

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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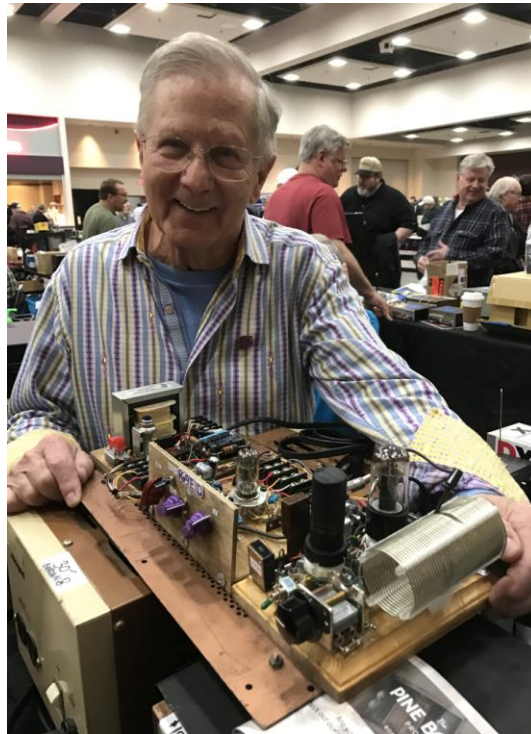
**Emergency Comm Committee**  
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ARES/RACES net is a Directed Net  
and is normally conducted by  
Gene Kramer, WA9TZL  
(Tuesdays following the Club “on-  
the-air” meeting.)

## Bob Heil K9EID visits our SCARC meeting in February



At the conclusion of Bob’s presentation, VP Michael, KA9HNT, gave Bob a **“Certificate of Honorary Life Membership”** which read **“For your outstanding support to the St Clair Amateur Radio Club. Supporting the needs of the club by providing technical services, logistical support and communications expertise for more than 50 years. Thank you “Bob” for your excellent service.”**



Bob, K9EID, shows off his Pine Board Transmitter at last year’s Winterfest. This would be a good club project!

## Extra class training held



Some of the attendees at the Extra class training – l to r students Judy, KA9NDX, Jim, KB9PTW, Harley, WB7PMZ, Gary, KC9RVE, Von, WB9KDY, Len, N9HKG, Rich, K7DZE, and instructor Larry, K9LWW.

Larry, K9LWW, lead the instructors Michael, KA9HNT and Randy, KC9MZ.

Thank you to our hosts Rich, K7DZE and Darla, KD9JOY for allowing us to have the class at their home.

Thank you to the VE team who came out on Sunday to administer the exams – John, WA0LIS, Gary, N8GIL.

And Thanks to our students...

## Solar Eclipse QSO Party

I saw an article in the Jan/Feb 2019 National Contest Journal that was recapping the Solar Eclipse QSO Party held during the eclipse on August 21, 2018.

In the top ten was one of our local hams Karl, K9BGL, who took 4<sup>th</sup> place overall with a score of 172, 472 points and 795 QSOs. This was an 8 hour contest, so with 795/8 Karl had a QSO rate of almost 100 Qs per hour! (99) WOW! Great job Karl! Karl works the Ill Q party too.

## Tom Johns, W9TJ, SK

I'm sad to report that we have lost one of our long time life members, Tom, W9TJ. Tom was a very big part of the repeater activities of the Club, having built the current repeater with John, WA0LIS.



