

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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

No SCARC License Testing in December

If you or someone you know would like to test, please have them email me at kc9mz@arrl.net. We don't have anyone needing to test so far, so I don't have any date scheduled.

SCAN Needs Your Input, Articles

Last month we had a great product review/kit build article by Dave, WB1CDG. Thanks again Dave!

It would be great to hear from others amongst us about what operating activities you've involved with or what projects you've been working on.

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

ARRL 160 Meter December 4-6 <http://www.arrl.org/160-meter>

ARRL 10 Meter December 12-13 <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>

ARRL Straight Key Night 6 pm December 31 – 5:59 pm January 1 <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night>

ARRL RTTY Roundup January 2-3 <http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup>

ARRL RTTY January VHF Contest January 116 – 18 <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>

K1USN Radio Club Slow Speed CW contest (20 WPM max) Mondays 6-7 pm CST

<http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

CWops Test (CWT) Every Wednesday at 1300-1400Z, 1900-2000Z, and 0300-0400Z 28 to 45 kHz from the band edges [CWops Tests \(CWT\) – CWops](#)

RRI Training Broadcast Schedule Wednesday 2000 CDT (0200Z Thursday) 7060 kHz, and 2130 CDT (0330Z Thursday) 3563 KHz, Thursday 1900 CDT (0001Z Friday) 14060 KHz

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on December 17th and it will be an "On the Air" meeting. Check-in starts at 8 pm CDT. 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 members and prospective members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.

For Sale

Kenwood TS-450 and Astron RS-30 power supply

This transceiver is very clean, original box, manuals. I've tested the output on each band and its 100 watts or so. Audio sounds good on station receiver. This rig does not have the auto tune unit.

The Astron power supply has a broken rocker switch which selects volts or amps on the built in meter.

It looks like the Kenwood was bought to replace a malfunctioning Ten-Tec and never used. The owner went into a Home, both for \$450.

Astatic D-104 amplified microphone black head and chrome neck (\$55, some paint chips on the base). Only one left; two have been sold.

Alinco DR-112T 2 meter transceiver the unit is complete in the box, looks as new, 45 watts out. \$40

(Yaesu FT-767GX)

Yaesu FT-767GX transceiver with manual. \$500.00. Built in power supply and antenna tuner, 160 – 6 Meters.

The above listings are all estate sale items.

Call Randy, KC9MZ, 618-235-1444, or email jlr.bastian@norcom2000.com if interested.

There are more For Sale items on our web site: <http://scarc.net/>

FCC Proposes new fees for Amateur Radio!

The FCC is proposing a \$50 fee for new or modified Amateur Radio licenses, license renewals and vanity call signs.

This is all from the "Ray Baum's Act", part of Public Law 115-141.

Filing deadlines for comments have not yet been established.

This is condensed from <https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/fcc-proposes-new-filing-fee-structure-new-fees-for-ham-radio.722029/>

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-proposes-to-reinstate-amateur-radio-service-fees>

According to the ARRL the FCC is already accepting comments.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-application-fee-proposal-proceeding-is-open-for-comments>

I suggest we take pen in hand and write our Congressman! (Or fingers on keyboard. For most of us it's Mike Bost

<https://bost.house.gov/contact>)

Thanks to Tom W9KC, for tipping us off via the SCARC email reflector!

So far, there have been 3,945 (1,986 in the last 90 days) comments on this proposal. Have you sent yours in? As of November 27th the FCC is still taking comments. You can view the comments here:

https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings_name=20-270&sort=date_disseminated,DESC&submissiontype_description=COMMENT

Here are some shorts:

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! My family usually has around 25 people in and out of my cousin's house all afternoon and evening. This year, like many, each family stayed at home with just their immediate group. I wonder if turkey sales were up?

I've kind of lost track of time during this COVID thing so I'm surprised to hear that Advent starts this coming Sunday. Also, St. Nick's on December the 6th. We stuff our stocking with candy and cookies! Don't forget you grandchildren!

Another COVID cancellation will be the Club Christmas dinner. We will have an "on the air meeting" December 17th.

Our "On the Air Meeting" held on November 19th had approximately 35 check-ins.

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

Please send anything you might have for SCAN to kc9mz@arrl.net.

I hope you can check in to the meeting December 17th at 2000 CDT.

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

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