

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.)

Club Breakfast



Bob WA9TUG, Tip N9MVX, Dave K9ZHN and Wayne KC9ZYQ KC9MZ photo



Wendy and Dan KE5BG

KC9MZ photo

Aurora Borealis October 11th



Belleville, Illinois

Photo by Jill

Northern Lights

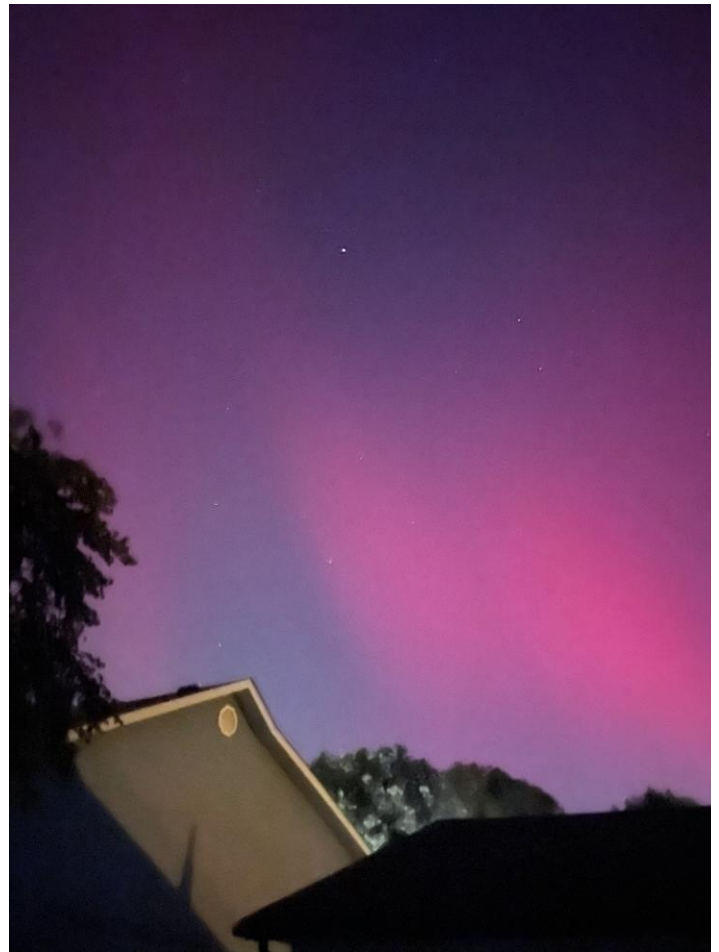
On October 11th most of North America saw a great display of the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights.

Of course, HF radio suffered with very poor conditions.

My brother-in-law sent pictures from Florida, friends in Indiana and New York also reported great sky viewing.

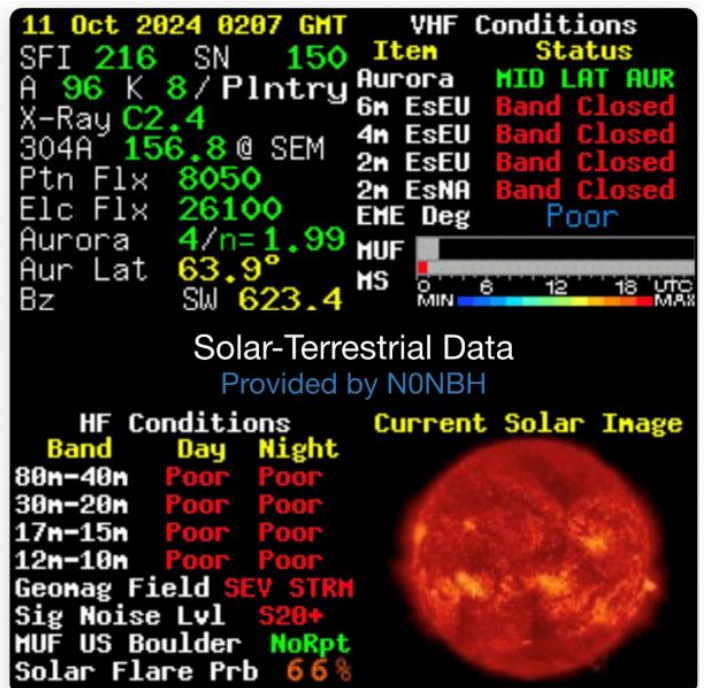
I hope you had a chance to enjoy something we don't often get to see here.

Randy KC9MZ



Valmeyer, Illinois

Photo by Janet



N0NBH Propagation Dashboard from QRZ.com

Operating Events, Club Events and HAMFESTS:

October 24th Club Meeting at the Moose – Date moved because of Halloween

October 31st Halloween Hamfest in Kirkwood is canceled this year because the Community Center is under construction! 2025's date is October 25th.

November 2nd – 4th ARRL SS CW see: <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

November 16th – 18th ARRL SS Phone see: <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

December 6th – 8th ARRL 160 Meter Contest see: <http://www.arrl.org/160-meter>

December 14th – 15th ARRL 10 Meter Contest see: <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>

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 7227 KHz +/- LSB. **Please note this is a change of frequency!**

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

Club Nets

Don't forget the "Good Morning Net" M-F, 7:30 – 8:30 am by Larry, K9LWW, and Julio, AA2KF. Also the 224.12 MHz Net is on Thursdays, 8 pm by Steve, W9ZS, Cassandra, KD9VVG is Net Control for the "Wavelengths" Net on 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Wednesdays. Thank you guys for running these fine nets!

VE Testing October 19th



KC9MZ photo

We had one candidate for testing this last Saturday. Congratulations to Don Anderson on passing his Technician Class test. Hope to hear you on the air, Don!

Our next test session will be November 16th. 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. Thanks to our VEs, Garry N8GIL, Larry K9LWW, Julio AA2KF, Garry K9RWE, and Randy KC9MZ!

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on November 21st 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

Thank you to Cassandra, KD9VLG for picking up the 444 Mhz Net! She has named it the "Wavelengths" Net. Cassandra poses a question to the group and each check in gives their response. Some past questions – What was your most memorable contact? What Ham Radio project are you working on? What Ham Radio software do you use? Check in and learn what some of the club members have been doing and what they are working on.

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

I hope you can attend our October meeting on October 24th at 8pm.

Please pray for peace in the World!

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ

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