

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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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.)

## VE Testing May 13<sup>th</sup> Results in Two New Generals



Jim KD9BLA, Steve K9SHY, Gary N8GIL, Dave N9ZTR and Julio AA2KF KC9MZ photo



Jim KD9BLA, Julio AA2KF, Barry K0BVT, Steve K9SHY and Gary N8GIL KC9MZ photo

## Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

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

May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day – Be sure to put your flag out!

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 \(arrrl.org\)](#)

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 \(arrrl.org\)](#)

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.



Randy KC9MZ congratulates Dave N9ZTR on passing his General AA2KF photo

**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 April 13<sup>th</sup>



Left to right: Linda and Larry K9LWW, Jim KD9BLA, Dan, Kris KD9VRT, Steve K9SHY and Sam KC9LRO AA2KF photo



Steve W9ZS, Mike KC9SZ, Steve K9SHY and Dan KE5BG AA2KF photo



Wayne KC9ZYQ AA2KF photo



Dale KB9JJA and Dave WB1CDG

AA2KF photo



Julio AA2KF

K9SHY photo

A number of us enjoyed breakfast together at the Club's April 13<sup>th</sup> breakfast at the Golden Oak Restaurant in Fairview Heights.

The next breakfast date will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. The location will be decided at the May meeting.

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SAFB Air Show May 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> photos by Julio AA2KF



C-130J Super Hercules "Fat Albert"

AA2KF photo



F/A-18E Super Hornet "Number 5"

AA2KF photo



F/A-18E Super Hornet "Number 1 -4"

AA2KF photo



AA2KF 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

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Larry K9LWW helps Shannon KC9ZDP with his license renewal photo AA2KF

## VE Testing June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge

The next session will be June 17<sup>th</sup>.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> Barry von Tobel , K0BVT and Dave Reeves, N9ZTR both successfully upgraded to a General Class license! Congratulations Guys!

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

Field Day is just around the corner! 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 June 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM, Swansea Moose Lodge. Thank you to our VEs Larry K9LWW, Gary N8GIL, Julio AA2KF, Steve K9SHY, Jim KD9BLA 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).

Thank you to Julio AA2KF for all the great photos!

I hope you can attend the next meeting on May 25<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.

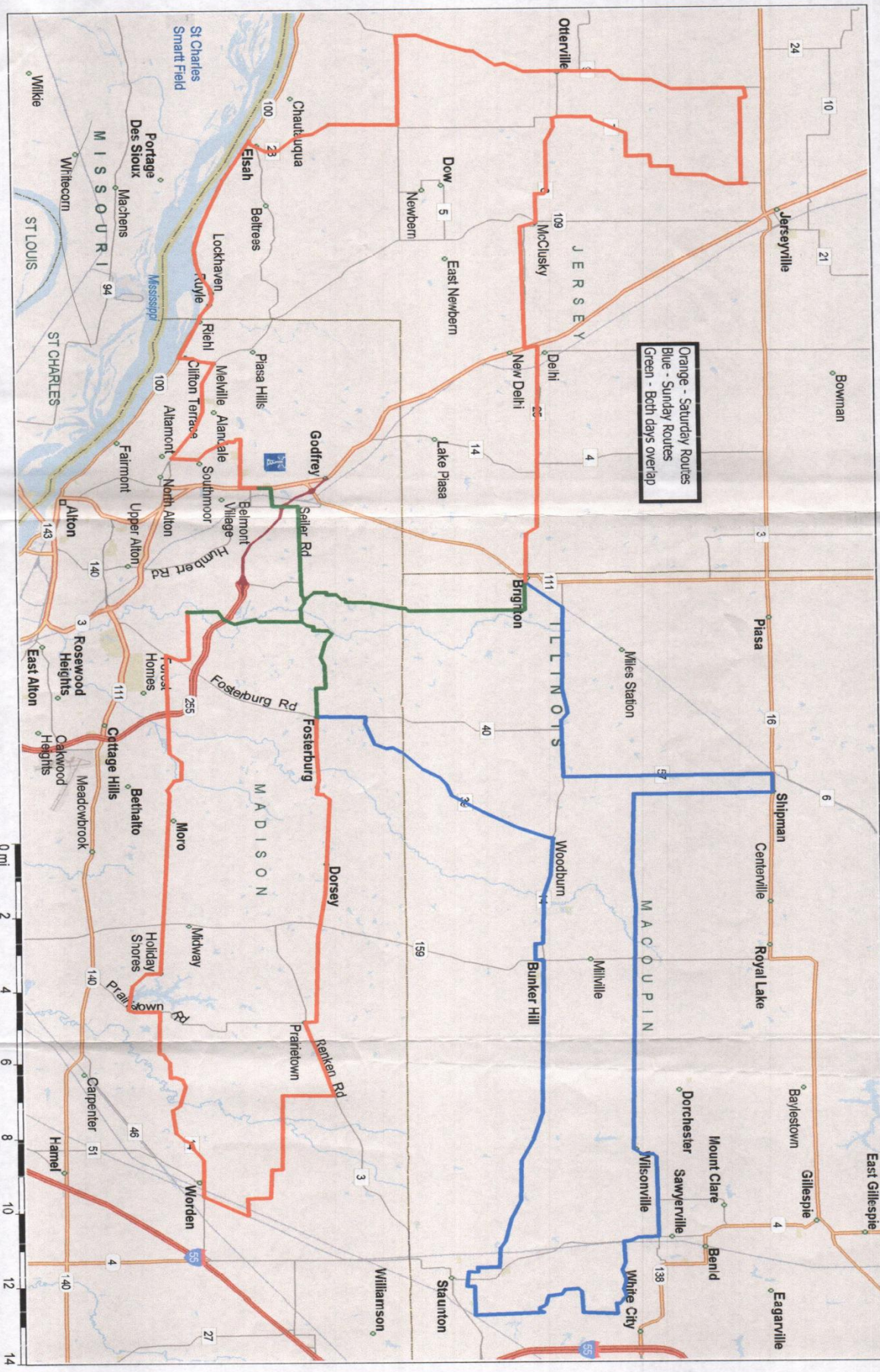
There will be eight rest stops on Saturday and six on Sunday. One communicator would be stationed at the medical tent on the campus and three experienced net control operators would be needed. I would be in net control, along with staff and the SAG coordinator.

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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MS23 both days for comm



Orange - Saturday Routes  
 Blue - Sunday Routes  
 Green - Both days overlap

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