

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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

Gary Myers, KC9UFD, SK



Gary Merhl Myers, age 65, of Lebanon, born December 31, 1952, in Breese, IL, passed away at 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Gary was proud to be a member of Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department/EMS since 1993, and a volunteer firefighter for Station House 65 of Moreno Valley, CA, from 1986 to 1989. Gary was an electrician by trade for American Bottoms for ten years. Prior to that he was employed by Monsanto for 28 years.

Besides his father, Merhl Myers; Gary was preceded in death by his daughter, Stephanie Myers; one brother, Tom Myers; and his father-in-law, Wayne Saugstad.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy (Saugstad) Myers of Lebanon, whom he married April 9, 1977 in Orange California; his mother, Marilyn (Hemann) Myers Rutherford of Lebanon; his daughter, Kelley (Justin) Kocher of Portage, MI

In lieu of flowers the club made a memorial to his family.

The obituary was from the Belleville News Democrat.

National Weather Service St. Louis

Severe Storm Spotter/Weather Safety Class

There will be a Storm Spotter Class March 22nd, at Southwestern Illinois College, Lecture Hall Room 1040, 2500 Carlyle Ave, Belleville, Ill, 62221. Please contact Freeburg ESDA at 618-539-9996 for more information.

The NWS weather.gov site has this info, but it says Room 1040 is adjacent to the SWIC Theater. However, Room 1040 is next to entrance "B" of the college, which for years was the "main entrance". This is the entry closest to the Metro stop on campus. We'll have the correct room information next month and on the Net.

Here's a link to the first floor layout of SWIC's Main Building: <http://www.swic.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Belleville-Campus-Main-Complex-first-floor-map.pdf>

Meeting Date, Time and Location: This month's meeting will be on February 22nd at the Belleville/Swansea Moose Lodge, 2414 North Illinois St, Swansea, IL 62226. The meeting starts at 8:00PM. Many start to gather at 7:30PM. This is Wing night at the Moose so come by early and enjoy dinner. Hope to see you there...

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.

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

ARRL Field Day June 23rd - 24th

Lewis and Clark Radio Club Hamfest April 21th at Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey, Il talk-in on 145.230 – PL 79.7

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

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.

ICOM 756 Pro HF Transceiver with Astron power supply \$700.00 contact N9GFX, Joe Sandy at jsandy56@sbcglobal.net or his cell at 618-795-0429.

Here are some short thoughts:

Santa Claus brought me a TYT DM-380 DMR Transceiver for Christmas and after playing with it for a day or two I decided to bring in the heavyweight, Mike, KB0FX, for help. If you remember he gave us a presentation on DMR a month or two ago. In just three hours I was on the air. That might sound bad but, as you might have experienced, getting someone else's stuff to work on your home Wi-Fi is somewhat iffy! So far so good, I've been able to talk to him driving all over St. Louis while I was outside of Valmeyer. (OK I was on the bluff).

Michael, KA9HNT, has reserved the FD site at Pleasant Ridge Park, thanks, Mike. So I've added Field Day to the list of operating activities in SCAN. Only 5 months away!

Larry, K9LWW, has been working hard on getting the web site up to date. Check it out and give him your input.

www.scarc.net

Larry has also been Net Control for a "Good Morning" drive time (7 – 7:30) net on our 2 meter repeater. Stop in and say HI!

Dan, KB9ADB, will be asking for your nominations for club officers this month. The elections will be in March.

Hope to see you at the meeting or on the air.

Remember to send anything you might have for SCAN to kc9mz@arrl.net

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ



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Cabinet Members

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[ASM--Mike Nowack NA9Q](#)
[ASM--Scott DeSantis KB9VRW](#)
[ASM/STM Roy R Eades KA9MZJ](#)
[SEC--Fritz Bock WD9FMB](#)
[OOC/AD--Tim Childers K9CQ](#)
[PIC -- Vicky Whitaker KD9BAU](#)
[SGL -- Charlie Richey K9DUE](#)
[ACC -- Noah Sevcik, K9BZY](#)
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[ASEC--Robert Littler W9DSR](#)
[ASEC--Danny Pease NG9R](#)
[ASEC--Garret Robinson KC9FVK](#)
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[ASEC Pat Stowell, N9PN](#)
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District Emergency Coordinators:

