

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.)

No Testing for October

No testing in October. Our next test session is tentatively set for November 13th. If you know someone who would like to test, please have them drop me an email: kc9mz@arrl.net This test session should be a go; I already have one person wanting to test.

Repeater Committee Meets

The repeater committee met to discuss our repeater systems. Dale, KB9JJA, presented several ideas and different scenarios. Everyone agreed that our emphasis should be the 2 meter repeater. The committee unanimously voted to present a system to the membership at the October meeting. The system will include a Yaesu DR-2 repeater, BridgeCom duplexer, and a SCOM 3 repeater controller.

Club Membership Approves New 2 Meter Repeater System

Dale, KB9JJA, presented the suggested repeater system at the October 28th meeting. After discussion, the membership voted to approve the purchase to renew our 2 meter repeater system.

Thank you to the repeater committee and to Dale, KB9JJA, who is leading this project.

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

ARRL November Sweepstakes Nov 6-8 CW, Nov 20-22 Phone see: [Sweepstakes \(arrl.org\)](http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes)

ARRL 160 Meter Contest December 3 – 5 see: <http://www.arrl.org/160-meter>

ARRL 10 Meter Contest December 11 – 12 see: <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>

The St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club will sponsor the Winterfest and ARRL Midwest Division Convention January 22, 2022 see: [Winterfest 2022 \(slsrc.org\)](http://www.slsrc.org/winterfest2022)

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](http://www.cwops.com/cwops-tests)

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

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on November 18th. 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 members and prospective members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.

Club Christmas Dinner to Be Held at Eckert's Restaurant

The club's Christmas dinner will be December 16th. Contact Jim, KD9BLA or Larry, K9LWW to get on the sign up list.

SCAN Needs Your Input, Articles

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!

FCC Proposes new fees for Amateur Radio!

New information!!!! On August 16th an ARRL bulletin stated that the new fees will not go into effect before 2022! See: [FCC Application Fees Unlikely to Go into Effect Until 2022 \(arrl.org\)](https://www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fees-unlikely-to-go-into-effect-until-2022)

The FCC had proposed a \$50 fee for new or modified Amateur Radio licenses, license renewals and vanity call signs. With input from over 3,000 Hams, the ARRL, and other organizations, the FCC has decided a \$35 fee would be more reasonable.

The ARRL VE letter stated there are some FCC procedures that have to take place before the new \$35 fee will be in effect. The best guess is that it will be this summer.

If you or someone you know would like to upgrade or take their first test, do it sooner rather than later. Save the \$35.

FCC will not accept SSN in lieu of FRN

ARLB014 FCC Auto-Registration Feature for Exam Applicants to be discontinued

Auto-registration in the FCC Commission Registration System (CORES) amateur radio exam for candidates using a Social Security number will be discontinued on May 20, 2021. Applicants must use an FCC Registration Number (FRN) for all license transactions with the FCC.

Examinees must register in CORES and receive an FRN before exam day.

Starting on May 20, electronic batch filed applications that do not include a candidate's FRN will be rejected. The Social Security/Licensee ID Field will be disabled.

The CORES website can be accessed at:

<https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do> .

An instructional video provides step-by-step instructions on how to establish a CORES account, which is necessary for licensees to make administrative updates and download electronic license authorizations.

The instructional video can be found at, <https://www.fcc.gov/rofrn> .

FCC will require all applications to have an email address

After June 29, all filers must provide an email address on all applications. When an email is provided, applicants will receive an official electronic copy of their licenses once granted (allow incoming email from authorizations@fcc.gov). If no email is provided when filing on or after June 29, applications will be rejected. ARRL VEC suggests that those without access to email to use the email address of a family member or friend.

Further information about providing an email address can be found at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-to-require-email-address-on-applications-starting-on-june-29-2021>

Licensees need to log in to the Universal Licensing System (ULS) to download their authorizations. The FCC no longer issues paper copies.

From ARRL ARLB014 April 27, 2021

Thanks to Sean KK9U and Gary N8GIL, for bringing this ARRL Bulletin to our attention! Still no word on when the fees will be collected.

On the Air Meeting For October

We had 8 members check in on the air! We will continue to use this setup for our future meetings. Our next meeting is November 18th. Thank you to the Moose for letting us have our meetings in their ballroom. Sometimes the air handlers are noisy, but Bob, WA9TUG, tells me that the Moose is in the process of replacing their air conditioning system which might be the answer to that problem. One of the neat things about the Moose seems to be that members hang around and talk after the meeting. That's great!

Here are some shorts

I received a phone call from Doug, W9RFU, on October 30th. He told me that the ARRL Foundation has grant money available for equipment purchases. I knew the Foundation awarded scholarships, but I wasn't aware of grants for equipment. The only problem was that the grant requests were due on October 31st! I wrote the grant and with help from some great reviewers: Carl, K9ZS, Gene, WA9TZL, Larry, K9LWW, Dale, KB9JJA, and Michael, KA9HNT, I got the submission done on time. As grants go, this one only required 5 short paragraphs describing the project. Thank you, guys, for handling my request so promptly. The process will take about 8 weeks before we find out if we receive an award. Look for more improvements to the SCARC repeater systems in 2022!

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 attend or check in to the next meeting on November 18th at 2000 CDT. The meeting date has been changed because of Thanksgiving.

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

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