

SCARC May/June 2015

Newsletter of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

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Hello to All CQ CQ... Welcome again to the new online edition of SCARC, the 2015 version of the club newsletter. You may catch up on old editions of SCAN (the previous generation of newsletters) by visiting our website at <http://www.scarc.net>. There is also lots of additional information about the club there as well, History, Special Events, Club officers, etc... check it out.

HAMFESTS: Dayton Hamvention, May 15 thru 17, Dayton, OH; **Egyptian Radio Club Hamfest** – Granite City, IL, 14 June, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm Holy Family Community Center, 2600 Washington Ave, Granite City, IL; **Jun 27 Prime ARA-SCARC-SRS ARRL Field Day** Pleasant Ridge Park Contact Dennis, KM9O

Activities: Past and Future: (Apr 25-26) SCARC sponsored a Salute to the 225th Anniversary of St Clair County, IL. It was a "one man" success as Al Grudzinski, (operated as) **W9E** contacted over 225 folks and let them know about us. It was a great job by Al who was the chairperson, organizer, did all the foot work, and then had to do all the contacting himself. Al needs an award for this heroic effort. Thank you Al.

(May 29) SHRINER'S PARADE, We need volunteers to work the parade. In the past we have had between 12-16 volunteers. There will be a meeting for the volunteers at 4:00 PM at Fischer's restaurant on 29 May. Jim Morgan is the Activity Manager and chairperson for this event and has put out an email with all the details, please see it and sign-up. We will be using the Simplex Freq of 146.55. If you would like a particular location please sign up. If you have not worked the parade before, it is lots of fun, and we provide a great service to the Shriners. They count on us to provide the communications, and assist with getting the parade started in the correct order. All you need is a 2 Meter HT.

MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Our Sergeant-at-arms (Dan Campos KD9ADB) will be coordinating refreshments for upcoming club meetings and events. Please acknowledge his efforts and thank him by hanging around after the meeting and enjoying the refreshments.

REMINDER If you are receiving this newsletter via US Mail and you have an email address, please send your email address to (newsletter @ scarc.net) to be added to the online distribution and to help save the

New Members: Applications were submitted for club membership at the April meeting, and will be voted on at the May meeting. Welcome the new candidates for membership, they are:

Nathan Walton, KD9-DKU, email is KD9DKU@ARRL.NET, Phone (618) 616-8788

Nathan is a student at O'Fallon High School and has several friends that are interested in becoming HAMs which gives power and emphasis to the Amateur radio classes for all license classes I was interested in starting.... With school out soon, I will rely on Nathan to bring his friends to the meeting and lets pick the date, place and time the classes can begin...

Scott Hoynoski, N3WDS, email is scotthoynoski@me.com, phone (618) 229-7994

Scott is a General Class already and is in the US Air Force (at Scott AFB).

We welcome both new members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio. Remember; "When all else fails, there is Ham Radio"...

St Clair County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

MRC is a community-based, civilian, volunteer program that helps build the public health infrastructure of communities nationwide. MRC units function as part of the local emergency preparedness teams. They supplement existing public health resources and emergency agencies such as the American Red Cross, local public health, fire, police and ambulance services. The St Clair Unit is seeking volunteers, especially Amateur Radio Operators to join their efforts. Please see Larry Wessels for an application at the meeting.

Antenna Builders and Mid-Month Social: Wow!! A great turnout on Saturday, 9 May for the meeting. There were 25 individuals that came out in the rain and enjoyed the brats, beans, spaghetti, and fried chicken. With all the rain, Denis (KM9O) was barely able to start putting up an antenna when the down-pour started. We did have some enlightening discussions on antennas and what they look-like, or should look-like. There were a few individuals that brought special deals for the swop or trade even sale or give-away. Most of it stayed dry, not all was useable directly, but good for parts. **The Mid-Month Social for June** will be the field trip to the repeater site. I am hoping it can be done on Saturday, 13 June in the afternoon. We can meet at the High School (Belleville East) parking lot and carpool or you can drive yourself. After poking around at the repeater site, and getting and giving the good ideas of how to improve it, we will come back and convene at the I-Hop there on Carlyle for dinner or a snack. Should be fun and

Want-adds section: For Sale: Hallicrafters SX-62A. Recapped, value unknown, make offer to Harry Church; W0KXP/9 – ph: 537-4498. Also two old TV UHF converters. Priced Right!

Note: Who took charge of my old Kenwood TS-520 after it took a lightning strike about year 2000?? I would like to talk to you about it. Thanks Harry Church ph: 537-4498.

For Sale: Zenith Z-248 circuit boards... 50 cents each. (Unless you have a working Z-248 these are probably only good for parts, but there are hundreds of dollars of parts on them) Contact Larry at cell 541-8937 and work out a deal.... Buy in bulk and save. Also I have several old CRT monitors, some working and some not, ask about them.