

PODUNK HOLLOW NEWS

The Official Newsletter of the Egyptian Radio Club, Inc.

February 2018

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442.400 + PL 127.3 in Edwardsville, IL

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FCC Announces Plans for Partial Government Shutdown

01/19/2018

The FCC has issued a brief statement regarding its plans in the event of a partial government shutdown, which could start on January 20.

“In the event of a partial government shutdown, because of available funding, the Federal Communications Commission plans to remain open and pay staff at least through the close of business on Friday, January 26,” the FCC said.

This means the FCC will continue to accept and process Amateur Radio license applications and grants at least for another week. During the 16-day 2013 government shutdown, the FCC retained eight employees “to conduct interference detection, mitigation, and disaster response operations.” Only one “senior management official” was left in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau — which oversees Amateur Radio.

Florida Ham Radio Club Aids Homeless During Cold Snap

01/15/2018

Uncharacteristically cold weather in east-central Florida in early January prompted members of the North Brevard Amateur Radio Club (K4NBR) to assist the area’s homeless. The New Year began with a bitter cold front descending upon Central Florida, bringing temperatures that hovered around freezing. Such conditions can be especially concerning for those lacking regular shelter from the elements. NBARC members Ricky DeLuco, K4JTT; Robert Ortiz, KJ4VEH; William Klosowski, K4SVT, and Michael Ellixon, KE4MWZ, set out in their own vehicles, searching the city of Titusville for homeless residents. For the next two evenings, and using Amateur Radio as communications, the group worked in the cold, wet weather for more than 12 hours, logging some 120 miles on the roads around Titusville.

The Disabled American Veteran Center in Titusville had opened its doors as a cold weather shelter and offered a warm place to sleep and eat. The ham radio group alerted local law enforcement, so they were aware of the effort and in the hope that on-duty officers also might reach out. The group was able to locate five homeless individuals on its first evening tour of the town and provide them with transportation out of the cold. Local police also contacted the team to help and to provide transportation for other homeless individuals located by on-duty officers.

One additional homeless person located late on the first night had a need for immediate medical attention and was transported to a local hospital. Within the ARRL Southern Florida Section, NBARC is an ARRL-affiliated community service organization and is involved in several area events. It also provides back-up communication for Parrish Hospital, as needed.

— *Thanks to Ricky DeLuco, K4JTT*

“Amateur Radio...Serving the Community” is Hamvention 2018 Theme

01/10/2018

The theme for [Hamvention® 2018](#) is “Amateur Radio...Serving the Community.” Ron Cramer, KD8ENJ, Hamvention General Chairman, said the theme acknowledges the role that ham radio operators play in their communities, especially in times of emergencies.

“During recent disasters, hurricanes in Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico and wildfires in the West, Amateur Radio operators were once again called upon to provide emergency communication assistance when regular services failed or were overtaxed,” Cramer said.

He said that in keeping with the theme, Hamvention is planning to have forums on emergency communication and displays of Amateur Radio emergency communication vehicles. Disasters are not the only times that Amateur Radio operators contribute to their communities. Hams devote many hours to help keeping participants safe during parades, festivals, walks, runs, marathons and numerous other community activities by providing auxiliary communication.

Cramer thanked the many hams who actively volunteer with community groups and thanked the public and organizations for their support of Amateur Radio. Hamvention 2018 will take place May 18-20 for the 2nd year at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio.



