

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

February 2026

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Club Repeaters: 147.120+ / 224.120- / 444.625+ (pl 127.3)

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Garry Valentine, N8GIL - emeritus,  
John Sundstrom, WA0LIS - emeritus

## Emergency Comm Committee

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

## Club Breakfast February 14<sup>th</sup>



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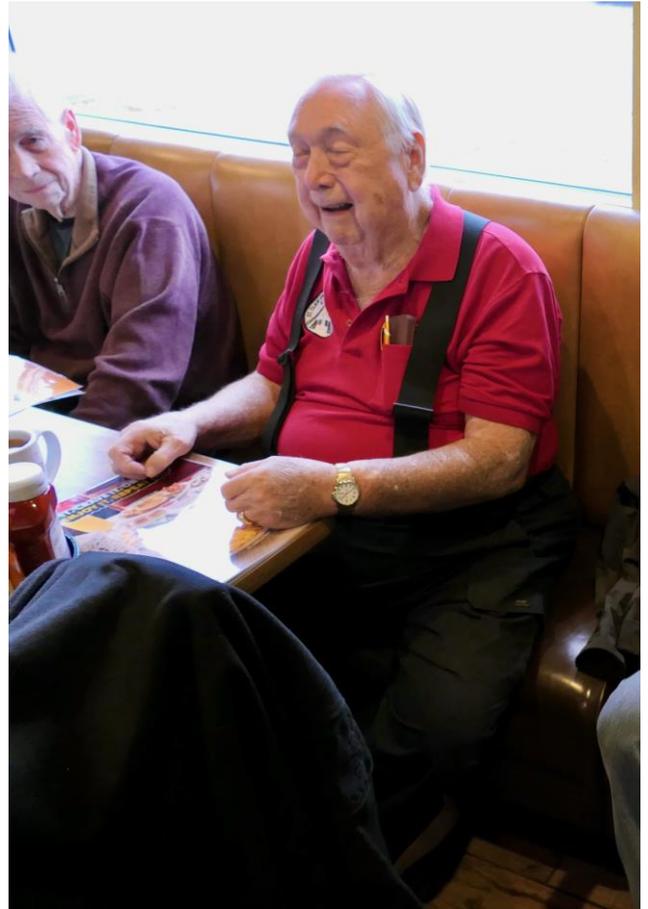
## Club Breakfast



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## VE Testing March 21st

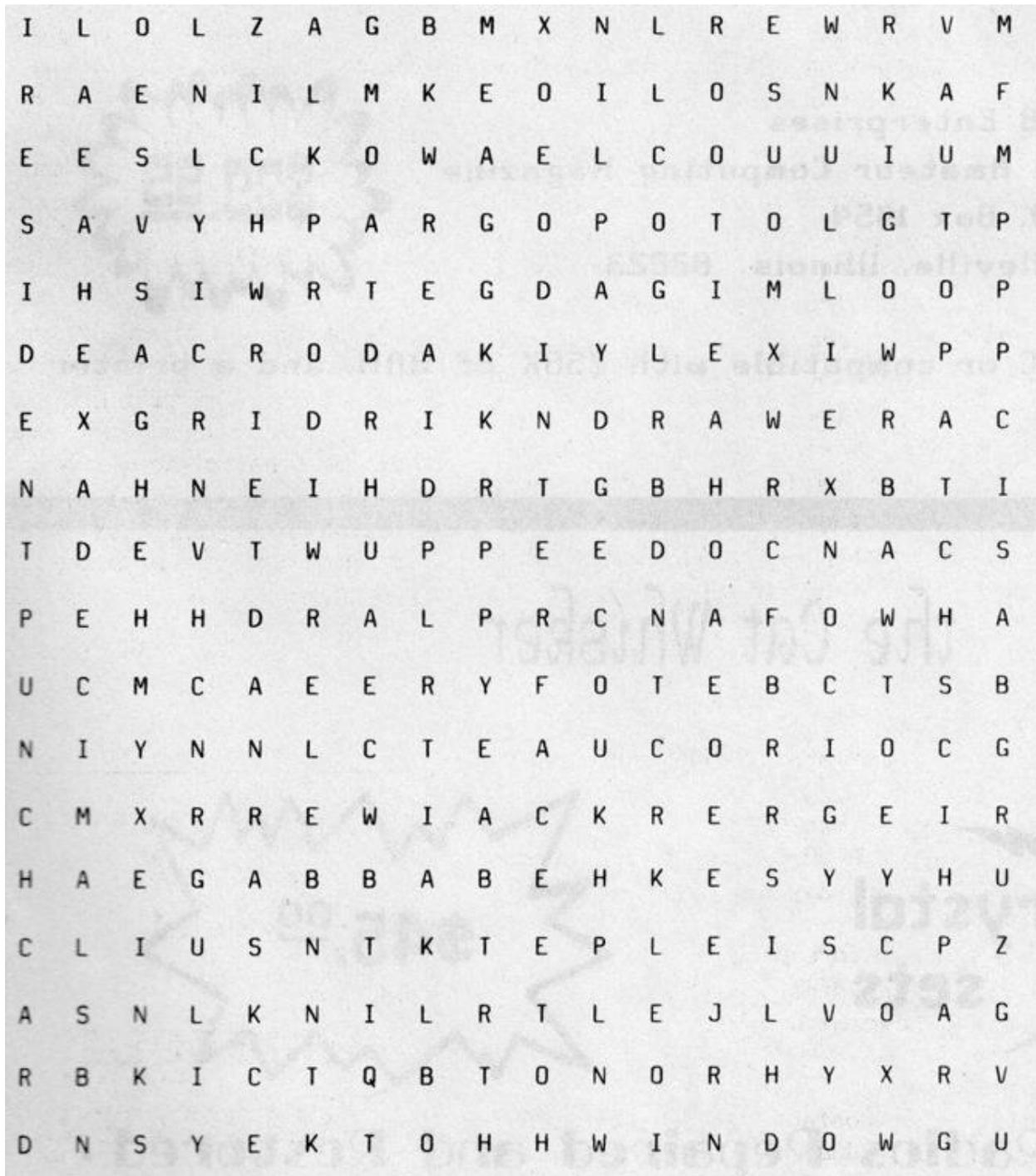
Our next test session will be March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to test, or know of someone who would like to test, please email Randy KC9MZ at [rbkc9mz---gmail.com](mailto:rbkc9mz---gmail.com). I'll get a VE team together and make sure we have space at the Moose.

