

SCARC December - 2016

Newsletter of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the members of **SCARC**, this is the December 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 as well as history, special events, club officer information, etc... check it out.

Meeting Date, Time and location: The next month's meeting will be on January 26th at the Belleville Fire House #4, meeting starts at 8:00PM. Hope to see you there....

News and Special events: The Club has made great progress as we round out 2016. Thank you for helping and being a part of the several activities that made the club prosper and grow. The roster I have lists 57 members, but I am holding an application made by mail for another member so the growth potential is there. I hope we can recruit many more members in the up-coming new year, to share the excitement of HAM Radio with many other people in the area. Our meetings are "Open" meetings, meaning you can invite a guest and prospective new member any time, give them a chance to see what we are all about before they would join. We had an excellent turnout for the 2016 Christmas Dinner at Fischer's Restaurant (see photos on next page). The food seemed great and the conversations were also great, except for the dumb jokes taken from the internet... sorry about those, I will look for a new source in the future. The January meeting will be on the 26th at the Fire House. Next HAMFEST will be the Winterfest at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, Jan 28th 2017. The Antenna Builders will meet in Granite City at the Egyptian RC club house to work on antennas and other activities. That meeting will be on January 14th. A big reminder for those that haven't yet paid your 2017 club dues, bring your money to the meeting as it will be collected there.

The Club received a nice thank you letter from Mr. Randolph Law of the St. Clair Associated Vocational (SAVE) organization, thanking us for the donation made to them by the club at the October meeting. I will bring it to the January meeting... Till Then:

Merry Christmas, Happy 2017...

New Members: We did not have any new members introduced at the club for the Nov. meeting, so please 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. We have several new VEs that can help.

Winterfest HAMFEST/CONVENTION, 01/28/2017 Location: Gateway Center, 1 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234. Sponsor: *St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club*, Contact: **Rebecca Carroll, KC9CIJ**; Ph: 314-496-7271 or **Go to <http://www.slsrc.com/> for tickets: \$8.00 if purchased in advance - \$10.00 if purchased at the door.**

Photos from the Christmas Dinner at Fischer's.



Club Officer Elections. (See Article III of the club constitution, and Section 2 of the Bylaws), nominations will be opened in January for all elected officer positions. The election will take place at the March meeting.

Antenna Builders: Mr. Dennis Miller, KM9O is the sponsor/coordinator for all the Antenna Builder's meetings, usually at Pleasant Ridge Park, FVH. They are usually on the second Saturday of the month beginning at 10:00 AM and lasting till 2 PM (or so). Come on out and get your antennas made and ready for the Illinois QSO party or Field Day or just having fun DX-ing... For more information, go to our web site: **<http://www.scarc.net>**

New Members: One new application should be submitted for club membership at each 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 prospective members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.