

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

March 2026

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Emergency Comm Committee

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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 March 21



Michael, Larry, Taylor, and Randy



Larry, Colin, Randy, and Michael

Mike KC9SZ Recovering



Mike and Larry

Linda photo

Club Breakfast



Linda photo

VE Testing March 21st

Our test session was very successful with a new Extra and General! Taylor Turner passed his Technician, General, and Extra tests in one sitting! Colin Krenitzki was successful in passing his Technician and General tests too! If you would like to test, or know of someone who would like to test, please email Randy KC9MZ at rbkc9mz---gmail.com. I'll get a VE team together and make sure we have space at the Moose.

Our next test date is April 18th.

Thanks to our VEs, Larry K9LWW, Michael KA9HNT, and Randy KC9MZ!

Club Dues

Bob WA9TUG, reminds us that Club dues are due. You may bring them to the next meeting or mail them to the Club's PO Box 94, Belleville, IL 62222. You may choose to mail them to Bob's QTH also. His address is correct on QRZ.com
Regular Membership \$25, family \$30.

Operating Events, Club Events and HAMFESTS:

April 11th - Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

April 11th - River Hills ARC Perryville MO see: [River Hills ARC Hamfest](#)

April 18th – VE Testing, Moose Lodge, Swansea, IL 9:30 am

April 30th – Club meeting at the Swansea Moose 8 pm.

June 14th – Egyptian RC Hamfest EgyptianFest 2026 (New Location) see: [EgyptianFest 2026](#)

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 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](#)

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 Net

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

Thank you Steve, for running this fine net.

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on March 26th 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.

Election of Officers

January began 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 this coming meeting with elections to follow.

Here are some shorts

I hope you can attend our March meeting on the 26th at 8pm, Swansea Moose.

Dean has secured a Field Day site for us at Schieve Park in Mascoutah. We have overnight access to the restrooms and dogs are ok but must be leashed.

Very small crowd at the Club Breakfast on the 14th, probably because of 7 or 8 of us at the Lewis and Clark Hamfest! The Hamfest attendance was up which is great because it's a very nice Hamfest!

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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