2018 ST. LOUIS METRO ARES/RACES EVENT CALENDAR



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

FEBRUARY

5th – Planning Committee Meeting

10th – ARES Simplex Exercise

12th – Regular Monthly Meeting

MARCH

3rd – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #1

10th – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #2

12th – Regular Monthly Meeting

17th – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #3

24th – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #4 & Field Exam

APRIL

9th – Planning Committee Meeting

16th – Regular Monthly Meeting

28th – Winlink Express Class

MAY

14th – Regular Monthly Meeting

JUNE

2nd – Tour de Cure, Alton, IL*

4th – Planning Committee Meeting

11th – Regular Monthly Meeting

23rd & 24th – Field Day (overnight) @ Jefferson Barracks Park

JULY

9th – Regular Monthly Meeting

AUGUST

4th – Lupus Bike Ride, Eureka, MO*

6th – Planning Committee Meeting

11th – Repeater Switching Exercise

13th – Regular Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER

8th & 9th – MS Bike Ride, Godfrey, IL*

13th – Regular Monthly Meeting

OCTOBER

1st – Planning Committee Meeting

6th – Simulated Emergency Test

8th – Regular Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER

12th – Regular Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER

3rd – Planning Committee Meeting

10th – 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.

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Egyptianfest 2018

June 10 2018

7am—Noon



Holy Family Catholic Church 2600 Washington Ave Granite City, Il

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Website W9AIU.ORG email Bob AA9FQ@ARRL.NET

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The Egyptian Radio Club is the third oldest
amateur radio club in the country.

In 2019 we will celebrate our 90th year

The Egyptian Radio Club would like to thank

Holy Family Catholic Church for their

Graciousness and hospitality.

Illinois ARES

WINLINK

All,

Throughout our discussions on our conference calls, face to face meetings, etc, the topic of the WinLink system in Illinois remains a topic of continued discussion. I believe we should continue to add stations/nodes/digipeaters as an effort to link districts and counties together. Jim, WB9QPM, (judson1@consolidated.net) has done extensive work in converting the older state police radios to transmit on 145.610, adding a power cord with Anderson Power Poles and a TNC cable.

If you can install one of these units, please contact Jim directly and let him know. I will be making a trip to Jim's house to pick up some units that have already been spoken for on Tuesday at the earliest and Wednesday at the latest. If you have a place to put a unit up, please let Jim know. If you already have a Winlink station up and running, it would be good to have a backup unit ready to go if needed.

Let's complete this project in 2018 to link all of us together.

73

Fritz

What type of courses or training would you like to see at the Egyptian radio club for 2018?

Contact Bob Evans AA9FQ

Amateur Radio Emergency Communication course instructor

ARRL / W5YI License Class Instructor

AA9FQ@ ARRL.NET

Next month Peter and Cliff of the SLSRC are offering the following:

