

St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

The St. Clair Amateur Radio Club (SCARC) has been around since the late forties. The hams around Belleville & Swansea put together a ham-fest at the park on route 159 (just south of the airport, west of the highway). Some of this group became the charter members of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club.

The above and their counterparts in surrounding counties formed the communications arm of the "Southwest Illinois Mutual Aid Area" S.W.I.M.A.A. Its home was the old county poor-farm (this later was the location of Emergency Services Disaster Agency).

The St. Clair Amateur Radio club has a long history of supporting local agencies in emergency situations. We support the St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Illinois State Police, our Region 4 RHCC Hospital (Belleville Memorial) and coordinate the coverage of the other 15 hospitals in Region 4.

Another key public service activity is supporting the Skywarn net and reporting severe weather conditions to the National Weather Service office in St. Charles

Yearly club activities include the Belleville Shriners Parade, Field Day, testing sessions, bike races, IL QSO Party plus many other club functions throughout the year.

NETS

On Tuesday evenings the Saint Clair Amateur Radio Club Announcements Net is held at 7:00pm on the 147.120 machine. Following the Net, the St. Clair County combined RACES/ARES Net is conducted.

REPEATERS

The SCARC club station, K9GXU, provides coordinated repeaters. Operating on

147.120+MHz
224.120-MHz
444.625+MHz / 127.3 PL
442.275+ / 127.3 PL

The first 3 repeaters are located on Turkey Hill at the S.A.V.E. site, just outside of Belleville, IL. The facilities for the repeaters are donated to the club by S.A.V.E.

Echolink / IRLP

The club UHF repeater is connected via EchoIRLP with the callsign K9GXU-R. The Echolink node number is 258260. The IRLP node number is 4979 Check the <http://www.scarc.net> website for instructions.

RACES/ARES

The St. Clair County RACES/ARES uses our 147.120 repeater for all drills and activities. During times of severe weather, or a local emergency, you will find much activity on the repeater. The repeater is closed to normal communications when the net is active.

License Classes

The club sponsors amateur radio license classes when there is sufficient demand. These classes are open to the general public and are free. Prior reservations are required. Please e-mail the exam coordinator if you are interested.

VE License Testing

The club will hold ARRL VE license testing sessions before the club meeting when there is a request. Preregistration is required. Our club Exam coordinator is Randy Bastian, KC9MZ, e-mail: kc9mz@arrrl.net.

St. Clair Amateur Radio Club Inc. P.O. Box 94 – Belleville IL 62222

*Please help support amateur radio!
Membership is open to all!*

Membership Application

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Home Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
Callsign: _____

License Class:	Member of:
<i>Check One</i>	<i>Check One</i>
____ Tech	____ ARRL
____ Novice	____ RACES
____ Tech Plus	____ ARES
____ General	____ MARS
____ Advanced	____ CAP
____ Extra	____ OTHER

Yearly Membership Fees:

Full Membership	\$25.00
Family Membership	\$30.00

Make Checks Payable to:
St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

Meetings

Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM. We meet at the Belleville Fire Station #4, 1125 S. Illinois St, Belleville, IL. All amateurs are welcome!

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Internet Resources

St. Clair County Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.scarc.net>

Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL)
<http://www.arrl.org>

ARRL Illinois Section
<http://www.central.arrl.org/illinois.html>

License Processing Status
<http://fee.gov/wtb/uls/>

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Affiliated Club

**Serving the St. Clair County and
surrounding area Amateur Radio
Community since the late 1940's**
