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Newsletter of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

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Hello Fellow Hams, 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.

ARRL Field Day (Was) Jun 27 – June 28: Prime ARA-SCARC-SRS
Pleasant Ridge Park. Quite a few folks showed up to observe the operation, and get a semi-formal briefing on what Field Day is all about. There are several Kudos to be passed out not the least of which goes to Dennis, KM9O, who was the coordinator and chairman for the activities. He also served as the cook for the evening meal of Brats and the Sunday dinner of polish sausage sandwiches... all very good, thank you Dennis. Also kudos to Dan Campos, KD9ADB, and Mike Petz KA9HNT for their untiring efforts and persistent "CQ Field Day" calls. A very big and special kudo to Nathan Walton, KD9DKU, a new Tech and HAM enthusiast that reminds me of the old days when we were young and wanted to do everything to learn about radios, communications and hamming. Nathan was exceptional with 130 contacts, and the willingness to stay overnight and participate the entire time, showed the true meaning of Ham Enthusiast. Full report at next meeting, 30 July.

Planned Activities: Training classes for new Hams and those wanting to become hams is becoming a reality this month (July). The first classes will be held at the Red Cross building on No. Illinois St. (Hwy 159) in Swansea (next to Rural King). Dates/Times: 19 July and 26 July; 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Please call Larry, KB4FIO at 618 541-8937 to register. There is no charge, but we would like you to join our club (applications will be available). There are some texts available you may want to purchase.

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. Tell him "Thank you!!!"

See next page for more exciting news and the want adds...

Training Classes for your HAM (*Amateur Radio*) License: More about the upcoming training classes for the 19th and 26th of JULY. The classes will be held at the RED CROSS building beside the Rural King in Swansea, next to the Schnuck's Plaza, on No. Illinois St. (HWY 159) from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The first classes will be for the beginner in HAM Radio, and prepare them for their Technician Exam. Follow on classes in August will continue for beginners but will start classes for Technicians that want to get their General Class, and eventually going all the way to Extra class. There is a lot to learn and it takes time (as they say, Rome was not built in a day). So be prepared to go the distance, but realize you cannot be "beamed" right to Extra... takes time to learn and experience all the thrills and frills of Technician and General first. As previously mentioned, some texts you may want to look into for purchase and review, *The Amateur's Handbook (Operating Manual), Technician, General, and Extra Class License Manuals, The Radio Amateur's License Manual, and numerous others available through the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), which we encourage all to join.*

Correction to print: Scott Hoynoski, N3DUB, was incorrectly shown having call sign N3NWS. My apology Scott and I will try to proof-read a little better in the future. Scott's email and phone are: scotthoynoski@me.com, phone (618) 229-7994. Scott has his General Class already, and is in the US Air Force (at Scott AFB).

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, or call 541-8937 if you would like one sooner. Another great opportunity to serve your community... Smiley

Visit to the Repeater Site. The long awaited and promised visit to the SCARC repeater site is going to happen. It will be on **Saturday, July 18**, meeting at SWIC parking lot at **9:30 AM**, and proceeding from there to the site. We will depart the site about 11:45 and go back SWIC, and from there to the IHOP on Carlyle Ave for a lunch. We can Car-pool, or drive separately as you like, but if you have ever had questions about the repeater and antenna location and set-up, now will be the time to GET ENLIGHTENED... If you will be attending this fun outing and lunch, please give me a call (618-541-8937) or email me (lwessteach@msn.com) so I can make the reservations...(Lunch is pay as you go... I can't buy you lunch). I need your intention by (no later than) **12 July**, sun down!!

Antenna Builders and Mid-Month Social: I have been told by Dennis, KM9O, the group will meet on Saturday, 25 July, only this time it will be at: The group gathers around 10:00 AM has a lunch, works on antennas, and operational testing of them, wrapping up about 4:00ish PM... Please try to attend and learn something that may be useful. (If you let me, I can keep you busy every weekend...)

The Mid-Month Social for July will be the field trip to the repeater site. I am hoping it can be done on Saturday, 18 July in the morning with a luncheon social to follow. We will meet at the SWIC 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 IHOP there on Carlyle for Lunch or a snack. Should be fun and educational...

Washington, MO Hamfest... Sunday, 19 July, 2015 will be indoors at the Washington ELKS Hall, 1459 West 5th Street, Washington, Missouri. Time is 7:00AM to 1:00PM Get tickets before 15 July and pay only \$5.00, but if you wait, pay \$7.00 at the door... a lot of good stuff crammed into only 6 hours... must be as quick as on field day...or “no contact/no joy.” Order tickets from: Bruce Serbus at KD0KCF@sbcglobal.net

s 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.

New Members: No applications were submitted for club membership at the May meeting. To grow our club, we must find people that love to talk (should not be too hard) and that would love to broadcast (not allowed in HAM-land), but putting the two together can make a dedicated enthusiast for HAM Radio. We welcome all new members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio. Remember; “When all else fails, there is Ham Radio”... bumper sticker “HAM Radio Saves Lives”

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