

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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

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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.)

## Christmas Dinner



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I'd like to thank those who helped make our Club successful in 2025!

First, our Club officers: Vice President Michael KA9HNT, Secretary Kris KD9VRT, Treasurer Bob WA9TUG, Sgt at Arms Dan KD9ADB, Activities Manager Jim KD9BLA, Publicity Activist Dean K9JDW, and Advisor Larry K9LWW. Thank you, guys, for all the work you've done to support the Club.

One of the most important things the Club does is support the 2-meter repeater and make it available for emergency use. Thank you to our Repeater Committee: Project Manager Dale KB9JJA, Dan KD9ADB, Andre KD9RFE, Michael KA9HNT, Garry N8GIL and John WA0LIS. Great job on the antenna and feed line refresh! Thanks also go to SAVE and the City of Freeburg for their help in supporting the repeater.

Another important project is our VE Team. We served 17 individuals with new licenses and upgrades. Around 10 of those joined the Club. Our Team: Larry K9LWW, Rebecca KC9CIK, Garry N8GIL, Julio AA2KF, Steve K9SHY, Gary K9RVE, and Michael KA9HNT. Thank you.

FD was very successful this year building on the last few years' performances. There were 15 participants and we operated class 4A. Thank you to Dean K9JDW, Ken K9CKT, and Dale KB9JJA for your planning and providing antennas and equipment. Thank you to all the operators who came out with their equipment and ran the stations. Thanks too to the family members who came out to have dinner with us.

Dean and Ken are busy looking for a new FD location because Pleasant Ridge Park will be closed for remodeling. If you know of a dog friendly park that will allow overnight camping and generators, let them know.

Dean and Ken initiated the idea to have a Fox Hunt. The Club has had many in the past, but not any in the last 10 years or so. Dean, Ken, Steve and Dale brought their tape measure antennas and equipment to several Club meeting and the idea took off! Dale made up 15 kits for tape measure antennas. We meet at Pleasant Ridge with the Antenna Builders Guild and had a fun antenna party! Cassy KD9VLG managed the order of the offset attenuators and we were set to go! Thanks guys!

The first hunt was in conjunction with the Club picnic; 6 people used their new setups to find the fox.

I'm sure I didn't thank everyone; I'm sorry if I missed you.

If you have anything you would like to do as a Club, please let one of us know. The Fox Hunt came about because two guys had an idea! Your idea could be the next Club project!

I'm looking forward to a great 2026!

73,

Randy KC9MZ

President

**Christmas Dinner**



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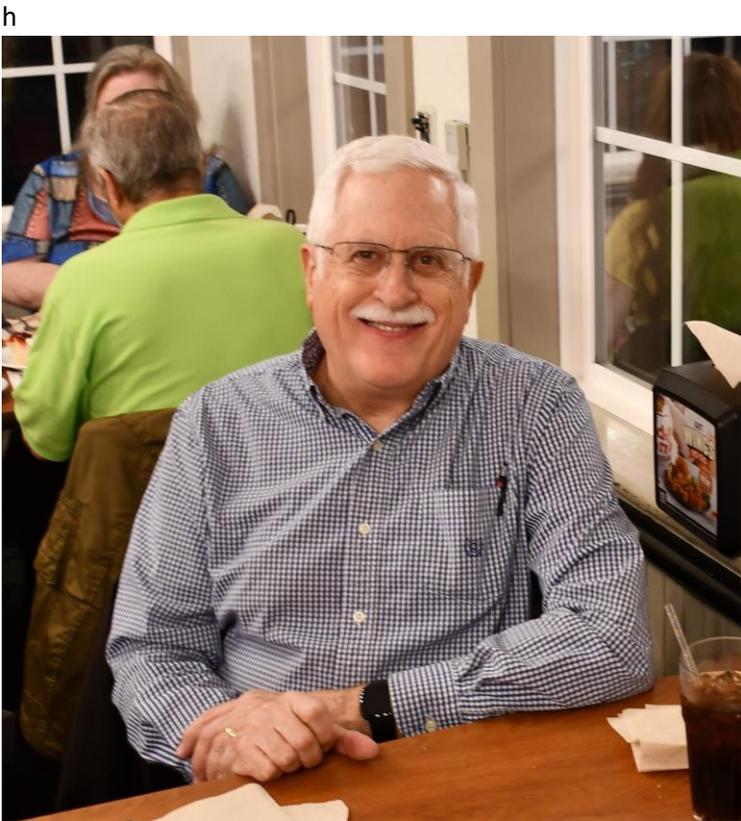
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## Operating Events, Club Events and HAMFESTS:

January 3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> ARRL RTTY Roundup see: [RTTY Roundup](#)

January 10<sup>th</sup> - Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

January 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> ARRL VHF Party see: <https://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>

January 17<sup>th</sup> VE Testing at the Moose 9:30 am

January 23<sup>rd</sup> W9DYV Symposium at Winterfest see: [Mid-Central Premiere Hamfest for 2025](#)

January 24<sup>th</sup> Winterfest see: [Mid-Central Premiere Hamfest for 2025](#)

January 29<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting at the Moose 8 pm

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

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, there seems to be many on frequency from 7 – 8:30.