District 2--[Lloyd Sherman KB9APW](#),
District 3--[Dale Marzano N9JH](#), [ADEC Debby Gray, WX9VOR](#)
District 4--[Robert \(Bob\) Langsfeld WB9TZC](#) ADEC for Cook County
District 6--[Gary Shanks KA9FAJ](#),
District 7--[Josh Kittle, N9WEW](#),
District 8--[Curtis Williams W5DTR](#), [ADEC Chris Pixton KC9EIZ](#)
District 9--[Jim Hudson WB9QPM](#),
District 11--[Bruce Talley WA9APQ](#)

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==> **Section Manager Report**

The Valley Amateur Repeater Association, VARA, is pleased to announce the following changes to our facilities.

After many decades of service the 146.790 MHz repeater antenna was changed to something more in line with our traditional service. Give it a try, reports have been good. Drop by our regular Monday night net at 8:00 pm local time if you get a chance, we'll be happy to hear from you.

In other VARA news, the dual mode analog/Yaesu FUSION 70cm repeater operating on 444.950 MHz was replaced with a dual mode analog and APCO/P-25 mode repeater on the same frequency. The FUSION mode received essentially no use, so we switched to APCO/P-25.

The 444.975 MHz CC-1 DMR repeater remains unchanged and is on the Chicagoland C-Bridge network. For more information on the Chicagoland DMR network see <http://chicagoland-cc.org>

The club invites you to check out the repeaters. For club and repeater details: <http://qsl.net/vara/>

Please join me in welcoming Noah Sevcik, K9BZY as our new cabinet member holding the position of Affiliated Club Coordinator.

From your SEC...

In collaboration with Ron Morgan, AD9I, Illinois Section Manager, Robert Littler, W9DSR, ASEC and Debby Gray, WX9VOR, District 3 DEC...the announcement is being made to appoint Robert (Bob) Langsfeld WB9TZC as ADEC for District 4, Cook County serving the North West Central Dispatch System Communities (NWCDC). Cook County is a complex area involving many different communities within its border. With Bob's appointment, we will continue to further subdivide this area to ensure the best possible fit to provide the served agencies with amateur radio support.

NWCDCS serves the following communities Arlington Hts. Police and Fire, Buffalo Grove Police and Fire, Elk Grove Police and Fire, Hoffman Estates Police and Fire, Inverness Police, Mount Prospect Police and Fire, Palatine Police and Fire, Prospect Hts. Police, Rolling Meadows Police and Fire, Schaumburg Police and Fire, Streamwood Police and Fire, Barrington Country Side Fire Protection District and the Palatine Rural Fire District

In this position Bob will be working with the Public Safety Access Points agencies and the Joint Emergency Coordinator to bring the rest of North West Central Dispatch System together. We have Palatine, Elk Grove, Hoffman Estates, and Schaumburg already meeting together with EM-COMM Round table and have the opportunity to bring the others in to strengthen our response and exercise team. Bob believes that the Joint Emergency Management System will be looking at the various

volunteer groups in our PSAP like AUX COMM / ARES, MRC, CERT, and Fire Rehab forming a combined training and exercise program in the future.

Bob will be working with several clubs in the covered area and many of the area clubs provide public service to the communities and assist each other. He will also interface with the Salvation Army territorial headquarters here in Hoffman Estates as another served agency. This is in addition to serving three hospitals in his area.

From Bob, "My background as a ham goes back to Mt Prospect Civil Defense where I earned my Ham license. I spent time traveling to Olsen Electronics, Allied Radio, Lafayette and the Heath Kit store to build kits and projects. I got started in CB and SWL listening, learned electronics in High School and College and worked in Medical Imaging Electronics. Many of my class mates did the same and are still active Hams." "Ever since High School I was interested in Emergency Management and the operations side of the Fire Department. "I have been to countless public service events, floods and a tornado or two over the years as a Ham. Eventually an opportunity opened up for me to become the Emergency Management Coordinator in Hoffman Estates where I was a volunteer. I've been the Coordinator for the past several years." One of my beliefs is every Ham has the duty to serve the public and that it is necessary to justify the use of the radio spectrum we use on a daily basis.

