

SCARC September/October - 2015

Newsletter of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

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ARES/RACES net is a Directed Net and is normally conducted by Gene Kraemer, WA9TZL (Tuesdays following the Club "on-the-air" meeting.

CQ CQ... Welcome again to the 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.

Meeting location: The September meeting will be at the Belleville Fire House #4 as we normally meet beginning around 7:30 with gavel sounding at 8:00PM VE testing will begin at 7:00 pm. Please be on time. (If you have an appointment...Thanks)

Training sessions for those interested in becoming Hams: The club had its first training session on Sunday, July 26, at the Red Cross office and training room in Swansea, IL. There were three young people that came in for the training; Madison Wilcox, Ellis Miller, and Seth Mattingly. The Club members and Instructors for that session were Gary Valentine, N8GIL, Al Grudsinski, KC9TPD, and Michael Petz, KA9HNT. My thanks to the guys that came out and made for a great first training session. This first class was for the Technician Class license. We need to recruit and sign up both instructors and students for the General and Extra Class license. So if you are available and can explain about being a Ham Radio operator and would like to instruct, or if you are interested in upgrading your license, when the sign-up sheet is passed around at the club meeting, don't be shy, sign up so a schedule can be developed and progress can be made. Rome wasn't built in a day, and this won't happen overnight, so be patient and work with me... Thank you all. Please call Larry, KB4FIO at 618 541-8937 to register. **If you don't call by Friday noon, there is no class that Sunday ...**

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!!!"

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 club postage fees. An alternate email address to send to is: lwessteach@msn.com. We will get you added to our list...

New Members: No applications were submitted for club membership at the June or July meetings. 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 thank them for their interest in Ham Radio. Remember; “When all else fails, there is Ham Radio”... bumper sticker “HAM Radio Saves Lives”

Training Classes for your HAM (Amateur Radio) License: *Training classes for new Hams and those wanting to upgrade their license is becoming a reality. The classes will be held at the Red Cross building on No. Illinois St. (Hwy 159) in Swansea (next to Rural King). Dates/Times: as students are identified and a schedule developed the date/time will be provided... There are some texts available you may want to purchase. **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. Books also at Barnes and Nobel in Fairview Heights.** Our VE Coordinator and Vice Pres Randy Bastian KC9MZ, Reported that Bob Collins passed the Technician test and Scott Hoynoiski, N3DUB, passed test for upgrade to Extra Class... Congratulations to these Amateur Radio Operators. 73s...*

QSO Party: Coming soon in fact October 18 (Noon till 8:00 PM)... let's put together a good and competitive team and win this thing... it has been won by our club in the past and can be done again.

Emergency Communications Committee, Curtis, W5DTR, reported the next simulated emergency drill will be in October (date and times to be determined and provided later).

NWS Skywarn weather spotter reports are now being received on Face Book in addition to other communication means.

<https://www.facebook.com/NWSStLouis>
<https://www.facebook.com/spotternetwork>

A big thanks to the Bill and Harry show (WA9IUF and W0KXP) for filling our home libraries with wonderful books, and magazines. These have been donated to the club and then used as door prizes for those that attend the meetings. See it is to your benefit to be at the meetings.

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... be happy

Antenna Builders and Mid-Month Social: I have been told by Dennis, KM9O, the group will meet on Saturday, 22 Aug, and will be at: Pleasant Ridge Park, Fairview Heights, IL. The group gathers around 10:00 AM has a delicious “pot-luck” lunch, also works on antennas, and operational testing of them, wrapping up about 4:00 PM... Please try to attend and learn something that may be useful. I like the square loop antennas and various yagi designs... come on folks lets do it...

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

Peoria Superfest 2015

Exposition Gardens, Peoria, IL

Fri Setup: 1:00pm-8:00pm/Sat: 8:00am-4:00pm/Sun: 8:00am-1:00pm

(Details: www.w9uvi.org)

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.

These two adds have been in the newsletter for several times now, and will be removed in the next publication unless requested to carry them a bit longer. This area is for your adds for stuff. Or to get rid of stuff..

Antenna Builders Guild Pleasant Ridge Park, Fairview Heights, IL Sept 19, 10:00am - 4:00pm -- Contact Dennis, KM9O