

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

July 2021

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

Annual Repeater Site Visit



A group of us talking repeater.

AA2KF photo



Bill, KC9CIK, Rebecca, KC9CIJ, Dan, KE5BG, and Wendy enjoy lunch at Eckerts after the repeater visit.

AA2KF Photo

Field Day Pictures 2021



Chuck, N9NBS; Dwayne, KI4MEW; Dale, KB9JJA; Dean K9JDW; and Tom, W9KC Taking a break during a rain delay
KC9MZ Photo



Steve, K9SHY; Julio, AA2KF; Dean, K9JDW; Dwayne, KI4MEW; and Dale, KB9JJA setting up the Hex beam
KC9MZ Photo

VE Testing August 28th at the Moose Lodge

Our next session will be August 28th at 9:30 AM, Swansea Moose Lodge.

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@arri.net.

I've included the FCC information from last month in this SCAN.

On the Air Meeting For July

We had 7 members check in on the air! (24 attended the meeting). We will continue to use this setup for our future meetings. Our next meeting is August 26th.

Field Day 2021



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- Logged 466 QSO's (All on phone) for 932 points
- Additional 40 QSO's for total of 506
- Collected 850 Bonus points
- Total points 1782
- 7 Participants in the Logs, 17 Signed In
- Worked 46 States (Missing DE, HI, ID, WY)
- Top Operator – Dale KB9JJA (313!)
- Safety Monitor – Dewain KI4MEW
- Solar Power – Michael KA9HNT and Dean K9JDW
- QSO's of note: Our own Bob Heil K9EID, W1AW, 4 Alaska, 1 DX
- Visit from the Illinois ARRL Section manager Thomas Beebe W9RY

Score Breakdown

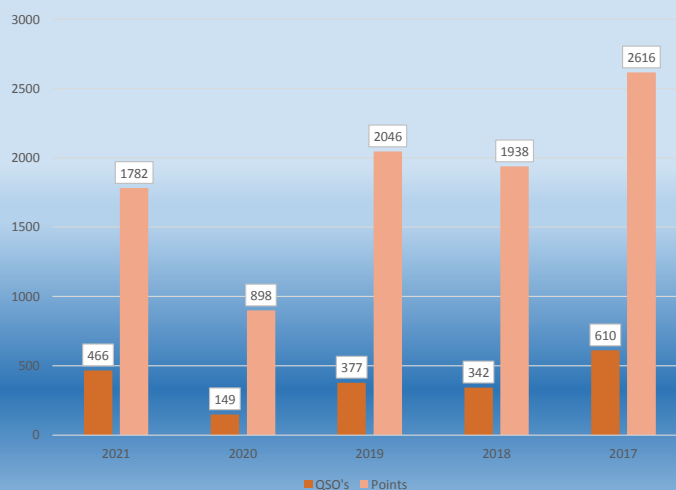
- QSO's (All Phone) 466
- Power Multiplier 2
- QSO Points 932

• Bonus Points:

