

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.)

Club Breakfast September 9th



Julio AA2KF

KE5BG photo



Wendy, Rebecca KC9CIJ, and Bill KC9CIK

AA2KF photo

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

October 14th Club Breakfast

October 21st VE Testing at the Swansea IL Moose Lodge contact kc9mz@arrl.net if you would like to test.

October 28th Halloween Hamfest, Kirkwood, MO see: <http://halloweenhamfest.org/>

November 4th – 5th ARRL CW SS see: <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

November 18th – 19th ARRL SS Phone see: <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

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 27th, 2023 Winterfest Hamfest, Collinsville, IL see: <https://winterfest.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](#)

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

Halloween Hamfest Kirkwood, MO

The club has two tables at the Halloween Hamfest. We will be sharing the electricity with the Ancient Modulators club from Arnold.

Sales of the SK Estate are going so well that there should be room for club members to put their items for sale on these tables.

Please see Dale KB9JJA, for information.

I'll bring a list of remaining SK items to the September meeting.

VE Testing October 21st at the Moose Lodge

We did not have testing in September.

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.

The next test session is October 21st at the Moose Lodge.

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on September 28th. 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.

Solar Eclipse October 14th

In about three weeks, an annular solar eclipse will progress from northwest to southeast across the United States. See <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eclipses/2023/oct-14-annular/where-when/> for a map of the path of this eclipse. Oregon, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Texas will have maximum annularity. The Central Division will see a partial eclipse of 40-50% of totality.

If you're interested in the research aspect of this event, visit <https://hamsci.org/eclipse>. This is the website of the HamSCI (Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation) organization. There will be a solar eclipse QSO party (SEQP) similar to the SEQP during the August 2017 Great American Eclipse. This is a typical ham radio contest for those who wish to make CW, SSB and digital mode QSOs on 160-6 meters. Each QSO will become one of millions of data points which will help researchers answer science questions about ionospheric variability.

Six months after this event, a total solar eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024. The Central Division will see totalities from 65% (northern Wisconsin) to 100% (southern Illinois and southern and central Indiana). Here in Fort Wayne, we'll see about 98% totality. There will be a SEQP for this event, too (again, see <https://hamsci.org/eclipse>).

If you're interested in science, join in the fun for both events.

ARRL Central Division
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From ARRL Members only Web Site

Remember to use eye protection!

Club Picnic



Dale KB9JJA, Doug W9RFU and Dan KD9ADB talk about Dale's Station
KC9MZ photo



Steve K9SHY and Andre KD9RFE

KC9MZ photo

Art by Charles Allen Gilbert 1873-1929



I HAVE A WIRELESS FOR YOU

Club Picnic



Doug W9RFU and Larry K9LWW checking out the desserts

KC9MZ photo

Here are some shorts

Our Club Picnic was a success! Great food, conversation and weather! About 25 members and family enjoyed the day. Thank you everybody for coming out. Thank you too for those that brought sides and desserts!

Our next test session will be October 21st 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, 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!

Larry K9LWW and Julio AA2KF would like the opinion of the "Good Morning Net" users on a time change. They would like to move the Net to 7:30 to 8:30 am. Let them know your opinion.

Thank you Julio AA2KF and Dan KE5BG for your great pictures!

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

I hope you can attend our September meeting on September 28th at 8pm CDT.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine!

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Randy, KC9MZ

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