

SCARC July - 2016

Newsletter of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

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Greetings to all the members of **SCARC**, this is the July edition of the SCARC newsletter. You may catch up on earlier newsletters by visiting our website at <http://www.scarc.net>. There is additional information about the club there as well as history, special events, club officer information, etc... check it out.

Meeting Date, Time and location: The July meeting will be on the 28th at the Belleville Fire House #4, with gavel sounding at 8:00PM.

News and Special events: The best news I have heard in a while was provided by our long time and faithful member, Mr. Harry Church, W0KXP. Harry stepped forward and offered to sponsor our application for 501c(3) (tax exempt status) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). He announced that the application had been completed and sent forward, and we can expect to hear something (favorable) from the IRS by our July meeting. That is like Santa Clause coming early... but once this is achieved, what are we going to do with it? Well stay tuned to this frequency and listen closely. Overall, I would like to see the club acquire an operating location and equipment that is "state of the art" and have direct and efficient connection and communication with the Illinois and Federal emergency services agencies and units. That will take lots of effort and time to set up, but remember "the journey of one-thousand miles begins with the first step." This is our first step. I will be having executive meetings and probably organize a planning and growth committee to begin laying the groundwork for these things to happen. If you would like to serve on and be a part of this committee, let me know at the next meeting or give me a call (618-541-8937) and we will discuss it. It will take all of us working together with the same goal in mind to grow this club to its fullest potential. As mentioned at the last couple of meetings, I will lead a tour to our Repeater Facilities for the members that have not seen the repeater or that do not know where it is located, and certainly for all members that would like to come out on a Saturday morning and look over the repeater, antenna and tower and the operation situation, concluding with a luncheon-meeting at the Eckerts Restaurant at the intersection of Greenmount Rd. and Rte. 15/13. (Later in this newsletter I will provide all the details of this repeater site visit.) Next special event I would like everyone to put on their calendar and keep in mind is the Club's Family Pic Nick which will be coming up on August 13th, at the Park in Fairview heights.

New Members: We did not have any new members to introduce to the club at the June meeting, but keep asking your friends and relatives if they would like to be Amateur Radio Operators (HAMS) and if so, we can help them get their license, then they can join the club... we all win... win-win is a good thing.

Want Ads Section: The following is brought to you by Rebecca Carroll (KC9CFJ): Contact Paul (636-253-6402); paulburkhardt53@gmail.com; -Ten Tech Omni-4 - Heathkit SB-1000 Linear amplifier - MJF turntable DSP filter - Johnson Viking Matchbox .. - plus numerous miscellaneous items.



2 radios, 4 rechargeable batteries, 3 external microphones, 1 dual battery charger and several single battery chargers. Contact Ed Palmer; 618-406-1162; eshopper1@sbcglobal.net
Original owner Charles (Chuck) Fischer, N9EKI

July 23, 2016 we will visit the repeater site and look over the operation there. If you would like to visit the repeater site and see what we have, please contact Larry KB4FIO, (618-541-8937) or email me at: lwessteach@msn.com. Plan on it for 23 July, about 9:45 AM meet at SWIC parking lot and we will progress to the site. (Convoy of vehicles or carpool).

(Repeat) SCARC has been queried as to interest in participating in an AUXCOMM training class. The following is from an Illinois rep for AUXCOMM and helps explain it more. "The course focuses on auxiliary communications interoperability, emergency operation center etiquette, on-the-air etiquette, FCC rules and regulations, auxiliary communications training and planning, certification/accreditation and emergency communications deployment. It is intended to supplement and standardize an operator's basic knowledge of emergency amateur radio communications in a public safety context."

Prerequisite: Auxiliary Emergency Communications candidates must have the following prerequisites to attend the course:

- 1) amateur radio license.
- 2) Past experience in auxiliary emergency communications.
- 3) Completion of the following training courses prior to the class: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800.
- 4) A desire to learn how to work with COMLs in a NIMS/ICS environment. (you'll learn what that is.) The prerequisite training requirements are available through the FEMA web site. I am working on getting this for us and to make it a little easier for those that are interested. Larry, KB4FIO

Antenna Builders and Mid-Month Social: I have been informed by Dennis, KM9O, the group may meet on Saturday, 23 July, at Pleasant Ridge Park, Fairview Heights, IL. The group gathers around 10:00 AM, wrapping up about 2:00 to 4:00PM... They plan to practice communications capabilities and antenna construction and installation. The date may change because of conflict with the repeater site visit. Please try to attend and learn something that may be useful. Dennis can also provide information on upcoming QSO party information activities, so it is even more important that you come out if you can, come on folks let's do it...

New Members: No new applications were submitted for club membership at the June meeting. Applications will be vetted by the Sgt. at Arms and will be brought forward for a vote at the next monthly meeting after being submitted. We look forward to meeting/greeting any 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.