

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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

Field Day held at Pleasant Ridge Park



Pleasant Ridge Park Pavilion 2

AA2KF photo



Moving to a dry area in the pavilion. The white area in the back of the picture is rain!
KC9MZ Photo

Field Day Pictures 2021



Dale, KB9JJA; Dan, KD9ADB; Stephen K9SHY; and Randy KC9MZ work on setting up Dean's K9JDW Hex beam
AA2KF Photo



Dwayne celebrates after securing the Hex beam to the mast!
AA2KF Photo

VE Testing July 24th at the Moose Lodge

We didn't have a test session in June, so our next session will be July 24th at 9:30 AM, Swansea Moose Lodge.

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.

I've included the FCC information from last month in this SCAN.

We had a wet but fun Field Day!

The day started off windy but added a few showers in the afternoon and over night! Two of the Saturday afternoon rains were more like gales than showers!

The July SCAN will have all of the scoring details but I can say we worked about 400 stations! That will beat our recent best of 377 in 2019.

Dale, KB9JJA, worked over 300 contacts himself! Great job Dale!

One of the site visitors was the ARRL Illinois Section Manager, Tob Beeke, W9RY. He asked me who was our leading operator and I pointed out Dale. Tom gave him an award on the spot of an ARRL bound journal!

Tom also took time to talk about the FCC RF safety rules which SCAN covered in the April issue.

Field Day Pictures 2021



Dwayne secures the Hex beam at its final height as Dean, K9JDW; Michael, KA9HNT; Dale, KB9JJA and Dan, KD9ADB look on.

AA2KF Photo

On the Air Meeting For June

After we moved locations within the Moose Lodge, we had problems getting into the 2 meter repeater for the "on the air meeting". Bob, WA9TUG, came up with the idea to use his Yaesu cross band rig in his truck and use 444 MHz from the meeting room.

It really worked great! We had 4 members check in on the air! (26 attended the meeting). We will continue to use this setup for our future meetings. Our next meeting is July 29th.

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

RAC Canada Day Contest, July 1st 0000-2359Z see: [RAC Canada Day Contest: Celebrate Canada's Birthday on the air!](#)

West Central Illinois Hamfest, sometimes known as the "Carlinville" Hamfest, is to be August 7th at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds see: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/west-central-illinois-hamfest-6>

St. Louis ARC is planning on having the "Halloween Hamfest" on October 30th at the Kirkwood Community Center see: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/halloween-hamfest-6>

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 July 29th. 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 members and prospective members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.

SCAN Needs Your Input, Articles

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

FCC Proposes new fees for Amateur Radio!

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!

Here are some shorts

Thank you to the Moose for allowing us to meet in their ballroom. There were about 26 in attendance (June 24th)! Thanks Bob, WA9TUG, for making this happen.

I've included the FCC information in this month's again because there still has been no date published as to when the \$35 fee will go into effect.

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 July 29th at 2000 CDT.

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

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