

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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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.)

## Club Picnic



Early arrivals

KC9MZ photo



AL, KC9TPD does the grilling, Dean, K9JDW, and Wayne, KC9ZYQ offer moral support  
KC9MZ Photo

**Meeting Date, Time and Location:** This month's meeting will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Belleville Fire House #4. The meeting starts at 8:00PM. Many start to gather at 7:30PM. There *will* be testing this month at 7 PM.

**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.

Thank You to Harry Church, W0KXP, for his very generous donation to the K9GXU repeater fund.



Larry, K9LWW, Opening remarks and Ellis Miller, prayer KC9MZ Photo



KM90's HF station

KC9MZ Photo

## Upcoming Hamfests:

Halloween Hamfest October 27, Kirkwood Community Center, Kirkwood, MO

ARRL Central Division Convention, November 17-18, Ft. Wayne, IN

Winterfest January 26, 2019 Gateway Center, Collinsville, IL



For sale toy hauler/com trailer see Rich K7DZE: <https://www.facebook.com/100011389724947/posts/812095465846770/>

Here are some short thoughts:

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!

The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club (ILQP) has announced "The Illinois Bicentennial Challenge". This special event will start August 26<sup>th</sup> and end December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Here is a link if you are interested: <http://www.w9awe.org/Challenge.html>

Thank you to Larry, K9LWW, for heading up a great SCARC picnic. There were about 30 in attendance with a HF and VHF station to operate. Thank you to: Al, KC9TPD, for grilling, Dan, KD9ADB, for setup, Dennis, KM9O, and Marty, N9PPJ for setting up the HF station, Larry, K9LWW, for bringing the VHF station, Ellis Miller, for offering the prayer, and all the people who brought pot luck items.

I've attached a Candidate's Statement for the position of the ARRL's Central Division Director to our club news letter. This does not constitute an endorsement from SCARC.

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

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

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

From Kermit Carlson, W9XA, and candidate for ARRL's Central Division Director:

It has been my privilege to serve as your Central Division Director since July 2016, and for the six years before as Vice Director. I have traveled to hamfests, conventions, and club meetings, and responded to your concerns. I have attended ARRL Board and Committee meetings working diligently to represent you.

The ARRL needs strong, committed, and experienced leadership to meet the challenges that we face.

I pledge to continue my efforts to;

- Steadfastly represent the consensus of the Central Division Members
- Work to protect the Amateur Radio Spectrum
- Support ARRL legislative action
- Improve ARRL member's services
- Protect Antenna Right
- Fight unfavorable land use conditions that restrict effective antennas
- Strengthen ARES

I presently serve on the ARRL Administration and Finance Committee, 2018 CEO Search Committee, OO-Program Review Committee, and as Chair of the ARRL Board's EMC "ElectroMagnetic Compatibility" Committee. I have formerly served on the Program and Services Committee, Ethics and Elections Committee, VHF Contest Revitalization Committee, and as the Board Liaison to the VUAC. Prior to my election as Vice Director I was the Central Division representative to the VUAC and the VRAC.

First licensed in 1970 as WB9FBX, I became W9XA in 1977 and I hold the FCC Second Class Commercial Radio-Telegraph license. I have Life Membership in the ARRL, the Central States VHF Society, AMSAT and ARRL Maxim Society. I belong to MARS, RSGB, SMC, CW Operators Club, A-1 Operators Club, FRRL, NIDXA and I sort QSL cards for the Ninth Area QSL Bureau. I have hosted Amateur Radio Conferences in the Chicago area for AMSAT, TAPR-DCC, the Central States VHF Society and I have been on the W9DXCC DX Convention Committee for the past dozen years.

My interests include VHF-UHF and above, HF DXing, contesting, homebrewing, EME, and 630 Meters.

For the past 30 years I have been on staff at the Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois where I am employed as a Senior Engineering Physicist. For the ten years prior I was a staff engineer and EIC at WGN-TV, Chicago. I reside in Batavia, Illinois with my XYL, Caron W9QLT.

Please see [www.W9XA.com](http://www.W9XA.com) for additional information.

I would appreciate your continued support with your vote!



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July 24, 2018

The ARRL Illinois Section pages have not changed since July.

ARRL Central Division web site: <https://www.central.arrl.org/>



## MISSOURI SECTION NEWS

The ARRL Missouri Section pages have not changed since April.