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The Official Newsletter of the Egyptian Radio Club, Inc.

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146.760 – PL 141.3 in downtown St. Louis, MO with an EchoLink Node #541608

443.325 + PL 141.3 in downtown St. Louis, MO FUSION CAPABLE

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442.400 + PL 127.3 in Edwardsville, IL

Search for Special Events Stations.

ARRL and Local Volunteers in Puerto Rico Working Together in Storm Recovery

10/08/2017

Nearly 2 dozen ARRL volunteers from the mainland and five local radio amateurs have been working in concert to do what needs to be done in the Hurricane Maria recovery under way in Puerto Rico.

The latest update from the island commonwealth reports that 14 volunteers have deployed to hospitals, while five are embedded with Red Cross reunification teams. One volunteer apiece has been stationed at the precarious Guajataca Dam and at the Juncos Fire Station. Another seven operators are handling net control duties at the Puerto Rico Emergency Operations Center.

Five Amateur Radio volunteers have been redeployed to remote hospitals that are without communication. Volunteers at the EOC, located in San Juan's Convention Center, relayed at request from Guayana Hospital for snacks, water, and a generator. Their second generator was reported to be about to fail.

The effort continues to resurrect the devastated electrical power infrastructure in Puerto Rico, and 40 to 50 Puerto Rican radio amateurs have been assisting the power company to maintain communication in an effort to restore power.

Twenty new transceivers and a 2-meter repeater have arrived. The repeater, donated by Yaesu, will be installed at Arecibo Observatory.

The FEMA ESF-2 (Emergency Support Function #2) communications task force relocated to a new part of the building and asked the Amateur Radio volunteers to join them there. The volunteers took down their station and antennas and re-installed them at the new location.

Vice President Mike Pence visited radio amateurs and emergency responders at the EOC on October 6. ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U, arrived at the EOC on Friday. — *Thanks to ARRL Puerto Rico Section Manager Oscar Resto, KP4RF; Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L, and Gary Sessums KC5QCN*

Ham Radio Volunteers in Puerto Rico Install Repeater, Work with Hospitals and Reunification

10/06/2017

The Amateur Radio volunteers on the ground in Puerto Rico continue to provide assistance in a number of areas. Amateur Radio resources have been reallocated around the island to better meet communications needs. Volunteer Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L, and a FEMA team member were tasked with calling 68 hospitals and medical facilities. They asked a series of 12 questions geared toward obtaining a better understanding of each facility's communication capabilities, and to see if urgent care supplies and needs were being met.

Gary Sessums, KC5QCN, the Amateur Radio liaison to the ESF-2 Communications Task Force, coordinated the installation of a VHF Amateur Radio repeater on a mountain peak in El Yunque National Forest. The repeater now gives radio coverage to approximately 60% of Puerto Rico, and also extends radio coverage into the US Virgin Islands.

Andy Anderson, KEØAYJ, is stationed at the Guajataca Dam, providing communications support to the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (Autoridad de Energía Eléctrica) between their control facility and the dam as the water levels are lowered to prevent the dam from collapsing. Safe and Well data collection continues at Red Cross shelters, and in reunification work that involves going out into areas that have no communication. Hams are engaged in setting up equipment and entering data into the Red Cross Safe and Well website. Hams also facilitate survivors' access to cell or satellite phones so they can call a loved one to let them know they are safe.

Reunification team officials have expressed that hams have become invaluable to the team, not only performing communications duties, but also having become proficient in multiple skill sets for the Red Cross. Ham radio volunteers are acting as navigators, reunification workers, and anything else that is needed. To date, they have completed 60 reunifications.

Donations to the response effort continue, with EPCOM (El Paso Communications Systems) donating 40 Icom IC-F3001 handheld radios, and the Yasme Foundation providing an Amateur Radio repeater that will be installed at the Arecibo Observatory to provide SAR communications.

Amateur Radio Volunteers in Puerto Rico Meet a Variety of Communication Needs

10/04/2017

Amateur Radio volunteers deployed as American Red Cross volunteers to Puerto Rico, as part of the "Force of 50" last weekend, have been focusing their efforts where their help is most needed.

