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Successful Ham Radio Contact between Students and Space Station Excites and Inspires

10/24/2018

“My best day as a teacher!” That was educator Kathryn Craven’s exuberant reaction following a successful October 22 ham radio contact between International Space Station (ISS) crew member Serena Auñón-Chancellor, KG5TMT, and youngsters at Ashford School in Ashford, Connecticut. ARRL Headquarters provided equipment for the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)-sponsored event, and several ARRL Headquarters staffers were among those assisting in setting up the station, working with teachers, students, and the media, shooting photos, and offering other support.

The entire student body of the kindergarten-through-eighth grade school in northeastern Connecticut sat in rapt attention during the event, as a dozen of their classmates spoke directly to Auñón-Chancellor, who was at the helm of NA1SS on the ISS. Using ARRL’s equipment, members of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association (ECARA) set up the Earth station (KZ1M), with technical and hands-on help from W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, who also assisted in summoning NA1SS for the approximately 10-minute pass.

One reporter asked Carcia what was being displayed on the large screen. “I explained that the program we were using — *SatPC32* — allowed us to see where the ISS is located and controlled the rotators with respect to our location,” he said.

Some Ashford School students have been studying microgravity and are working on a research project that they hope will eventually be selected to be conducted on the ISS. Auñón-Chancellor, the Mission 56/57 flight surgeon, answered 16 student questions that ranged from “Do you wear sunscreen into space?” to “What is the hardest thing about having zero

gravity?” and “How many flips can you do?”

Others attending on behalf of ARRL were ARRL Lifelong Learning Manager Kris Bickell, K1BIC; Lifelong Learning and Knowledge Department Administrator Ally Riedel, KM3ALF; ARRL Communications Content Producer Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and ARRL Communications Manager David Isgur, N1RSN.

“It was great!” Patnode said afterward. “The space station responded right away, and everyone instantly got so excited.”

Crews from four local television stations and print publication reporters joined an audience of more than 400.

“We are so incredibly grateful to ARISS, ECARA, and ARRL for making this possible for the entire Ashford School community,” a statement on the [school's website](#) said. “Our students were literally bursting with excitement at the end of the contact, and many staff members were driven to tears over the wonder they felt during this contact. We even heard many students exclaiming that they wanted to be astronauts as they headed out of the cafeteria and on to the rest of their school day. Look out universe — here comes the Mars Generation!”

EGYPTIAN RADIO CLUB



CHRISTMAS PARTY



&

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**There will be a short business meeting & the election of 2019 club officers will
take place, then back to the food and fun.**

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- **When** - Saturday, November 3rd and 10th at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Open test session** - November 10th at 2:00 p.m.

Take all levels of the FCC exams at no extra cost.

The class is not required to take a test.

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- **Cost** - The class is no charge; the testing session is \$14.00.
- **Class Handbook** – “Technician Class” by Gordon West.
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2018 ST. LOUIS METRO ARES/RACES EVENT CALENDAR



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

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.

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



From Dave Miller KORJL ARES EC KORJL@ARRL.NET

QST Madison County ARES:

I am accepting applications for those who may be interested in the position of Amateur Radio Emergency Service Emergency Coordinator (ARES-EC) for Madison County.

I am not quitting; I will not leave the position vacant. However, it is time that I move on. I did not intend to be in the position this long, but my exit plans did not come about. It has been an honor to serve and I have a great deal of job satisfaction in being your EC.

If you are interested, please apply to me in the form of a letter with any attachments you may consider useful: resume, training records, experience, etc. Although one does not have to be a member of ARRL to serve in ARES, full ARRL membership is required to serve as EC.

The position is an ARRL field appointment. Therefore, any final selection needs to be endorsed by the District Emergency Coordinator, Section Emergency Coordinator, and Section Manager before receiving final approval and appointment by the ARRL

I am leaving the application period open until the end of November. The final selection will be made in December with an anticipated start date of January 1, 2019.

Again, I will remain in the position until a suitable replacement can be made. It has been an honor to serve.

