

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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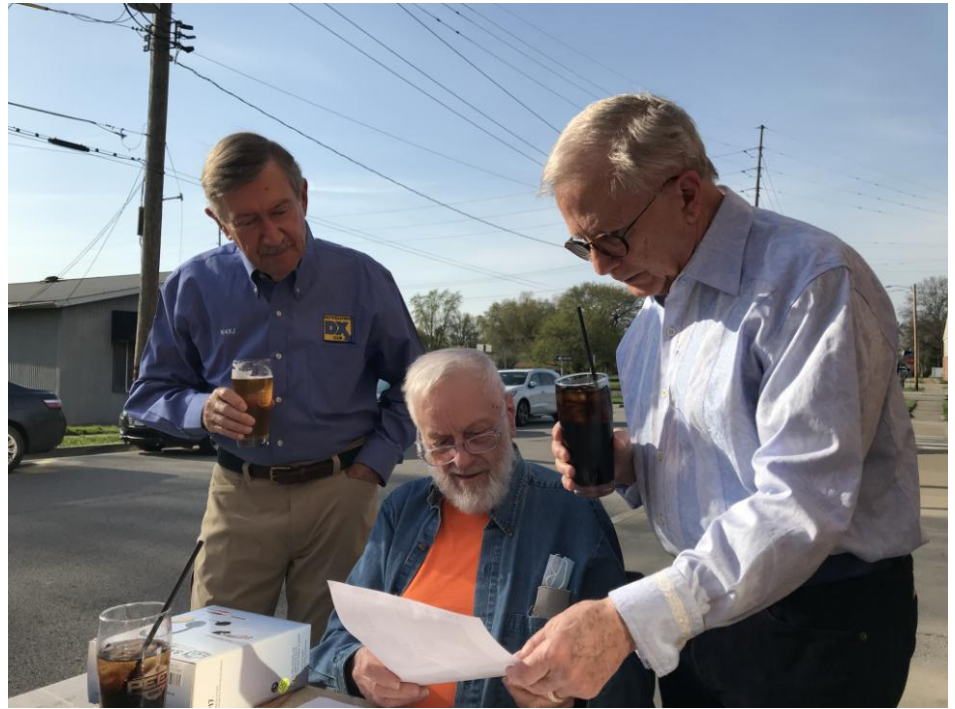
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ARES/RACES Directed Net is normally conducted by Gene Kramer, WA9TZL (Tuesdays following the Club “on-the-air” meeting.)

Friends Get Together



Harry W4KJ, Dave K9ZHN, and Bob K9EID enjoy FD pictures from the 1960s
KC9MZ photo

Congratulations!

Congratulations Karl K9BGL for his Central Division win in the 2021 ARRL November Sweepstakes – Phone!

Karl’s 174,720 points will win him a plaque sponsored by the Society of Midwest Contesters.

Karl also had a “Clean Sweep” because he worked all 84 of the ARRL and RAC Sections!

Great job Karl!

The Sweeps are a lot of fun! I encourage you guys to give it a try. CW is the first weekend in November and Phone the 3rd.

Friends Get Together



John WB9FHL, Bob K9EID, Karl K9BGL, Dave K9ZHN, and Harry W4KJ
Penny Saunders photo

Guys,

We were back home in Belleville, IL a week or so ago and, as we always do when we visit there, we got together for dinner with our ham friends from the 60's. In the picture above are Bob Heil, K9EID, Karl Bretz, K9BGL, Dave Bobzin, K9ZHN and me. Dave was my High School freshman German and Algebra teacher. He wanted to get a ham license and got a number of his students interested in doing the same. We took code and theory classes together at the Civil Defense Center in town and finally got our novice licenses in June 1960. Karl and Ed Schaefer, K9JMA (SK) were seniors and were serious hams and very encouraging to us new hams. Bob lived in Marissa, IL and we used to talk with him on 6 and 2 meter AM. He had a big station there. Dave and I continued a close friendship and worked together to upgrade to Technician and General during the rest of my time in High School. He helped me troubleshoot my first transmitter, a Globe Chief, which I had built from a kit. He, Karl and Ed were my Elmers in those early days. We put up antennas, went to Scott AFB to participate in MARS events and scrounge parts, participated in Field Day and just about anything else hams did in those days.

During that time we were all active with the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club. I was an officer and published the SCAN each month on one of those smelly mimeograph machines with my brother doing the cartoons for the cover. Many of us volunteered at the CD Center when there were tornado alerts handling traffic nets and manning the stations there. They had nice equipment and it was fun to use.

I remember getting the call from Eddy Matisyk, W9RQR, (SK), the head of Civil Defense for the county, to come to the CD Center on a hot, muggy summer evening when there was a serious threat of tornadoes.

The threat continued late and I ended up spending the night there and had to sleep in one of those spooky rooms deep in the bowels of that ancient building. It was all great fun and ham radio at its best. I stayed active in the SCARC throughout High School, and during the summers while in College and Law School. Field Day was always special and the club went all out for that event held each June at the American Legion Freedom Farm. There are many stories from those outings but that is for another time. Dave and Karl can fill you in on those.

I still treasure those memories and so much enjoy spending time with my great ham friends from the 60's who are still great friends today!

Best 73,

Harry, W4KJ

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

CQ Worldwide WPX Contest (CW) see: https://cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests/cq_ww_wpx_contest/cq_ww_wpx_contest_rules/2022-WW-WPX-Contest_1.pdf

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

ARRL CW Sweepstakes CW November 5-7 see: <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

ARRL Phone Sweepstakes November 19 – 21 see: <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

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](#)

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

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!

April 28th Meeting

I'm sorry to report we weren't able to have an "on the air meeting" to go along with our regular meeting. We had equipment problems. I hope we can get those fixed for next month.

Our major topics were:

Repeater site visit, new repeater installation, and Field Day

I don't have anything on the May 26th meeting yet.

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on June 30th. 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.

Memorial Hospital Photo Contest



Doug W9RFU photo

Congratulations to Doug W9RFU for his 1st place photo (People) in the Memorial Hospital photo contest! This photograph was the banner photo for the month of May in the Memorial Hospital 2022 calendar. Great picture Doug!

VE Testing June 18th at the Moose Lodge

Our next test session will be June 18th at 9:30 AM, Swansea Moose Lodge.

Here are the test dates out to December of this year: 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

Thanks to Mike KA9HNT for chairing the meeting last Thursday! I got COVID when I went out to Arizona for my daughter Lindsey's college graduation. She graduated from Arizona State with a degree in Environmental Engineering.

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 and a 444.625 MHz Net on Friday at 7 pm by Tim KD9TRP. Thank you guys for running these great nets!

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 June 18th at 2000 CDT.

Please pray for peace and Ukraine!

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

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