"The American Red Cross gave us priority directive to move six of our operators to various highly impacted sites on the island," volunteer Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L, said in an October 3 update.

"As requested, we are able to allocate any spare Amateur Radio operators to the nine urgent hospital locations," she continued. Both reallocations will happen today (October 4). According to the October 3 update, not enough ARC-affiliated operators are available to cover all nine locations, and the team is encouraging local radio amateurs to cover the gap.

The Puerto Rico volunteers and local hams alike have successfully passed "lots of traffic" to net control, which has been forwarded on to the right agencies. Some examples included getting an oxygen tank to a nursing home resident and insulin to a diabetic youth.

"Caguas Mennonite Hospital requested more inventory tomorrow, as all inventory received today had been used up. Ryder Hospital on Humacao has asked for fuel and water. Remote hospitals are asking if we can put communications in the Centro Medico (Medical Center), so they send information on transferring patients," Hotzfeld said.

"We are still trying to figure out how to service the power and water utility requests for Amateur Radio operators to assist in bringing up the power and delivering millions of gallons of water from Arecibo to San Juan," she added. Volunteers Jeremy Dougherty, NS0S, and Bobby Price, KB4ROR, are in Yauco. "We installed our rigs in the fire truck and gave them our handhelds. It left us no other radio for local contact," the pair reported on October 3. They reached out to Marcos Pereda, KP3CA, in Yauco, who loaned the team his FTM-100DR to use while they're on the island. They didn't have an antenna that would offer sufficient range, so they improvised, fashioning a "tape measure" 5 element Yagi, using supplies from a local hardware store and a coax jumper from their extra HF radio.

And they did a good deed too. "While we were on the roof, we found that the Puerto Rican flag pole had fallen down," they reported. "We fixed that first. We installed everything and made contact with N5TGL and N0CSM who are 50 miles away [using] the repeater between us."

There have been problems filling resource requests from remote areas of the island. A message was relayed on *WinLink* via VHF repeater by Juan Sepulveda, KP3CR, from volunteer team members in Mayagüez on behalf of the mayor in Lares, Roberto Pagán, who had put out an urgent call for water for the town of some 5,000. The sender told the mayor that he would see to it personally that the Red Cross followed through with his request.



EGYPTIAN RADIO CLUB, INC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: THURSDAY - DEC. 7, 2017
LOCATION - UNCLE LINNY'S RESTAURANT
4112 PONTOON RD.
PONTOON BEACH, IL.



START ARRIVING BETWEEN 6:00 AND 6:30 PM.
WE WILL HAVE A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING WHICH
WILL CONSIST OF THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR
YEAR 2018

FOOD? WE'LL BE ORDERING OFF THE MENU. FOOD IS GOOD AND REASONABLE.

TOYS FOR TOTS *TOY DRIVE*

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A NEW UNWRAPPED
UNOPENED TOY FOR A BOY OR GIRL.

UNCLE LINNY'S IS LOCATED ON 4112 PONTOON RD. IN PONTOON BEACH, IL.
TO GET THERE FROM HWY 270, GO SOUTH ON RT 111 TO PONTOON RD, TURN RIGHT.
UNCLE LINNY'S IS ON THE LEFT ACROSS FROM THE FIRE HOUSE.
FROM RT 162, GO NORTH ON RT 111, TURN LEFT ON PONTOON RD.
FROM HWY 70/55, GO NORTH ON RT 111, GO PAST RT 162 TO PONTOON RD LEFT.
OR JUST PUT 4112 PONTOON RD, PONTOON BEACH, IL. INTO YOUR GPS AND FOLLOW
THE DIRECTIONS.



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*



A Display of Lights Above the Storm

Researchers are working to better understand lightning and thunderstorms, and the flashes and glows that can appear above those storms.

[Watch the ScienceCast Video](#)



ST LOUIS METRO ARES/RACES ORIENTATION SEMINAR



*WHETHER YOU'RE A NEW VOLUNTEER TO ST LOUIS METRO
ARES OR A LONG-TIME PARTICIPANT, YOU'LL WANT TO ATTEND THIS SEMINAR!*

This 6-hour orientation seminar will cover our updated local St. Louis Metro ARES/RACES Basic Emergency Operations and Digital Operations Plan, the District C plan, and the Missouri Section plan. Also discussed will be our interaction with our served agencies and MOUs both signed and in progress.

