

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

December 2021

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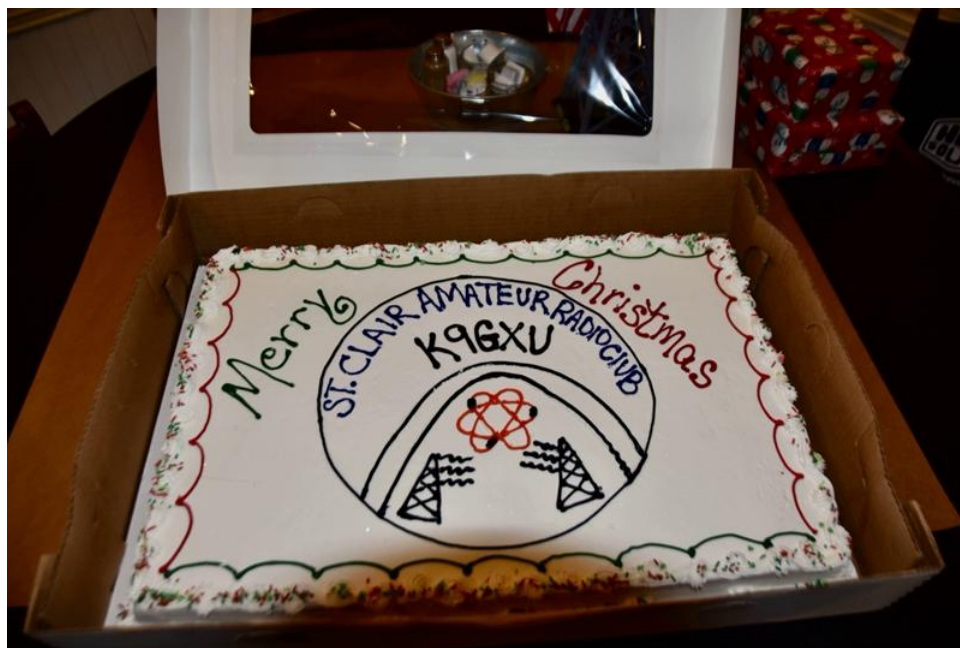
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Gene Kramer, WA9TZL

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

Merry Christmas!



Over 50 members and friends attended the Christmas Dinner AA2KF photo



Bob WA9TUG, Steve's wife, Steve W9ZS and Mike KC9SZ enjoy conversation before dinner AA2KF Photo

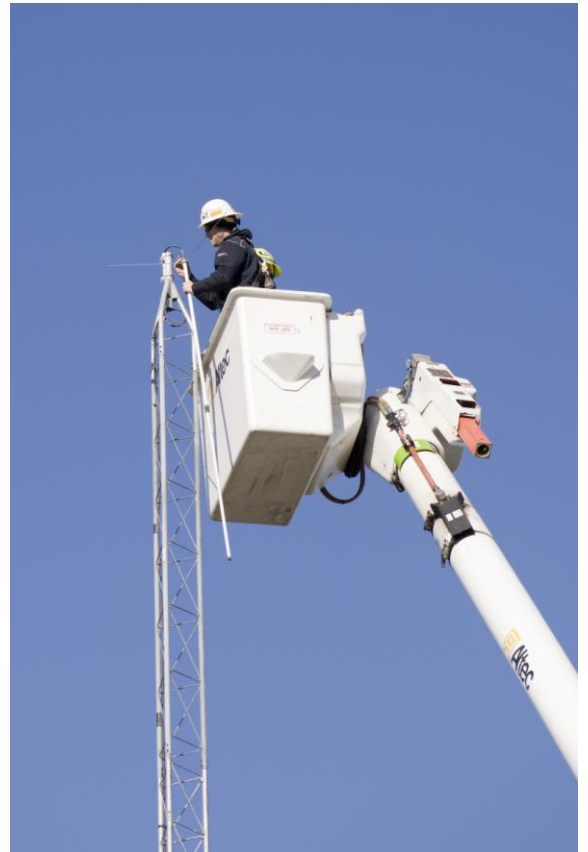
Another K9GXU Antenna Party!



The old 224 MHz antenna is removed first KE0YI Photo



Ground crew Steve K9SHY, Dale KB9JJA, Gene WA9TZL, Gary K9RVE, Jim KD9FQC and Randy KC9MZ KE0YI Photo



Then the main antenna is relocated down the tower KE0YI Photo



New Diamond X700HNA installed on top KE0YI Photo

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

ARRL Straight Key Night is January 1, 2022 0 – 2359 hours UTC see: [Straight Key Night is January 1, 2022 \(UTC\) \(arrl.org\)](#)

Winterheat Simplex Event is 00:01 UTC January 1st – 23:59 UTC January 31st see: [Winterheat flyer \(618comms.us\)](#)

ARRL RTTY Roundup is January 8-9 1800 UTC Saturday ends 2359 UTC Sunday see: [RTTY Roundup \(arrl.org\)](#)

ARRL January VHF Party is January 15-17 1900 UTC Saturday end 0359 UTC Monday see: [RTTY Roundup \(arrl.org\)](#)

The St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club will sponsor the Winterfest and ARRL Midwest Division Convention January 22, 2022 see: [Winterfest 2022 \(slsrc.org\)](#)

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

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month's meeting will be on January 27th. It will be at the Swansea Moose Lodge with an "On the Air" meeting component. Check-in starts at 8 pm. Steve, W9ZA, will have the 224.12MHz Net at 7 pm.

