

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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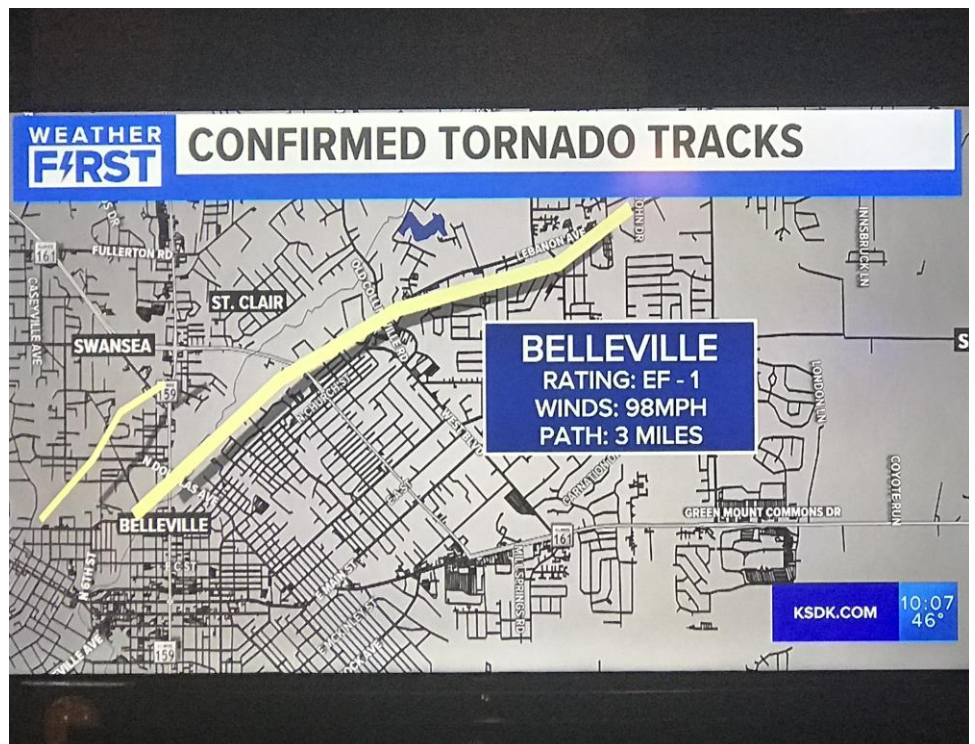
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**Emergency Comm Committee**  
Gene Kramer, WA9TZL

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

## Severe Weather hits the St. Louis Area



Screen Save KSDK TV

Severe weather hit St. Clair and Monroe counties Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> late afternoon and evening. The screen capture above shows the major track starting near Melvin Price Park in Swansea moving northeast a little north of Lebanon Avenue all the way to St John Drive. This track did damage to Larry’s K9LWW and his neighbor’s houses.

A minor track started near North 17<sup>th</sup> and West “A” St. in Belleville/Swansea and ended near Don’s Hardware or Erb Turf Equipment on Boul Ave in Swansea. This track was responsible for tree and roof damage along its route. It also destroyed a trailer home and took the roof off of another trailer at the trailer park at Pawnee Drive and North Illinois St. in Swansea.

A third track was in Monroe County from Maeystown to Hecker. There was considerable tree and roof damage in Hecker.

I haven’t heard of any injuries.

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Whiteside Drive



Larry's K9LWW Florida Room and his neighbor's (below)  
K9LWW photo



Illinois Street Trailer Park



A tree cut this trailer in half

KC9MZ photo



Pawnee Drive at North Illinois St.

KC9MZ photo



Forest Hills Drive



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## Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

May 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Dayton Hamvention Xenia Ohio see: [Home - Hamvention](#)

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Shriner's Parade see Larry K9LWW to sign up for communications support of the Parade

June 10<sup>th</sup> ARRL VHF Party 1800 UTC Saturday ends 0259 UTC Monday see: [June VHF \(arrl.org\)](#)

June 11<sup>th</sup> Egyptian ARC Egyptianfest 7 am to noon see: [Home \(w9aiu.org\)](#)

June 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> ARRL Field Day see: [Field Day \(arrl.org\)](#)

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

### SCAN Needs Your Input, Articles

It would be great to hear from others amongst us about what operating activities you're involved with or what projects you've been working on!

### Looking for some Radios?

Check the club website <https://www.scarc.net/> under Classifieds to see what some of the club members have for sale.

### Election of Officers

At the March meeting the membership unanimously returned last year's officers for another year!

President Randy KC9MZ  
Vice President Michael KA9HNT  
Secretary Kris, KD9VRT  
Treasurer Bob W9TUG  
Sergeant-at-Arms Dan KD9ADB  
Activity Manager Jim KD9BLA  
Publicity Activist Dean K9JDW

Please give them your support!

**Meeting Date, Time and Location:** Next month's meeting will be on May 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Swansea Moose Lodge. The meeting will be in the Game Room, the last door past the dining room.

