

SCARC August / September- 2015

Newsletter of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

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Hello Fellow Hams, CQ CQ... Welcome again to the new online edition of SCARC, the 2015 version of the club newsletter. You may catch up on old editions of SCAN (the previous generation of newsletters) by visiting our website at <http://www.scarc.net>. There is also lots of additional information about the club there as well, History, Special Events, Club officers, etc... check it out.

Meeting location: The August meeting will be at the Belleville Fire House #4 as we normally meet beginning around 7:30 with gavel sounding at 8:00PM VE testing will begin at 7:00 pm. Please be on time.

Training sessions for those interested in becoming Hams: The club had its first training session on Sunday, July 26, at the Red Cross office and training room in Swansea, IL. There were three young people that came in for the training; Madison Wilcox, Ellis Miller, and Seth Mattingly. The Club members and Instructors for that session were Gary Valentine, N8GIL, Al Grudsinski, KC9TPD, and Michael Petz, KA9HNT. My thanks to the guys that came out and made for a great first training session. This first class was for the Technician Class license. We need to recruit and sign up both instructors and students for the General and Extra Class license. So if you are available and can explain about being a Ham Radio operator and would like to instruct, or if you are interested in upgrading your license, when the sign-up sheet is passed around at the club meeting, don't be shy, sign up so a schedule can be developed and progress can be made. Rome wasn't built in a day, and this won't happen overnight, so be patient and work with me... Thank you all. Please call Larry, KB4FIO at 618 541-8937 to register. **If you don't call by Friday noon, there is no class that Sunday ...**

MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Our Sergeant-at-arms (Dan Campos KD9ADB) will be coordinating refreshments for upcoming club meetings and events. Please acknowledge his efforts and thank him by hanging around after the meeting and enjoying the refreshments. Tell him "Thank you!!!"

REMINDER: If you are receiving this newsletter via US Mail and you have an email address, please send your email address to newsletter@scarc.net to be added to the online distribution and to help save the club postage fees. An alternate email address to send to is: lwessteach@msn.com. We will get you added to our list...

New Members: No applications were submitted for club membership at the June or July meetings. 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 thank them for their interest in Ham Radio. Remember; “When all else fails, there is Ham Radio”... bumper sticker “HAM Radio Saves Lives”

Training Classes for your HAM (Amateur Radio) License: *Training classes for new Hams and those wanting to upgrade their license is becoming a reality. The classes will be held at the Red Cross building on No. Illinois St. (Hwy 159) in Swansea (next to Rural King). Dates/Times: Each Sunday in August; 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Please call Larry, KB4FIO at 618 541-8937 to register. There is no charge, but we would like you to join our club (applications will be available). There are some texts available you may want to purchase. **If you don't call by Friday noon, there is no class that Sunday** As previously mentioned, some texts you may want to look into for purchase and review, ***The Amateur's Handbook (Operating Manual), Technician, General, and Extra Class License Manuals, The Radio Amateur's License Manual, and numerous others available through the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), which we encourage all to join. Books also at Barnes and Nobel in Fairview Heights.****

Visit to the Repeater Site. The long awaited and promised visit to the SCARC repeater site happened. It was on **Saturday, July 18.** Those that made it to the field trip learned a bit I think, and now can understand some of the discussions that will be taking place concerning the repeater, the antenna and the tower, and as a club what we will need to do. The manager of the site (SAVE Site) indicated that the roof of the building where the repeater is located is in need of repair and in fact money has been identified to do it. This may require the repeater to be relocated while the work goes on. ***The Repeater Committee is requested to keep close ties on this and report to the club at the monthly meeting what actions are taking place and what the club may need to do.***

Shout out: Consider this a public service announcement. The last weekend in Aug., Fairview Heights will be presenting a summer festival, the Salute to the Masters Art Festival at Moody (Long Acre) Park there on Ashland Road will start Friday evening 28 Aug, all day Saturday 29th and most of Sunday 30th. Great food available, and art deals you won't find anywhere else!!

St Clair County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

MRC is a community-based, civilian, volunteer program that helps build the public health infrastructure of communities nationwide. MRC units function as part of the local emergency preparedness teams. They supplement existing public health resources and emergency agencies such as the American Red Cross, local public health, fire, police and ambulance services. The St Clair Unit is seeking volunteers, especially Amateur Radio Operators to join their efforts. Please see Larry Wessels for an application at the meeting, or call 541-8937 if you would like one sooner. Another great opportunity to serve your community... Smiley

Antenna Builders and Mid-Month Social: I have been told by Dennis, KM9O, the group will meet on Saturday, 22 Aug, and will be at: Pleasant Ridge Park, Fairview Heights, IL. The group gathers around 10:00 AM has a delicious “pot-luck” lunch, also works on antennas, and operational testing of them, wrapping up about 4:00 PM... Please try to attend and learn something that may be useful. I like the square loop antennas and various yagi designs... come on folks lets do it...

See next page for more exciting news and the want adds...

Peoria Superfest 2015

Exposition Gardens, Peoria, IL

Fri Setup: 1:00pm-8:00pm/Sat: 8:00am-4:00pm/Sun: 8:00am-1:00pm

(Details: www.w9uvi.org)

Want-adds section: For Sale: Hallicrafters SX-62A. Recapped, value unknown, make offer to Harry Church; W0KXP/9 – ph: 537-4498. Also two old TV UHF converters. Priced Right!

Note: Who took charge of my old Kenwood TS-520 after it took a lightning strike about year 2000?? I would like to talk to you about it. Thanks Harry Church ph: 537-4498.

Silent Key : Hank Wizeman (N0CUP) Equipment the family would like to sell, among them are several ICOM products: IC-746pro still in the box, power supply, (I think) another antenna tuner, and then some old school stuff- a big metal case with old radio equipment as well as an antenna tower. The tower is in sections but I am guessing is 60-70 feet tall. (swizeman@primelending.com) Scott Wizeman contact Scott if interested and for pricing.

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