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Newsletter of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

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Greetings All in 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 activities & 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 February meeting is the 25th of February. Please try to come as nominations for the 2016 2017 Club Officers will continue. If you would like to serve as a club officer, it is Ok to nominate yourself, or get a friend to do it... We are especially looking for someone to serve as club secretary. Louis Stark, KB9UEF is retiring from the position after several years of outstanding work and that leaves us in a bit of a quandary as to who will take the notes, publish the minutes and help me with getting the newsletter out to all the members. So I am trusting there is an avid Ham in our club that can take notes faster than I can copy code and will step up to the job and be the new Secretary. The other positions all have a nominee but if you would like to try, then throw your hat in the ring and give the club a choice... This is a fine group of Hams and all are easy to work with so we all can take pride in what we do and strive to be the best club in Southern Illinois, maybe all of Illinois.

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, except for November and December, is the club general membership meeting.

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.

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.

This should be on page one, let's all thank Harry Church, W0KXP for the kind and gracious help he is rendering in the pursuit of our club's 501 C(3) application with the IRS. Harry is having his accountant look over the application and the club's constitution to insure it will be successful when it hits the desk of the IRS evaluator. We look forward to that day and the celebration it will bring to all our club efforts. Thank you Harry!

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...

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

Wanted: 2-Meter magnetic mount whip antenna for use with an HT. See Jim Morgan KD9BLA, or call 618-257-0578.

President's Comments: As the nominee for president of the club for this next year I want to thank you all for entrusting the club to me for the past year. I see some of the things we have accomplished as going a long way toward improving the club for all. We finally got the club's constitution updated and reflective of the actions the club does each month and year. The update was harder than I expected as there were a few different opinions that had to be reconciled, and we made it tax-deductible (501C(3)) ready as we did it. Now through the kindness of a great member, Harry Church, W0KXP, the actual application to the IRS will be made. Last July we had a field trip to the repeater site as several of the members had never been there and had no idea where it actually was (is) located. I have several new and important projects I would like to see the club take on for this coming year as well. I will explain them further if I am re-elected for another year, but so you have an idea of where I'm going; new equipment for the repeater (new antenna), move the repeater at the SAVE site to the other building, establish better training for member license upgrade and new member training, have more social event to include spouses, get some female members... you have been warned....