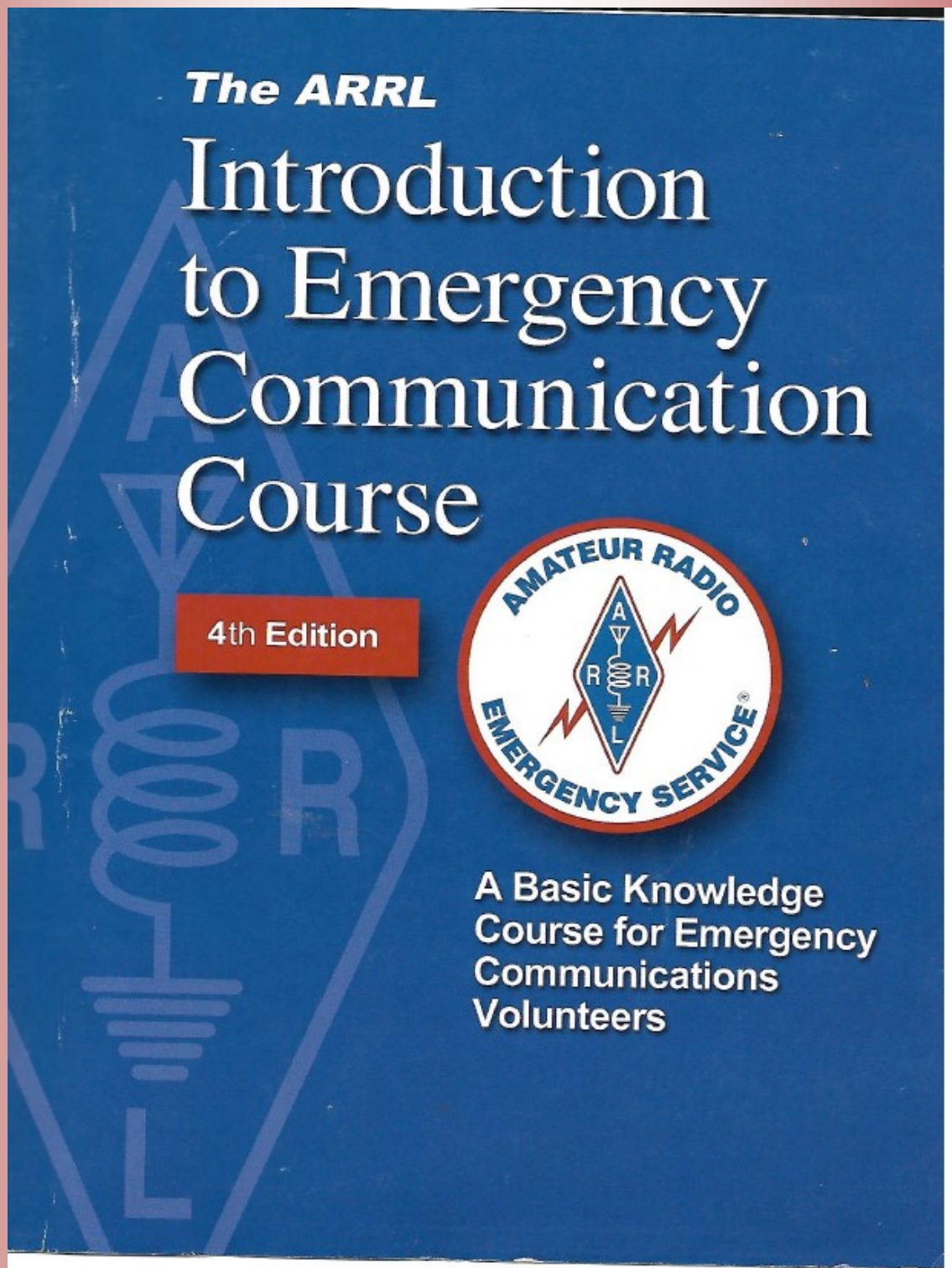
February 9 7pm—9pm

Back To Basics course: Emergency Communication and Public Service

The classes will be at 7 PM on the first Friday of each month (except December) in room 421 of the Clinical Learning Institute (Goldfarb School of Nursing) at Missouri Baptist Hospital (same meeting location as the monthly SLSRC meetings).

EC001 Field Examination February 3

Contact Bob AA9FQ@ARRL>NET for details



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..... ILLINOIS SECTION NEWS

Follow us on Facebook at Illinois Section--American Radio Relay League!

Nominations are now open for the position of Illinois Section Manager. Anyone that has met the qualifications and has a desire to serve the Illinois Amateur community is welcome to participate. There is a deadline for submittal and a requirement for a few members of the ARRL to sign your nomination form. My intentions are to submit a form and encourage others to do the same.

My calendar for January includes the WCRA hamfest and the Collinsville Hamfest. It will be my pleasure to meet each of you. We are scheduled to have an ARES meeting and an ARRL Forum. I will address the issues of the day at each of these venues. Hopefully we will have a large attendance.

I have asked our ACC Affiliated Club Coordinator, Noah Sevcik K9BZY to join me as well at the WCRA event. Noah has done an outstanding job in organizing data for the clubs onto the new web page he has developed. He has also assisted the SM with the distribution of information about newly licensed amateurs about the state to the appropriate club. Lets get these new folks to be Radio Active.

Your [Illinois Section News](http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/illinois) is located at <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/illinois>

[IL Section Club Information](#) - This is a link to download the listing of Club information that is on the bottom of this webpage.

[Affiliated Club Registration and Renewal](#) - Noah Sevcik K9BZY has set up a link to allow one place for clubs to get registered. There is a link [here](#) to do the paperwork.

