

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

July 2025

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

Club Breakfast July 12th



VE Testing July 26th

Congratulations to our new Hams: Mark Halgas and Ryan Hughes who both attained their Technician Licenses.

Thank you to our VEs: Rebecca KC9CIJ, Garry N8GIL, and Larry K9LWW.

Our next Test Session is August 16th. Please let Randy, KC9MZ, know if you would like to test at kc9mz ---arrl.net



Rebecca, Ryan and Garry



Larry and Mark

Repeater Visit



Linda photo

This is the crew that went to the Repeater Site visit on July 19th. My Thanks to Dale KB9JJA, for getting everything ready and then putting it away after the visit.

Larry K9LWW

Field Day 2025



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Another field day is in the books. Hope everyone who came out had a good time. No rain this year, but the threat of severe weather Sunday prompted us to tear down a little early.

Not sure about others, but my impression was the bands were pretty bad, so most of the action was on FT8. Additionally, the site AC power failed almost immediately, so everything ran from batteries and a generator. Fortunately, we were prepared thanks to Ken K9CKT and Justin KE9VET. Thanks guys!

Setup and operation of antennas and radios went very well, but the computer time keeping solution was a bust. Frustrating.

Between the computer problems and the AC failure, I gave up on the formal FT8 training, but I think a number of folks got lots of good elmering and hands on practice anyway, so mission half accomplished. Dale KB9JJA and Cassy KD9VLG though didn't let the power problem interfere with the attenuator build session.

Franz KB9NVQ brought out his awesome home brew satellite rig and made several valiant efforts to snag a QSO. We think he may have gotten one at the very last, what say you Franz?

None of our elected officials made it out, though 3 were tentative. We'll have to make the invitation even earlier and broader next year. We did get published in the Scott Flyer, and Cassy kept our social media presence active and documented on-site safety, so we got those bonus points (and everyone went home in one piece). Thanks Cassy.

For myself, both of my grandsons came out for a bit and made a couple of QSO's (their first), so that made my weekend right there (picture attached-thanks Justin).

So what say all of you, what did I forget to mention? What went well, and what should we do differently. We have to scout and select a new location for next year since Pleasant Ridge will be unavailable, so that initial discussion is on the agenda for the next meeting.

Dean K9JDW



FD's started! Man the radios!



Typical station



Dean and Franz



Jon and his magnetic loop



Franz's satellite antenna



Jim KD9FQC and K9



Dale KB9JJA



Parks Dept Employee



Coffee pot and fan power

Operating Events, Club Events and HAMFESTS:

August 2nd – Carlinville Hamfest now known as West Central Illinois Hamfest see: [West Central Illinois Hamfest](#)

August 9th - Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

August 10th – Never Enough Radios, St. Charles ARC, O'Fallon, MO see: [SCARC O'Fallon MO Hamfest](#)

August 16th - VE testing at the Moose 9:30 am

August 28th – Club Meeting at the Moose 8 pm

September 20th – 21st Peoria Hamfest now known as Midwest Superfest and ARRL Central Division Convention see: [Midwest Superfest™ 2025 – W9UVI: Peoria-Area Amateur Radio Club](#)

October 10th – 11th Spark -Con ARRL Midwest Division Convention see: [Spark-Con Home](#)

October 25th – 32nd 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 7277 KHz +/- LSB **New frequency for Daylight Savings Time.**

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

Don't forget the "Good Morning Net" M-F, 7:30 – 8:30 am is on pause looking for new Net controls.

Cassandra, KD9VLG is Net Control for the "Wavelengths" Net on 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Wednesdays.

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

Thank you, guys, for running these fine nets

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on July 31st 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 VEs: Rebecca KC9CIJ, Garry N8GIL and Larry K9LWW.

We had a great Field Day! Thank you to Dean K9JDW for leading us again this year. We had a record number significant others visit and have dinner with us! There were at least 7 or 8 K9s too! Thanks to Ken K9CKT, for bringing out his generator! Thank you to those who helped setup and tear down. It sure helps when there are many hands!

I hope you can attend our July meeting on the 31st at 8pm.

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

Please pray for peace in the World!

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ

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