**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.

## Club Breakfast March 11<sup>th</sup>



Left to right: Dale KB9JJA, Steve K9SHY, Sharon wife of Bob WA9TUG, Bill KC9CIK, and Rebecca KC9CIJ  
AA2KF photo



Sharon and Bob WA9TUG

AA2KF photo

A number of us enjoyed breakfast together at the Club's March 11<sup>th</sup> breakfast at the Golden Corral in Shiloh Illinois.

The next breakfast date will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at the O'Fallon, Illinois, Denny's Restaurant.

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### Ex-WMRY 101.1 FM Tower Collapses in Storm

Since 1966 WMRY has transmitted (50,000 watts) from the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows on top of the bluffs in West Belleville.

Over the years, I remember the various genre from jazz to classic rock with a little bit of religion mixed in.

Some of you might remember Mark Klose, Jim Bolen and Leo Cheers – "The Man in the Red Vest".

When I was a 17 year old counter clerk at Lurtz Electric, I met Ben Orf, the General Manager of the station. He must have taken pity on the new young Ham and gave me some Eimac 4CX150 pulls, which I still have.

WXOS, an ESPN affiliate, took over the stations license and moved the transmitter to St. Louis County. The WMRY call sign has been re-issued to a Public Radio station in Virginia.

I'm not sure the site was in use, but the studio building still has the "Minds Eye" (a reading service for the blind using the 67 KHz SCA) logo. It's very possible we've lost a landmark in West Belleville.

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Jim KC9FQC enjoys his coffee

AA2KF photo



Dale KB9JJA fields a question

AA2KF photo



## Commercial FM Radio Station Antenna Collapses in Storm



Ex WMYR-FM Antenna Tower lays on Studio Building

KC9MZ photo



## Bike MS

Lewis and Clark Radio Club (LCRC) has volunteered to assist with communications for the Bike MS event in September, 2023

Bike MS is the Muscular Sclerosis 150 mile bike event occurring on September 9-10, 2023

As in the past, the event will be centered around Lewis and Clark community College in Godfrey, IL. LCRC will be using our 145.230 repeater and simplex for the event. We will need 24-36 volunteers for the event.

Radio volunteers for net control and rest stops, communicators to accompany the sag and break down vans, as well as medical and support teams.

More details are pending a meeting with The Bike MS organizers later this month. Volunteers from any club are welcome to come out and participate.

There is an official sign up process being developed as well as a schedule and position roster.

Anyone interested in participating can contact me at the following emails, and we will add you to the email list for updates.

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or

[vp@k9ham.org](mailto:vp@k9ham.org)

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## VE Testing April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Moose Lodge



Larry K9LWW, Phil Hill, Gary N8GIL, and Julio AA2KF

KC9MZ photo

Phil Hill passed his Technician and General class exams. Congratulations Phil! Be sure to listen for him or the air!

The next session will be May 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to upgrade, or, if you know of someone who would like to test for their license, please have them email me, Randy, KC9MZ at [kc9mz@arrl.net](mailto:kc9mz@arrl.net).

### Here are some shorts

It's not too early to start thinking about Field Day! It's June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> this year! The Club approved going to Pleasant Ridge Park in Fairview Heights and approved \$150 for food and expenses.

I attended a meeting in early January where the Lewis and Clark RC gave a presentation on the Bike MS event this coming September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. It sounds like the MS people in charge want to go back to Amateur Radio – they didn't like using the commercial radio system for one reason or another. I know five or six of our members helped out on the MS Bike event in the past, so here's an opportunity to help again. Email Jim Pearson to get on the mailing list for updates or to volunteer.

Our next test session will be May 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM, Swansea Moose Lodge. Thank you to our VEs Larry K9LWW, Gary N8GIL, Julio AA2KF and Randy KC9MZ.

Don't forget the "Good Morning Net" M-F, 7-8 am by Larry, K9LWW, and Julio, AA2KF. Also the 224.12 MHz Net is on Thursdays, 7 pm by Steve, W9ZS and Tim KD9TRP has a 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Wednesdays. Thank you guys for running these fine nets!

Please send anything you might have for SCAN to [kc9mz@arrl.net](mailto:kc9mz@arrl.net).

I hope you can attend the next meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm CST. Please pray for peace in Ukraine!

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ



Please patronize our supporters!





Bike MS is the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's biggest fund raising event. The 2023 event will be the Gateway Chapter's 39<sup>th</sup> year, and it has grown to raise over \$1,000,000 annually to fund research that will hopefully lead to a cure for this devastating disease.

This year's ride will be held on Saturday and Sunday September 9-10 and is based at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey. Routes in Madison, Jersey and Macoupin Counties range from 25 to 100 miles each day and are shown on the attached map. Over 1,000 cyclists are expected to participate.

For many years, amateur radio provided communications support for the ride. The event was cancelled in 2020 when COVID hit and key local staff members were laid off. The final decision to hold an event in 2021 was not made until late spring and instead of having a local logistics manager the staff person in Chicago was tasked to coordinate logistics for the event. She had used a communications system based on cellular technology for her events and decided to use it here also. In 2022 there were several staff changes and the decision was made to use that system again. It worked well but was very expensive and staff would like to return to using amateur radio for communications.