[2016 Illinois Interoperability Field Operations Guide](#) - This manual is updated every two years and is available for download in the files section of the Section News.

Cabinet Members

[SM/AD--Ron Morgan AD9I](#)

[ASM--Mike Nowack NA9Q](#)

[ASM--Scott DeSantis KB9VRW](#)

[ASM/STM Roy R Eades KA9MZJ](#)

[SEC--Fritz Bock WD9FMB](#)

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[ASEC Pat Stowell, N9PN](#)

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[ASEC--Curtis Williams W5DTR](#)

District Emergency Coordinators:

District 2--[Lloyd Sherman KB9APW](#),

District 3--[Dale Marzano N9JH](#), [ADEC Debby Gray, WX9VOR](#)

District 4--[Robert \(Bob\) Langsfeld WB9TZC](#) ADEC for Cook County

District 6--[Gary Shanks KA9FAJ](#),

District 7--[Josh Kittle, N9WEW](#),

District 8--[Curtis Williams W5DTR](#), [ADEC Chris Pixton KC9EIZ](#)

District 9--[Jim Hudson WB9QPM](#),

District 11--[Bruce Talley WA9APQ](#)

Newsletter Topics

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==> Section Manager Report

The Valley Amateur Repeater Association, VARA, is pleased to announce the following changes to our facilities.

After many decades of service the 146.790 MHz repeater antenna was changed to something more in line with our traditional service. Give it a try, reports have been good. Drop by our regular Monday night net at 8:00 pm local time if you get a chance, we'll be happy to hear from you.

In other VARA news, the dual mode analog/Yaesu FUSION 70cm repeater operating on 444.950 MHz was replaced with a dual mode analog and APCO/P-25 mode repeater on the same frequency. The FUSION mode received essentially no use, so we switched to APCO/P-25.

The 444.975 MHz CC-1 DMR repeater remains unchanged and is on the Chicagoland C-Bridge network. For more information on the Chicagoland DMR network see <http://chicagoland-cc.org>

The club invites you to check out the repeaters. For club and repeater details: <http://qsl.net/vara/>

Please join me in welcoming Noah Sevcik, K9BZY as our new cabinet member holding the position of Affiliated Club Coordinator.

From your SEC...

In collaboration with Ron Morgan, AD9I, Illinois Section Manager, Robert Littler, W9DSR, ASEC and Debby Gray, WX9VOR, District 3 DEC...the announcement is being made to appoint Robert (Bob) Langsfeld WB9TZC as ADEC for District 4, Cook County serving the North West Central Dispatch System Communities (NWCDC). Cook County is a complex area involving many different communities within its border. With Bob's appointment, we will continue to further subdivide this area to ensure the best possible fit to provide the served agencies with amateur radio support.

NWCDS serves the following communities Arlington Hts. Police and Fire,
Buffalo Grove Police and Fire, Elk Grove Police and Fire,

Hoffman Estates Police and Fire, Inverness Police, Mount Prospect Police and Fire,

Palatine Police and Fire, Prospect Hts. Police, Rolling Meadows Police and Fire, Schaumburg Police and Fire,

Streamwood Police and Fire, Barrington Country Side Fire Protection District and the Palatine Rural Fire District

In this position Bob will be working with the Public Safety Access Points agencies and the Joint Emergency Coordinator to bring the rest of North West Central Dispatch System together. We have Palatine, Elk Grove, Hoffman Estates, and

Schaumburg already meeting together with EM-COMM Round table and have the opportunity to bring the others in to strengthen our response and exercise team. Bob believes that the Joint Emergency Management System will be looking at the various volunteer groups in our PSAP like AUX COMM / ARES, MRC, CERT, and Fire Rehab forming a combined training and exercise program in the future.

Bob will be working with several clubs in the covered area and many of the area clubs provide public service to the communities and assist each other. He will also interface with the Salvation Army territorial headquarters here in Hoffman Estates as another served agency. This is in addition to serving three hospitals in his area.

