

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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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.)

## VE Testing Results in a New Technician and Extra



Randy KC9MZ, Larry K9LWW and Gary N8GIL congratulate Kris Crocket and Cassandra Geib on their new licenses  
KD9KFJ photo

## August 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Our major topics were:

Club picnic tentatively set for September 18<sup>th</sup>

Illinois QSO Party October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Scouts “On the Air”

## Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

Route 66 On the Air Special Event September 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> see: <https://www.arrl.org/news/route-66-on-the-air-special-event-1>

Midwest Superfest and ARRL Illinois State Convention (Peoria Hamfest) September 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> see: <http://arrl.org/hamfests/midwest-superfest-2022-arrl-illinois-state-convention>

Scouts Jamboree-on-the-Air October 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> See: <https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota/>  
Contact Doug W9RFU at dstewart3480gmail dot com if you can help

Illinois QSO Party October 16<sup>th</sup> 12-8pm CDT see: <https://w9awe.org/ilqp/> contact Dennis KM9O at millerd @ yahoo dot com or Gary K9RVE on 147.12 MHz repeater

St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club Winterfest January 28, 2023 see: <https://winterfest.slsrc.org/>

ARES HF Net the Illinois Section ARES HF Net meets on the first and third Sunday each month. 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

**Meeting Date, Time and Location:** Next month's meeting will be on September 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Swansea Moose Lodge with an "On the Air" meeting component. Check-in starts at 8 pm. Steve, W9ZA, will have the 224.12MHz Net at 7 pm.

**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.

### SCAN Needs Your Input, Articles

It would be great to hear from others amongst us about what operating activities you're involved with or what projects you've been working on!

### Space available

# Wordfind - Classic Radio

From the August Issue of QST Magazine

## Word List

I V E E I W F I O R S T V D F E E E C B G  
F J S G A R M C O M M U N I C A T I O N S  
J T R S E V A T C I T A M E H C S P T N F  
S R O T O M A N Y D Z S R M Q F Z E R A V  
O S C I L L A T O R S M E D P P V D O N Z  
V A S W U S B E Q M R X V H M Z I Y U T S  
R Z T D D I S S I P A T I O N I G Z B E I  
Y R O T I C A P A C J M E Q V E E A L N D  
L M V C J P I N S T R U C T I O N S E N E  
A H B A N D S W I T C H E D N J E B S A T  
T R E C T I F I E R N N R T O D R X H M O  
S Y C N E U Q E R F A M P U R R A X O U N  
Y V M N N J D M T Z A F A A T E T F O S E  
R I B T R A N S M I T T E R H N O M T U C  
C E N O H P O R C I M M R E R U R L I A E  
S R E T F A R C I L L A H N U T E W N P E  
U S Z O X M N N R E I F I L P M A F G P N

AMPLIFIER  
ANTENNA  
BANDSWITCHED  
CAPACITOR  
COMMUNICATIONS  
CRYSTAL  
DISSIPATION  
DYNAMOTOR  
FREQUENCY  
GENERATOR  
HALLICRAFTERS  
INSTRUCTIONS  
MICROPHONE  
MODULATOR  
NORTHRUP  
OSCILLATOR  
RECEIVER  
RECTIFIER  
SCHEMATIC  
SIDETONE  
TRANSMITTER  
TROUBLESHOOTING  
TUNER

Wordfind from Dan KE5BG

## Club Picnic September 18<sup>th</sup>

We will have our club picnic on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Swansea Illinois Moose Lodge Picnic Pavilion. The club will provide all of the food. All you need to do is bring your non-alcoholic drink, lawn chairs, and yourself!

The menu is tentatively: hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, pork and beans, chips, and brownies.

Arrive around 11 am and eat around 11:30 am.

Please let Larry K9LWW, Dan KD9BLA, or myself, Randy KC9MZ know to you plan to attend so we can have enough food.

## VE Testing September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge

Here are the test dates out to December of this year: September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup>, and December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Moose Lodge has approved these dates.

The FCC has announced that the new \$35 fee will start on April 19<sup>th</sup>. This fee will be paid directly to the FCC via their CORES system, *not* collected by the VE teams.

If you would like to upgrade, or, if you know of someone who would like to test for their license, please have them email me, Randy, KC9MZ at [kc9mz@arrl.net](mailto:kc9mz@arrl.net).

### Here are some shorts

I'm sad to report that Russ Beard, K9LXV, passed away on September 1<sup>st</sup>. I met Russ at BAC in the late 70's when he would come and service our IBM computing equipment. He was very knowledgeable on many topics and fun to talk to. Russ had been active in many area clubs and was net control for the old "Breakfast Club" Net on 75 meters. He will be missed, our sympathy to his wife Judy, KA9NDX, and their son Rusty.

Our next test session will be September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM, Swansea Moose Lodge.

Don't forget the "Good Morning Net" M-F, 7-8am by Larry, K9LWW, and Julio, AA2KF. Also the 224.12 MHz Net is on Thursdays, 7 pm by Steve, W9ZS and Tim KD9TRP has a 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Sundays. Thank you guys for running these great nets!

Please send anything you might have for SCAN to [kc9mz@arrl.net](mailto:kc9mz@arrl.net). Thanks Dan for the Wordfind puzzles!

I hope you can attend or check in to the next meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 2000 CST.

Please pray for peace and Ukraine!

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ



**Russ Beard K9LXV**

Russell Arvin Beard, 78, born on May 30, 1944, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

He was born in Princeton, IN, and grew up in Mt. Carmel, IL. He graduated from Mt. Carmel High School and moved to Belleville, IL, in December of 1962, where he met his wife, Judy, on December 2, 1962, at a church function. They were married on June 6, 1965, and had a son, Russell "Rusty" Graydon on April 23, 1967. He received a 2-year associates degree at Belleville Area College, which is now SWIC. He started working at Memorial Hospital and later got a job with IBM as a field engineer in 1967. He and his wife had a sewing machine store, The Perfect Stitch, while he was working for IBM. He retired from IBM in 1982 and opened his own computer store, TPS Computers.

He had a pilot's license and enjoyed flying.

Russ was a member of the following organizations, St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Belleville Masonic Lodge, and Scottish Rite. He got his amateur radio license at the age of 14, K9LXV, and received his amateur extra class license later. He was a net controller for The Breakfast Amateur Radio Club and logged all check-ins, St. Louis Amateur Radio and Repeater Club, and Packet Radio. He was the treasurer for the Marissa Amateur Radio Club, St. Clair Amateur Radio Club, St. Louis Horseless Carriage Club, and Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association. He had a trainer's license and raced horses at Fairmount Park, Sportsman's, Arlington, and Hawthorne in Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Ellis Park in Evansville, IN.

Russ was dearly loved by his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Helen Alice, nee King, Beard.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Ann, nee Boyd, Beard; and a son; Russell Graydon (Jolene) Beard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Partners for Pets, St. Jacob, IL. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.rennerfh.com](http://www.rennerfh.com).

Visitation: Friends may visit from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2022, at George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.

Funeral: Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2022, at George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL, with Rev. Dr. Robert Swickard officiating.

Burial will be at Mascoutah City Cemetery, Mascoutah, IL, at a later date.

From: [Russell Beard – Renner Funeral Homes \(rennerfh.com\)](http://Russell%20Beard%20-%20Renner%20Funeral%20Homes%20(rennerfh.com))

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