

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

March 2018

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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.)

Devereux “Dev” Murphy, W9JZQ, SK



Devereux Murphy Jr.

Devereux Hamilton Murphy Jr., 75, born May 31, 1942, in Belleville, IL, died Saturday, March 3, 2018, in Edwardsville, IL.

Devereux attended Belleville Township High School; graduating in 1960 as valedictorian. He continued his education at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Washington University. Devereux worked at Hughes Aircraft Company in Tucson, Arizona, as a rocket scientist. He was an accomplished classical pianist and an amateur Radio Operator. He was a member of Mensa International for 25 years.

During the last few years of his life he lived at Edwardsville Nursing and Rehab in Edwardsville, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his honor may be made to the Belleville Area Humane Society.

Devereux is survived by guardians, Donna and John Webster; dear friends, Patricia and Rick Murphy; Karl and Barbara Bretz; and 17 cousins.

Published in Belleville News-Democrat on March 7, 2018

Dev was a member of the club in the 1960's.

The SCAN editorial staff would also like to express our sympathy to Gene Kramer and his family on the loss of his sister, Mrs. Christine Gass, who passed away on March 22, 2018.

Meeting Date, Time and Location: This month's meeting will be on March 29th 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. There will be testing at 7 o'clock. 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.

National Weather Service St. Louis Severe Storm Spotter/Weather Safety Class



KC9MZ photo

Mr. Dave Antry, WD9HBA, of the Freeburg, IL ESDA, presents a plaque to Mr. Jim Kramper, of the NWS, at the severe storm spotter/weather safety class held at SWIC on March 22nd. Mr. Kramper will be retiring at the end of the month after 33 years of service!

It was a great class, with over 50 people in attendance. Great job Jim, and thank you for your service.

Hamfests:

April 7, 2018 April Fool's Fest, Noble, Il Clay County Area Amateur Radio Club

April 14, 2018 Sullivan Hamfest, Sullivan, Il, Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub

April 21, 2018 Lewis and Clark Radio Club Hamfest, Godfrey, Il, at LCCC Riverbend Arena

June 10, 2018 Egyptianfest, Granite City, Il, Egyptian Radio Club

Here are some short thoughts:

A committee was formed to get things set up for 2018 Field Day at Pleasant Ridge Park. Michael, KA9HNT, James, K9JDW, and AL, KC9TPD, are the members. Give them your input! (Only 4 months to go!)

Larry, K9LWW, has been working hard on getting the web site up to date. Check it out: 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 complete the club election process this month by asking for your nominations for club officers. Then we will have the elections.

The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club (ILQP) has announced "The Illinois Bicentennial Challenge". This special event will start August 26th and end December 3rd. Here is a link if you are interested: <http://www.w9awe.org/Challenge.html>

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--Scott DeSantis KB9VRW](#)
[ASM/STM Roy R Eades KA9MZJ](#)
[SEC--Fritz Bock WD9FMB](#)
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[PIC -- Vicky Whitaker KD9BAU](#)
[SGL -- Charlie Richey K9DUE](#)
[ACC -- Noah Sevcik, K9BZY](#)
[TC--John Dinnella WA9IL](#)
[ASEC--Robert Littler W9DSR](#)
[ASEC--Danny Pease NG9R](#)
[ASEC--Garret Robinson KC9FVK](#)
[ASEC--Pat Ryan KC6VVT](#)
[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](#)

Newsletter Topics

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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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MISSOURI SECTION NEWS

Cecil Higgins, ACOHA

I want to thank all the MO Section Amateur Radio Club's, groups and individuals that are working so hard to get new or upgraded repeaters on the air. Without all your hard work we wouldn't be able to communicate so easily while traveling across our great state. It's always a relief to know that regardless of cell phone reception, we usually have communications where we are thanks to repeaters and hams actively monitoring their radios to help those that may need it.

I want to let those that may have missed the announcement that Missouri now has a DMR channel available for ARES use. This channel is open to non-ARES group hams but was designated for ARES as primary use in case of an emergency. The channel number is 31290. Your color code will be assigned by your DMR coordinator in your area. I want to thank Chuck Kraly with Bridgecom for his help in getting this done.

Severe storm season is almost on us. Please be vigilant in watching out for each other during severe storms. Make sure your batteries are charged and that your equipment is in good repair. A well-organized Go Kit that has necessities like water, snacks, spare batteries and other items that will help support your service to the community.

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 Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Association Newsletter reports that their Amateur Radio Technicians Class is scheduled to last for 2 more weeks. The next class is Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Later Day Saint church at 2414 Katy Lane in Poplar Bluff. The class is free, the textbook is \$25, and the Technician's Exam is \$15. Students must provide a Xeroxed copy of their driver's license and one other form of identification before the exam.