Cassandra, KD9VLG is Net Control for the “Wavelengths” Net on 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Wednesdays. The net has taken a pause in its operation.

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

Anthony KE9CPW has 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 January 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

Thank you to our photographers Julio AA2KF and Linda for providing the pictures of the Christmas Dinner.

I hope you can attend our January meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, Swansea Moose.

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

Check the back of this newsletter for sale items!

Please pray for peace in the World!

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ

Please patronize our supporters!





I have the following items looking for a good home. All came from SK hams.

- 1) Heathkit HW101 Transceiver- The radio looks to be in pretty good physical condition. The only thing noticeably needed are the two rubber rings that attach to the Preselector Control. It is unknown when it last worked properly before going into storage.
- 2) Heathkit HP23A Power Supply- Looks pretty good in appearance but is original with no restoration done. Likely needs some work inside before plugging it in and looking at voltages. Been in storage for an unknown period of time.
- 3) CDE Rotator Control- This unit works as it should. I installed a new "start" capacitor (a common problem with these) and replaced the Zener diodes inside.

Would like to sell all three together for \$150, or separately; 101 \$80, 23A \$50, CDE \$40. Will deliver in St. Louis area.

ALSO WOULD CONSIDER A TRADE for a Knight R100 or Heathkit DX60B and HG10B combo in working condition.

Thanks, Carl

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**Dan KE5BG has the following items he will be bringing to Winterfest January 24th**

Astatic D-104 Microphone with T-UGB stand .....	\$50.00
Baofeng K6 Tri-Band Radio(2 New ).....	\$24.00
Baofeng UV-17R Plus (New).....	\$26.00
BP 12V 20A Linear Power Supply .....	\$50.00
Central Scientific -50- to 50 $\mu$ A Galvanometer .....	\$30.00
Elenco ST-1012 Digital Clamp Meter.....	\$40.00
Fumei GMRS Duplexer.....	\$100.00
h Icom IC-R3 Wideband Receiver with Ham TV Transmitter.....	\$150.00
Kenwood MC-50 Desk Microphone .....	\$80.00
MaxLite LSD Desk Lamp with an Adjustable Neck (7) .....	\$4.00
MFJ-945D Mobile Tuner .....	\$50.00
MFJ-949 Deluxe Versa Tuner II .....	\$80.00
Multi-Function Laser Leveler .....	\$2.00
Pyramid 12V 20A Linear Power Supply .....	\$50.00
Raddy SW10 Emergency Radio (New).....	\$38.00
Radioddity DB20-G GMRS Mobile Transceiver (New).....	\$75.00
Radioddity GA-510 Analog 2-way Radio (New).....	\$38.00
Simpson 25A D.C. Wood Case Meter (Circa 1945).....	\$45.00
Simpson Model 2100 1.5/3.0/30A Ammeter (Circa 1965).....	\$45.00
Simpson Model 2100 20mA Ammeter (Circa 1965).....	\$45.00
Smart Sensor 500mm long Induction Lamp (5 New)) .....	\$8.00
SureCom SR-629 2 in 1 Duplex Repeater Controller (New).....	\$40.00
UV Brite Water Purifying Bottle.....	\$25.00
Viatek SmartTouch Wireless USB Mixer .....	\$10.00
Yaesu FTM-7250D Digital/Analog 2m/440 Transceiver.....	\$150.00
Westinghouse 10A D.C. Meter Bakelite with leather strap (Circa 1930)	\$45.00
Weston 30A Ammeter Patented in 1894 .....	\$45.00
Weston 50/5/2,5 Voltmeter Patented in 1894 .....	\$45.00
Weston 50/10/2A Ammeter (Circa 1940) .....	\$45.00

***Not yet packed...***

Basler Electric Phase Balance & Undervoltage Relay .....	\$25.00
Bird TERMALINE 6100 RF Wattmeter .....	\$125.00

Eico Grid Dip Meter Model 710 .....	\$20.00
Head Demagnetizer (2).....	\$1.00
Heathkit Grid Dip Meter Model GD-1A.....	\$20.00
Honeywell WAVE2 Two-Tone Siren (2).....	\$15.00
Hyperikon 36W LED Street Lamp (Removed from service working) .....	\$10.00
Intermatic Auto Shut-Off Timer Light Switch (2).....	\$15.00
hLarsen Antenna NLA-27 HF Mount (New).....	\$6.00
Larsen Antenna NLA-150 2m Mount (New).....	\$10.00
Secrui Wireless Doorbell Kit (New) .....	\$10.00
Soldering Iron (2) .....	\$10.00
Tornado V2 3D Printer (New in box).....	\$100.00
Turner Model 99 Dynamic Microphone (No cable).....	\$50.00
Velleman LED Flashing Light Blue (New).....	\$12.00
Velleman LED Flashing Light Green (New).....	\$12.00
Velleman LED Flashing Light Red (New).....	\$12.00
Velleman Xenon Strobe Light Amber (New) .....	\$12.00