

SCARC Oct/Nov/Dec - 2015

Newsletter of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

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CQ CQ... Welcome again to the online edition of SCARC, the 2015 version of the club newsletter. You may catch up on earlier 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 October and November meetings will be at the Belleville Fire House #4 as we normally meet beginning around 7:30 with gavel sounding at 8:00PM. The dates for the meetings are: **October 29** (last Thurs of the month), and for **November; the 19th** which is the third Thurs. The change is necessary because of Thanksgiving the next week. For the **December** meeting we will have our annual **Christmas dinner** meeting which will be at Fischer's restaurant, meeting there by 6:30 PM on the **17th of December**.

Training sessions for those interested in becoming Hams: The club has the capability to teach Amateur Radio Classes and needs to recruit and sign up both instructors and students for Technician, 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 there is no way a schedule will happen and you will miss the class.

Dates to remember: Oct 10th Antenna Builders meeting, Pleasant Ridge Park, Fairview Heights, beginning about 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Oct 18th the Illinois QSO party... come on the 10th to get an assignment for the 18th and help us win this thing... We can do it! Oct 29th Club meeting at Belleville Fire house #4, Oct 31st St Louis Halloween Hamfest: Saturday Oct 31, at Kirkwood Community Center; 111 S Geyer Rd, Kirkwood, Missouri start 7:30 A.M. to Main prize drawing at 12:00 P.M. **November: 14th** Fox Hunt, Pleasant Ridge Park, Fairview Heights, start 10:00 AM, Nov 19th Club Meeting, Blvl Fire house #4. **December: 17th** (Thursday) at Fischer's Restaurant, Belleville, 6:30 PM

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New Members: One application was submitted for club membership at the September meetings. The application is being vetted by the Sgt. at Arms and will be brought forward for a vote at the Oct meeting. We look forward to meeting/greeting the 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 thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.

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...

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.

October 31, Halloween, Hamfest (Saturday) Kirkwood Community Center; 111 S Geyer Road Kirkwood, Missouri, 7:30 A.M. to Main prize drawing at 12:00 P.M. Come on over and find that trick that may be a real tree...

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, 10 Oct, 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 2:00 to 4:00PM... Please try to attend and learn something that may be useful. I like the square loop antennas and various yagi designs... This month Dennis will be giving out QSO party information, so it is even more important that you be there, come on folks lets do it...

See below for more exciting news and the want adds...

Want-adds section: For Sale: Heath SB-220 Linear Amplifier. Make an offer to Harry W0KXP/9 at 618-537-4498

I still have a lot of old Z-248 computer circuit boards, call Larry (KB4FIO) at 618-541-8937 if you want more information... Thanks