

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

September 2025

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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.)

Club Picnic



KC9MZ photos



Fox Hunt



Dean tests his newly build Fox Hunting antenna KC9MZ photo

The fox hunt was a small affair but lots of fun. Ken and Dean both deployed foxes in the park which were successfully hunted down, practicing the techniques of the game for some of the new hunters. For the more ambitious hunt, Dale's fox was deployed 'somewhere in Belleville'. Unfortunately, we lingered at the park too long and it died before anyone found it, though some were on its trail. Next time Dale! Hopefully we can employ his approach a couple more times this season since we don't need a gathering in advance. So, keep that hunting gear ready to go at a moments notice!

Dean K9JDW



Ken shows us a couple of tape measure antennas KC9MZ photo

VE Testing September 20th



K9LWW photo

Joe Peacher passed his Technician test this month, look for him on the air!

Thank you to our VEs: Garry N8GIL, Steve K9SHY, Larry K9LWW and Randy KC9MZ.

Our next Test Session is October 18th. Please let Randy, KC9MZ, know if you would like to test at kc9mz ---arrl.net

Operating Events, Club Events and HAMFESTS:

September 25th – Club Meeting at the Moose 8 pm

October 10th – 11th Spark -Con ARRL Midwest Division Convention, Sedalia, MO see: [Spark-Con Home](#)

October 11th - Club Breakfast at O'Fallon IL Denny's

October 18th – VE testing at the Moose 9:30 am

October 25th – 32nd Halloween Hamfest Kirkwood Community Center see: <http://halloweenhamfest.org/>

October 30th – Club Meeting at the Moose 8 pm

November 1st – 3rd ARRL SS CW see: [Sweepstakes](#)

November 15th – 17th ARRL SS Phone see: [Sweepstakes](#)

December 13th – 15th ARRL 10 Meter Contest see: [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 7277 KHz +/- LSB **New frequency for Daylight Savings Time.**

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

Gateway 160 Meter News 1860 KHz Saturday 2200 hours

Club Nets

The “Good Morning Net” is paused looking for new net control operator(s) on the 147.12 repeater.

But, don't give up on morning conversation! Give out a call, there seems to be many on frequency from 7 – 8:30.

Cassandra, KD9VLG is Net Control for the “Wavelengths” Net on 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Wednesdays.

Also, the 224.12 MHz Net is on Thursdays, 8 pm by Steve, W9ZS.

Thank you, guys, for running these fine nets

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on September 25th 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

I hope you can attend our September meeting on the 25th at 8pm, Swansea Moose.

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

Please pray for peace in the World!

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ

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