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The Official Newsletter of the Egyptian Radio Club, Inc.

February 2017

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The Egyptian 70 CM Repeater Goes Digital

Photos courtesy of Randy KD9BQK

The 70 Centimeter (442.400) repeater, located in Edwardsville IL on the SIUE campus, has gone digital. Marty (N9PPJ), Juston (WA9JTG), Nolan (KA9VKC), and Randy (KD9BQK) got the new repeater installed on January 16th. It is a Yaesu System Fusion DR-1X, operating in auto mode. This means that it will pass FM analog traffic, as well as C4FM digital traffic. Thank you guys for the hard work in getting the repeater installed.



Here is Marty (N9PPJ) with the new repeater



Marty (N9PPJ), Juston (WA9JTG), and Randy (KD9BQK) in the repeater shack.



Marty (N9PPJ) and Juston (WA9JTG) with the repeater.



Marty (N9PPJ) with the service monitor.



2017 ST. LOUIS METRO ARES/RACES EVENT CALENDAR



CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION! WWW.STLARES.ORG

FEBRUARY

- 6th – Planning Committee Meeting
- 13th – Regular Monthly Meeting
- 18th – Multi-Faceted ARES Exercise

MARCH

- 4th – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #1
- 11th – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #2
- 13th – Regular Monthly Meeting
- 18th – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #3
- 25th – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #4 & Field Exam

APRIL

- 3rd – Planning Committee Meeting
- 10th – Regular Monthly Meeting
- 29th – 4 Zone Simplex Exercise

MAY

- 5th – Effective & Efficient Communicating Class
- 6th – Basic/Advanced Winlink Express Class
- 8th – Regular Monthly Meeting

JUNE

- 3rd – Tour de Cure, Alton, IL*
- 5th – Planning Committee Meeting
- 12th – Regular Monthly Meeting

- 24th & 25th – Field Day (overnight) @ Jefferson Barracks Park

JULY

- 10th – Regular Monthly Meeting

AUGUST

- 5th – Lupus Bike Ride, Eureka, MO*
- 7th – Planning Committee Meeting
- 12th – Net Control Operator Boot Camp
- 14th – Regular Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 9th & 10th – MS Bike Ride, Godfrey, IL*
- 11th – Regular Monthly Meeting

OCTOBER

- 2nd – Planning Committee Meeting
- 7th & 8th – Simulated Emergency Test
- 9th – Regular Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 13th – Regular Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER

- 4th – Planning Committee Meeting
- 11th – Regular Monthly Meeting

All meetings, exercises and classroom training sessions are open to everyone. Classroom training sessions require registration. Check STLARES.ORG website for info.

**Public Service Events, may require additional training / registration outside of St. Louis Metro ARES/RACES*

7th Annual April Fools' Fest 2017

Ham Radio Flea Market and Convention

Saturday April 1st

West Richland Center
IL-250 East, Noble, IL

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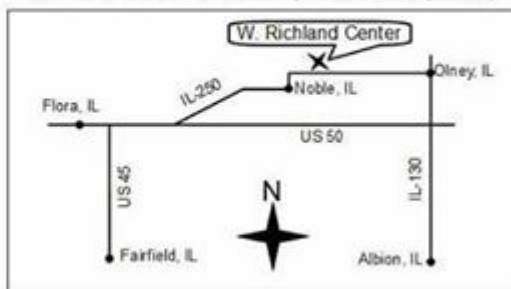
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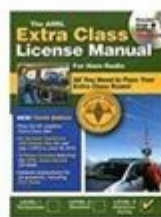
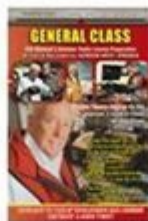
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The Egyptian Radio Club and the St. Louis Suburban Radio Club will be conducting an Extra Class review sessions including VE testing.

The Extra Class review session will be held on March 18th, and 25th with the test session on March 25th.

The review session for each will follow the program laid out in Gordon West's power point review.

Prior study is **STRONGLY** encourage as these are just review sessions.

Free study guides can be emailed to you.

The Gordon West and ARRL study books are available at Gateway Electronics
2220 Welsch Industrial Court St. Louis, Mo 314-427-6116

Both review sessions will be held at the Egyptian Club room located in Holy Family Catholic Church 2606 Washington Ave. Granite City, Il

For registration and more information please contact :

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Ajit Pai is President's Choice for FCC Chairman

01/23/2017

Ajit Pai, a Republican member of the FCC, has been designated by President Donald Trump to succeed chairman Tom Wheeler, who stepped down on Inauguration Day, January 20.