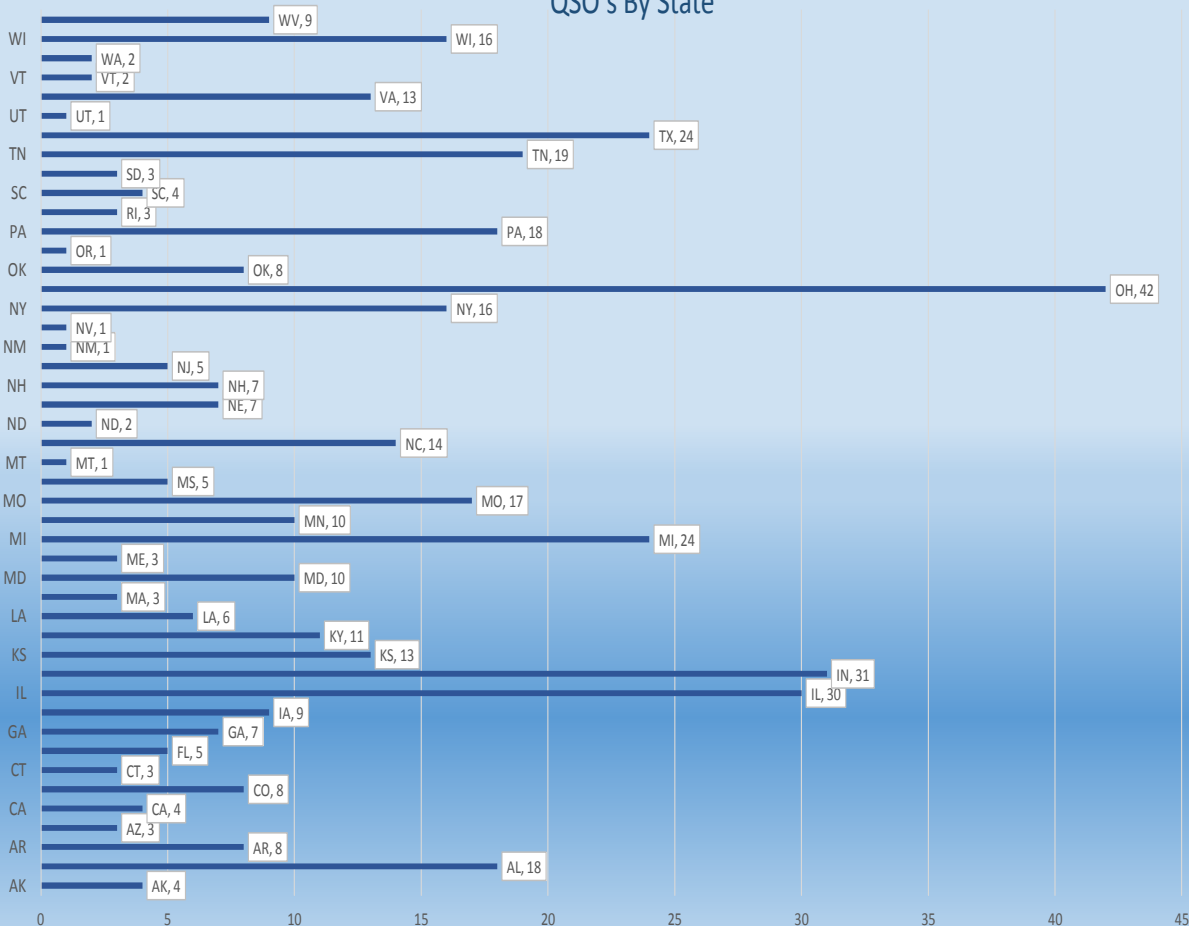
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- Info 100
- Solar 100
- Publicity 100
- Web 50
- Safety 100
- Total Bonus 850

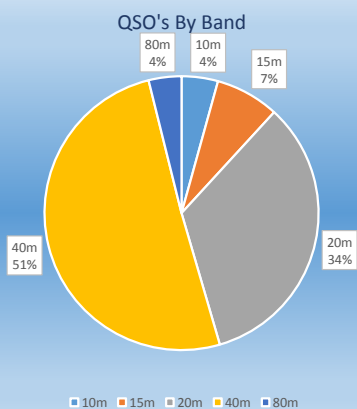
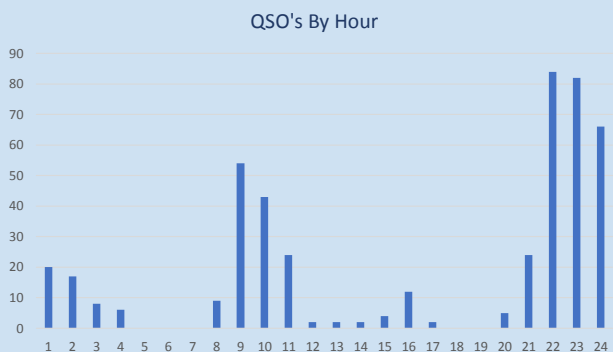
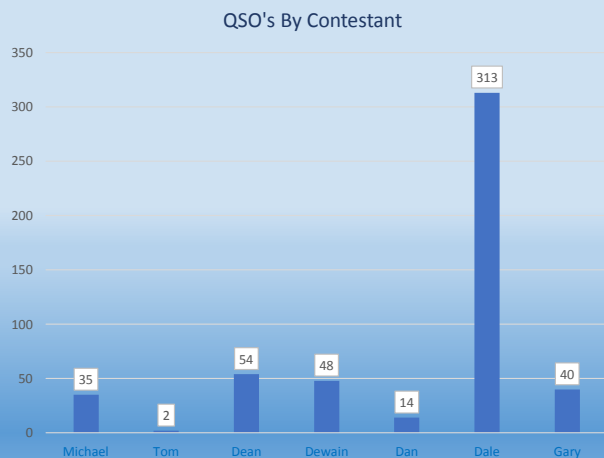
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Results By Year



