

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

April 2025

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

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## Repeater Committee

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## 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.)

## Repeater Antenna Work



Dan KD9KFJ drills new access holes for the repeater's coax

## Club Breakfast at Denny's April 12<sup>th</sup>



KC9MZ photo

### Club Dues

Bob WA9TUG, reminds us that Club dues are due. You may bring them to the next meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> or mail them to the Club's PO Box 94, Belleville, IL 62222. You may choose to mail them to Bob's QTH. He's good on the Zed.

Regular Membership \$25

Associate Membership \$15

Family Membership \$30

### VE Testing April 26<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to our VEs: Rebecca KC9CIJ, Gary K9RVE, Garry N8GIL, Michael KA9HNT, and Randy KC9MZ

Please let Larry K9LWW, know if you would like to test.

### Club Nets

Don't forget the "Good Morning Net" M-F, 7:30 – 8:30 am by Larry, K9LWW, and Julio, AA2KF. Also, the 224.12 MHz Net is on Thursdays, 8 pm by Steve, W9ZS, Cassandra, KD9VLG is Net Control for the "Wavelengths" Net on 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Wednesdays. Thank you, guys, for running these fine nets!

## Operating Events, Club Events and HAMFESTS:

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 10-10 International Spring Contest, CW see: [QSO Party Rules](#)

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup> Lewis and Clark Trail OTA event see: <https://lctota.org/>

June 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> ARRL Field Day

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Hamfest Kirkwood Community Center see: <http://halloweenhamfest.org/>

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 7277 KHz +/- LSB **New frequency for Daylight Savings Time.**

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

**Meeting Date, Time and Location:** Next month's meeting will be on May 29<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.

### Here are some shorts

There was a lot of work at the repeater site last weekend. Dan drilled holes in the block wall to get the new antenna lines into the building bypassing the old screen window entrance. I'm sure it was hard work; the walls are about 3' thick. There will be a full report at the meeting.

Kris KD9VRT, has said she can continue doing the work of Club Secretary. Thanks Kris!

I hope you can attend our April meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

We are going to roll out an email reflector like the Yahoo reflector we used a few years ago. If you'd like to participate, please send me an email at [rbkc9mz@gmail.com](mailto:rbkc9mz@gmail.com) and request to be included in the list.

Please send anything you might have for SCAN to [rbkc9mz---gmail.com](mailto:rbkc9mz---gmail.com)

Please pray for peace in the World!

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ



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