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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.

Greetings to all the members of **SCARC**, this is now the second edition of the SCARC newsletter for 2017, where is the time going, and why so fast? 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: This month's meeting will be on February 23rd at the Belleville Fire House #4. The meeting starts at 8:00PM. Hope to see you there....

News and Upcoming events for 2017: At the January meeting, the nomination process for all club officers was opened. It looks like we may have pretty much the same people in the officer positions unless some more of you step up and throw your hat in the ring. The election will be at the March meeting. New officers, which will constitute the executive board, will take over immediately after the election in March. The individuals nominated are as follows; President: Larry, KB4FIO and Randy, KC9MZ; Vice President: Michael, KA9HNT; Secretary: Garry, N8GIL; Treasurer: Bob, WA9TUG; Sgt.-at-arms: Dan, KD9ADB; Activities Manager: Jim, KD9BLA.

Results of the Executive meeting on Feb 16, 2017, to discuss the possibility of SCARC having a repeater at Memorial East Hospital will be presented. The invited guest, Mr. Lee French may be available to present additional information or answer questions. (see article in this newsletter on the Memorial East repeater)

Next HAMFEST will be the Lewis and Clark Radio Club Hamfest on April 22, and the Grand-Daddy of all Hamfests, the Dayton Hamvention May 19 to 22 in Dayton, Ohio. Make you plans now as that time thing seems to really fly by...

Upgrade your License through the St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club, and the Egyptian Radio Club in April as they are sponsoring an Extra Class License study and class on April 7 (in the evening) April 8 (all day Saturday) and half day April 9th with the exam to follow. I have signed up for it as I think after 30 years plus of being a Ham I might as well graduate to the big leagues... Come join me, I think there are 6 or 7 slots still available. For complete information and study guides contact:

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You must already have the General License in order to enroll.

New Members: We may have one new membership application for the club for the Feb 2017 meeting. 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.

Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting: Feb 16, 2017. (The following is not an exact transcript of the meeting, but more a summation of the topics discussed and information presented.) Mr. Lee French represented Memorial Hospital and was the guest speaker at the meeting and provided input to the following items which were presented as the agenda at the meeting. **Hospital Needs/ Requirements:** Description of requirements, and what the hospital administrator would like from the Amateur Radio Community in terms of emergency communications. *Answer: needs to identify operators that can be trained and be available when called.*

What are the minimum requirements that would satisfy the Hospital needs? *Operators for 24 hours*

What would be the ideal support from SCARC? *Trained operators available when called*

Is (or will) Memorial East be part of the STARRS: Amateur Radio Network...? (Participates in the HARN) *They are not now but plan to be in the very near future*

The Facility Manager/ Engineer for Memorial East will need to find a location for the repeater and arrange for the physical work, including electrical, conduit for the antenna feed line, and running of the cables. *Facility location has been identified and equipment is to be ordered as soon as identified*

Maintaining lightning protection is critical and I do not think their management and insurance company will allow any of this work to be done by Club members. (?) *This type work is contracted out*

Where will the operators be located? SCARC operators could be near the emergency room? *yes*

The net control for the regional net will not likely be located at Memorial East, but instead at the EOC in the main Memorial Hospital that handles the regional coordination. Note there is a separate EOC for internal operations. *Again yes, it is now and the plan is for it to remain at Memorial Main Hospital*

Three of the eleven counties are in the STARRS area (HARN). So far all of our drills for the 17 hospitals in the IDPH Edwardsville Region (formerly called Region 4) have not involved HARN or the Missouri hospitals. However, this might not always be the case. *State plans is that all will eventually be in the STARRS and will have the requirements for communication and coordination.*

Only a couple of our hospitals have HF capability, but this may change in the future. Also, there is a state plan to set up a digital network to each hospital. This needs to be considered in any plans. *Memorial East will order HF equipment and would like input from the SCARC as to optimal equipment*

Official Actions concerning proposals: (This is action by both the club and the Hospital)

Full membership vote on any actions proposed by this committee.

The proposal when agreed on, will be written up as a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and signed by key parties involved /representatives of the involved organizations. (Required by Hosp.)

Schedule of implementation for the agreement to be developed. (Developed by both SCARC and Hospital)

Support Plan will be developed and implemented.

We will need to get coordination for any move of the repeater or use of the frequencies from the Illinois Repeater Association.

Antenna Builders: Mr. Dennis Miller, KM9O is the sponsor/coordinator for all the Antenna Builder's meetings, usually at Pleasant Ridge Park, FVH, (summer time), and at the Egyptian Club House, Granite City, (winter). 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.