"I am deeply grateful to the President of the United States for designating me the 34th Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission," Pai said in a statement. "I look forward to working with the new Administration, my colleagues at the Commission, members of Congress, and the American public to bring the benefits of the digital age to all Americans."

A critic of so-called Internet neutrality rules, Pai, 44, was nominated to the FCC by former President Barack Obama and was confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate in 2012.

The son of immigrants from India, the Harvard Law graduate grew up in Parsons, Kansas.

The FCC now is down to three members. In addition to Pai are Democrat Mignon Clyburn and Republican Michael O'Rielly. The Commission can have five members, three of whom are from the majority political party.



Alert:



.... ILLINOIS SECTION NEWS

From the top...

**Third time is a charm and we're off to the races again. The number for the [Amateur Radio Parity Act for the new session of Congress is H. R. 555](#). Again, Illinois' own Adam Kinzinger has introduced the measure. There will come a time shortly for you to contact your Member of Congress and again ask him/her to co-sponsor this measure. Stay tuned.

**The Illinois Emergency Management Agency has had a state of the art Emergency Operations Center for some time now. Amateur Radio, in the forms of ARES® and RACES, has been a part of IEMA's planning for a while as well. However, our representatives were not in the EOC during activations, but relegated to an IEMA facility across Springfield. This all changed with the new year. Brad Pioveson W9FX, our SEC, explains: *"Since 2010, Illinois RACES/AUXCOMM has been working in and from IEMA's Rodger Street facility, located a couple miles south of the SEOC, but we had no direct input into the SERC. Anything we had to contribute (or, relay) had to be channeled through IEMA's Communications Manager. With the addition of a RACES/AUXCOMM liaison at the SERC table, we'll be able to be more responsive to agency and organization needs during Illinois crises. ... Having a representative at this table means that we – our state's 22,000+ amateur radio operators - have, finally, arrived, and are being viewed as full partners, not just hobbyists, by IEMA's Operations Bureau. This is very big news for amateur radio in Illinois. We have, quite literally, gone from being persona non grata, having been, essentially, turned away from IEMA from 1993 to late 2009, to having a seat alongside IEMA, IDOT, IDPH, ISP, IDOC, ING, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and, other agencies or NGO's critical to be included in disaster response."*

**For those who came in late (as I've told this story before), I had a single instruction for Brad when I appointed him SEC: Get Amateur Radio back in the emergency planning in Illinois. This he has done, in spades. Not only have we returned to the good graces of IEMA, but IL AUXCOMM will provide a solid platform to present universal credentialing and training for those wishing to be affiliated. It's been a long time coming, and we're just getting warmed up.

Get informed...

**Apparently, the British telecom regulating agency, Ofcom, was even less enamored of the UK's Channel 5 than the [Radio Society of Great Britain after a televised hatchet job on a ham by his neighbors](#). These folks decided that M0PAM's emissions were harmful, and provided enough shock and awe for Channel 5 to fabricate an entire episode of "Nightmare Neighbour Next Door". During the program, not one opportunity was provided for RSGB to provide factual information on Amateur RF radiation, nor was any rebuttal opportunity given. After M0PAM was given a clean bill of health by Ofcom, that worthy agency called the program "fundamentally misleading". Unfortunately, that's as far as it went.

**I get chuckles out of this when I bring this up in club visits and such, but I do believe that spurious claims of harm from RF emissions will be our next battlefield. There are already folks who claim sensitivity to Wi-Fi. It's no stretch of the imagination for someone to blame their case of the vapors on your antenna. All the more reason to have your [Station Evaluation](#) in order and up to date.

Around the Section...

**It's that time of the year for those so inclined to check with their local National Weather Service office as to the

availability of spotter talks. The suggestion is that you attend at least every other year. I find that the material isn't like it was not too long ago, when you could go for years without something new being added. And, no matter how experienced you are, there's always something to learn.

****A new year and a new hamfest season. Looking forward to seeing some of you on 22 January at the Kane County Fairgrounds' Prairie Events Center for the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs' fest. It's also a really good time to come and renew your League membership if you have not done so and it's that time for you. See you with the rest of the cabin fevered folks!**

****I spent an evening with the Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society and our own Section Traffic Manager, Roy Eades KA9MZJ. Roy provided the club with the 50,000 foot overview of the National Traffic System along with a brief tutorial in how to get started in message handling. An enjoyable time was had by all.**



MISSOURI SECTION NEWS

Cecil Higgins, AC0HA, MO SM

I hope everyone is having a good start to 2017 and are excited about all the opportunities out there for making the New Year a great one for growing Amateur Radio in the Missouri Section. This time of year is a good time to set some individual and Radio Club goals. For example, you can plan to re-organize your radio shack, improve your antenna system, start operating on a new mode, switch over to computer logging, participate in ARES drills, take part in operating events like the MO QSO Party, and a host of other ideas. One of the most important Ham Radio activities we might consider is to help mentor a new or inactive Amateur Radio operator and help them get on the air operating in 2017. I will be looking forward to visiting with the ARRL members and others at upcoming Hamfests.

