

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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

Freeburg ESDA Receives WRN Ambassadors Award



NWS Meteorologist Ben Herzog and Gene Kramer WA9TZL Freeburg ESDA Coordinator, KC9NPN liaison for County ARES provided photo

The Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador initiative is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) effort to formally recognize NOAA partners who are improving the nation’s readiness, responsiveness, and overall resilience against extreme weather.

From: <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/ambassadors>

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

December 1st – 3rd ARRL 160 Meter Contest see: <http://www.arrl.org/160-meter>

December 9th – 10th ARRL 10 Meter Contest see: <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>

January 1st ARRL Straight Key Night [Straight Key Night \(arrl.org\)](http://www.arrl.org)

January 26th DX/ARRL Banquet see: <https://www.slsrc.org/product/winterfest-2024-banquet/>

January 26th Was Schum Symposium see: [Mid-Central Premiere Hamfest for 2024 \(slsrc.org\)](http://www.slsrc.org)

January 27th, 2023 Winterfest Hamfest, Collinsville, IL see: [Mid-Central Premiere Hamfest for 2024 \(slsrc.org\)](http://www.slsrc.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](http://www.cwops.org)

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

Repeater Repair

Dale and Andre went out to the repeater site last Sunday to check the connections on the 147.12 MHz repeater to see if they could solve the noise problem. They tightened all of the connections, so we'll see if that helps.

They also found that the 440 repeater had a noisy fan which was replaced with a fan from the spare Yaesu DR-2X. Replacement fans are on order.

Thanks Guys!

VE Testing December 16th at the Moose Lodge

We did not have testing in November.

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.

Give yourself a Christmas present – upgrade your license!

The next test session is December 16th at the Moose Lodge.

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on November 30th. 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.

Halloween Hamfest



George WI9I, Linda Wessels, and Bob K9EID

Linda photo



Terry N9BEL and Larry K9LWW

Linda photo



Dwayne KI4MEW, Larry K9LWW

Linda photo



Bob K9EID and Larry K9LWW

Linda photo

SPAM/Malicious Emails

Several of our members have been getting emails from me asking for gift cards to be bought! I am not sending those emails!

What I think is happening is that our website is being scanned and mined for email address. If you look at this Newsletter you'll see that I'm replacing the at symbol (@) with three dashes (---) in member email address.

Be careful when you reply to emails; watch to see what URL the embedded link is taking you to.

Club Christmas Dinner

Be sure to attend the Club Christmas Dinner at Eckert's Restaurant on December 14th. Please let Larry K9LWW or Jim KD9BLA know.

Club Breakfast

We had almost 20 members, family and friends at the breakfast. The next breakfast is December 9th.



KC9MZ photos

Here are some shorts

Congratulations to Gene WA9TZL on the National Weather Service's recognition of Freeburg EDSA's work in providing the Metro area with excellent storm warning emergency communications!

Our next test session will be December 16th 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, 7:30 – 8:30 am by Larry, K9LWW, and Julio, AA2KF. Also the 224.12 MHz Net is on Thursdays, 8 pm by Steve, W9ZS and there is a 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Wednesdays. Tim is unable to continue as Net Control for the Wednesday Net. Will someone volunteer to be Net Control? Thank you guys for running these fine nets!

Please send anything you might have for SCAN to kc9mz---arrl.net.

I hope you can attend our November meeting on November 30th at 8pm.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine!

73 es gud DX,

Randv. KC9MZ

Please patronize our supporters!