When:

November 11th, 2017

Time(s):

9:00am – 4:00pm
Lunch break from 12:00pm –
1:00pm

Where:

Mehlville Fire Department Engine
House #5 Training Center
11020 Mueller Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63123

Enter thru the door marked in the
photo. Park in the rear of the lot
and be observant of any posted
restrictions. Do not block doors or
driveways.



Prerequisites:

A desire to know where you “the ARES volunteer” fit into the “big picture” should our services be requested.

Class Topics:

- An overview of each of the operations plans
- Which frequencies will be used and the associated communications plans for a local, district, and statewide response.
- What radio equipment you can expect to need for a deployment.
- How you fit into the “big picture” and how you can fill much needed work within our organization.

Sponsored by:

St. Louis Metro ARES®/RACES
<http://www.stlares.org>

Register by contacting:

Peter B. Brisbine, NØMTH
Email: n0mth.pb@gmail.com

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

TRG-AUXCOMM: AUXILIARY COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

Through the support of the US Department of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Communications, we are pleased to offer this training opportunity to Illinois responders.

WHEN: December 9 and 10, 2017 8am – 6pm
WHERE: Memorial Hospital Training Facility
706 East Highway 50
O'Fallon, IL 62269

This class is designed for those auxiliary emergency communicators and groups who volunteer to provide backup emergency radio communications support to public safety agencies. Typically, this includes amateur radio and Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team (REACT) communicators, but may include other volunteer emergency communicators.

This course focuses on auxiliary communications interoperability, the relationship between the COML and the volunteer, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) etiquette, on-the-air etiquette, FCC rules and regulations, auxiliary communications training and planning, and emergency communications deployment. It is intended to supplement and standardize an operator's experience and knowledge of emergency amateur radio communications in a public safety context.

The 2-day course is taught by instructors experienced as Communication Unit Leaders and Amateur Radio support of incidents.

Attached you will find more details and prerequisite information. When completing the application please provide documentation you have completed the prerequisites within the prescribed time frame. Also, you will need to identify the Public Safety Agency you will be supporting. **ARES Affiliation Only will not meet OEC requirements.** There is no cost associated with this training. Reimbursement for travel is not available.

Please complete the attached application and return to Lori J. Bell at ljbell@ileas.org or mail to: 1701 E Main Street, Urbana IL 61802, Attn: Lori Bell. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE CLASS**

If you have any additional questions, please contact:

John Cheney, STR Field Coordinator

Phone (708) 846-5818

jwcheney@ileas.org

Thank you for your consideration of this training opportunity.



Training & Exercises

Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) Training

Type of TA Offering:	Two or Three Day Workshop (30 student maximum)
Stakeholders/Audience:	Licensed Amateur Radio Operators

Offering Overview

This class is designed for auxiliary communicators and groups who volunteer to provide backup radio communications support to public safety agencies. Typically, this includes amateur radio and Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team (REACT) communicators and other types of volunteer communicators.

Volunteer communications operators/groups, using amateur radio, have been providing backup communications to public safety for nearly 100 years. Event planners, public safety officials, and emergency managers at all levels of government utilize their services. Often, amateur radio services have been used when other forms of communications have failed or have been disrupted. Today, nearly all of the states/territories have incorporated some level of participation by amateur radio auxiliary communication operators into their TICPs and SCIPs.

This course focuses on auxiliary communications interoperability, the relationship between the COML and the volunteer, emergency operations center (EOC) etiquette, on-the-air etiquette, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations, auxiliary communications training and planning, and emergency communications deployment. It is intended to supplement and standardize an operator's experience and knowledge of emergency amateur radio communications in a public safety context.