JANUARY HAMFEST

The St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club, Winterfest 2017 will be held January 28, 2017. The Winterfest is held at the Gateway Convention Center, One Gateway Drive, in Collinsville, IL 62234. Tickets and Tables are on sale now at winterfest.slsr.org. Just click the link to the store. Tables are \$25.00 if purchased Before January 1, 2017. Tickets are \$8.00 if purchased in advance - \$10.00 if purchased at the door. Raffle Tickets are also available at 6 tickets for \$5.00 or 1 ticket for \$1.00. This year's Winterfest will be returning to the Main Ball Room and it is one of the largest Hamfest in the Midwest. This year's Forums include one by Bob Heil, K9EID, and Sterling Coffey, N0SSC, who is the authority on Promoting Ham Radio to youth. VE testing will be provided by the Cliff Cave Testing Team. The latest information about Winterfest will be found on their Website: <http://winterfest.slsr.org>

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AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WE0G, ACC

Herb Fiddick, NZ0F reports that the next WW1USA event will be January 28/29, 2017 at The National WW1 Museum and Memorial in Kansas City. For those unfamiliar with WW1USA, we are entering our 4th year of operating special events at the Museum to help commemorate significant events in the centennial of WW1, to help raise awareness of amateur radio in a public setting, and to provide unique operating opportunities for amateur radio operators in the KC metro area and around the region. The WW1USA ARC's next event will be commemorating the resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare by the Germans in early 1917. By the end of 1916, Germany's chances of success in the war were looking increasingly grim. In January 1917, they planned to start using their 105 submarines to break Britain's back by sinking 600,000 tons of shipping per month. We will be operating inside for this event, in the lobby of the auditorium just to the right of the main entrance. Parking is free and you don't need to buy a ticket to operate with us or come visit the operation. We will operate from 10 AM to 9 PM on Saturday and from 7 AM to 5 PM on Sunday. All amateur radio operators are invited and encouraged to participate - no experience necessary and all license classes are welcome. If you are interested, please sign-up using our on-line sign-up system at the link below to reserve your preferred times.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DAEAB2DA2F49-ww1usa8>

Additional information about WW1USA is available at ww1usa.org or on our QRZ.com page.

Rebecca Carroll, KC9CIJ, reports that the St. Louis Suburban Radio Club kicks off the year with its monthly meeting on January 20, with the annual "Show and Tell" program. This is where YOU get to give a brief presentation of any radio, antenna, etc. projects you have completed, or are working on. It is also a great time to "show" off any new equipment you have or your new modes of operation. This coincides with the ARRL QST annual DIY Projects Issue, so if you are looking for ideas for "Show and Tell" be sure to look in the January Issue of QST. The meeting will be held in the Missouri Baptist Hospital, Clinical Learning Institute Building, Rooms 419-420 in the Goldfarb School of Nursing, starting time is 7 PM.

Approved

Egyptian Radio Club

Board meeting December 5 2016

Change over Audit

Bill (N9OQK) Suggested we use the same Audit team as last time, to review the club's records.

SIUE Tower

Marty (N9PPJ) will follow up with SIUE to see what is to be removed and if anything that we could make use of should stay on the tower.

Bob (AA9FQ) to be appointed Secretary in January by Bill (N9OQK)

Bill (N9OQK) noted we need to make a change to the constitution to separate the treasure and secretary positions, members asked to look for other changes to the constitution that may need to be changed.

Suggestions to look at, who is eligible to be members, eliminating monthly and quartile payment options for dues, three types of memberships regular, retired (both of which are voting members), associate (a non-voting member).

Bob (AA9FQ) asked for clarification on which license test candidates are eligible for one year free membership. After discussion the clarification is a successful test candidate is eligible for one year free membership only if it is the first amateur license they hold. Those who are upgrading are not eligible for the one year free membership.

Hamfest was discussed and a request will be made for the Hamfest chair to be present at the board meetings until after the hamfest in June.

Food for the hamfest will be the same as last year.

Mike (NORSP) gave a yearly review of the treasure's report

Winterfest, do we want a club table at Winterfest? General consensus was yes, table cost is normally \$25, we may get the table for free if we provide talk-in services for the event.

Repeater report

Marty (N9PPJ) reported the Fusion repeater is nearly ready to be put in service. Concern over if a standard FM signal could pass through a Fusion signal in order to shut the repeater off , should a Fusion operator, not be operating in compliance.

