

# SCARC March - 2017

## 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.

## Headlines: New administration set to take over the Operations of SCARC

**What?** You may be thinking how could this happen..? But keep reading and you will see the actions set to take place. March 30<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting and will also include the election of new officers, or reinstatement of some that have been serving. There are currently two individuals running for President, and only one deep for all the other positions. Since incumbent president, Larry, KB4FIO has indicated he intends to withdraw his name, the election can become a voice vote for the slate of officers as posted. The slate to be approved by the membership is as follows: President, Randy Bastian, KC9MZ; Vice President Michael Petz, KA9HNT; Secretary, Garry Valentine, N8GIL; Treasurer Robert Thurgood, WA9TUG; Sergeant-At-Arms, Dan Campos, KD9ADB; Activity Manager, James Morgan, KD9BLA. As the out-going president I highly endorse these fine gentlemen and believe they will lead the SCARC to continued high success in the field of amateur radio communications. See, it was worth reading the newsletter to find out what is happening. 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 March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Belleville Fire House #4. The meeting starts at 8:00PM. Hope to see you there....

**The Executive Board** met on Feb 16, 2017, to discuss the possibility of SCARC having a repeater at Memorial East Hospital. The invited guest, Mr. Lee French, provided a lot of insight into what the hospital administration would like to see from the amateur radio community. A vote of club members present was taken and it approved the continuation of planning efforts with the hospital admin.

**HAMFEST:** The Lewis and Clark Radio Club Hamfest will be on April 22, at Lewis and Clark Community College, Alton, IL. The Dayton Hamvention May 19 to 22 in Dayton, Ohio. Make your plans now as that time thing seems to really fly by...

**Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting (Repeat):** (The following is 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 to commercial vendors (supposedly bonded/insured )

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 plan 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. ***"A vote was taken at the February meeting which approved continued planning with the hospital representatives."***

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.

*Thank you to all members that have supported the club over the years. I especially thank Mr. Harrison Church, WOKXP, for the work on our 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, and financial support.*

**New Members:** Two new applications were submitted for club membership at the February 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.

**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>.

## Want Ads...For SALE /Trade/ Give away...?

**For Sale:** 2001 Buick LeSabre, equipped with fender-mount low band whip and coils for 20 and 80 meters. Contact Mr. Harrison Church, W0KXP, 618-537-4498

**For Sale:** Relay Rack for standard 19" panels, 12: speaker built into bottom of front, plus fold down desktop. Back has door with electrical interlock switch to kill power when door opens. I believe this was the case for a BC-639 two-meter station. Weighs around 250 lbs. and is upstairs in the house with a 90-degree turn in the stairs. Call for more info and prices... Mr. Harrison Church, W0KXP, 618-537-4498.

**For Free:** Several old Apple II and Apple IIe computers and monitors. (School throw-aways, but some actually work and are full of good parts if you're into salvaging electronic treasures. Call Larry, KB4FIO at 618-541-8937.... Cant beat the price...

**For Sale:** One section of tower for antenna mount... previously mounted on the back of my truck for Field Day operations. Worked pretty good, still needed a ground plane. Bargain at \$40.00 Call Larry, KB4FIO 618-541-8937