

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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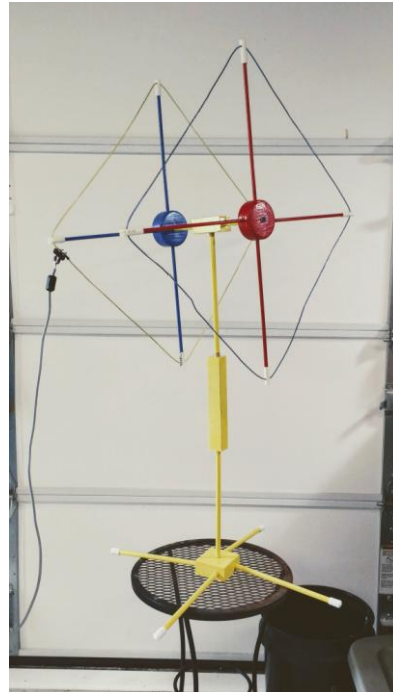
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ARES/RACES net is a Directed Net
and is normally conducted by
Gene Kramer, WA9TZL
(Tuesdays following the Club “on-
the-air” meeting.)

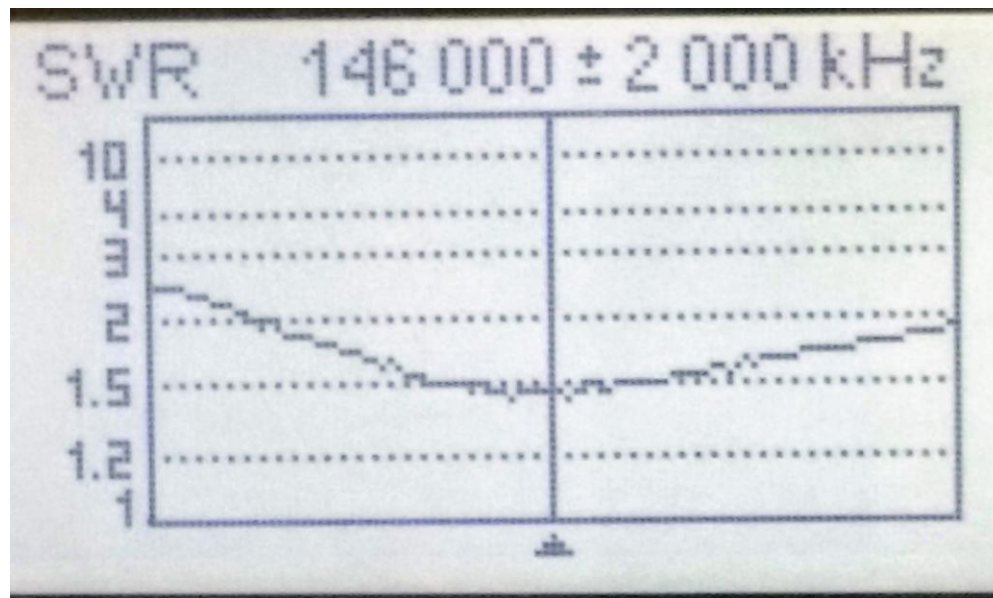
Jim, KD9FQC, showed us his Tinker Toy antenna at the April meeting.



KD9FQC Photos

Jim, KD9FQC, brought his "Tinker Toy" antenna to show at the April meeting. It's a great portable antenna. You can see from the pictures it breaks down and fits nicely into a Ziploc bag. Quads used to be very popular on HF. There were two or three of them in Belleville during the 70's and 80's. According to Wikipedia, the 2 element quad has about the same gain as a 3 element Yagi, and about 7.5 dB over a dipole. While reading the article, I found a link to a British patent that you can look at here: <http://www.puertobalsillas.com/radio/GB850974A.pdf>

Here is a SWR plot provided by Jim:



Upcoming Events:

Every weekday, Larry's, K9LWW, "Good Morning" net, 7 – 8 am.

May 30th, club meeting with VE testing at 7 pm.

May 31st, Shriners Parade, please see Larry, K9LWW, if you can help with communications.

June 9th, EgyptianFest, Egyptian Radio Club, 2600 Washington Ave, Granite City, IL

June 8th – 10th, ARRL VHF Contest

June 22nd and 23rd, ARRL FD

July 21st, Zero Beaters Hamfest, Elks Hall, 1459 West 5th St, Washington, MO

August 3rd, West Central Illinois Hamfest, (Carlinville), Macoupin County Fairgrounds, Carlinville, IL

August 11th, St. Charles Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Elks Lodge, O'Fallon, MO

September 21st, Peoria Superfest and Illinois State Convention, Exposition Gardens, 1601 West Northmoor Road, Peoria, IL

Here are some short thoughts:

Don't forget to check in to Larry's, K9LWW, "Good Morning" drive time (7 – 8 am) net on our 2 meter repeater. Stop in and say Hi!

Field Day is only a month away, so make plans to attend June 22-23! Are your portable antennas ready? At last month's meeting we decided to go with 3 or 4 transmitters and batteries. We still need to come up with a dollar figure for food and supplies.

Hope to see you at the meeting or hear you on the air.

Remember to send anything you might have for SCAN to kc9mz@arrl.net Your input is needed to make this a good news letter!

73 es gud dx,

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