Bob will be using his contacts with Local, County, and State Emergency Management Agencies, Red Cross, Salvation Army and our served Hospitals to promote and include them in ARES activities.

==> **Net Report**

Illinois NTS Annual Report

2017 was another active year of receiving, relaying and delivering Radiograms within the Illinois Section. We continue to have four ARRL affiliated traffic nets active with liaison to the Region, Central and independent traffic nets.

North Central Phone Net (NCPN) presently includes traffic handlers in the states of IL, IN, IA and occasionally a MI, OH and WI will check in. A very excellent group. After traffic is passed we will allow time for comments. This net begins at 0700 Illinois time and is over by 0725 in order for the Indiana Traffic net to operate on the same frequency at 0730 Illinois time. This net meets Monday thru Friday on 3912 KCS. Net Manager is Roy KA9MZJ and net control operators are: Monday Jim W9JB, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Roy KA9MZJ, and Friday Jim WB9EDL. As you can see we are in need of additional NCS operators. Jim WB9QPM is our Alternate NCS and keeps statistics for all our traffic nets.

The NCPN handled 400 radiograms in 2017. I am looking for someone to step up and serve as a Net Manager for the NCPN.

Illinois Phone Net (IPN) presently includes traffic handlers in the states of IL, IN, IA and TN. This group consists of some of the NCPN operators and others that due to scheduling are only able to participate at the 1645 Illinois time slot on 3857 KCS Monday thru Friday and then again at 0800 Illinois time on 3940 as a rollcall net. Net Manager is Roy KA9MZJ who serves as a NCS operator along with Jim WB9QPM. We are looking for NCS operators for this net. IPN handled 344 Radiograms in 2017. I'm looking for someone to step up and serve as a Net Manager for the IPN also.

Illinois Sideband Net (ISN) is the primary NTS net in the Illinois section. They meet daily at 1800 local time on 3905 KCS. The net manager is Jim WB9QPM: NCS's are Jim WB9QPM, Roy KA9MZJ, Monty WA9REW, Dave K0RJL. This net has liaisons with the ILN (cw), 9th Region ARRL nets and the 75 meter (independent) traffic net. The ISN handled 749 Radiograms in 2017. This net is looking for additional NCS operators.

The Illinois CW net (ILN) continues to operate on the schedule of daily at 1915 local time on 3535 KCS and also has liaisons with the 9th Region and Central Area Nets (CAN). The net manager is Joel W9NXM with Bob KF9ME assisting with NCS duties. CW speed will vary depending on operator's skill level. This net gives you fantastic opportunity to hone your CW skills and become familiar with the world of CW traffic handling.

A goal of mine for 2018 is to introduce the use FEMA ISC 213 message form into our Section NTS nets as a learning tool to assist the ARES groups using that format during their exercises and actual disasters.

73's and hope to hear more ARES operators on the NTS nets.

Roy Eades ASM/STM

[Illinois Sideband Net](#) webpage

[Illinois Nets](#) This is a link to the open Amateur Nets

Ye Olde Traffic Report:

September 2017 monthly reports are:

Illinois Side Band Net - Net Manager WB9QPM
Daily on 3905 at 1800 local time
QNI 262 QTC 83 Sessions 30

Illinois Phone Net - Net Manager KA9MZJ
M-F on 3857 at 1645 local time
Sunday on 3940 at 0800 local time
QNI 146 QTC 25 Sessions 25

North Central Phone Net – Net Manager KA9MZJ
M-F on 3912 at 0700 local time
QNI 224 QTC 41 Sessions 21

Illinois CW Net (ILN) Net Manager W9NXM
Daily on 3537 at 1915 local time
QNI 49 QTC 0 Sessions 23



MISSOURI SECTION NEWS

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Cecil Higgins, ACOHA

I attended the St. Louis Suburban Radio Club Winterfest in Collinsville Illinois January 27th and was able to share the ARRL table that Division Director Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, had set up. We were able to discuss several subjects ranging from the Board of Directors meeting to DMR as well as concerns that many of our section members had. I feel that we have a great Midwest Director in Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, who is a good representative for our section.