Thomas Everett Johns Thomas Johns 89, of Millstadt, Ill. Born December 26, 1929, in Kansas City, MO, died peacefully Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at Columbia Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Columbia, Illinois surrounded by his loving family. Thomas attended school in Kansas City, MO. He worked as the chief Engineer at Office of Instructional Television at the University of MO. in Columbia, MO. Thomas worked for Peabody Coal Co. as the Division Electrician of Southern Ill. from August 1976 to his retirement in 1994. He attended St. James Catholic Church where he was a trustee of the church from 1984-2004. He was also a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. James. Thomas was an amateur radio operator since he was a teen, and a member of the American Radio Relay League for 70 years. He was involved in the St. Clair County, Belleville, Ill Emergency Services and Disaster Agency. Preceding him in death were his parents Deloss C. and Rose, nee Schuetz, Johns, his brother Richard C. Johns, brother's-in law and sister's-in law Robert (Cecilia) Brueggmann, Albert (Dorathy) Brueggmann, Harold (Mildred) Dubbert, John (Emmalee) Thomas, Bernadette Dubbert, John (Wanda) Dubbert. Surviving are his wife Jovita Johns nee Dubbert, of Millstadt, Ill, whom he married on August 26, 1961 in Martinsburg, Missouri; his children, Timothy Johns of Columbia, Ill, Nancy (Stephen) Fleming of Roswell, NM, Roselie (Steven) Janus of Lakewood, CO, George (Elizabeth "Beth") Johns of Columbia, Ill, his brother William L. Johns of Roland Park, KS, a brother-in law Lawrence (Shirlee) Dubbert, a sister-in law Heniretta Comer and Seven Grandchildren, Matthew ( fianc, Shannon) Johns of St. Louis, MO, Megan Johns of St. louis, MO, Sierra Johns of Richmond, VA, Jolene Janus of Lakewood, CO, Annalie Janus of Lakewood, Co, Stephen Johns of Columbia, Ill, Henry Johns of Columbia, Ill, Nieces and Nephews, and many beloved Friends. Memorials may be made to St. James Catholic Church or Alzheimer's Association. Visitation: Will be held at Creason Funeral Home, Millstadt, Ill on Sunday, March 10, 2019 from 4-8 P.M. and at St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt, Ill, from 9-10 A.M. on Monday, March 11, 2019. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 A.M. Monday, March, 11, 2019 at St. James Catholic Church, Millstadt, Ill with Msgr. Marvin Volk Officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Evergreen Cemetery, Millstadt, Ill. CREASON FUNERAL HOME

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## Jim Wescoat, N9HZD, SK

I'm sad to report another Ham's passing – Jim, N9HZD. Jim was a past member of the club and many of us knew him.



James C. Wescoat James Wescoat, Sr., 93, of Mascoutah, IL born Jan. 26, 1926 in Kewanee, MO, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon, IL. James was a Greyhound Bus Driver for 36 + years, and he also was a Ham Radio Operator. He was a member of the V.F.W and St. John United Church of Christ in Mascoutah, IL. James served in the Navy on the U.S.S Kaskaskia during WWII. He loved his family, working on cars, radios and general tinkering and piddling. He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Patricia Maxine, nee Spring, Wescoat, whom he married in Nashville, TN on Sept. 28, 1949 and who died on May 7, 2017; his parents Seibert O. and Alice, nee Lewis, Wescoat; grandson, Dan Wescoat; one brother and four sisters. Surviving are his children, James C. (Randi) Wescoat, Jr., Charles S. (Sharon) Wescoat, both of Port Orange, FL, Mary Wescoat of Mascoutah, IL, Tricia (Terry) McBride of Troy, IL; seven grandchildren, Jennifer (Patrick) Wombacher, Justin (Kristina) McBride, Heather (Nick) Dabler, Andy (Lindsey) Wescoat, Lauren (Nathan) Hildago, Kim (Justin) Lauf and Kate (Everett) Kelly; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, John (Phyllis) Wescoat; sisters, Betty Clark and Joan Smith; also survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews. In lieu of all other gifts memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois, 305 S. Illinois, Belleville, IL 62220 and American Heart Assn., 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mollfuneralhome.com](http://www.mollfuneralhome.com). Funeral: A private family service will be held with the Rev. Hugh Fitz officiating.

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Here are some short thoughts:

If you would like to see the video (taken by K7DZE) of Bob's visit to SCARC here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VONkKO2dqEY>

Don't forget to check in to Larry's, K9LWW, "Good Morning" drive time (7 – 8 am) net on our 2 meter repeater. Stop in and say Hi!

Dan, KD9ADB, is looking for nominations for the club election. Let him know if you want to run for office or nominate someone. After nominations, we will have the election at our March meeting.

Field Day is only 3 months away, so make plans to attend! June 22-23. Are your portable antennas ready?

Hope to see you at the meeting or hear you on the air.

Remember to send anything you might have for SCAN to [kc9mz@arrl.net](mailto:kc9mz@arrl.net)

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Randy, KC9MZ

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