73,

Dave Miller

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Madison County ARES-EC

ARRL Website Security Software Update Could Affect Certain LoTW ADIF Downloads

10/17/2018

The ARRL website updated its security software on October 15 in order to meet standards required to continue accepting credit cards for internet purchases. ARRL Information Technology Department Manager Mike Keane, K1MK, said that the upgrade should not affect the vast majority of members, beyond a guarantee of better security on the website. It's possible that those using old browsers or running outdated operating systems could encounter a browser error message when trying to log in or make a purchase on the website. To check if your browser will be affected by this change, you can use the ["How's My SSL?"](#) website to advise you of your browser's version. Also affected by the upgrade was the ability of certain logging software running under Windows 7, 8, and 10 to continue downloading ADIF reports from Logbook of The World (LoTW). Uploads via *TQSL* are not affected.

"Affected users should report the issue to their logging application software vendor," Keane said. "In several cases, logging application vendors have already released updates of their products that resolve the problem."

Keane said the security update and any possible disruption in service are for the sake of progress, "and represent the reasonable efforts that our members expect from us in order to secure their private information." The updates completed this week were mandated security-related changes that allow ARRL to continue to accept credit cards for purchases and memberships via the website. "These security changes are no different than what is required by other organizations and vendors performing online transactions," Keane noted.

The updates were carried out in order to comply with PCI Security Standards Council requirements. All payment processors, merchants, service providers, and other stakeholders must use *TLS* 1.1 or higher to ensure the transmission and receiving of secure communications. *TLS* is a cryptographic protocol that provide authentication and data encryption between different endpoints (e.g., a client connecting to a web server). On October 15, ARRL disabled support for the outdated *TLS* 1.0 protocol.

Among the browsers that are safe to continue using are Google Chrome 30 or higher (version 40 or higher recommended), Mozilla Firefox 27 or higher (version 34 or higher recommended), Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 or higher, Apple Safari 7 or higher (Safari 5 or higher on mobile), all versions of Microsoft Edge, and Opera 17 or higher (version 27 or higher recommended).



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Post Office Box 562, Granite City, Illinois 62040-0562

Egyptian Radio Club General Membership Meeting October 4 2018

Present: Bob Evans AA9FQ, Bill Schmidt WA0JCO, John Sundstrom WA0LIS, Marty Schultz N9PPJ, Nolan Zobrist KA9VKC, Justin Garbe WA9JTG, Mark Howell KD9HIH, Larry Unfriend WA9KJV, Doug Reinheimer, Tim Nichols N9FUE, Lisa Hoxsey, Chuck Hoxsey KD9JKP, Brian Matejka, Jason Cato KB9LBC, Jennifer Cato, Christian Manning, William Dusenbery N9OQK, Ron Wright N9ADJ, Jeff Welch AC9JF, David Miller KF9EV, Randy Bastian KC9MZ

Open by William Dussenbery

No Treasure's report tonight

Minutes from the September meeting accepted without objection

Halloween Hamfest October 27, Bill Schmidt has tickets

Illinois QSO party starts at Noon on October 22 W9AIU will be on the Hamilton, Galitian, White, Saline county corner again this year.

Larry Unfriend is ashamed of the way we are taking care of our room and antennas here at the church. A work party will take place at 10 am Tuesday to work on the roof antennas. Nolan has been working on straitening up the classroom and radio room.

Bob Evans made a motion to spend up to \$200 to repair, reset the antennas on the roof. Seconded by Bill Schmidt, motion unanimously approved.

Marty brought in a suggestion for a battery for the 79 repeater, however it was slightly over the \$200 limit set in last month's motion for a new battery, Bill Schmidt made a motion that that we set the battery spending limit to \$250 for the 79 repeater, seconded by Jason Cato, approved without objection.

Mary reported that Jack returned the 79 backup repeater and it will be reinstalled in the 76 repeater.

No new reports on people hearing our repeaters in their head.

Bill Schmidt 2 meter net needs more net controllers, Jason Cato has volunteered.

October 6 maybe again October 13 The antenna builder's guild will be at Pleasant Ridge park, preparing for the Illinois QSO party.

Illinois QSO party PRIME will be in 3 groups, Prime's total score last year was more than all other scores combined.

Motion to adjourn made by Jason Cato , Seconded by Larry Unfried

Adjourn

Minutes submitted by

Bob Evans AA9FQ

ERC Secretary

Announcements

We are looking for volunteers for the 90th Anniversary Celebration March 9th 2019, and for EgyptianFest on June 9th, 2019. Please feel free to contact me, (Jason Cato KB9LBC) at kb9lbc@gmail.com to volunteer or with ideas!!!

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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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 November 1st, 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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