QSO's By State





Challenges and Takeaways

- Never erect a push up mast already extended!
 - Monitor the weather – be proactive versus wet
 - Batteries held up well this year



Now that's the spirit!



Safety First!



Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

West Central Illinois Hamfest, sometimes known as the "Carlinville" Hamfest, is to be August 7th at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds see: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/west-central-illinois-hamfest-6>

St. Charles Hamfest, August 8th see: [American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources \(arrl.org\)](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/st-charles-hamfest-6)

Peoria Superfest September 18th -19th , Avanti's Dome, Pekin, IL see: [American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources \(arrl.org\)](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/peoria-superfest-6)

St. Louis ARC is planning on having the "Halloween Hamfest" on October 30th at the Kirkwood Community Center see: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/halloween-hamfest-6>

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](http://www.cwops.org)

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 August 26th. 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 members 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've involved with or what projects you've been working on!

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.

The ARRL VE letter stated there are some FCC procedures that have to take place before the new \$35 fee will be in effect. The best guess is that it will be this summer.

If you or someone you know would like to upgrade or take their first test, do it sooner rather than later. Save the \$35.

FCC will not accept SSN in lieu of FRN

ARLB014 FCC Auto-Registration Feature for Exam Applicants to be discontinued

Auto-registration in the FCC Commission Registration System (CORES) amateur radio exam for candidates using a Social Security number will be discontinued on May 20, 2021. Applicants must use an FCC Registration Number (FRN) for all license transactions with the FCC.

Examinees must register in CORES and receive an FRN before exam day.

Starting on May 20, electronic batch filed applications that do not include a candidate's FRN will be rejected. The Social Security/Licensee ID Field will be disabled.

The CORES website can be accessed at:

<https://apps.fcc.gov/core/userLogin.do> .

An instructional video provides step-by-step instructions on how to establish a CORES account, which is necessary for licensees to make administrative updates and download electronic license authorizations.

The instructional video can be found at, <https://www.fcc.gov/rofrn> .

FCC will require all applications to have an email address

After June 29, all filers must provide an email address on all applications. When an email is provided, applicants will receive an official electronic copy of their licenses once granted (allow incoming email from authorizations@fcc.gov). If no email is provided when filing on or after June 29, applications will be rejected. ARRL VEC suggests that those without access to email to use the email address of a family member or friend.

Further information about providing an email address can be found at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-to-require-email-address-on-applications-starting-on-june-29-2021>

Licensees need to log in to the Universal Licensing System (ULS) to download their authorizations. The FCC no longer issues paper copies.

From ARRL ARLB014 April 27, 2021

Thanks to Sean KK9U and Gary N8GIL, for bringing this ARRL Bulletin to our attention!

Here are some shorts

Thanks Dean for leading the FD effort and giving us the great report!

We worked a past SCARC member, Harry Saunders, W4KJ and a current member, Bob Heil, K9EID, on FD. Thanks for the contacts guys! Harry and Bob were both members in the 1960s, lots of memories!

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 attend or check in to the next meeting on August 26th at 2000 CDT.

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

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