

# Saint Clair Amateur Newsletter

## June – July 2017

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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.)

### Bill Keller, WA9IUF, SK



L to R: Gene WA9TZL, Bill WA9IUF, Capt Henry, John KN9G, unknown ISP Lt.

It is with heavy heart that I advise all members of the St. Clair County ARC of the passing of Mr. William Keller, ARS-WA9IUF as of 2:00 PM June 20<sup>th</sup> 2017.

I have known WA9IUF for more than 30 (+) years and he was the FIRST and ONLY Amateur Radio Club President to sign a working "support communications agreement" with the Illinois State Police where the ARES® /ARRL® affiliated operations would assist in the event of area wide need for disaster support communications. The agreement was signed in the Captain's office of ISP District 11 in Nov. of 1991. In part, the document read "... a framework of cooperation and a close working relationship with volunteer radio amateurs organized under the authority of the ARRL EC and officials of the Illinois State Police - District 11. It is intended through joint cooperation of the local resources available to both signees, the public will best be served under disaster, emergency or public service-related situations. This document is not meant to be considered legally binding; it is a statement of cooperation between these two parties."

It was WA9IUF's professionalism and demeanor as the President of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club that made this document possible. I will always remember Bill's work in this area and he would attend the annual "Law Enforcement Day" - when we had them back in the 1990s, held at St. Clair Square and he would review our equipment displays and add his expertise to technical equipment displays.

I have worked with many "walk-a-thons" communication support activities through the SCARC with Bill as well and it was ALWAYS a pleasure. When my wife would attend an SCARC meeting with me, Bill was ALWAYS the first one to greet my XYL with the utmost "gentleman" type style as Pam would say to me.

WA9IUF- he will be GREATLY missed , not just in the amateur radio community, but to everyone who knew him. Our sympathies and prayers to his family.

Gene WA9TZL

SCARC member (1967)

ARRL ARES EC St. Clair Co. Illinois

## Field Day Results

I think everyone is in agreement that this was one of the best Field Days we can remember. It wasn't that we worked 1,000 or 1,500 stations, but the ease of installation, great weather (cool and windy during the day and maybe even cold at night), great food, and the lack of technical difficulties made the weekend very memorable. The team did a wonderful job with setup and take down, and assisted each other anytime any of us needed help.

There were two Hams that hadn't been on the air in a while, and both got to make some contacts. There were five visitors, one of who seemed very interested in Amateur Radio – we gave him some of the ARRL handouts and told him how to contact a club in his area!

We ran class 4A with 100% emergency power. We had about 100 digital contacts, 100 CW contacts and around 400 phone contacts. So with all of our bonus points, we are looking at a total score of around 2,400 points.

Here are some pictures, I'll try to post more on the club's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Clair-Amateur-Radio-Club-1686419688326727/>



Michael, KA9HNT, setting up one of the phone stations.



Dennis, KM9O, and Dan, KD9ADB, shooting the tress for the 80 Meter loop.



Quest op Nelson Matter, N9NXU, on phone, Jim, KD9FQC, on digital, and Dan, KD9ADB on phone. Yes, the J-38 was used on FD.



Dennis. KM9O. on CW

## MS Gateway Getaway Bike Ride September 9 – 10, 2017

I would like to extend an invitation for you to “Join the movement” against MS. The Express Scripts Bike MS Gateway Getaway Bike Ride is in planning and will take place September 9-10, 2017. The Gateway MS Chapter is expecting its highest number of riders yet at an estimated 3,800 bike riders.

In order to support this event, we need your help.

As a volunteer, you will be responsible for:

Having a winning attitude

Come prepared with the equipment necessary for your assignment

Following the directions and guidelines of Net Control and the MS Staff

Assignments may include the following:

Working with a Rest Stop

SAG vehicle

Situations

Medical

Please drop me an email to let me know you are interested, so that I can make sure you are on my list.

If you would like more information on the 2017 MS Bike Ride, please contact me at 314-496-7271 (Rebecca) or [kc9cij@gmail.com](mailto:kc9cij@gmail.com). The MS Office is also available to answer your questions at 314-781-9020.

I look forward to working with you this year.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Carroll

MS Volunteer

**Meeting Date, Time and Location:** This month's meeting will be on July 27th at the Belleville Fire House #4. The meeting starts at 8:00PM. Many start to gather at 7:30PM. Hope to see you there....

**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 members and prospective members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.

**HAMFESTS:** The Zero Beaters hamfest, July 16<sup>th</sup>, in Washington, Mo. at the Washington Elks Hall, 1459 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

August 5<sup>th</sup>, West Central Illinois Hamfest, Macoupin County Fairgrounds, IL Route 4 Carlinville, IL

August 13<sup>th</sup> St. Charles ARC Elks Lodge, O'Fallon, MO

September 15-17, TAPR Digital Communications Conference, Holiday Inn Airport West, Earth City, MO, go to [www.tapr.org/dcc](http://www.tapr.org/dcc) for more info. This is a great chance to experience this event without the travel.

September 16, Peoria Superfest 2017, Exposition Gardens, Peoria, IL

Make your plans now! Summer hamfest are a Ham Radio tradition and fun!

**Thank you** to all members that have supported the club over the years, I especially thank Mr. Harrison Church, W0KXP, and Mr. John Sundstrom, WA0LIS, for their memorials in memory of Bill Keller, WA9IUF.

## Want Ads...For SALE /Trade/ Give away...?

**Robot SSTV system, and ~2001 Buick, setup for ham radio with power and antenna lines, Harry W0KXP**

## Repeater Site Visit July 15<sup>th</sup>

There will be a tour of the K9GXU repeater site and then we'll go get lunch. Meet at the parking lot of SWIC just off Green Mount Rd at 10:00 AM. If you are interested, please contact Larry, K9LWW, for further details. [lwessteach@msn.com](mailto:lwessteach@msn.com)

You might notice the new (old) banner at the top of the SCARC newsletter. St. Clair Amateur Newsletter (SCAN) was the original name of the club paper. I found some old copies and thought we should use it again. So please send me anything you have for SCAN to [jl.bastian@norcom2000.com](mailto:jl.bastian@norcom2000.com). I hope to see you on the 27<sup>th</sup> or maybe hear you on the "on the air meeting".

73,

Randy KC9MZ