

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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### Emergency Comm Committee

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

## Club members help with MS Bike-a-thon



Left to right Chris, WX9SVR; KA9HNT, Michael; Al, KC9TPD; Tip, N9MVX; and Larry, K9LWW

## Operating Actives

Saturdays in September 9 am – 9 pm

The Egyptian Radio Club marks their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary by operating Saturdays in September. Look for them on or about 3.535, 7.035, and 14.245 MHz. They offer a nice certificate QSL to commemorate the event.

October 20<sup>th</sup> -21st Illinois QSO Party - This is a very popular contest in our area. There will be discussions about how the group will send portable stations into some of the Illinois counties where there isn't a lot of Ham activity. Listen to the Tuesday night net (7pm) for more information or go to <https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestdetails.php?ref=167> . If you're new to HF contesting, partner with one of the portables and have some fun.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> ARRL Sweepstakes –CW

November 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> ARRL Sweepstakes –Phone

December 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ARRL 160 Meter Constant

December 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> ARRL 10 Meter Constant

## Upcoming Events:

Every weekday, Larry's, K9LWW, "Good Morning" net, 7 – 8 am.

ARES early net ~6:30pm Tuesdays and after the Club's "meeting on the air" ~ 7:10pm on our 147.12 repeater.

Illinois Section ARES HF Net meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday each month on or about 3905 KHz, LSB, 4:30 pm CST.

September 26<sup>th</sup>, Club meeting 8 pm Belleville Fire House #4. VE testing at 7pm this month.

September 28<sup>th</sup>, Club Picnic, Moody Park Pavilion #2, Fairview Heights

October 5<sup>th</sup> Lincoln County ARC and St Charles County ARC, "Fox" hunt at Cuivre River State Park 9 am email [w0kng@outlook.com](mailto:w0kng@outlook.com) for more info

October 12<sup>th</sup> Antenna Builders Guild, Pleasant Ridge Park, Fairview Heights

October 25<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Hamfest, Kirkwood, MO

January 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, Winterfest and ARRL Midwest Division Convention, DX and ARRL Banquet, Contest College

## For Sale:

Two 7" open reel tape recorders. One is a Roberts 990; the other is a Akai M-4. They are really the same machine. Akai sold their products under the name Roberts in the U.S. Hallicrafters SX-62, recapped. Several small motors, probably from washing machines – ¼ or 1/3 HP. Contact Harry Church, WOKXP.

Heathkit SB-200 for sale. Has not been on the air for a while and certainly needs caps and a soft key circuit. This would make a great conversion project for a 6 meter amp, asking \$200 or best offer. 618 277 5735 and leave a message. Carl, K9ZA.

Heathkit SB-220 for sale from the estate of Mike, WB9SDQ. Great cosmetics, original manual, with 10 Meter mod. Asking \$700. Contact Randy KC9MZ for more info.

From the SC-ARC reflector:

Greetings Winners!

Our ILQP is less than a month off and it's time to plan and get revved up to win Top Club of all Illinois for the 6th year in a row.

So far we have 24 counties covered by 12 stations. By historic logs we'll have a combined total of over a million points, but to make it a bit more fair to the rest of the clubs in Illinois, we split into 2 teams, as we will this year again. If you would like to team up with an experienced portable station or be a rover, please contact me. No contesting experience necessary. Just a will to get on the radio. We'll show you the rest.

Attached is the county activation map; it can also be found here:

<http://www.w9awe.org/2019%20ILQP%20Activity%20Map.pdf>

Rules, summary sheet, and county abbreviations found here: <http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html>

ILQP is predominately on 40 SSB and CW so it's easy for QTH stations to get on for an hour or two or more. Mobile stations have a great opportunity to take a Sunday drive and see southern Illinois during the most colorful time of year. And if that's what floats your boat, we need a mobile station on 2 meters FM simplex to make contacts with our stations in Washington, Perry, Randolph, Clinton, Macoupin, Montgomery, Bond, Fayette, and Shelby counties. Pick one or more.

One good road trip is Route 177 east out of Mascoutah. Stop at the St. Clair / Clinton line, call CG on 146.55 simplex. K9BGL and K7DZE will contact you and perhaps others. Then drive over the Kaskaskia into Washington county. Contact Karl and Rich again. Drive south on the Venedy road till you cross into Randolph county. Contact Karl and Rich. Drive 3 or miles east on route 13 into Perry county. Repeat contacts. After that, head home and get on 40 meters!