From Bob, "My background as a ham goes back to Mt Prospect Civil Defense where I earned my Ham license. I spent time traveling to Olsen Electronics, Allied Radio, Lafayette and the Heath Kit store to build kits and projects. I got started in CB and SWL listening, learned electronics in High School and College and worked in Medical Imaging Electronics. Many of my class mates did the same and are still active Hams." "Ever since High School I was interested in Emergency Management and the operations side of the Fire Department. "I have been to countless public service events, floods and a tornado or two over the years as a Ham. Eventually an opportunity opened up for me to become the Emergency Management Coordinator in Hoffman Estates where I was a volunteer. I've been the Coordinator for the past several years." One of my beliefs is every Ham has the duty to serve the public and that it is necessary to justify the use of the radio spectrum we use on a daily basis.

Bob will be using his contacts with Local, County, and State Emergency Management Agencies, Red Cross, Salvation Army and our served Hospitals to promote and include them in ARES activities.

==> Net Report

Illinois NTS Annual Report

2017 was another active year of receiving, relaying and delivering Radiograms within the Illinois Section. We continue to have four ARRL affiliated traffic nets active with liaison to the Region, Central and independent traffic nets.

North Central Phone Net (NCPN) presently includes traffic handlers in the states of IL, IN, IA and occasionally a MI, OH and WI will check in. A very excellent group. After traffic is passed we will allow time for comments. This net begins at 0700 Illinois time and is over by 0725 in order for the Indiana Traffic net to operate on the same frequency at 0730 Illinois time. This net meets Monday thru Friday on 3912 KCS. Net Manager is Roy KA9MZJ and net control operators are: Monday Jim W9JB, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Roy KA9MZJ, and Friday Jim WB9EDL. As you can see we are in need of additional NCS operators. Jim WB9QPM is our Alternate NCS and keeps statistics for all our traffic nets.

The NCPN handled 400 radiograms in 2017. I am looking for someone to step up and serve as a Net Manager for the NCPN.

Illinois Phone Net (IPN) presently includes traffic handlers in the states of IL, IN, IA and TN. This group consists of some of the NCPN operators and others that due to scheduling are only able to participate at the 1645 Illinois time slot on 3857 KCS Monday thru Friday and then again at 0800 Illinois time on 3940 as a rollcall net. Net Manager is Roy KA9MZJ who serves as a NCS operator along with Jim WB9QPM. We are looking for NCS operators for this net. IPN handled 344 Radiograms in 2017. I'm looking for someone to step up and serve as a Net Manager for the IPN also.

Illinois Sideband Net (ISN) is the primary NTS net in the Illinois section. They meet daily at 1800 local time on 3905 KCS. The net manager is Jim WB9QPM: NCS's are Jim WB9QPM, Roy KA9MZJ, Monty WA9REW, Dave K0RJL. This net has liaisons with the ILN (cw), 9th Region ARRL nets and the 75 meter (independent) traffic net. The ISN handled 749 Radiograms in 2017. This net is looking for additional NCS operators.

The Illinois CW net (ILN) continues to operate on the schedule of daily at 1915 local time on 3535 KCS and also has liaisons with the 9th Region and Central Area Nets (CAN). The net manager is Joel W9NXM with Bob KF9ME assisting with NCS duties. CW speed will vary depending on operator's skill level. This net gives you fantastic opportunity to hone your CW skills and become familiar with the world of CW traffic handling.

A goal of mine for 2018 is to introduce the use FEMA ISC 213 message form into our Section NTS nets as a learning tool to assist the ARES groups using that format during their exercises and actual disasters.

73's and hope to hear more ARES operators on the NTS nets.

Roy Eades ASM/STM

[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

==> 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

The New Year is now well underway and I will be doing all I can to make it a great 2018 for Amateur Radio in the Missouri Section. I will be at a table at the St. Louis Suburban Radio Club Winterfest in Collinsville, IL January 27, 2018 and I am looking forward to visiting with Hams from the St. Louis area and others that will be attending.

