

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

March 2022

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

VE Testing Results in a New Technician



Gary N8GIL, Patrick (new Ham), Larry K9LWW

KC9MZ photo

March 19th VE Testing

Patrick Joyce-Nadoisk was successful in passing his Technician License exam. Say “Hi” to Patrick when you hear him on the air!

Election results

At the March meeting we elected officers for the next year. The results are as follows:

President Randy KC9MZ
Vice President Michael KA9HNT
Secretary Tim KD9TRP
Treasurer Bob W9TUG
Sergeant-at-Arms Dan KD9ADB
Activity Manager Jim KD9BLA
Publicity Activist Dean K9JDW

Thank you to Steve W9ZS for being our secretary last year.

Silent Keys



Paul Sanford, WB9IGB

Paul has been a member of SCARC for over 50 years and built a 2-meter repeater when the club had no interest to do so. Paul worked with the SAVE site managers to place the repeater on their property – one of the highest points in the county. When the system was complete, he gifted the repeater to the club.

He worked in broadcast radio and was chief engineer at WIL FM radio.

Paul served in many officer positions with the club and was always available to help with technical problems and mentor new (and old!) Hams.

Thank you Paul!



Ken Koski, K9KJK

Ken was the St. Clair County Assistant RACES liaison and worked closely with the former county EMA communications officer Ed Matysik W9RQR and Freeburg ESDA coordinator Gene Kramer WA9TZL.

Ken had been in law enforcement for many years, serving with the Washington Park Illinois police force for 21 years and retiring from there as Chief of Police. He went on to work for St. Clair County as a detective for the State Attorney's office.

Thank you Ken!

Both of the obituaries are in the back of SCAN

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

Sullivan Hamfest, Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub, April 30 see: [Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub \(M.A.R.K.\) \(qsl.net\)](http://www.moultrieamateurradio.org/)

ARRL June VHF Party June 11th – 13th see: <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>

ARRL Field Day June 25th – 26th see: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

K9GXU repeater site visit and lunch July 16th contact Jim KD9BLA or Larry K9LWW to get on the list

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 April 28th. 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 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're involved with or what projects you've been working on!

March 31st Meeting

We had 24 members in person at our March meeting and about 6 or 7 checking in on the air.

Our major topics were:

Election of officers, Memorial contributions, and Field Day planning.

Wordfind -

"The Heartbeat of the Shortwaves"

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AABOVEMIDDLEC
ATOMICCLOCKS
BOULDERCOLORADO
CENTENNIALCELEBRATION
COORDINATEDUNIVERSALTIME
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FORTCOLLINS
GREENWICHMEANTIME
LOWFREQUENCY SIGNAL
NATIONALBUREAUOFSTANDARDS
NIST
QUARTZOSCILLATOR
SHORTWAVELISTENING
TIMEANNOUNCEMENT
ZENITHTRANSOCEANIC

Dan, KE5BG, made this Wordfind from words he found in the March 2022 issue of QST, page 63 answers will be in next month's SCAN.

The ARRL has advised us that the new fees will start on April 19th.

Important Message from ARRL VEC

By Maria Somma, AB1FM, ARRL VEC Manager

The FCC released a [Public Notice](#) on March 23, 2022, stating that the amateur radio application fees, including those associated with Form 605 application filings, would become **effective on April 19, 2022**. The Federal Communications Commission's authority to impose and collect fees is mandated by Congress.

The \$35 application fee, when it becomes effective on April 19, will apply to new, renewal, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. The fee will be per application.

Administrative updates, such as a change of name, mailing or email address, and modification applications to upgrade an amateur radio licensee's operator class*, will be exempt from fees. (*this new information was just confirmed by FCC staff on Tuesday, March 29.)

VECs and Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will not have to collect the \$35 fee at exam sessions.

Once the FCC application fee takes effect, new applicants will pay the \$15 exam session fee to the ARRL VE team as usual and pay the \$35 application fee directly to the FCC by using the [CORES FRN](#) Registration system. VEC and VE team licensing procedures will not change.

When the FCC receives the examination information from the VEC, it will email a link with payment instructions to each qualifying candidate. The candidate will have **10 calendar days**, from the date of the application file number being issued, to pay. After the fee is paid, and the FCC has processed an application, examinees will receive a second email from the FCC with a link to their official license or, in very rare instances, an explanation for why the application was dismissed or denied. The link will be valid for 30 days.

Additionally, the FCC stated that the fee for applications processed and dismissed will not be refundable. This includes vanity requests where the applicant does not receive the requested call sign. However, returned applications that are missing information will not require an additional fee, if the missing information is submitted to the FCC within the proper amount of time.

