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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.

Happy New Year, It's 2016. Welcome again to the online edition of **SCARC**, the 2016 version of the club newsletter. You may see 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 2016 meetings will be at the Belleville Fire House #4 as we normally meet beginning around 7:30 with gavel sounding at 8:00PM. The date for the January meeting is the 28th of January. Please try to come as nominations for the 2016 2017 Club Officers will be opened. If you would like to serve as a club officer, it is Ok to nominate yourself, or get a friend to do it...

Training Classes: The club has the capability to teach all interested in becoming Hams (Amateur Radio Operators). To get into our Amateur Radio Classes just contact 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. 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 if you need more info.

REMINDER: If you are receiving this newsletter via US Mail and you have an email address, please send your email address to Secretary, **Lou Stark** (KB9UEF) or call 618-397-3516 lf_stark@sbcglobal.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 email list.

Dates to remember: Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM, the "On-the-Air" meeting, followed by the ARES/RACES net check-in. Every "Last" Thursday of each month, cept for November and December.

New Members: 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: Currently we have no classes scheduled, because we have no students... we need to recruit some new folks to our hobby and share the enjoyment of communicating around the world and across the street.

The Club Christmas Party: I could only describe it as a grand success. It was held at Fischer's Restaurant on December 17. There were about 15 members, most with their wives, some solo. The food was good, as each ordered whatever they wanted. The President handed out (basically door prizes) but did it under the guise of prizes for answering trivia questions. I don't think anyone sang any Christmas Carols... next year we can do that. Or maybe not??



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

Antenna Builders and Mid-Month Social: Dennis Miller, KM9O, is the coordinator. The group usually meets on the second Saturday of each month. It is worth your time to go out and learn something new about antennas and propagation and what-ever subject comes up... a fun bunch of guys and gals so come on out.

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**; also some other items: For sale cheap--make offer to **Harry, W0KXP/9 537-4498** Heathkit weather station, est 35+years old, Worked when taken out of service. Desk mikes: Turner, unknown nomenclature Realistic amplified dynamic, Shure magnetic, low-imped, CR20SLG Prob. Shure, unknown nomenclature, call me and lets chat about these...

Items Wanted: If you have something like this I am interested... Automatic antenna tuner... something that I can hang a coat-hanger off the back and it will make my Alinco DX-SR8 think is a beautiful 20, 40 or maybe even 80 meter wire... please don't tell me I am dreaming, I have heard of things like that, but here is the kicker, --- Mama will only let me spend a little money, like less than \$150... so the beauties for \$400 plus will belong to someone else. If you can help call Larry Wessels, KB4FIO