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SARA WEBSITE: [www.w9rnm.org](http://www.w9rnm.org). The SARA SLIP can now  
be found on the SARA website.

MEETING SCHEDULE: SARA regular meetings are held on the  
first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. at the Herrin Hospital..

NEXT MEETING: Our December meeting will be held on  
Thursday, the 8 th of the month.

## SARA SUNDAY NETS

1. 3.925 Mhz (plus/minus QRM). Sundays; 8-9 AM. Net Manager: Fred, KA9VBB.

### Net Controls:

December 4 .....	KG9DD
December 11 .....	WB9JIO
December 18 .....	KA9VBB
December 25 .....	KB9APC

2. 147.090/.690 SARA Repeater Sundays, 9 PM. Net Manager: Bob Giacomo, N9VKO. Net Control: Bob, N9VKO.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

November 2016

Beginning Balance:		\$2666.64
Credits: 50/50	15.00	
Debits:	00.00	
Ending Balance:		\$2681.64

# MINUTES

November 4th 2016

Meeting called to order by Ken ,KB9KC, at 7:00PM with introductions by 20 members present.

**Secretary Report:** None as printed in SARA Slip with no changes. Motion to accept as printed in the SARA Slip by Ed ,KD9FRQ, and seconded by Fred ,KA9VBB, motion passed

**Treasurer Report:** Motion to accept treasurer's report as printed in the SARA Slip made by Tom ,W9RY, and seconded by Lee ,KD9EFB, motion passed.

**Repeater Committee Report:** Bruce, WA9APQ, reported that the 147.090/146.880 linked repeater system has been having link related noise issues. Bruce indicated he made 7 trips to and from the 147.090 repeater site with Leroy ,KB9JNO, and Roy ,KB9ORF, working with the 146.880 repeater. Work will continue to get the noise out of the system link.

**Skywarn Report:** Weather ok Winter weather training by NWS at John A. Logan College room F106 on Thursday November 17th at 9:00AM-12:00PM.

**Old Business:** Bob ,N9VKO, said everything went ok this year at the Pinckneyville Mardi-Gras Parade and the communications team was appreciated by all because of the large crowd. The winner of the 50/50 received \$32,600 plus dollars this year.

The SARA Christmas Party date will be Thursday Dec 8th at 6:30PM at The Golden Corral. Kenny ,KB9KC, has made the reservation.

**New business:** Tom ,W9RY, Harry ,KC9KOI, and Bob ,N9VKO, spoke about the eclipse activity on August 21st 2017. Numerous requests have been made for ham radio support

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for various activities.

WA9APQ mentioned that operators will be sought after to assist with emergency operations.

Motion made by Raymond, KB9COL, to adjourn second by Jim, KB9APC, Meeting adjourned

50/50 winner was Ed, KD9FRQ, with a payout of \$12.50.

## SARA SKYWARN NET CONTROLS:

Dec 1, KD4CAE; Dec 11, KB9KC; Dec 18, KB9COL;  
Dec 25, KA9VBB; Jan 1, KD9EFB; Jan 8, KD4CAE;  
Jan 15, KB9KC; Jan 22, KB9COL; Jan 29, KA9VBB;  
Feb 5, KD9EFB; Feb 12, KD4CAE; Feb 19, KB9KC;  
Feb 26, KB9COL.

### Net Schedule

146.850 PL88.5 M.A.R.A. ....Monday- Saturday 7:30 - 9:00 am  
147.135 PL 88.5 ARCOM Mt. Vernon, Il.....Monday 8:00 pm  
147.270 PL103.5 Centralia, Il. ....Wednesday 8:00 pm  
147.300 Carmi, Il. ....Thursday 8:00 pm  
147.090 PL 88.5 District 11 ARES net .....Sunday 8:15 pm  
3.925 MHZ SARA 75m net .....Sunday 8:00 am  
147.090 PL 88.5 SARA Skywarn .....Sunday 8:45pm  
147.090 PL 88.5 SARA. ....Sunday 9:00 pm  
146.805 PL 88.5 LEARS .....Monday 8:30 pm  
3.905 MHZ State wide ARES net ..1st. and 3rd. Sunday 4:30 pm

# Announcements

## **SARA MEETING LOCATION**

**The SARA meetings will be held in the auxiliary conference room at the Herrin Hospital 7:00 pm.**

The LEARS club will hold their monthly meeting on the second Tuesday 6:30 pm at the Franklin Hospital in the 1 st. floor conference room.

The MARA club will hold their meetings for 2016 in Murphysboro Township Hall 1410 Walnut St. Murphysboro, IL. at 7:00 pm on the third Friday of the month.

To help support the MARA repeater the annual dues are \$15.00 Active, \$15.00 Family, \$7.50 Supporting. Dues may be sent to Jerry Giffin, Treasurer, Mt. Ava Repeater Assn, 138 McDowell Rd., Murphysboro, IL 62966. MARA is now on face book.

There will not be a SARA meeting on the 2 nd of December.

**\*\*The SARA Club Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 8th, at 6:30 pm, at The Golden Corral, in Carbondale, Illinois.**

**\*\*The LEARS Club the next meeting is December 13th. 6:30 pm. Christmas Party at DeMaggio's pizza on Market st. in Christopher, Il.**

W1AW Code practice schedule from QST Mag.