Prerequisites for attendance are:

Personal experience

- ✓ An active FCC amateur radio license
- ✓ Past experience in auxiliary emergency communications
- ✓ An affiliation with a public safety agency
- ✓ A desire to work with COMLs in a NIMS/ICS environment

The most recent version of the following courses from the FEMA/EMI website:⁹

On-line course completion

- ✓ IS-100, Introduction to the ICS
- ✓ IS-200, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Incidents
- ✓ IS-700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction
- ✓ IS-800, National Response Framework (NRF)

SPECIAL NOTE: The SWIC (or designated point of contact [POC]) must submit to OEC a completed student verification form at least ten days prior to the start date of the class. OEC ICTAP will email this form to the SWIC/POC after the scoping call. The form should be completed and signed by the SWIC confirming all course prerequisites have been fulfilled by those students proposed for the training.

⁹ For any OEC/ICTAP COMU training course (COML, COMT, INCM, INTD, RADO, AUXCOMM) SWICs are encouraged to notify the State Training Officer (STO) prior to its start to ensure the course is documented in state training files.

AUXCOMM Training Application

NOTE: All applications must be received 10 Days PRIOR to class

Date of Class: ___/___/___ Location of Class: _____

Name	
Agency Being Supported	
Position Description	
Home Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Email Address	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EXACT VERSION OF THE COURSE IS REQUIRED.
PRIOR VERSIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

**** Course Certificates must be dated on or after 2013****

- IS-100.b** Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100
- IS-200.b** ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS-700.a** National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction
- IS-800.B** National Response Framework, An Introduction

These courses are available online at <https://training.fema.gov/is>

Signature _____

Signature (Printed) _____

Please write down your intended use with your Agency upon completion of course:

If you have questions regarding the Class please contact: John Cheney, STR Field Coordinator

Phone (708) 846-5818 or email: jwcheney@ileas.org

Please return the completed application along with the requested prerequisite confirmations to:

Attn: Lori J. Bell

1701 E Main Street, Urbana IL 61802

OR Email: ljbell@ileas.org



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..... ILLINOIS SECTION NEWS

Newsletter Topics

- ==> Section Manager – On the Road
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- ==> Newly Licenced Amateurs sorted by City
- ==> Illiniois Club Websites
- ==> Club Presentations
- ==> Section Manager – On the Road

I just returned from ARRL HQ at Newington, where I attended the Section Manager workshop.

==> Net Report

[Illinois Sideband Net](#) webpage

[Illinois Nets](#) This is a link to the open Amateur Nets

Ye Olde Traffic Report:

September 2017 monthly reports are:

