

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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

VE Testing April 18



Gary K9RVE, Jef, Philip, Paul and Larry K9LWW



Gary K9RVE, Jef, and Randy KC9MZ

Club Breakfast



Dan KE5BG and Steve W9ZS KC9MZ photo



Julio AA2KF KE5BG photo

VE Testing May 23rd

Our test session was very successful with three new Technicians! Jeffrey Forrest, Philip Gray, and Paul Weaver all passed their test with flying colors!

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 **June 20th**.

Thanks to our VEs, Larry K9LWW, Gary K9RVE, and Randy KC9MZ!

Please note: The question pool for the Technician license will be replaced July 1st 2026. If you know of anyone studying for their Tech, please tell them about this change. We have only one test date before the pool change.



Dave K9ZHN KC9MZ photo

Club Breakfast



Steve K9SHY AA2KF photo



Steve making a point AA2KF photo



Randy KC9MZ AA2KF photo



Sharon and Bob WA9TUG AA2KF photo

Operating Events, Club Events and HAMFESTS:

May 28th – Club meeting at the Swansea Moose 8 pm.

June 6th – June 21st Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air see Dean K9JDW to sign up

June 13th - Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

June 13th – 15 ARRL VHF Party see: <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>

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

June 20th – VE Testing, Moose Lodge, Swansea, IL 9:30 am

June 27th - 28th ARRL Field Day We will be at Schieve Park in Mascoutah this year.

July 19th – Zerobeaters Washington Hamfest see: http://zerobeaters.org/pdfs/2026hamfest.pdf?_20260429

August 1st – West Central Illinois Hamfest see: <https://wcilhamfest.com/>

August 9th – St. Charles ARC "Never Enough Radios" see ARRL Hamfest page

September 19th - 20th Midwest Superfest (Peoria Hamfest) see: <https://www.w9uvi.net/midwest-superfest/>

October 31st – Halloween Hamfest 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 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 May 28th 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

I hope you can attend our May meeting on the 28th at 8pm, Swansea Moose.

Thank you Franz, KB9NVQ for volunteering for the position of secretary.

The Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air event starts June 6th. If you would like to operate and help get the Club call on the air, send Dean K9JDW an email.

Be thinking FD!

Please send anything you might have for SCAN to rbkc9mz---gmail.com

Please pray for Dan's KE5BG wife, Wendy, who is recovering from a heart attack.

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ

Please patronize our supporters!

