

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

February 2025

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

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## VE Test Coordinator

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## Repeater Committee

Randy Bastian, KC9MZ  
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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 8<sup>th</sup>



AA2KF photo

## VE Test Session February 15th



VEs and New Hams

AA2KF photo

### Nominations for Club Offices

#### 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.

So far:

President Randy, KC9MZ  
Vice President Michael, KA9HNT  
Secretary, Position open  
Treasurer Bob, WA9TUG  
Sergeant-at-Arms Dan, KD9ADB  
Activity Manager Jim, KD9BLA  
Publicity Activist Dean, K9JDW

### VE Testing February 15<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to our VEs: Rebecca KC9CIJ, Larry K9LWW, Steve K9SHY, and Julio AA2KF.

Congratulations to our new Hams: Giorgio Petragliz, David Scheibal, Steve Fontenberry, Josh Koebbe KE9CPU, and Mike Beary.

Our next Test Session is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We already have one candidate!

## Club Breakfast



AA2KF 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

### 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:

February 27<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting at the Moose

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Lewis and Clark Radio Club Hamfest 7 am – 12 pm, Lewis & Clark Community College, Godfrey, IL

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – VE Testing at the Moose

April 12<sup>th</sup> – Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting at the Moose

April 26<sup>th</sup> VE Testing at the Moose

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

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 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 February 27<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

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

I hope you can attend our February meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

Interest in having a Fox Hunt is heating up! Dean and Ken are busy building their Byonics MicroFox Transmitters. Cassandra, KD9VLG, devoted one of her Wavelengths Nets on Fox Hunting. Will you be ready? There's a lot of information on the Internet and in the QST archives – check it out! Here's some links: <http://www.homingin.com/joek0ov/offatten.html>  
<https://www.byonics.com/products> <https://www.arrowantennas.com/> and  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amateur\\_radio\\_direction\\_finding](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amateur_radio_direction_finding)

Please pray for peace in the World!

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ

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