Illinois Side Band Net - Net Manager WB9QPM

Daily on 3905 at 1800 local time

QNI 262 QTC 83 Sessions 30

Illinois Phone Net - Net Manager KA9MZJ

M-F on 3857 at 1645 local time

Sunday on 3940 at 0800 local time

QNI 146 QTC 25 Sessions 25

North Central Phone Net – Net Manager KA9MZJ

M-F on 3912 at 0700 local time

QNI 224 QTC 41 Sessions 21

Illinois CW Net (ILN) Net Manager W9NXM

Daily on 3537 at 1915 local time

QNI 49 QTC 0 Sessions 23

==> Newly Licences Amateurs sorted by City

Albers

Matthew D Pittman, KD9JGD

Max R Pittman, KD9JGB

Arlington Heights

Justin M Rapacz, KD9JFN

Belleville

Timothy R Rapp, KD9JCB

Jay J Lingelbach, KD9JGC

Belvidere

James C Swanson, KD9JEE

Berwyn

Frank J Wicker, KD9JCW
Bloomington

Holly K Sanderson, KD9JEP

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Cary

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David Doppelt, KD9JCF

Malcolm C Grossman, KD9JGA

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Byron Kirkwood, KD9JFL

Mateusz Slowik, KD9JCV

Ian D Sherpinkas, KD9JAW

Ruth Arunin, KD9JEC

Xingda Zhai, KD9JAX

John Coulter, KD9JED
Chicago Ridge

Rob E Dunauant, KD9JBT
Creve Coeur

Ethan D Mooberry, KD9JFU
Dawson

Benjamin W Campbell, KD9JEM
Decatur

Matthew Knierman, KD9JCK
Divernon

Edward A Burg, KD9JCQ
Downs

Collin V Carmichael, KD9JFS
Du Quoin

Jeffrey W Tecklenburg, KD9JAM
Elgin

Maxwell B Brown, KD9JEV
Evanston

Anna S Muth, KD9JBB
Fairbury

Milan S Teubel, KD9JFV
Fowler

John R Liggett, KD9JEA
Granville

Ronald G Bluemer, KD9JDE
Harwood Heights

David A Johnson, KD9JFH

Huntley
Sergei Bereznov, KD9JBL
Jacksonville
Keith A Lawson, KD9JET
Joliet
Keith E Meiser, KD9JEB
Lake Forest
Jeffrey Y Pan, AC9RD
Mc Leansboro
Sheila R Taylor, KD9JFJ
Modesto
Cassie L Eigenmann, KD9JCP
Mount Carmel
Ashley N Majors, KD9JFE
Mount Morris
Duffy J Welch, KD9JEF
Moweaqua
Brandon J Rarick, KD9JEU
Naperville
Nicholas B Ball, KD9JBW
O Fallon
Robert K Goddard, KD9JCC
Oswego
Joseph I Sims, KD9JBU
Peoria
Jason C Duffy, KD9JFW
Paul S Sanders, KD9JFY
Chris J Gerdes, KD9JFT
Quincy
Monte D Stock, KD9JDZ
Riverdale
Bettie L Johnson, KD9JAZ
Springfield
Andrew W Gochenour, KD9JES
John D Iocca, KD9JBP
Pamela J Rock, KD9JER
Tolono
Ralph T Kuchenbrod, KD9JDG
Tovey
David L Fodor, KD9JEO
Waltonville
Arthur L Holloway, KD9JFI
Washburn
Kevin G Manley, KD9JDF
Washington
Ryan D Funk, KD9JFX

Wheaton

Michael S Valentine, KD9JFR

Wilmette

Charles M Costakis, KD9JFK

Winnetka

Morgan M Mcdermott, KD9JBO

Woodstock

Nathaniel R Mock, KD9JBM

==> Illinois Club Websites

Links to the Illinois Section Club Websites (This listing is growing as information comes across my desk.) In a few weeks, this list will be posted at the end of the Section News. We could use more information from other clubs as well,
ALGONQUIN - [Suburban UHF Amateur Repeater Society](#)

AMBOY - [Lee County Amateur Radio Club](#)

ANA - [Union County Amateur Radio Club](#)

BATAVIA - [Fox River Radio League](#)

BELLEVILLE - [St. Clair Amateur Radio Club](#)

Bloomington - [Central Illinois Radio Club](#)

BOLINGBROOK - [Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society](#)

Bond County - [Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club](#)

BRIDGEVIEW - [Suburban Technical Amateur Radio System a.k.a. Suburban Technical Amateur Radio Club \(STARS\)](#)

BROOKFIELD - [Six Meter Club Of Chicago](#)

CANTON - [Fulton County Amateur Radio Club](#)

CARBONDALE - [Southern Illinois University Amateur Radio Club](#)

CARLINVILLE - [Macoupin County Amateur Radio Club](#)

Carrier Mills - [Southern Counties Amateur Network](#)

CENTRALIA - [Centralia Wireless Association Inc.](#)

CHAMPAIGN - [Twin City Amateur Radio Club](#)

CLAREDON HILLS - [DuPage Amateur Radio Club](#)

CRESTWOOD - [Hamfesters Radio Club](#)

Crystal Lake - [McHenry County Wireless Association](#)

DANVILLE - [Vermillion County Amateur Radio Association](#)

DEKALB - [Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club](#)

DECATUR - [Cenois Amateur Radio Club](#)

DIXON - [Rock River Amateur Radio Club](#)

EAST MOLINE - [Green River Valley Amateur Radio Society](#)

EVANSTON - [Metro Amateur Radio Club](#)

FLORA - [Clay County Area Amateur Radio Club](#)

GALVA - [Area Amateur Radio Operators](#)

GENOA - [Big Thunder Amateur Radio Club](#)

GODFREY - [Lewis & Clark Radio Club, Inc.](#)

GRANITE CITY - [Egyptian Radio Club](#)