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.



Everyone seemed to enjoy Eckert's food

AA2KF Photo



Steve, K9SHY, showed us his uSDX HF Transceiver AA2KF Photo

FCC Proposes new fees for Amateur Radio!

New information!!!! On August 16th an ARRL bulletin stated that the new fees will not go into effect before 2022! See: [FCC Application Fees Unlikely to Go into Effect Until 2022 \(arrl.org\)](https://www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fees-unlikely-to-go-into-effect-until-2022)

The FCC had proposed a \$50 fee for new or modified Amateur Radio licenses, license renewals and vanity call signs. With input from over 3,000 Hams, the ARRL, and other organizations, the FCC has decided a \$35 fee would be more reasonable.

The ARRL VE letter stated there are some FCC procedures that have to take place before the new \$35 fee will be in effect. The best guess is that it will be this summer.

If you or someone you know would like to upgrade or take their first test, do it sooner rather than later. Save the \$35.

FCC will not accept SSN in lieu of FRN

ARLB014 FCC Auto-Registration Feature for Exam Applicants to be discontinued

Auto-registration in the FCC Commission Registration System (CORES) amateur radio exam for candidates using a Social Security number will be discontinued on May 20, 2021. Applicants must use an FCC Registration Number (FRN) for all license transactions with the FCC.

Examinees must register in CORES and receive an FRN before exam day.

Starting on May 20, electronic batch filed applications that do not include a candidate's FRN will be rejected. The Social Security/Licensee ID Field will be disabled.

The CORES website can be accessed at:

<https://apps.fcc.gov/core/userLogin.do> .

An instructional video provides step-by-step instructions on how to establish a CORES account, which is necessary for licensees to make administrative updates and download electronic license authorizations.

The instructional video can be found at, <https://www.fcc.gov/rofrn> .

FCC will require all applications to have an email address

After June 29, all filers must provide an email address on all applications. When an email is provided, applicants will receive an official electronic copy of their licenses once granted (allow incoming email from authorizations@fcc.gov). **If no email is provided when filing on or after June 29, applications will be rejected.** ARRL VEC suggests that those without access to email to use the email address of a family member or friend.

Further information about providing an email address can be found at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-to-require-email-address-on-applications-starting-on-june-29-2021>

Licensees need to log in to the Universal Licensing System (ULS) to download their authorizations. The FCC no longer issues paper copies.

From ARRL ARLB014 April 27, 2021

Thanks to Sean KK9U and Gary N8GIL, for bringing this ARRL Bulletin to our attention!

SCAN Needs Your Input, Articles

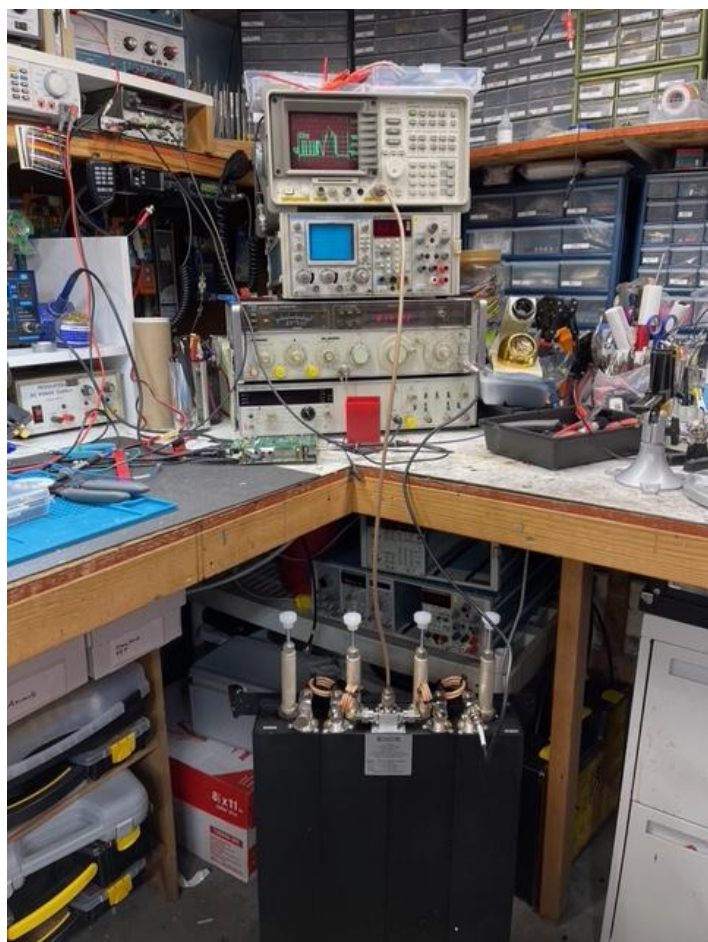
It would be great to hear from others amongst us about what operating activities you're involved with or what projects you've been working on!