What we would like from the club is two coordinators, one for volunteer matters and another to handle the technical aspects. The volunteer coordinator would recruit the volunteers and work with the MS Staff Volunteer Manager to make sure all documentation was completed. The technical coordinator would make sure all needed equipment was set up, tested and ready for the event. Both coordinators would work together to review and update instructions and provide training if needed before the event.

This year, we anticipate twelve mobile communicators will be needed:

- eight SAG vehicles (crew cab pickup trucks)
- one shuttle team (15 passenger and cargo vans running together)
- one supply teams
- two shadow communicators

Vehicles and drivers will be provided.

There will be eight rest stops on Saturday and six on Sunday. One communicator would be stationed at the medical tent on the campus and three experienced net control operators would be needed. I would be in net control, along with staff and the SAG coordinator.

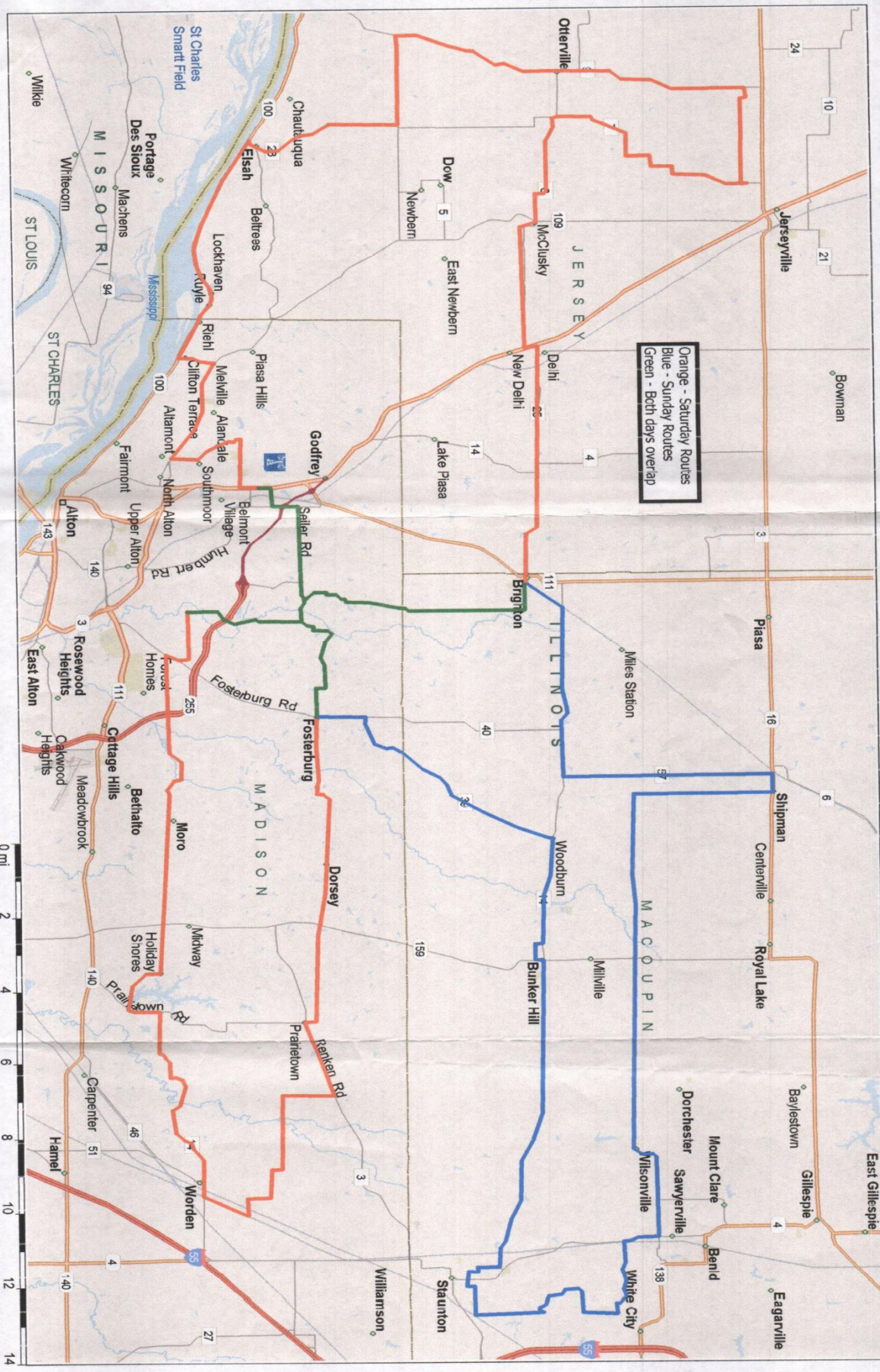
Net Control will be located in the Ringhausen Music Building on campus and will be in operation from 5:30 am to approximately 6:00 pm each day.

The primary contact and liaison with MS staff would be the volunteer Route Support Team Coordinator:

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