At the next Antenna Builder's meeting at Pleasant Ridge Park, we'll be helping folks out getting prepared and learn the ropes of ILQP. That date is Saturday 12 October 10:30am or so. Come see what you can do to help.

For more info, I'm good on QRZ. Cell phone is 618.696.0707

73 Dennis KM9O  
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## FD 2019



Rich, K7DZE, working digital.

Photo KC9MZ

## What am I?



KC9MZ Photo

1. What am I? I'm a solder sucker.
  2. Where was I born? Emerson Electric, St. Louis.
  3. What project was I first used on? B-52 Bomber
- Hint: I'm a product of the Cold War

Here are some short thoughts:

Don't forget to check in to Larry's, K9LWW, "Good Morning" drive time (7 – 8 am) net on our 2 meter repeater. Stop in and say Hi!

Gene WA9TZL, sent an email about Winterfest 2020. It's going to be a big event so it might be best if you get your tickets early. I've attached the flyer about the event.

Hope to see you at the meeting or hear you on the air.

Remember to send anything you might have for SCAN to [kc9mz@arrl.net](mailto:kc9mz@arrl.net) Your input is needed to make this a good news letter!

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

Please patronize our supporters!





Winterfest 2020 is back at the Gateway Convention Center (Collinsville, IL) with over 180 vendors, 240 tables, 1200+ attendees and 30,000 square feet of indoor vendor space. This hamfest is a don't miss opportunity with expanded hours, all day forums, a DX/ARRL Friday night banquet and Saturday Contest College! Winterfest will be held January 25th, 2020. All current info can be found at the below link.

[winterfest.slsrc.org](http://winterfest.slsrc.org)

Winterfest is the largest annual Hamfest in the Saint Louis metropolitan and bi-state area and draws ham attendees from the states of MO, KS, IL, IA and IN. SLSRC plans to make this Winterfest the largest and best in the history of the event.

### **ARRL Midwest Division Convention**

Winterfest has been chosen as the ARRL Midwest Division convention in 2020. The midwest ARRL division covers the states of MO, IA, KS, & NE. In addition to the convention meetings there will also be QSL card checking and VE testing. Additional details related to the ARRL Midwest Division Convention will be found at the Midwest Division website - <http://www.arrlmidwest.org/>.

### **Education Alley at Winterfest**

New for Winterfest 2020, Education Alley is a whole section concentrating on youth in Amateur Radio, STEM projects, robotics, space, ARISS, satellites and

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the maker community. Come join us for “lightning talks” throughout the demonstrations and everything in-between. If you would like to sponsor a table for a young amateur radio operator or group to help showcase their project or event, please contact the planning committee at [winterfest@slsru.org](mailto:winterfest@slsru.org).

### **DX & ARRL Banquet**

Friday, January 24th 2020, Winterfest will sponsor a DX and ARRL banquet just south of St. Louis City. Please join us for a social hour starting at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Craig Thompson (K9CT) will give the DX presentation about the recent Pitcairn DXpedition and Rod Blocksom (KØDAS), Midwest ARRL Director and Howard Michel (WB2ITX) ARRL CEO will give the ARRL Presentation. Ward Silver (NØAX) will emcee. The Winterfest planning committee is looking for table sponsors and vendors for the banquet. If your company or club would like to sponsor a table, donate a door prize or set up a booth, please contact the planning committee at [winterfest@slsru.org](mailto:winterfest@slsru.org).

### **SLSRC Contest College**

On Saturday January 25th, starting at 1 p.m. Winterfest will sponsor 10 hours of contesting forums in two forum rooms geared towards newer hams and small pistols at the Gateway Center. Forum topics will include how to get started in contesting, types of contests, CW & SSB contesting tips and tricks along with HF propagation, remote contesting, VHF contesting and Cabrillo log analysis. This will be the first year for SLSRC’s Contest College and it will be jam-packed with info for the new contester. If your company or club is interested in sponsoring SLSRC’s Contest College or donating a door prize, please contact the planning committee at [winterfest@slsru.org](mailto:winterfest@slsru.org).

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