Thanks to our VEs, Garry N8GIL, Larry K9LWW, Julio AA2KF, Garry K9RWE, Michael KA9HNT, and Randy KC9MZ!

## Club Dues

Bob WA9TUG, reminds us that Club dues are due. You may bring them to the next meeting or mail them to the Club's PO Box 94, Belleville, IL 62222. You may choose to mail them to Bob's QTH also. His address is correct on QRZ.com Regular Membership \$25

## Word Find



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|-----------|---------------|-----------|--|-----------|------------|-------------|
| ASCII     | AUTOPATCH     | BABBAGE   | BASIC  | BEEP      | BINARY     | DECIBEL     |
| DIRECTORY | DRAWER        | DRIVER    | ENEGRY   | GADGET    | GRAPHICS   | HEXADECIMAL |
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| LOOP      | MAILMERGE     | MOUSE     | NULL   | POWER     | PUNCHCARD  | RAM         |
| REPEATER  | RESIDENT      | ROOT      | SCANCODE   | SHAREWARE | TOPOGRAPHY | WAIT        |
| WINDOW    | WORDPROCESSOR | WORKBENCH | from Amateur Computing Magazine Sept 1988, Dan KE5BG |           |            |             |

## Operating Events, Club Events and HAMFESTS:

February 26<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting at the Moose 8 pm

March 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ARRL DX Contest Phone see: [ARRL DX](#)

March 14<sup>th</sup> - Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Lewis and Clark Radio Club Hamfest see: [Lewis and Clark RC Hamfest](#)

April 11<sup>th</sup> - River Hills ARC Perryville MO see: [River Hills ARC Hamfest](#)

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Egyptian RC Hamfest EgyptianFest 2026 (New Location) see: [EgyptianFest 2026](#)

ARES HF Net the Illinois Section ARES HF Net meets on the first and third Sunday each month at 4:30 PM. The frequency is 3905 KHz +/- LSB

K1USN Radio Club Slow Speed CW contest (20 WPM max) Mondays 1800-1900 CST

<http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

CWops Test (CWT) Every Wednesday at 1300-1400Z, 1900-2000Z, and Thursday 0300-0400Z 28 to 45 kHz from the band edges [CWops Tests \(CWT\) – CWops](#)

RRI Training Broadcast Schedule Wednesday 2000 CST (0200Z Thursday) 7060 kHz, and 2130 CST (0330Z Thursday) 3563 KHz, Thursday 1900 CST (0001Z Friday) 14060 KHz

Gateway 160 Meter News 1860 KHz Saturday 2200 hours

### Club Nets

The “Good Morning Net” is paused looking for new net control operator(s) on the 147.12 repeater.

But, don't give up on morning conversation! Give out a call, as there seems to be many on frequency from 7 – 8:30am.

Cassandra, KD9VLG is unable to be Net Control for the “Wavelengths” Net. Will anyone step up and be Net Control? The Net was on 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Wednesdays.

Also, the 224.12 MHz Net is on Thursdays, 8 pm by Steve, W9ZS.

Anthony KE9CPW has a started a “Happy Friday Net” at 5 pm on the 147.12 repeater. .

Thank you, guys, for running these fine nets.

**Meeting Date, Time and Location:** Next month's meeting will be on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. It will be at the Swansea Moose Lodge. The meeting will be to the left of the bar area.

**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 and prospective members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.

### **Election of Officers**

January starts the election process for club officers. The Sergeant-at-Arms takes nominations at the January, February, and March meetings with the election itself in March. Dan, KD9ADB, told us that most of the current officers agreed to be nominated for another year. Dan will ask for nominations again in February.

### **Here are some shorts**

I hope you can attend our February meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, Swansea Moose.

Please send anything you might have for SCAN to rbkc9mz---gmail.com

Please pray for peace in the World!

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ

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