

# SCAN

Newsletter of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club  
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## WELCOME

Welcome to the seventh online edition of SCAN. You may catch up on old editions of SCAN by visiting our website at <http://www.scarc.net>.

## HAMFESTS

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** – SLSRC Winterfest at the Gateway Convention Center, Collinsville, IL from 8am until 1pm.

## CONTEST CALENDAR

**Feb 02-04** – 10-10 Winter Phone Contest  
**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** – FISTS Winter Sprint  
**Feb 16-18** – ARRL International DX – CW  
**Feb 23-25** – CQ 160-Meter CW Contest  
**Mar 02-04** – ARRL International DX - SSB

## CLUB MEETINGS

Our next club meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. This month's presentation will be "Air Force MARS" presented by MSGT Don Poquette, KE9XB. Don is the Chief of Air Force MARS and is assigned to the Air Force Communications Agency at Scott AFB. Plan on attending and enjoying this program.

## METRO EAST CERT TRAINING REPORT FROM KB9JJA

Curtis W5DTR and I recently spent a weekend participating in the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) for St. Clair County. The classes were held at the Metro West Fire Protection District in St. Louis County. The class consisted of 20 hours of class room as well as hands on training. The class and instructors are top notch, very informative, and enjoyable. Topics covered were personal and family emergency preparedness, light fire suppression, medical triage, light search and rescue, communications as well as the role and responsibility of CERT in an emergency. On Sunday after

the classroom instruction was done, there was an exercise at the Metro West Fire training facility.

This drill was designed to simulate a damaged structure with trapped victims after an earth quake. The 4 story training facility was set up with lots of debris in side, as well as a fire that needed to be put out, and 12 live victims. This was one top notch and realistic exercise. It took our team of 15 or so people that just completed the class less than 1 hour to put out the fire, evaluate the building, and evacuate all but one of the live victims. An aftershock forced the withdrawal of the CERT team from the building.

The CERT teams are designed to take care of most situations if and when the first responders have too much territory to cover which would be the situation in a large tornado or earth quake.

St. Clair County has CERT meetings once a month. The location varies, but I will put them on the club calendar. St. Clair county is in the process of putting together their own training class, in the mean time Metro West has offered their facilities and instructors to our county.

The time taken for the class was well worth giving up the weekend for. I highly recommend taking the course. It fits in very well with the ARES/RACES training.

We will be working with the CERT program, and offering assistance with their communications programs in the future.

For more information on the CERT program:

<https://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>

<http://www.metrowestcert.com/>

Contact Sue Erb, Metro East CERT 618-632-7079 or 618-806-3698 or contact me Dale KB9JJA at 334-5044 or kb9jja(AT)arrl.net

## ACTIVITIES

Would you like to see the club host more activities? We're always open to new ideas. Contact a club officer today with your ideas and we'll see what we can do.