

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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

SCARC License Testing January 23rd a Success!



VEs Gary, N8GIL and Larry, K9LWW grade tests while Sean, KK9U talks about Ham Radio with a prospective Ham.

We had another successful test session January 23rd. Royce Lippert passed both his Technician and General Class license tests. Look for Royce on the air soon!

Thanks, to our VEs - Gary N8GIL, Larry K9LWW, Sean KK9U, and Randy KC9MZ.

Thanks to the Swansea Moose and Bob WA9TUG for reserving the Moose dining room.

If you or someone you know would like to test, please have them email me at kc9mz@arrl.net. We have several wanting to test. The next test session will be February 20th at the Moose, at 9:30AM.

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

Nation Contest Journal North American Sprints: CW 2300 – 0259 Z February 6-7, RTTY 2300 – 0259 Z March 13-14

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 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 25th 2021 and it will be an "On the Air" meeting. 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 members and prospective members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.

SCARC License Testing in February

We will be offering a test session at 9:30 AM, February 20th, at the Swansea Illinois Moose Lodge. If you or someone you know would like to test, please have them email me at kc9mz@arrl.net.

SCAN Needs Your Input, Articles

It would be great to hear from others amongst us about what operating activities you've involved with or what projects you've been working on. Thank you to Joe, WB9SBD, for the following:

Tell us about your first station...

It was 1975 and WN9SBD had a Heathkit DX-35, a CW only rig like 30 watts that was given to him from a local old timer that felt sorry for this kid with no radio at all. It had just one crystal on 7105. Yeah 7105 zero beat with Radio Moscow!

But..... I used that as an advantage, I ground down the crystal to be on 71056 600 Hz higher.

Why? Anyone know really why?

My receiver was one of those generic all band radios. You know like this -

https://live.staticflickr.com/65535/49996306417_4dee9f4148_w.jpg

It was AM only, no BFO or any way to hear a note on CW signals. And being a broadcast AM only for Shortwave listeners, this radio's bandwidth had to be HUGE!

But, if people answered me on my zero beat signal, their signal would mix with the Radio Moscow carrier and produce a nice 600 Hz note!

Those were the radios, and antenna was an inverted VEE up about 20 feet!

With that setup I almost got my W.A.S. never could get AK, or HI, on 40 meters but had the other 48.

I even did Novice roundup with that setup!

What was your first station?

Joe WB9SBD, back then WN9SBD

From the Society of Midwest Contesters reflector.

I'd like to have some short stories like this on the subject of "How I Got My Start in Radio" or "My First Station". How about it Guys and Gals?

FCC Proposes new fees for Amateur Radio!

The FCC had proposed a \$50 fee for new or modified Amateur Radio licenses, license renewals and vanity call signs. With input from over 3,000 Hams, the ARRL, and other organizations, the FCC has decided a \$35 fee would be more reasonable.

There's no information on the effective date so stay tuned.

Here are some shorts:

At our last "On the Air Meeting", Bob, WA9TUG, nominated Paul Sanford, WB9IGB, to be an Honorary Lifetime Member. The membership responded Yes! Please read Bob's nomination letter at the back of SCAN. Thanks Paul for supporting our club!

When I read Joe's WB9SBD article on his Novice station, it brought back memories of how much QRM the shortwave broadcasters caused on 40 meters! Unlike Joe, my receiver had a BFO, but, I turned it off because it was easier copy when the station I was trying to work was near the SW stations' frequency!

Don't forget the "Good Morning Net" M-F, 7-8am by Larry, K9LWW and the 224.12 MHz Net on Thursdays, 7 pm by Steve, W9ZS. Thank you guys for running these nets!

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

I hope you can check in to the meeting February 25th at 2000 CST.

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

January 27, 2021

In accordance with the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club Constitution, Article II, Section F, I nominate Paul Sanford WB9IGB to be an Honorary Lifetime Member.

Paul has been a member in good standing for over fifty years and has held officer positions and has been appointed committee chairman of various committees of the club.

He along with Doc Alperin and others I do not recall were instrumental in building a 2-meter repeater when the club had no interest in doing so. When they needed a place to put the repeater and antenna, the group talked with the SAVE officers and Paul said that he would keep their (SAVE) radios repaired if they would agree to let the group put the repeater on their site. They agreed and the repeater group built a box to house the repeater up in one of the roof top vents, (I do not really know what the rooftop vents are actually called) and SAVE allowed the group to put the antenna on the flat roof of the building.

When it was completed and in operation, the repeater group asked the SCARC club if they wanted a gift of the repeater. The club agreed and it became the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club Repeater.

When it came time to replace the building roof, SAVE agreed to let us move the repeater to where it stands now and to put the tower on the side of the building.

I believe Paul Sanford WB9IGB deserves to become an Honorary Lifetime Member.

Respectively Submitted

Bob Thurgood WA9TUG

SCARC Treasurer

Please patronize our supporters!