Grundy County - [Grundy County Amateur Radio Club](#)

HAZEL CREST - [Tri-Town RAC](#)

HERRIN - [Shawnee Amateur Radio Association](#)

HIGHLAND PARK - [North Shore Radio Club](#)

HILLSBORO - [Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corp](#)

HOMEWOOD - *Tri-Town Radio Amateur Club*
INA - *Rend Lake College Amateur Radio Club*
JACKSONVILLE - *Jacksonville Amateur Radio Society*
Jonesboro - *Union County Amateur Radio Club*
Kane County - *Kane County ARES*
KANKAKEE - *Kankakee Area Radio Society*
LaGrange - *Six Meter Club of Chicago*
Lake County - *RACES/ARES*
LEONORE - *Starved Rock Radio Club*
LIBERTYVILLE - *Libertyville County RACES/ARES Group*
LOVINGTON - *Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub*
MACOMB - *Lamoine Emergency Amateur Radio Club*
MORRIS - *Metro DX Club*
MOUNT VERNON - *Amateur Radio Club of Mt. Vernon*
NORRIDGE - *Chicago FM Club*
NORRIDGE - *Society Radio Operators*
OAK PARK - *Chicago Suburban Radio Association*
PEORIA - *Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club*
QUINCY - *Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club*
ROCKFORD - *Rockford Amateur Radio Association*
ROUND LAKE BEACH - *Stoned Monkey VHF Amateur Radio Club*
SCHAUMBURG - *Motorola Amateur Radio Club*
SCHAUMBURG - *Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club*
SESSER - *Little Egypt Amateur Radio Society*
SPRINGFIELD - *Sangamon Valley Amateur Radio Club*
STERLING - *Sterling Rockfalls Amateur Radio Society*
Tinley Park/Cook County - *MetroDxClub*
SMC TRIVOLI - *Society of Midwest Contesters (Go SMC!)*
VILLA PARK - *York Radio Club Inc.*
WATSEKA - *Iroquois County Amateur Radio Group*
WAUCONDA - *Cortek Radio Association*
WHEATON - *Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs*
WILMETTE - *Northern Illinois DX Association*
XENIA - *Xenia Wireless Association*
==> Club Presentations
[Impedance Matching by Ward Silver](#)



MISSOURI SECTION NEWS

Cecil Higgins, AC0HA

Perhaps you were like me and surprised that we were not hearing any news about the Amateur Radio Operators in Puerto Rico assisting with the relief effort following Hurricane Irma and Mega Hurricane Maria hitting the U.S. Island Territory. The double whammy was devastating and essentially eliminated all cellular phone communications on the island and ripped the land line infrastructure out by the roots. I could not imagine that all those operators I talked to over the years just sitting around and not helping out when this disaster struck. Fortunately, I recently learned from the ARRL Website that those Hams, who have lost so much, immediately took action and began helping out. About two dozen amateur radio operators on the island helped police and first responders communicate when their radio networks failed completely. Some of the radio operators, or hams traveled on trucks to provide communications to the power company, PREPA. On September 28, 2017 Suzanne Gamboa, a reporter for NBC News, began to get the word out about the Amateur Radio emergency communications efforts of the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio operators and the assistance provided by the ARRL toward that effort. I believe that the Amateur Radio Response in Puerto Rico is typical of the selfless nature of the Amateur Radio and ARES operators when emergencies and disaster strikes our nation. I have included a small section of the article below for readers to get a feel for the Amateur Radio and ARRL effort.

“ “It’s a less than ideal solution, but it works and that’s the essence of amateur radio – make it work,” said Tom Gallagher, CEO of the American Radio Relay League, the national association for amateur radio. Now the ranks of operator are about to get reinforcements.

At the request of the Red Cross, the ARRL plans to send 50 radio operators into Puerto Rico with “enormous” radio gear in water proof containers, their own power supplies, new generators and solar arrays. The crew and equipment were to leave Thursday from Atlanta.

Their job, once set up and in place, will be to be the communication pipeline for the Red Cross Safe and Well program, helping people on the mainland trying to connect with loved ones on the island or get news of their status.” If you would like to read the entire article, go to the link: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/puerto-rico-amateur-radio-operators-are-playing-key-role-puerto-n805426> .

