

# St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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## Emergency Comm Committee

Gene Kramer, WA9TZL

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

## VE Testing Feb 25<sup>th</sup>



Jeff Tucker was successful passing his General class license exam. VEs Larry K9LWW, Gray N8GIL and Julio AA2KF, congratulate him. KC9MZ photo



After meeting Rag Chew 2-25-23

KC9MZ photo

## Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

ARRL DX Contest (Phone) March 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> see: [ARRL DX](#)

Lewis and Clark Radio Club Hamfest March 11 see: <https://k9ham.org/hamfest/>

QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo March 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> see: [Home \(qsotodayhamexpo.com\)](http://qsotodayhamexpo.com)

ARRL Rookie Roundup (Phone) April 16<sup>th</sup> 1800 UTC thru 2359 UTC see: <http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

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

### 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!

### Looking for some Radios?

Check the club website <https://www.scarc.net/> under Classifieds to see what some of the club members have for sale.

### Election of Officers

January starts the election process for club officers. The Sergeant-at-Arms takes nominations at the January, February, and March meetings with the election itself in March. Dan, KD9ADB, told us that all of the current officers agreed to be nominated for another year. Dan will ask for nominations again in February.

So far:

President Randy KC9MZ  
Vice President Michael KA9HNT  
Secretary Kris, KD9VRT  
Treasurer Bob W9TUG  
Sergeant-at-Arms Dan KD9ADB  
Activity Manager Jim KD9BLA  
Publicity Activist Dean K9JDW

**Meeting Date, Time and Location:** Next month's meeting will be on March 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Swansea Moose Lodge.

**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.

## Club Breakfast Feb 18<sup>th</sup>



Left to right: Wayne KC9ZYQ, Bob WA9TUG, Dan KE5BG, Dan's wife Wendy, and Dave, WB1CDG  
KC9MZ photo



Foreground: Dan KD9KFJ, Kris KD9VTY, and Lynda, Larry K9LWW's wife  
KC9MZ photo



Jim KD9 Frequency Quality Control enjoying his coffee  
KC9MZ photo

Over 18 of us enjoyed breakfast together at the Club's inaugural breakfast at Denny's Restaurant in O'Fallon Illinois.

At the meeting the club voted to have the Club breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.

The O'Fallon Denny's worked out great; we took all of the tables on the back wall. Belleville Denny's does not have the layout to serve a group our size in adjoining tables.

The staff did a wonderful job getting the 18 orders out to us at the same time!

The next breakfast date will be March 11<sup>th</sup>. I'll update the calendar and ask Larry to post the updates on our web site.

KC9MZ



## Bike MS

Lewis and Clark Radio Club (LCRC) has volunteered to assist with communications for the Bike MS event in September, 2023

Bike MS is the Muscular Sclerosis 150 mile bike event occurring on September 9-10, 2023

As in the past, the event will be centered around Lewis and Clark community College in Godfrey, IL. LCRC will be using our 145.230 repeater and simplex for the event. We will need 24-36 volunteers for the event.

Radio volunteers for net control and rest stops, communicators to accompany the sag and break down vans, as well as medical and support teams.

More details are pending a meeting with The Bike MS organizers later this month. Volunteers from any club are welcome to come out and participate.

There is an official sign up process being developed as well as a schedule and position roster.

Anyone interested in participating can contact me at the following emails, and we will add you to the email list for updates.

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## VE Testing February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge

Jeff Tucker should be congratulated on passing both his Technician and General licenses exams last Saturday! Be sure to welcome him on the repeater! Jeff has been SWLing the repeater for some time now.

The next session will be March 25<sup>th</sup> and we have a candidate to test. Lewis and Clark RC will also have testing at their Hamfest on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:kc9mz@arrl.net).

## Here are some shorts

It's not too early to start thinking about Field Day! It's June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> this year! The Club approved going to Pleasant Ridge Park in Fairview Heights and approved \$150 for food and expenses.

I attended a meeting in early January where the Lewis and Clark RC gave a presentation on the Bike MS event this coming September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. It sounds like the MS people in charge want to go back to Amateur Radio – they didn't like using the commercial radio system for one reason or another. I know five or six of our members helped out on the MS Bike event in the past, so here's an opportunity to help again. Email Jim Pearson to get on the mailing list for updates or to volunteer.

Our next test session will be March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM, Swansea Moose Lodge.

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, 7 pm by Steve, W9ZS and Tim KD9TRP has a 444.625 MHz at 7 pm on Wednesdays. Thank you guys for running these fine nets!

Please send anything you might have for SCAN to [kc9mz@arrl.net](mailto:kc9mz@arrl.net).

I hope you can attend the next meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8pm CST. Please pray for peace in Ukraine!

73 es gud DX,

Randy, KC9MZ

Please patronize our supporters!



Bike MS is the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's biggest fund raising event. The 2023 event will be the Gateway Chapter's 39<sup>th</sup> year, and it has grown to raise over \$1,000,000 annually to fund research that will hopefully lead to a cure for this devastating disease.

This year's ride will be held on Saturday and Sunday September 9-10 and is based at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey. Routes in Madison, Jersey and Macoupin Counties range from 25 to 100 miles each day and are shown on the attached map. Over 1,000 cyclists are expected to participate.