Repeater Refresh Pictures



Arcom RC210 Controller build is in process

KB9JJA Photo



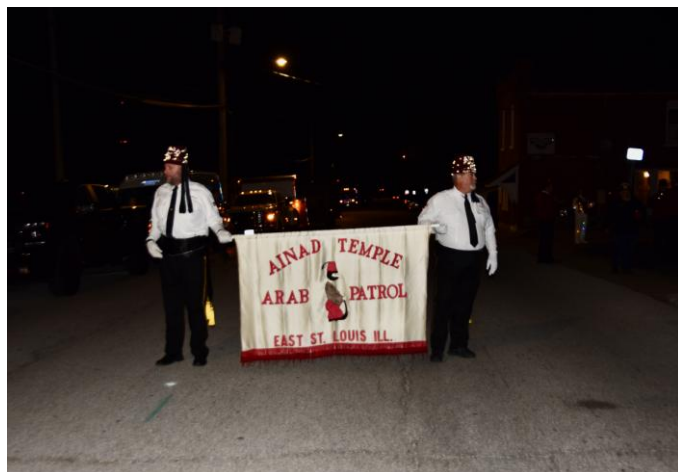
New BridgeCom Duplexer under test

KB9JJA Photo

Shriner's Parade Communications



Communications Team: John K2JRB, Dean K9JDW, Gary K9RVE, Steve K9SHY, Steve W9ZS and Julio AA2KF behind the camera AA2KF Photo



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Rich K7DZE won the Heil microphone/headset AA2KF Photo



Linda, Elsa, John W3LSA, and John WA0LIS enjoying conversation before dinner AA2KF Photo



The wait staff at Eckert's took great care of us AA2KF Photo



One of our club photographers, Julio AA2KF

In Memory Of

We remember these members and friends that left us in 2021:

Clemm Mud W9JMY
 Gordon Anson WB9TGB
 Jim Stoeber WI9X
 Randy Jackson WT5CR
 Don Wittlich WN9V
 Edward Williamson
 Jan Peak N9JWD

Our sympathy to their friends and family.

Here are some shorts

Jan Peak, N9NJW, passed away on December 13th. Our sympathy to Len, I've attached her obituary at the end of SCAN.

Thank you to Gene, WA9TZL, for coordinating the repeater antenna replacement. Thanks also to Shane Krauss head lineman, and John Tolan, Freeburg Public Works Director for their assistance. Without the City of Freeburg's assistance, our antenna work would be very expensive.

Thank you to Heil Sound for providing the attendance prizes for the club dinner. Thanks Bob! Rich K7DZE won the Heil microphone/headset and Bill KC9CIK won the Heil foot switch!

We received word from the ARRL that our requested grant was denied this year.

Don't forget the "Good Morning Net" M-F, 7-8am by Larry, K9LWW and the 224.12 MHz Net on Thursdays, 7 pm by Steve, W9ZS. Thank you guys for running these nets!

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

I hope you can attend or check in to the next meeting on January 27th at 2000 CDT.

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ



Please patronize our supporters!





Jan Peak N9NJW

Janice L. Peak, nee Willmann, 69, of Belleville, IL passed away on December 13, 2021 at Evelyn's House in Creve Couer, MO. Janice was born on December 9, 1952 in Belleville, IL to Ralph and Doris Willmann, nee Blaies and they precede her in death. Janice worked for 37 years as a Unit Secretary for St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL. She was a devoted member of Concordia United Church of Christ in Belleville, IL. Janice was also a passionate Ham Radio Operator and had her Amateur Radio License, N9NJW. She was a long-time member of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 29 years, Leonard Peak of Belleville, IL, her daughter, Denise (Gerald) Taylor-Good of Carlsbad, CA, her half-brother, Chuck (Marie) Geopo of Providence, RI and her grandchildren, Sloan and Thurston Good also of Carlsbad, CA in addition to countless beloved friends.

A celebration of Janice's life will be held at Concordia United Church of Christ in Belleville, IL-the date and times will be forthcoming. Please check the funeral home's website for details. Memorial contributions may be made to BJC Hospice in memory of Janice L. Peak.

From: <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/23380441/janice-l-peak>