

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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and is normally conducted by
Gene Kramer, WA9TZL
(Tuesdays following the Club “on-
the-air” meeting.)

SCARC Picnic

SCARC annual family picnic was held as scheduled at the Moody Park in Fairview Heights on October 8th. Most of the members that signed up came out and really enjoyed themselves. Our thanks to Al Grudzinski, KC9TPD, who came out early and fired up the grill and cooked the hamburgers, brats and hot dogs to perfection. They were delicious as I ate more than my diet allowed, but it was a Sunday and I have a diet waiver on Sundays... Also a big and hearty thank you to our new club members, Russ, K9LXV, and Judy Beard, KA9NDX. Judy got us a fantastic deal at Schnucks and after the donations of food items and drinks the bill to the club for the meats is only \$57.79. Russ provided a little entertainment for the picnic by calling and asking where we were... as he had driven around the park twice and did not see us. I got on the phone with him while Dan, KD9ADB, and Jim KD9FQC went to the street to flag him down. We gave him vectors right to the pavilion, but then there was no place to park and he ended up a ways away, anyway. Whoever was going to bring games (Larry) forgot them so everyone spent time getting to know each other better and discovering like interests and the love for ham radio... occasionally called amateur radio. It was also nice that as many wives came out as they did and gave us a chance to meet them. Judy has some good ideas to present to the club about future social events that will include the YLs... Our next event is the Christmas Dinner which is being planned for December 14th at Eckert's Restaurant, meeting about 6-6:30 PM, and ordering from the menu as you like. Plan now to attend and don't let this slip by you. Thanks to all that helped make the picnic a great success.... Larry Wessels, K9LWW

SCARC members enjoy the picnic with their wives. K9LWW Photo





K9LWW Photos

Meeting Date, Time and Location: This month's meeting will be on October 26th at the Belleville Fire House #4. The meeting starts at 8:00PM. Many start to gather at 7:30PM. Hope to see you there.... (There will be VEC testing at 7 o'clock this month.)

New Members: New applications should be submitted to the Sgt. at Arms. 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.

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

Yaesu FT-897 with LDG FT-Meter, in original box. Works FB, \$550, local pickup. Mike Cornwall, KB9WQJ, call Mike at 618-977-5537 or email at mccornwall@charter.net Pictures available upon request.

1952 MG TD replica on a VW chassis. (I don't know if this is a British Coach Works replica but, you can go here: http://www.caroholic.com/BCW_Information.htm to see what this looks like.) Call Harry, W0KXP.

Astron RS-35M and RS-20M from Bill's, WA9IUF estate. (Hey, if you buy Mike's FT-897, the RS-35M would be a good power supply!) Call Randy, KC9MZ, or email jlr.bastian@norocm2000.com .

HAMFESTS:

October 28th is the 26th Annual Halloween Hamfest, Kirkwood, MO.

Make your plans now! This is the last hamfest in the area until Winterfest in January!

Thank you Larry, K9LWW, for the great write up and pictures of the club picnic!

Last month I shared some emails from Bob, NP4B, about the conditions at the Arecibo Radio Telescope in Puerto Rico. I'm sorry to report that Bob passed away on September 28th. Here is a link to a tour of the telescope facility that he was the narrator of in 2011: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQJawfbjpxw>

Puerto Rico still has only about 20% of its electrical power up and running, so please keep them and all of the hurricane victims in your prayers.

I've heard that the local group of Hams – SCARC, Prime, and Egyptian (and others) who participated in the ILQP did an outstanding job! Good work guys and gals!

If you liked ILQP, you might give the ARRL Sweepstakes a try. CW is November 4-6th and Phone is November 18-20th.

Mike will chair the meeting again this week, so I'll have to see you on the air on Tuesday night. Remember to send anything you might have for SCAN to kc9mz@arrl.net

73,

Randy, KC9MZ