

# 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.)

## Randell “Randy” Jackson WT5CR SK



1958-2021

## Don Wittlich WN9V SK



1947-2021

## Edward Williamson Son of Jim (Carol) KD9FQC

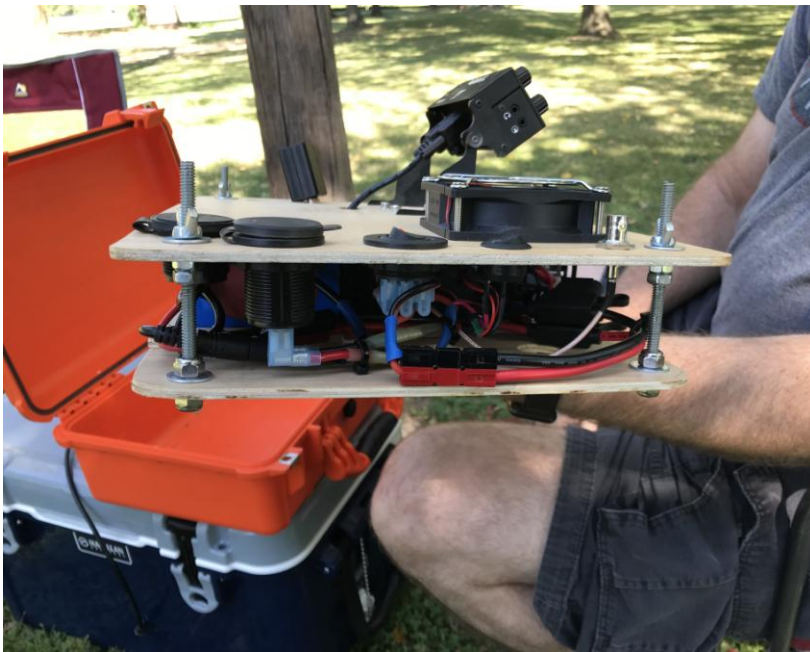


1974-2021

## Club Picnic September 26<sup>th</sup>



Steve, K9SHY, shows Dan, KD9ADB his POTA Station      KC9MZ Photo



Steve, K9SHY, shows us the "guts" of his station. The top panel is secured by wing nuts for easy access.      KC9MZ Photo

## More Picnic Pictures



Dean's K9JDW sharp looking mobile installation.

KC9MZ Photo



Group discussing POTA

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Lindsey grilling hotdogs      KC9MZ Photo



## Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

Illinois QSO Party Oct 17<sup>th</sup> see: [WA7BNM Contest Calendar: Contest Details](#) Contact Gary K9RVE for more information also

St. Louis ARC is planning on having the “Halloween Hamfest” on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Kirkwood Community Center see: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/halloween-hamfest-6>

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

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

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](#)

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 October 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!

## On the Air Meeting For September

We had 6 members check in on the air! (33 attended the meeting). We will continue to use this setup for our future meetings. Our next meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup>. 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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families of Randy Jackson, Don Wittlich and Edward Williamson. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers. I've attached their obituaries to the end of SCAN.

Thank you to everyone who helped or came to the club picnic! Steve showed us his POTA setup and I think he made a few contracts. Thanks Steve! It's nice to see what the club members are working on.

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](mailto:kc9mz@arrl.net).

I hope you can attend or check in to the next meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2000 CDT.

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

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Randell "Randy" Jackson WT5CR

Randell Maurice "Randy" Jackson, 63, of Shiloh, IL, born July 11, 1958, in Louisville, KY, died Friday, October 1, 2021, at Memorial Hospital East, Shiloh, IL.

Mr. Jackson belonged to the Masonic Lodge #31 (Liberty, MO), the ARARAT Shriners (Kansas City, MO), and the St. Clair Ham Radio Club (Extra Class Ham). He was an avid bowler and a United States Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Maurice Jackson.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine E. Jackson; three children, Christopher Maurice (Jenni) Jackson of Virginia, Melissa Paige Jackson, and Jacob Maurice Jackson, both of Illinois; a grandson, Samuel Lewis Jackson; his mother, Bettie, nee Wesley, Jackson; and a sister, Barbara Jean Jackson.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.rennerfh.com](http://www.rennerfh.com).

Visitation: Friends may visit from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, October 7, 2021, at George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL. Standard CDC guidelines will be followed, including masks and social distancing. Military honors will be rendered at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.



Don Wittlich, WN9V

Don Phillip Wittlich, 73, of Belleville, IL, born October 21, 1947, in Belleville, IL, died Sunday, August 29, 2021, at Freeburg Care Center, Freeburg, IL.

Don was an electrical engineer earning his degree from Milwaukee School of Engineering. He was a Ham Radio Operator, call sign WN9V. Don was a member of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Julia, nee Kohl, Wittlich; and a sister-in-law, Joyce Wittlich.

Surviving are his wife Susan, nee Baukema, Wittlich; two children, Alan Phillip (Erin) Wittlich, and Rowan Escher Wittlich; two grandchildren, Jonas Phillip Wittlich, and Eugene Robert Wittlich; a brother, Jack Eugene Wittlich; and a sister, Jill (Mark) Fleishman.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation or to Parkinson's Foundation. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.rennerfh.com](http://www.rennerfh.com).

Funeral: Private family services will be held.





## Edward Williamson

Edward Alan Williamson, age 47, of O'Fallon, born January 3, 1974 in Sacramento, Calif., to James P. Williamson and Carol L., nee Vandeleur, Williamson, passed away unexpectedly Saturday August 28, 2021 at home in O'Fallon, Ill.

Edward grew up in a military family and lived in California, Belgium, Mississippi, Alaska, finally settling in O'Fallon, Ill. in 1986.

He graduated from O'Fallon Township High School, Class of 1992. He graduated from Vatterott College with Honors as an Electrical Mechanic in 2014.

He started his career working at Sam's Club, then Home Depot for 17 years, and after graduating from Vatterott collage, he went to work for Control Tech Automation in St. Louis, Mo.

Survivors are his father, James P. Williamson, his mother, Carol L. Williamson, his brother Christopher (Dena) Williamson, and his nephews Andrew Wineholt and Alex Wineholt.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Vincent de Paul Society, or your favorite charity. Sign the guestbook at [www.wfh-ofallon.com](http://www.wfh-ofallon.com).

Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at St. Clare Catholic Church, 1411 Cross St., Shiloh, Ill. The family will receive friends one hour prior to Mass at the church.

Arrangements entrusted to Wolfersberger Funeral Home, O'Fallon, Illinois.