Donation to Holy Family Church

Bill (WA0JCO) made a motion to donate \$200 to Holy Family, seconded by John (WA0LIS), motioned passed.

38 toys were collected at the Christmas party these will be donated to Toys for Tots to be distributed to local children.

Mike (NORSP) made a motion to adjourn seconded by Marty (N9PPJ)

Minutes submitted by Bob (AA9FQ)

Regular meeting January 5 2017

Present: Bill Dusenbery (N9OQK), Bob Evans (AA9FQ), Jason Cato (KB9LBC), Marty Schultz (N9PPJ), Jean Wilson (KC9MDC), Randy Werner (KD9BQK), Nolan Zobrist (KA9VKC), John Sundstrom (WA0LIS), Larry Unfried (WA9KJV), Mike Phillips (N0RSP), John Fuesting (KD9DXD), K. Tom Green (KD9RX), Steve Westlund (WB9GZZ), Bill Cody (KB0MWG), Justin Garbe (WA9JTG), Adam Lopez, Bill Schmidt (WA0JCO), Bob Young (W9MO), Dave Miller (KF9EV), Mary Sundstrom, Keith Unfried

Mike Phillips gave the treasure's report and reported that the audit is ready.

Jean Wilson volunteered to be the Chair for the Audit committee; Bill Cody volunteered to serve on the Audit committee.

Mike Phillips reported that the Toys for Tots was a big success 5,037 toys were donated through Beltline Chiropractic, 38 toys were donated at the Egyptian Club Christmas party..

The Egyptian Club will have a club table at Winterfest.

VE Testing: We had three candidates test and all three passed, one earned her Technician Class, one earned his Extra, and Keith Unfried earned his General ticket.

Bob Evans read the minutes of the December 5, Egyptian Board meeting.

Larry Unfried brought up that the \$200 donation to Holy Family Catholic Church that was approved by the board at the December meeting is not normally distributed until June to coincide with the Hamfest. Larry also mentioned how the donation should be split for two checks and how those checks should be made out to. Bill Dusenbery stated that the board only approved the donation and the dispersal would occur as normal in June.

Repeater committee report: given by Marty Schultz:

Marty reported that the Fusion repeater would be able to be disabled using the 79 repeater.

Marty would like a formal Repeater committee consisting of a few people instead of just him.

Edwardsville Repeater site, Bill Dusenbery has a commitment from the station manager for a meeting to discuss the tower on the Edwardsville campus.

John Sundstrom stated that Lynn Newmann will be leaving the area and has some coax and wire she is giving away to anyone who can use it. John Feusting stated he can pick up the coax and wire and bring it to the club room.

Bill Coby held a Technician Class in the Crestwood City hall, and will be needing help with another that will be held on February 11, and 12 at 9am same location. Bill also needs Volunteer examiner's for the class as well.

Hamfest report given by Bill Coby

Bill stated he has handed out over 1,000 flyers for the Egyptian Hamfest and that the club needs to print tickets so they can be sold and given out as door prizes at area Hamfests.

Nolan Zobrist reported that the Lewis and Clark radio club will be raffling off a Icom 7300 at their hamfest, for \$5 a ticket limited to selling 300 tickets .

Bill Dusenberry reported that Fred Wolf's family is asking for help in selling Fred's gear. Bill Schmidt said he would go over Monday to see what is there.

Bob Evans requested that we make sure we have one of the class rooms available for the upcoming General Class review session on January 14 and 21.

Bill Schmidt reported that even though the ARRL has ended the National Parks on the air the World Wide Flora and Fauna is having activations at parks all over the world.

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes submitted by

Bob Evans

AA9FQ

Announcements

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General Club Information

The club holds a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month and is open to all. Visitors are always welcome at the meetings. The next meeting is February 2nd, at 6:30pm at the Holy Family Community Center at 2600 Washington Ave in Granite City, IL. Members tend to arrive early to socialize, and the actual meeting starts at 6:30pm. After the meeting, there is usually a social gathering at a local restaurant. "The meeting after the meeting."

The club has a informal net every Tuesday at 8:00pm on 146.76. The PL and time-out timer are turned off for the net. You do **NOT** need to be a member to participate or use the repeater, as it is open to **ALL** licensed Amateurs. Be sure to "stop in" and say hi!

Anyone interested in joining the Egyptian Radio Club will find an application at the end of this newsletter.

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Artwork by Phillip "Gil" Gildersleeve, W1CJD/SK. Longtime Staff Artist at ARRL HQ. This painting is the property of the Egyptian Radio Club and is on loan to the ARRL. It hangs in the entrance foyer at HQ.



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