

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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Emergency Comm Committee

Gene Kramer, WA9TZL

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

Club Breakfast February 8th



AA2KF photo

VE Test Session March 22nd



VEs and New Hams

KC9CIJ photo

Nominations for Club Offices

Election of Officers

January starts the election process for club officers. The Sergeant-at-Arms takes nominations at the January, February, and March meetings with the election itself in March. Dan, KD9ADB, told us that most of the current officers agreed to be nominated for another year. Dan will ask for nominations again in February.

So far:

President Randy, KC9MZ
Vice President Michael, KA9HNT
Secretary, Position open
Treasurer Bob, WA9TUG
Sergeant-at-Arms Dan, KD9ADB
Activity Manager Jim, KD9BLA
Publicity Activist Dean, K9JDW

VE Testing March 22nd

Thank you to our VEs: Rebecca KC9CIJ, Gary K9RVE, Garry N8GIL, Michael KA9HNT, and Randy KC9MZ

Congratulations to our new Hams: Kyle Jones, Nate Hayman, and Owen Cromly.

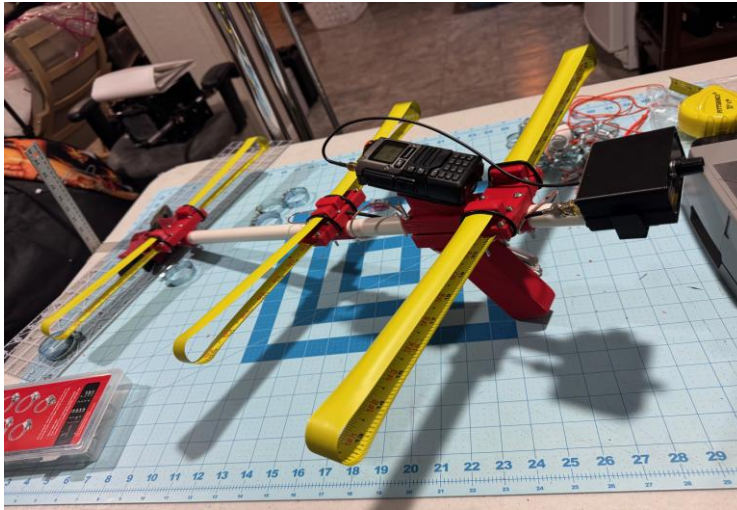
Our next Test Session is April 26th.

Fox Hunting in on!



Dean's K9JDW antenna and Fox

KC9MZ photo



Steve's K9SHY Setup

K9SHY photo

Here are two different styles of Fox Hunting antennas. Dean went simplistic with standard PVC pipe parts. While Steve took it further with 3D printed elements mounts, a pistol grip and a mounts for his radio and offset attenuator. Both will get the job done! Nice work guys!

Here is a typical Bill of Materials:

- 3' 3/4"X 10' PVC pipe
- 1 ea 3/4" PVC Tee
- 2 ea 3/4" PVC Cross
- 6 ea Hose clamps
- 3 ea 35" of 1" tape measure
- 10" 14 to 16 gauge solid wire

Tools:

- Tape measure
- PVC Pipe cutter and glue
- Tin snips
- Soldering gun
- Electrical tape
- Sand paper
- Screwdriver
- Coax
- SWR Meter

Club Dues

Bob WA9TUG, reminds us that Club dues are due. You may bring them to the next meeting on the 30th or mail them to the Club's PO Box 94, Belleville, IL 62222. You may choose to mail them to Bob's QTH, he's good on the Zed.

Regular Membership \$25

Associate Membership \$15

Family Membership \$30

Club Nets

Don't forget the "Good Morning Net" M-F, 7:30 – 8:30 am by Larry, K9LWW, and Julio, AA2KF. Also the 224.12 MHz Net is on Thursdays, 8 pm by Steve, W9ZS, Cassandra, KD9VLG is Net Control for the "Wavelengths" Net on 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Wednesdays. Thank you guys for running these fine nets!

Operating Events, Club Events and HAMFESTS:

February 27th – Club Meeting at the Moose

April 5th- 6th Louisiana QSO Party see: <https://laqp.louisianacontestclub.org/laqso-rules-htm/>

April 5th Mississippi QSO Party see: <https://arrlmiss.org/>

April 5th – 6th Missouri QSO Party see: <https://www.w0ma.org/index.php/missouri-qso-party>

April 12th – Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

April 24th – Club Meeting at the Moose

April 26th VE Testing at the Moose

May 31st – June 15th Lewis and Clark Trail OTA event see: <https://lctota.org/>

October 25th – 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

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on April 24th 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, Gary K9RVE, Garry N8GIL, Michael KA9HNT, and Randy KC9MZ.

I priced the Fox Hunting antenna parts at Home Depot. I was surprised at the price of the PVC Cross fitting (3.93) and the hose clamps (2.18)! There are other outlets we can use to reduce the cost – Amazon has some hose clamps at .60 each – I've heard they're not too good but they could be good enough for a savings of almost \$10 per antenna! One 10' piece of PVC should make 3 antennas, so that would be 1.75 per antenna. Steve and I have tape measures that we can use for elements. Maybe the Club can order the parts and put together some kit of parts for the project. We'll talk about this at the meeting.

I hope you can attend our March meeting on the 27th at 8pm.

We are going to roll out an email reflector like the Yahoo reflector we used a few years ago. If you'd like to participate, please send me an email at rbkc9mz@gmail.com and request to be included in the list.

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

Please patronize our supporters!