Larry’s List included two additional links. From Joe Krout, W0PWJ

<<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/27/us/puerto-rico-maria-ham-radio-operators-trnd/index.html>>

And

<<http://www.npr.org/2017/09/29/554600989/amateur-radio-operators-stepped-in-to-help-communications-with-puerto-rico>>

OCTOBER HAMFEST 2017

The SouthSide Amateur Radio Club Hamfest will be held October 21, 2017 at the Mill Creek Upper Elementary School 308 South Cleveland Avenue Belton, MO 64012. For more information you can check out the SSARC

website <http://southsidehamfest.com> or you can contact Dave Nienhuser , K0CMD, P.O. Box 701 Grandview, MO 64030 Phone: 913-636-9696 and Email: info@southsidearc.net. The Talk-In will be on 147.12+ (PL 151.4).

The Saint Louis Amateur Radio Club's Halloween Hamfest will be held on October 28, 2017 in the Kirkwood Community Center 111 South Geyer Road, Kirkwood, MO. For more information about this year's Halloween Hamfest contact Bob Sluder, N0IS, 7511 Local Hillsboro Road Cedar Hill, MO 63016 Phone: 636-285-7605 Email: slwelton@gmail.com. You can also check their website <http://www.halloweenhamfest.org> . The Talk-In is on 147.15 (PL 141.3)

NOVEMBER HAMFEST 2017

On November 4, 2017, The Raytown Amateur Radio Club is holding their annual Hamfest at the Ararat Shrine Temple 5100 Ararat Drive in Kansas City, MO 64101. Those wanting more information you can contact Larry Gonnello, KC0FD, c/o Raytown ARC P.O. Box 16873 Raytown, MO 64133-0973. To contact by phone call 816-356-7515 or by e-mail hamfest@k0gq.com. The website is <http://K0GQ.com> and the talk-in will be on 145.170- .

On November 11, 2017, The Nixa Amateur Radio Club will be holding their Hamfest at the Bridge 308 West Mt. Vernon Street, Nixa, MO 65714. The public contact is Larry Grinstead , WA0JZK, 2469 East Montclair Court, Springfield, MO 65804 or Phone: 417-887-8517 Email: lgrinste@hotmail.com. Website: <https://smlrs.info/hamfest-information/> The Talk-In will be on the 147.015 (PL 162.2) machine.

AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WE0G, ACC

The Raytown Amateur Radio Club held a 2-meter FoxHunt Oct. 7th. Robin Cross, W0FEN, leader of the FoxHunting Committee did an excellent job planning and executing the event. The well organized effort is worthy of emulating by Radio Clubs or groups that would like to sponsor a FoxHunt in their area. First they designated the hidden transmitter frequency the day of the event; the coordinating frequencies used the Local Repeater and 146.55 MHz simplex. The "Fox" was to be located within the City Limits of Raytown. The Club FoxHunt committee selected a starting location for all the teams. The "Hunt" lasted two hours beginning at 10:00 am until noon. Participants could enter the competition in one of two classes, Doppler assisted and Yagi or other RDF equipment except Doppler. The Teams need to have a driver who's responsibility is to provide safe movement of transportation and a locator whose duty is to find the hidden transmitter without endangering the team. All those joining the activity were reminded that they need to obey all applicable laws, it was made clear that it is not a race and that the RARC is not liable.

The Callaway Amateur Radio League newsletter SPARKGAPS reports that the CARL September meeting was focused on emergency communications and the preparation for possible deployment. Pam Phelps, KCOMKW, will check on the price of the yellow safety vest from the ARRL and how much the patches will cost once the design, color and lettering has been determined. Dave Phelps, KC0LYA, located a 20 x 30 foot tarp that could be used with their tent frame, replacing the tent damaged on Field Day. Jerry Dickerson, KD0TYW, presented information about the contents of a personal "Go Kit" and the frequencies you should have pre-programmed in your radio. Suggestions of "Go Kits" contents can be found at the ARRL web site based on the location and time you may be needed. Dave Mueller, AC0WI, will be meeting with the Fulton Medical Center concerning the Medical Centers possible donation of their Amateur Radio station for use in emergency communications.