I would like to take the time to say Thank You to all the people that work a net control in our great state. I would like to tip my hat to the net controllers that do the Missouri Traffic Net and the Missouri Section Net (MON) every week. All of you are doing a great job and I thank you for your time and hard work.

I want to congratulate Hinkley, David M, KA0SOG, Lees Summit, MO for his excellent article about Scouting at the Kansas City Speedway on page 20 of the February 2018 QST. I would also like to pass on my congratulations to, Randal Schulze, KD0HKD, Kansas City Ham and President of the Raytown ARC, who wrote an amazing article on page 71 of the Feb 2018 issue of QST about the Special Event operations at WW1USA at the World War I Memorial in Kansas City. It is not easy to have an article published in QST, so having two articles from MO Section Hams is a big deal.

In my travels around the Missouri Section it seems the dominant conversation is about DMR radios and DMR as a method of communication. It is my opinion that DMR is here to stay. It's possible that it will become as popular as regular VHF and UHF have been for several decades. DMR seems to be growing at an amazing rate in our state so if you are looking into something new, you might look at the options for digital communications. Some of the options out there include, D-star, Fusion and DMR.

I would like the members of the Missouri Section to contact me with any concerns about our radio hobby or anything about the ARRL. I will do everything in my power to help get the answers you need.

I would encourage Amateur Radio Clubs or individuals to send Dale Bagley, K0KY their Club newsletter or other information so he can include their news in the MO Section News. His e-mail is k0ky@arrl.net.

MARCH 2018 HAMFEST

On March 24, 2018 the Ozark Amateur Radio Society will hold its Springtime Hamfest. The Hamfest will be held at the MARC or Mount Vernon Arts and Recreation Center at 822 West Mt. Vernon Blvd. in Mount Vernon, MO 65712. The contact person for the OARS Springtime Hamfest is David Brittenham, WAØRVK 5101 Farm Road 1090 Monett, MO 65708 David can be reached by Phone: 417-235-4998 or by Email: wa0rvk@arrl.net. You can also go to the OARS website at <http://w0oar.com>. To assist those attending the Hamfest there will be a talk-in on 146.97 MHz (PL 162.5).

APRIL 2018 HAMFEST and CONVENTIONS

The Four State QRP Group's OzarkCon QRP Convention begins on April 6, 2018 and ends on April 7, 2018 in Branson, Missouri. The event will be located in the Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center 3050 Green Mountain Road Branson, MO 65615. For more information about the 2018 OzarkCon, check out their webpage at <http://www.ozarkcon.com/index.php8>. The Website is excellent with lots of pictures of previous OzarkCon activities and a great list of the fun and educational activities scheduled for this year. Those wanting more info should contact Walter Dufrein, K5EST, 340 Highway WW Wright City, MO 63390. Walter's Phone is 636-384-9234 and his Email: ozarkconcoordinator@gmail.com.

The Ararat Shrine Hambash 2018 will be held April 21st at the Ararat Shrine Event Center 5100 Ararat Drive in Kansas City, MO 64101
For the latest information about the Hambash 2018, visit the Website: <http://www.hambash.com>. The Hambash 2018 contact person is Chester Hallberg, KØTCB 4830 West 78th Street Prairie Village, KS 66208. His Phone: 208-598-0094 and Email: chesterh4830@sbcglobal.net. The Talk-In will be on 145.130 (no PL tone)

AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WE0G, ACC

The MECC or Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council held its regular meeting in Belton, MO on February 10th. For those that are not familiar with this vital Kansas City Area organization, it was formed by a number of local clubs and groups to offer training and test preparation to help people become licensed amateur radio operators. These organizations work together through the Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council (MECC). The primary purpose of this group is to provide a forum for amateur groups and the agencies they serve to work together to become better prepared to respond to disasters. The council meets bimonthly, and helps coordinate HAM radio training, informational presentations and other opportunities for volunteers to become involved in amateur radio operations. MECC President Matt May, KC4WCG, reported that one of their recent efforts to further the cause of Emergency Communications was a demonstration of Amateur radio capabilities in front of the Emergency Managers on December 14th. Those involved in this awesome effort included Herb Fiddick, NZ0F; Jeff Libby, KA0OTL; Craig Schley, KA0FPS;

Brian Short, KC0BS, Steve Hoeger, KC0YSY; Rick Smith, K0KEX; Carolyn Wells, N0CJ; and Bill Gery, KA0FNK.

Jeff Logullo, N0MII, of the St. Louis QRP Society, passed on the sad news that Dennis McCarthy, AA0A, has become a Silent Key. Dennis was an outstanding person and Amateur Radio operator. Jeff shared some Ham Radio stories that he and Dennis McCarthy had experienced. Dennis was an accomplished [journalist](#) having written for the Globe Democrat for over 25 years and as an investigative reporter for Channel 2 news and a reporter for Channel 4 news. Dennis has been recognized with three [Emmy Awards](#) for journalistic excellence, as well as The Gabriel Award for excellence in network and radio journalism. Those who knew Dennis are aware of his zeal for operating in contests, his great sense of humor, and his life as a wonderful friend and father. He will be missed.

The Midwest Division Newsletter for February 2018 had a great article written by John Frederick, N8GOU, Assistant Director, about the Joplin Amateur Radio Club's activities this winter. The link to the Midwest Division February 2018 Newsletter is <http://www.arlmidwest.org/pdfs/arlmidwest-feb2018news.pdf> It is great to see all the Amateur Radio activity in Southwest, MO.

SECTION ARES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018

JEFF YOUNG, KB3HF, SEC.

Total # ARES Members	1301
Number of Drills, Testing, Etc.	158
Number of Ham Hours	1818.9
Number of Public Service Events	17
Number of Public Service Hours	455
Number of Emergency Operations	0
Number of Ham hours Emer. Op.	0
Number of Skywarn Ops this month	17
Number of Skywarn Hours	63.5
Total ARES Operations this month	245

Total Ham Hours 2337.4

8 out of 9 districts reporting

SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS JANUARY 2018

LARRY WILSON, K0RWL, STM

MO SECTION Net (MON), 25/124/13, net mngr K9ZTV

MO TRAFFIC NET, 31/1654/163 /, net mngr K0RWL

MESN,4/195/4, net mngr KDOCNC

LEBANON ARES, 5/44/5, net mngr KF4MXF

CALLAWAY (CARL) CO, 6/105/0/, net mngr KC0LYA

BOONE (CMRA) CO, 5/75/0, net mngr KC0HSB

JACKSON CO, 4 /87/0, net mngr K0UAA

MACON CO, 4/55/0, net mngr K0KY

ROLLA (RRARS), 31/439/0, net mngr KE0ARR

TEXAS CO, 31/507/26, net mngr N0TPE

BENTON CO, 4/57/1, net mngr KE0MLY

MID-MO, 0/0/0, net mngr WW0G

K. C. ARES DIGITAL, 4/42/8 net mngr K0KEX

FRANKLIN CO, 7/59/4, n et mngr AD0OI

NORTHLAND ARES VOICE, 5/140/8, net mngr K0KEX

TRI-COUNTY, 4/36/0, net mngr N0AUY

DISTRICT E, 7/36/0, net mngr N0RIC

HANNIBAL ARES, 6/144/2 net mngr KD0HHN

JACKSON CO ARES DIG. 5/49/4 net mngr N0AJI

KD0HHN-LIAISON, 1/1/243, net mngr KD0HHN

HOWARD CO, 6/36/0, net mngr WD6BGN

WARRCI, 4/141/1, net mngr KB0HV

MONTGOMERY TRAINING, 4/32/0, net mngr K2HT

KC NORTH ARES DMR, 5/63/1, net mngr KA0SXY

FSQcall-MO 4/57/1, net mngr KA0OTL

TOTALS 212/4176/495