Robb Bledsoe, KC9NNT, reports that the ARES group recently attended a First Responder tour of the Black River Medical Center. The group toured the facility and learned the capabilities of the medical center, as well as toured the FEMA Emergency Communications trailer located there. ARES members were given access to the trailer pretty much carte blanc. ARES members will be setting up the HF and VHF radios for local use. A pitch for gaining amateur radio licenses was made to the entire group of first responders. To join the ARES group, contact Holly Beard, KE0OJE, and let her know that you're interested.

The SEMO Amateur Radio Association meets the second Thursday of each month in the Rescue Mission at 400 Broadway (next to the Fire Department) in downtown Poplar Bluff. Everyone is welcome.

The Callaway Amateur Radio League newsletter SPARKGAPS reports that their regular meetings will be held the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Fulton PD,

At the February meeting, Pam Phelps, KCOMKW, announced that magnetic badges are available and members need to provide their information to have the badges made. At the last CARL meeting there was discussion about future 2018 projects: One item was concerned with the acquisition of a 2m portable repeater. Another thread of the discussing was the size and features of the equipment

necessary to outfit an emergency trailer. This included the costs, maintenance, and insurance for a trailer. Jerry Dickerson, KD0TYW, presented the possibility of holding a local "Fox Hunt", but nothing was finalized at the meeting.

Keith Kaiser, WA0TJT, reported on Larry's List about the connection between Amateur Radio and the Boy Scouts. Keith correctly stated that the support for the Boy Scout program in the Kansas City Amateur Radio community is one of the best in the country. Amateur Radio and the BSA go hand in hand in helping our youth make ethical and moral choices over their entire lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Helping to support this work in the BSA, on the National level is the K2BSA Organization. Additionally the BSA and the ARRL have worked together since 1918, 100 years now, when the Wireless Merit Badge was first introduced. This continues today in the Radio Merit Badge, the Operator Rating Strip, the Morse Interpreter Strip, the ARRL Service to Scouting Award and a variety of new Ham related advancement requirement at all levels of the Scouting program.

The K2BSA Amateur Radio Association is a IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit that operates to support Radio Scouting and is considered the amateur radio station of the Boy Scouts of America National Council. A full lifetime membership is only \$12 available on there website at <http://k2bsa.net> please consider joining. And while your there look over the huge collection of resources available to help with your upcoming JOTA event this October.

If you have additional question please look for the Radio Scouting table at the Ararat Shrine Hambash this April 21st. Ask the Venture Scouts who will be helping to man it what they think of the crossroads between Amateur Radio and the BSA.

SECTION ARES REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018

JEFF YOUNG, KB3HF, SEC.

Total # ARES Members	11280
Number of Drills, Testing, Etc.	206
Number of Ham Hours	2027.2
Number of Public Service Events	21
Number of Public Service Hours	374
Number of Emergency Operations	4
Number of Ham hours Emer. Op.	20
Number of Skywarn Ops this month	15

Number of Skywarn Hours 238.5

Total ARES Operations this month 247

Total Ham Hours 2659.7

9 out of 9 districts reporting

SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FEBRUARY 2018

LARRY WILSON, K0RWL, STM

MO SECTION Net (MON), 30/146/24, net mngr K9ZTV

M0 TRAFFIC NET, 28/1495/144 /, net mngr K0RWL

MESN,4/231/1, net mngr K0CNC

LEBANON ARES, 4/44/0, net mngr KF4MXF

CALLAWAY (CARL) CO, 4/73/4/, net mngr K0LYA

BOONE (CMRA) CO, 4/65/0, net mngr K0HSB

JACKSON CO, 4 /91/0, net mngr K0UAA

MACON CO, 4/58/0, net mngr K0KY

ROLLA (RRARS), 28/326/0, net mngr KE0ARR

TEXAS CO, 28/456/27, net mngr N0TPE

BENTON CO, 4/50/3, net mngr K0CNC

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

K. C. ARES DIGITAL, 4/40/10 net mngr K0KEX

FRANKLIN CO, 6/56/7, n et mngr AD0OI

NORTHLAND ARES VOICE, 4/114/1, net mngr K0KEX

TRI-COUNTY, 4/37/0, net mngr N0AUY

DISTRICT E, 6/39/7, net mngr NORIC

HANNIBAL ARES, 5/144/3 net mngr KD0HHN

JACKSON CO ARES DIG. 4/32/5 net mngr N0AJI

KD0HHN-LIAISON, 1/1/201, net mngr KD0HHN

HOWARD CO, 4/34/0, net mngr WD6BGN

WARRCI, 5/144/3, net mngr KB0HV

MONTGOMERY TRAINING, 4/29/2, net mngrK2HT

KC NORTH ARES DMR, 4/41/0, net mngr KA0SXY

FSQcall-MO 4/49/1, net mngr KA0OTL

CASS CO, 2/16/0, net mngr KD0RSX

TOTALS 175/3809/499