

St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

The St. Clair Amateur Radio Club (SCARC) has been around since the late forties. The hams around Belleville & Swansea put together a ham-fest at the park on just off route 159. Some of this group became the charter members of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club.

The St. Clair Amateur Radio club has a long history of supporting local agencies in emergency situations. We support the St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Illinois State Police, our Region 4 RHCC Hospital (Belleville Memorial) and coordinate the coverage of the other 15 hospitals in Region 4. We also provide support for the American Red Cross office in Fairview Heights, where our monthly Club meetings are held. Another key public service activity is supporting the Skywarn net and reporting severe weather conditions to the National Weather Service office in St. Charles.

Yearly club activities include Field Day, Belleville Shriner's Parade, walks, bike races, VE testing sessions, hospital exercises plus many other club functions throughout the year.

NETS

On Tuesday evenings the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club Net is held at 6:45 pm. Club activities, emergency communications and public service training and activities are discussed. Following this Club net, the St. Clair County ARES Net is held at 7:00 pm on the Club repeater.

Repeaters

The SCARC club station, K9GXU, provides coordinated repeaters. Operating on
147.120+MHz
224.120-MHz
444.625+MHz / PL 127.3
442.275 + / PL 127.3

The first three repeaters are located on Turkey Hill at the S.A.V.E. site, just outside of Belleville, IL. The

facilities for the repeaters are donated to the club by S.A.V.E.

The 442.275 repeater is located at Kenneth Hall Hospital in East St. Louis and is linked to the 147.12 repeater, extending coverage below the bluff and to the west.

Echolink / IRLP

The club UHF repeater is connected via EchoIRLP with the callsign K9GXU-R. The Echolink node number is 258260. The IRLP node number is 4979 Check the <http://www.scarc.net> website for instructions.

RACES/ARES

The St. Clair County RACES/ARES uses our 147.120 repeater for drills and activities. During times of severe weather, or a local emergency, you will find most activity on the repeater. The repeater is closed to normal communications when the net is active.

License Classes

The club sponsors amateur radio license classes when there is sufficient demand. These classes are open to the general public and are free. Prior reservations are required. Please email the Club if you are interested.

VE License Testing

The Club will hold VE license testing sessions before Club meetings when there is a request. Pre-registration is required. Our exam coordinator is Randy Bastian, KC9MZ, email: KC9MZ@arrl.net.

Meetings

Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM. We meet at the American Red Cross building, 10218 Lincoln Trail in Fairview Heights. Please come to the front door. All amateurs are welcome!

St. Clair Amateur Radio Club Inc. P.O. Box 94 – Belleville IL 62222

*Please help support amateur radio!
Membership is open to all!*

Membership Application

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____
Callsign: _____
Email Address: _____

| License Class: | Member of: |
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| <i>Check One</i> | <i>Check</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tech | <input type="checkbox"/> ARRL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novice | <input type="checkbox"/> RACES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Plus | <input type="checkbox"/> ARES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General | <input type="checkbox"/> MARS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced | <input type="checkbox"/> CAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

Yearly Membership Fees:

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| Full Membership | \$25.00 |
| Family Membership | \$30.00 |

Make Checks Payable to:
St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

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Internet Resources

St. Clair County RACES/ARES

<http://www.scarc.net>

Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL)

<http://www.arrl.org>

ARRL Illinois Section

<http://www.qsl.net/kd9ul/>

License Processing Status

<http://fee.gov/wtb/uls/>



Affiliated Club

Serving the St. Clair County and
Surrounding Area Amateur Radio
Community Since the Late 1940's.