It was great to read an article by Randy Schulze, KD0HKD, in the January Midwest Division ARRL newsletter. Randy is the President of the Raytown ARC and this article is a guide for Radio Club leadership to promote interest and participation within an Amateur Radio Club. The article is titled: How to Motivate Your Club Members. The link to read this article is <http://www.arrlmidwest.org/newsletter/newsletter.pdf> I would appreciate hearing from other Missouri Section Amateur Radio Club leaders how will share their ideas about how they stimulate greater excitement and activities in their clubs. I would be glad to pass these suggestions on to the membership in the MO Section News.

JANUARY 2018 HAMFEST

The St. Louis Suburban Radio Club Winterfest will be held at the Gateway Center 1 Gateway Drive in Collinsville, IL 62234 on January 27, 2018. Winterfest, the largest Hamfest in the area, is returning to the main ball room for 2018. The Forums will include "DC Power Technologies, Distribution, Batteries, and Solar" by Mark Siegesmund W9WMR, and West Mountain Radio program, titled "Getting On The Air" by Emmett Hohensee From RadioWavz Those interested can learn more about the Winterfest and order their discounted Tickets on line at the SLSRC website: <http://winterfest.slsrc.org> . The contact person for Winterfest 2018 is Rebecca Carroll , KC9CIJ, 331 North New Ballas Road Box 410035 St. Louis, MO 63141 Phone: 314-496-7271 or Email: kc9cij@slsrc.org Talk-In: 146.970 (PL 141.3)

AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WE0G, ACC

The Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society, the St. Louis Suburban Radio Club, and the many who knew him were saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Duerbusch, K0BX. Joe was one of several great RTTY contesters in the St. Louis area He was also a member of the Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club. He was on the Top Honor Roll mixed, The Honor Roll RTTY, and 5 Band WAS. He was in the top 10 RTTY operators in the Midwest Division for many years. Joe's enthusiasm for life and Amateur Radio was contagious and he was a fixture of almost every Hamfest in the St. Louis Area. He will be greatly missed.

The Central Missouri Radio Club reported on the results of the Boone County ARES group's 2017 Simulated Emergency Test. This year (2017) BCARES, in conjunction with the Boone County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), held the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on October 28 from 10:00 -12:00. NCS was operated from the new Boone County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) inside the Joint Communications Center (911-dispatch). This was their first full exercise of our facility at the ECC, and it went very well, although not without one issue that was easily resolved.

Their two main objectives for this SET was (1) to confirm that we could cover all 29 Points across our 650 Square mile county (see Map page 3) with our amateur repeater coverage, and (2) to determine how much of the county could we cover on a Simplex frequency contacting ECC from these 29 points.

Twenty-one amateur radio operators participated in the exercise with 15 of these operating from 13 mobiles to cover all 29 points in two hours. Three monitors operated from fixed stations to receive reports from the mobiles. One of these operated from the Boone County Hospital radio room, one was fixed in the neighboring county (Callaway), and the third operated from his home station. Three operators manned three radios at the ECC running three simultaneous nets. Our directed nets operated on the 146.76MHz repeater, the , 444.175MHz repeater, and on 146.505MHz simplex.

The Lebanon Amateur Radio Club has been quite active and will be continuing to be in 2018. David Boucher, KD0PLS is the LARC ARES Net Manager again this year and Gary Wescom, N0GW reported that the LARC 440 repeater is again operating. At the LARC Christmas meeting and Gift/Exchange, they set a limit of 50 lbs for the gifts and they must be radio or electrical related. In April 2018, the LARC members will get together with the Rolla Ham Club at the Oceans Buffet in St. Roberts, MO. Bill Wheeler, K0DEW and Gary Wescom, N0GW, are looking into having the Midwest Division Amateur Radio Convention in Lebanon in the future. The past Division Convention in Lebanon was excellent and the ARRL would like to see another.