Kent Trimble, K9ZTV, reports for the Mid-MO Amateur Radio Club that the annual 2017 Frankenstein Halloween FunXpedition WØO Special Event will be operating from a haunted desolate location near Frankenstein, Missouri (the only known "Frankenstein" in the United States) CW and SSB Modes 1900 GMT October 31st (Tuesday) to 0500 GMT November 1st (Wednesday) Frequencies will be spotted QSL cards (changed every year) will be sent only upon receipt of your properly filled-out QSL card and a Self-Addressed Stamped-Envelope

Additional information can be found on qrz.com for call sign WØØ

Janelle Brisbine, N0MTI, Public Information Officer for the St. Louis Metro ARES, announced that Amateur radio operators St. Louis Metro Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) will test their ability to respond to a communications emergency in the St. Louis area Saturday, October 7th. These volunteers will operate radio equipment from Tilles Park. This event is an annual, nationwide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) designed to assess the operators after hours of training and service. The role of amateur radio operators (or "Hams") is demonstrated across the US when volunteers respond to the call to provide emergency communications in the aftermath of wildfires, tornadoes, earthquakes and major hurricanes. Recent disaster recovery work involving amateur radio includes work in Hurricanes Harvey and Maria. Locally, hams were asked to serve during the New Year flooding in early 2016. Amateur radio operators provide their communication services and personal equipment freely, allowing many government and volunteer agencies to communicate with each other during disasters. They are "amateurs" only in that they are not paid, but their service is priceless. These amateurs share the slogan, "St. Louis Metro ARES can communicate when all other communications fail!" As Steven Wooten, KC0QMU, Volunteer Emergency Coordinator, St. Louis Metro ARES, explains, "The amateurs in the St. Louis area take that slogan quite seriously."

Egyptian Radio Club General Meeting October 4 2017

Present: Bob Evans AA9FQ, Larry Unfriend WA9KJV, Randy Werner KB9BQK, Jennifer Cato, Jason Cato KB9LBC, Chuck Hoxsey KB9JKP, Bill Dusenbery N9OQK, Bill Schmidt WA0JCO, Mike Phillips N0RSP, Pat Walkup KC0ZIW, John Sundstrom WA0LIS, Nolan Zobrist KA9VKC, Larry Miller N9LBG

Treasure report given by Mike Phillips , approved

Minutes given by Bob Evans , approved

Jack reported that for two climbers and six hours of work on the KDNL tower would cost \$1,020

Bill Dusenberry reported that SIU lost their engineer to another job and that the radio station has a steady funding stream for now. The SIUE Board of Trustees may want to cost share the maintenance on the tower in some form with the club in the future. Steve Jankowski to retire from SIU July 2018.

Marty and Terry went to the SIUE site to adjust audio levels on the repeater.

Marty and Justin looked at the APRS repeater

Bob Evans reported that once a pair is secured O'Fallon Memorial Hospital will get an amateur repeater

Mike Phillips reported the Christmas Party will be at Uncle Lenny's

Bill Schmidt is selling Halloween Hamfest tickets, October 28 Kirkwood, Mo

The club will buy a table at the Halloween Hamfest.

Amateur Radio community has been getting good press lately with Puerto Rico.

St. Louis SET is this weekend

There has been a drop in participation in the Tuesday 76 net

443.325 perhaps a second net on Sunday

Illinois QSO Party October 22 Noon- 8pm local

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Schmidt

Minutes Submitted by

Bob Evans AA9FQ

Announcements

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How about a bring a candy for the VEs to our November test session?

Illinois ARES District 8 Simulated emergency Exercise November 4 9am-1pm 146.520 3.905

POTENTIAL need for a few Amateur Radio operators in the afternoon of November 4 in Alton for an exercise details still developing.

VE Testing November 2 5:30 pm at the Holy Family Community Center, 2600 Washington Ave, Granite City.

For those of you that have any announcements, please feel free to email me at kb9lbc@gmail.com so I can include them in the newsletter.

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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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