Youth Licensing Grant Program

Anticipating the implementation of the fee in 2022, the ARRL Board of Directors, approved the ARRL [Youth Licensing Grant Program](#) in July 2021. Under the program, ARRL will cover a one-time \$35 application fee for license candidates younger than 18-years old for tests administered under the auspices of the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (ARRL VEC). Qualified candidates also would pay a reduced exam session fee of \$5 to the ARRL VEC. ARRL is finalizing details for administering the program.

Above content is from an ARRL VE email

VE Testing April 16th at the Moose Lodge

Our next test session will be April 16th at 9:30 AM, Swansea Moose Lodge.

Here are the test date out to December of this year: April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, July 23rd, August 20th, September 24th, October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th. The Moose Lodge has approved these dates.

The FCC has announced that the new \$35 fee will start on April 19th. This fee will be paid directly to the FCC via their CORES system, *not* collected by the VE teams.

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@arrl.net.

Here are some shorts

Unfortunately we have two silent keys this month Paul Sanford WB9IGB and Ken Koski K9KJK, our sympathy to their families. At the March meeting members voted to give memorials to Moose Heart for Paul, First Baptist Church of Fairview Heights Illinois for Ken and BJC Hospice for Jan Peak N9NJW.

Don't forget the "Good Morning Net" M-F, 7-8am by Larry, K9LWW, and Julio, AA2KF. Also the 224.12 MHz Net is on Thursdays, 7 pm by Steve, W9ZS. Thank you guys for running these great nets!

Thank you again Dan, KE5BG, for the Wordfind puzzle! Last month I put the wrong answers in SCAN. The answers for last month's puzzle are included this month. Sorry for any confusion! I didn't look at the answer to closely because I didn't want to taint my solving the puzzle!

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 April 28th at 2000 CST.

Please pray for peace and Ukraine!

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ



Happy Easter!

Please patronize our supporters!



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Solution for last month's Wordfind from February issue of QST.



Paul Sanford, WB9IGB

Paul Thurston Sanford

July 5, 1935 - March 14, 2022

Swansea, Illinois - Paul Thurston Sanford, 86, of Swansea, passed away Monday, March 14, 2022. He was born July 5, 1935 in Lowell North Carolina to Earl Linden and Addie Mae (Buchanan) Sanford. Paul was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He married Marian Clifton July 26, 1958 in O'Fallon, Illinois. Paul was the Chief Engineer at WIL Radio Station. He was a Ham Radio operator, WB91GB and was a lifetime member of Radio Club. He was also a member of Moose Lodge #53 and recipient of Gold Coat as well as a founding member and bass player of the band, Nitpickers.

Survivors include his daughters, Lendy (Neil) Middendorf of St. Louis, MO and Wendy Cunningham of Wentzville, MO; grandchildren, Ashley (Levi) nee Mitchell Romandine, Jessica (Anthony) nee Mitchell Antle, Brenna Cunningham and Lynell Cunningham; great-grandchildren, Mitchell Antle, Cameron Antle, Maia Romandine; son-in-law, Lou Mitchell Jr., of Granite City. Predeceased by his parents, siblings, daughter, Tami nee Sanford Mitchell and Tom Cunningham.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in Lake View Funeral Home, 5000 N. Illinois St., Fairview Heights, IL 62208 with visitation from 11:00 am until time of service. Interment to follow in Lake View Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Moose Heart at www.mooseheart.org

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Ken Koski K9KJK

Kenneth Koski

January 23, 1943 - March 17, 2022

Collinsville, Illinois - Kenneth J. Koski, age 79, of Collinsville, IL, born on January 23, 1943, in East St. Louis, IL, went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 17, 2022, at Mercy Rehab and Care Center, Swansea, IL.

Ken joined the Washington Park Police Force at 21 years of age and retired in 1990 as Chief of Police. He went on to work for St. Clair County as a detective with the State Attorney's Office and then with the Public Defender's Office. He also served part-time as Deputy Coroner for St. Clair County. For many years, Ken took care of St. Clair County's radio system and helped with radios for local police and fire departments. He was an avid ham radio operator and enjoyed boating. He loved people and animals. Ken touched people with his kindness and generosity and will be missed so much by so many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Elizabeth, nee Timar, Koski.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Dawn, nee Atchisson, Koski; his brother-in-law, Robert (Sherry) Atchisson of Statesboro, GA; his sisters-in-law, Jeannie (Nick) Mueller of Troy, IL, and Carol (Lloyd) Becker of Granite City, IL. He also survived by many nieces, nephews, and life-long friends.

Memorials may be made to [Alzheimer's Association](#) or First Baptist Church, Fairview Heights, IL.

Condolences may be expressed online to the family at www.kasslyfuneral.com.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Kassly Mortuary, Ltd., Fairview Heights, IL.

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Kassly Mortuary, Ltd., Fairview Heights, IL, with Dr. Jim Kerr officiating. Interment will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights, IL.