SECTION ARES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2017

JEFF YOUNG, KB3HF, SEC.

I am very proud to announce that the Missouri ARES program has volunteered 32,404 Hours and 3,141 events that involved Training, Drills, Public Service activities, Emergency Hours and the Skywarn efforts in 2017. Jeff Young, KB3HF, MO SEC.

DEC 17, 2017 MISSOURI SECTION ARES REPORT

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| Total # ARES Members | 1271 |
| Number of Drills, Testing, Etc. | 193 |
| Number of Ham Hours | 1698.97 |
| Number of Public Service Events | 14 |
| Number of Ham Hours | 13.5 |
| Number of Emergency Operations | 1 |
| Number of Ham hours Emer. Op. | 8 |
| Number of Skywarn Ops this month | 11 |
| Number of Skywarn Hours | 183 |
| Total ARES Operations this month | 219 |
| Total Ham Hours | 1903.47 |

9 out of 9 districts reporting

SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS DECEMBER 2017

LARRY WILSON, K0RWL, STM

MO SECTION Net (MON), 23/111/13, net mngr K9ZTV
M0 TRAFFIC NET, 31/1436/210 /, net mngr K0RWL
MESN,5/182/0, net mngr KE0LMY
LEBANON ARES, 4/40/4, net mngr KF4MXF
CALLAWAY (CARL) CO, 4/78/0/, net mngr KC0LYA
BOONE (CMRA) CO, 4/61/0, net mngr KC0HSB
JACKSON CO, 5 /86/0, net mngr K0UAA
MACON CO, 4/52/0, net mngr K0KY
ROLLA (RRARS), 31/309/6, net mngr KE0ARR
TEXAS CO, 31/514/28, net mngr N0TPE
K. C. ARES DIGITAL, 3/38/10 net mngr K0KEX
FRANKLIN CO, 5/35/0, net mngr AD0OI
NORTHLAND ARES VOICE, 3/65/1, net mngr K0KEX
TRI-COUNTY, 4/30/0, net mngr N0AUY
DISTRICT E, 8/39/1, net mngr N0RIC
HANNIBAL ARES, 5/125/3 net mngr KD0HHN

JACKSON CO ARES DIG. 3/21/4 net mngr N0AJI
KD0HHN-LIAISON, 1/1/221, net mngr KD0HHN
HOWARD CO, 3/27/0, net mngr WD6BGN
WARRCI, 5/136/1, net mngr KB0HV
MONTGOMERY TRAINING, 5/18/1, net mngr K2HT

TOTALS 187/3404/503



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ERC General meeting January 4 2018

Present: Bob Evans AA9FQ, Michael Phillips N0RSP, Nolan Zobrist KA9VKC, Justing Garbe WA9JTG, Lawrence Unfried, Mary Unfried KA9ZTJ, Keith Unfried KA9BGI, Jennifer Cato , Jason Cato KB9LBC, Chuck Hoxsey KD9DXD, John Sundstrom WA0LIS, Terry Bell N9BEL, Jim Williamson KD9FQC, Bob Young W9MO, Bill Schmidt WA0JCO

Happy New Year

Treasure and Minutes reports given

The website has been updated with the repeater pl information

Hamfest : Jim's engraving is out of business

Suggested contacts include Bridgecom, Radiowavz and Mosley

Field Day will be at the Egyptian Radio room again this year.

Bill Schmidt reported Tom Green passed and the club purchased a FT 991 for \$1,100 from his widow.

Bill though we should replace the Icom 756, Bill will wants to sell the 756 maybe worth \$500-\$800

A motion made by Larry and John seconded by Terry Bell that we wait to sell the 756 until after field day to give the FT991 a workout under Field day conditions.

Bill Schmidt and Keith Unfried are building a platform for the HF vertical that will be going on the roof.

EC001 testing here of February 3

Raffle on going for the Icom 7100

Submitted by Bob Evans AA9FQ

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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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