah this year.

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Zerobeaters Washington Hamfest see: [http://zerobeaters.org/pdfs/2026hamfest.pdf?\\_20260429](http://zerobeaters.org/pdfs/2026hamfest.pdf?_20260429)

August 1<sup>st</sup> – West Central Illinois Hamfest see: <https://wcilhamfest.com/>

August 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Charles ARC Never Enough Radios” see ARRL Hamfest page

September 19th - 20th Midwest Superfest (Peoria Hamfest) see: <https://www.w9uvi.net/midwest-superfest/>

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Hamfest see: <http://halloweenhamfest.org/>

ARES HF Net the Illinois Section ARES HF Net meets on the first and third Sunday each month at 4:30 PM. The frequency is 3905 KHz +/- LSB

K1USN Radio Club Slow Speed CW contest (20 WPM max) Mondays 1800-1900 CST

<http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

CWops Test (CWT) Every Wednesday at 1300-1400Z, 1900-2000Z, and Thursday 0300-0400Z 28 to 45 kHz from the band edges [CWops Tests \(CWT\) – CWops](#)

RRI Training Broadcast Schedule Wednesday 2000 CST (0200Z Thursday) 7060 kHz, and 2130 CST (0330Z Thursday) 3563 KHz, Thursday 1900 CST (0001Z Friday) 14060 KHz

Gateway 160 Meter News 1860 KHz Saturday 2200 hours

### Club Net

The 224.12 MHz Net is on Thursdays, 8 pm by Steve, W9ZS.

Thank you Steve, for running this fine net.

**Meeting Date, Time and Location:** Next month's meeting will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. It will be at the Swansea Moose Lodge. The meeting will be to the left of the bar area.

**New Members:** New applications should be submitted to the Sgt. at Arms. Applications will be vetted by the Sgt. at Arms and will be brought forward for a vote at the next monthly meeting after being submitted. We look forward to meeting/greeting any new member because to grow our club, we must find people that love to talk (should not be too hard) and that would love to be on the radio. So, putting the two together can make a dedicated enthusiast for HAM Radio. We welcome all new and prospective members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.

### **Election of Officers**

The election was held in March with the following results:

President Randy, KC9MZ

Vice President Michael, KA9HNT

Secretary (open)

Treasurer Bob, WA9TUG

Sgt at Arms Dan, KD9ADB

Activity Manager Jim KD9BLA

Publicity Activist Dean, K9JDW

Thank you everyone!

### **Here are some shorts**

I hope you can attend our April meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, Swansea Moose.

Thanks to our outgoing secretary, Kris, KD9VRT for your service.

I will nominate Franz, KB9NVQ to the position of secretary at the April meeting.

Please send anything you might have for SCAN to rbkc9mz---gmail.com

Please pray for peace in the World!

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