For many years, amateur radio provided communications support for the ride. The event was cancelled in 2020 when COVID hit and key local staff members were laid off. The final decision to hold an event in 2021 was not made until late spring and instead of having a local logistics manager the staff person in Chicago was tasked to coordinate logistics for the event. She had used a communications system based on cellular technology for her events and decided to use it here also. In 2022 there were several staff changes and the decision was made to use that system again. It worked well but was very expensive and staff would like to return to using amateur radio for communications.

What we would like from the club is two coordinators, one for volunteer matters and another to handle the technical aspects. The volunteer coordinator would recruit the volunteers and work with the MS Staff Volunteer Manager to make sure all documentation was completed. The technical coordinator would make sure all needed equipment was set up, tested and ready for the event. Both coordinators would work together to review and update instructions and provide training if needed before the event.

This year, we anticipate twelve mobile communicators will be needed:

- eight SAG vehicles (crew cab pickup trucks)
- one shuttle team (15 passenger and cargo vans running together)
- one supply teams
- two shadow communicators

Vehicles and drivers will be provided.

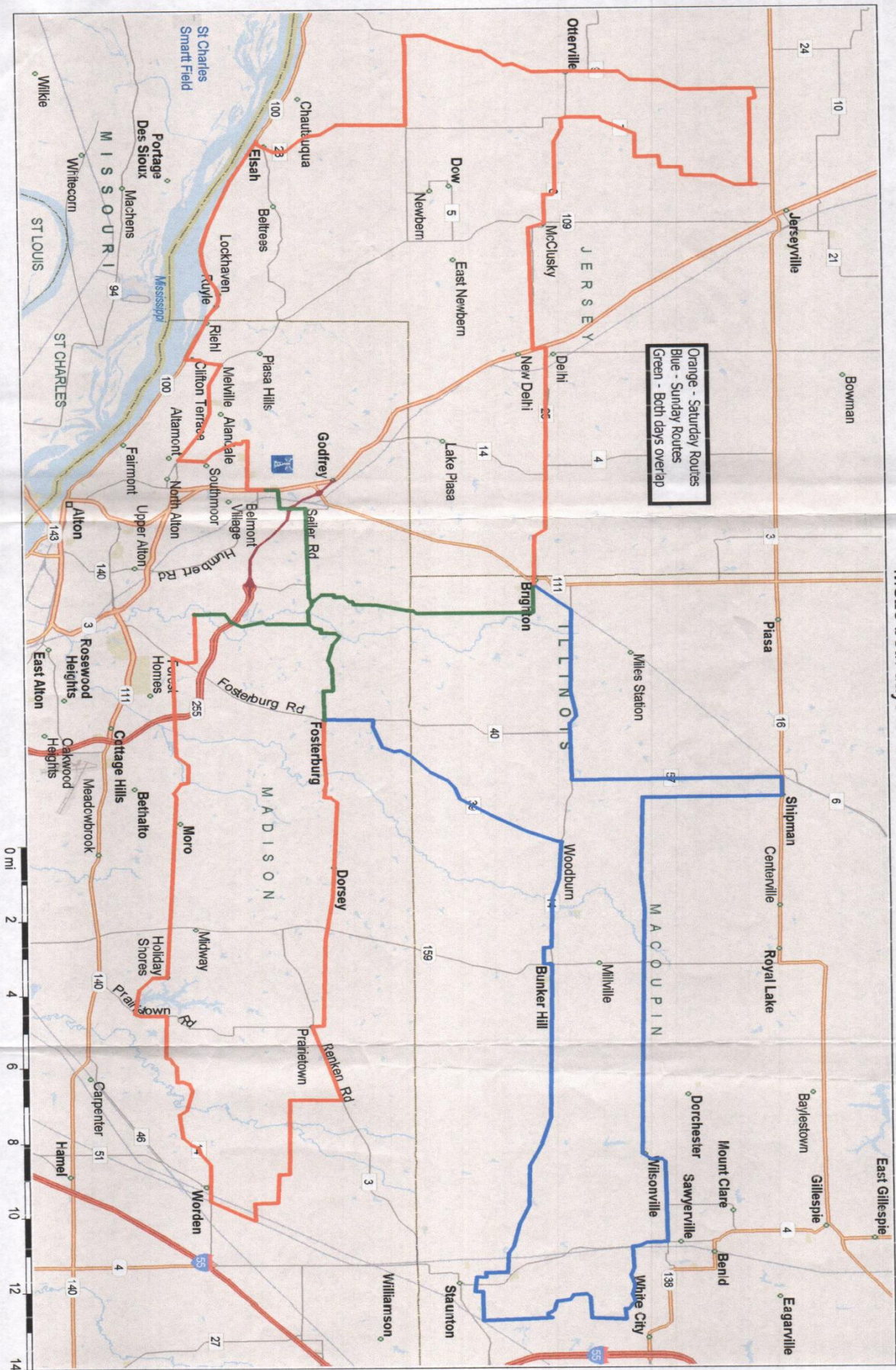
There will be eight rest stops on Saturday and six on Sunday. One communicator would be stationed at the medical tent on the campus and three experienced net control operators would be needed. I would be in net control, along with staff and the SAG coordinator.

Net Control will be located in the Ringhausen Music Building on campus and will be in operation from 5:30 am to approximately 6:00 pm each day.

The primary contact and liaison with MS staff would be the volunteer Route Support Team Coordinator:

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