

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

August 2019

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

K9GXU Repeater Visit



Left to right Dean, K9JDW; Jim, KC9FQC; Jim, KD9BLA; Michael, KA9HNT; Sean, KB0VER; Jan, N9NJW; Len, N9HKG; unknown; John, KE0YI; Dwayne, KI4MEW; Wayne, KC9ZYQ; Dolores McConnell; Dan, KD9ADB; Tom, KF9TOM; Andrew Bauer



Left to right Dolores, Tom's wife; Tom, KF9TOM; Dean, K9JDW; Jim, KC9FQC; Unknown; Dwayne, KI4MEW; Larry, K9LWW; Andrew Bauer; Gary, N9GIL; Dan, KD9ADB; Sean, KB0VER; Jan, N9NJW; Michael, KA9HNT; Len, N9HKG; Jim, KD9BLA Below Rich, K7DZE; and Harley, WB7PMZ



Operating Actives

August 31st The St. Louis & Suburban Radio Club will host a 2 Meter FM Sprint on August 31st from 7pm to 10pm. The objective is to make as many contacts in different zip codes as possible with only 2 meter FM simplex using 100 watts or less. See <https://www.slsr.org/2m-simplex-sprint/> for more information and a link to the rules.

Saturdays in September 9 am – 9 pm

The Egyptian Radio Club marks their 90th anniversary by operating Saturdays in September. Look for them on or about 3.535, 7.035, and 14.245 MHz. They offer a nice certificate QSL to commemorate the event.

September 14-16th ARRL VHF Party - This is a fun event for those wanting to get their feet wet in 6 Meter operating. Exchange grid squares on bands 50 MHz and above. See <http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf> for more information.

October 20-21 Illinois QSO Party - This is a very popular contest in our area. There will be discussions about how the group will send portable stations into some of the Illinois counties where there isn't a lot of Ham activity. Listen to the Tuesday night net (7pm) for more information or go to <https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestedetails.php?ref=167> . If you're new to HF contesting, partner with one of the portables and have some fun.

Upcoming Events:

Every weekday, Larry's, K9LWW, "Good Morning" net, 7 – 8 am.

ARES early net ~6:30pm Tuesdays and after the Club's "meeting on the air" ~ 7:10pm on our 147.12 repeater.

Illinois Section ARES HF Net meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday each month on or about 3905 KHz, LSB, 4:30 pm CST.

August 29th, club meeting 8 pm Belleville Fire House #4. No VE testing this month.

August 31st, Antenna Builders Guild, Pleasant Ridge Park, Fairview Heights

September 14th, Antenna Builders Guild, antenna building contest, Pleasant Ridge Park, Fairview Heights

September 20th -22nd ARRL-TAPR Digital Communications Conference, Detroit Metro Marriott Hotel, Detroit, MI

September 21st, Peoria Superfest and Illinois State Convention, Exposition Gardens, 1601 West Northmoor Road, Peoria, IL

September 28th, Club Picnic, Moody Park Pavilion #2, Fairview Heights

October 25th, Halloween Hamfest, Kirkwood, MO

January 25th, 2020, Winterfest, Collinsville, IL

For Sale:

Two 7" open reel tape recorders. One is a Roberts 990; the other is a Akai M-4. They are really the same machine, Akai sold their products under the name Roberts in the U.S. Hallicrafters SX-62, recapped. Several small motors, probably from washing machines – ¼ or 1/3 HP. Contact Harry Church, W0KXP.

Heathkit SB-200 for sale. Has not been on the air for a while and certainly needs caps and a soft key circuit. This would make a great conversion project for a 6 meter amp, asking \$200 or best offer. 618 277 5735 and leave a message. Carl, K9ZA.

From the SC-ARC reflector:

Announcing the 2 meter antenna building contest!

Saturday, September 14 at Pleasant Ridge in Fairview Heights.

Two classifications of entry: directional and omnidirectional. Tune for 146.55MHz.

Design and build a great antenna with whatever you find around the house or have in your shack.

Antennas will be measured for signal strength and judged for design. Please provide a brief write up of your design.

Everyone present can vote for the best 3 antenna, but builders can't vote for their own antenna.

A 10 foot mast of 2" PVC will be used to elevate antennas. Please make your antenna to fit the mast or bring your own 10 foot mast. Coax will be provided. Contestants can make their own feedline if desired.

Marty, N9PPJ, will measure signal strength from Moody Park.

A \$5 entry fee will offset pavilion rental.

If you would like to sponsor a prize, please let me know. ARRL books, antenna material, connectors, etc.

Potluck BBQ at 11:30 am.

More to come!

73, Dennis, KM9O

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FD 2019



Dean, K9JDW, is working Phone.

Photo KC9MZ

What am I?



KC9MZ Photo

1. What am I? I'm a solder sucker.
2. Where was I born? Emerson Electric, St. Louis.
3. What project was I first used on?

Hint: I'm a product of the Cold War

Here are some short thoughts:

Don't forget to check in to Larry's, K9LWW, "Good Morning" drive time (7 – 8 am) net on our 2 meter repeater. Stop in and say Hi!

Around 20 club members paid the K9GXU repeater a visit and enjoyed lunch at Eckert's restaurant July 21st. Thank you Larry, K9LWW and Gary, N8GIL for making this happen.

Hope to see you at the meeting or hear you on the air.

Remember to send anything you might have for SCAN to kc9mz@arrl.net Your input is needed to make this a good news letter!

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

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