8 am. Fast Tu., Th. Slow We., Fr. 3 pm. Fast Mo., We., Fr.  
Slow Tu., Th. 6 pm. Fast Tu., Th., Slow Mo., We., Fr. 9 pm.  
Fast Mo., We., Fr. Slow Tu., Th. Freq. 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475,  
14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675.

News From My Hamster Hut

FOR DECEMBER 2016 SARA SLIP

By Carolyn, KD9BUY.

\*\*MARA Club members: It's time to pay your dues for 2017!  
Individual membership is \$15.

Family membership is \$15 for the initial fee and \$5 for each additional member.

Make your checks payable to M.A.R.A and mail them to:

Jerry Giffin

138 McDowell Road

Murphysboro, IL 62966

\*\*The SEMO Amateur Radio Club will be holding its Christmas party on Saturday, December 3rd, at 12:30 pm, at Delmonico's in Jackson, Missouri.

\*\*The SEMO Amateur Radio Club's December 5th club meeting, the will be held at the usual time and the usual location of the County Building in Jackson, Missouri.

\*\* The TRICO & Scott County Amateur Radio Society clubs will have their Christmas party/ meeting Tuesday, December 6th, at 6:00 pm, at Delmonico's Restaurant (near Bucheits, right off hwy 55 at the Jackson-Cape exit. )All clubs are welcome and bring your family.

\*\*The Trico Amateur Radio Club will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the basement south side meeting room at the Missouri Delta Hospital in Sikeston, Missouri. The next meeting is December 7th.

\*\*The SARA Club Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 8th, at 6:30 pm, at The Golden Corral, in Carbondale, Illinois.

\*\*The Tunnel Hill Breakfast Group will meet the first Saturday of each month at 9 am at the Vienna Diner in Vienna, Illinois.

Everyone is welcome! The next meeting will be December 3rd.

\*\*The LEARS Club will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the 1st floor conference room at Franklin Hospital in Benton Illinois. The next meeting is December 13th. Christmas Party at DeMaggio's pizza in Christopher, Il.

\*\*MARA Club will meet the 3rd Friday of each month at 7 pm at the Murphysboro Township Hall, 1410 Walnut Street in Murphysboro. A meeting of the ARTF will follow. Their next meeting is December 16th.

\*\*The SCAN Club meeting will be held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Carrier Mills fire station. Ham testing follows the meeting. The next meeting will be December 27th.

\*\*Union County Amateur Radio Club will NOT have a meeting in December. However, they are raffling off a brand new YAESU FTM-3200DR, mobile transceiver. Raffle tickets are 1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$20. The winning ticket will be drawn at the January 9th meeting.

FOR TICKETS, Call Lee, KD9EFB, at 618-201-5813 or Raymond, KB9COL, at 618-988-2069.

\*\*Union County amateur radio club is now taking orders for t-shirt, the shirt is blue with the club's logo and lettering in white. Shirts are \$14.00. Available in all sizes. You do not have to be a member of the club. You must get your order in before December 28th. Call Lee, KD9EFB, at 618-201-5813.

#### HAM TESTING

\*\*A ham license test session will be held at the Carrier Mills Fire Station, following the 7 pm Scan Club meeting on December 27th .

\*\*Ham license testing will be held following the 7 pm Union County Amateur Radio Club meeting on January 9, 2017, at the Anna location of Shawnee Community College.

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTF

The Amateur Radio Tower Foundation, Inc. is in it's start-up and asking for your help and support in It's mission to:

1. Establish a regional emergency communications network that



will encompass Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri.

2. Provide resources for education in radio communication and electronics.

3. Provide resources to help not for profit amateur radio groups with their community projects and programs.

As a 501c3 your donation will not only help your community but also help you as a tax deduction. Our goal is to raise \$35,000 dollars for the above projects. This money will be used to purchase the necessary equipment , educational materials, and funds necessary to help jumpstart these necessary and worthwhile projects.

Amateur radio operators provide emergency radio communications even if or when all other systems fail. Whether in a disaster or during storm watches, radio amateurs are working to keep our communities safe. From electrical grid failure, earthquake, or EMP pulse Amateur radio operators are able and willing to keep information flowing, even when no one else can. We are often called upon by governmental agencies for help. In fact amateur radio operators are part of homeland security. Amateur radio operators do all of this and more without any compensation whatsoever. You can make donations at the following website <https://www.crowdrise.com/artf>

When disaster calls, radio amateurs answer. Please help us help you.

#### NOTEWORTHY WEBSITES

??TRICO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB [tricoarc.weebly.com](http://tricoarc.weebly.com)

??SEMO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB [semoarc.freeforums.net](http://semoarc.freeforums.net)

??W9RY SOUTHERN IL. AMATEUR RADIO PAGE [w9ry.com](http://w9ry.com)

??SARA CLUB [w9rmm.org](http://w9rmm.org)

The following organizations can be found on Facebook.

(1) MARA Club

(2) SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AMATEUR RADIO

(3) KD9EVL UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

(4) ARRL

#### NIGHTTIME NETS

#LEARS CLUB Monday Night Rag Chew at 8:30 pm on 146.805

pl 88.5

#SEMO 5 State Net Thursday night at 7:30 pm on 147.330 pl 100.0

#Fusion Cruisin' digital net Thursday nights at 8 pm on 146.820 pl 100.0

#Olive Branch repeater net Thursday nights at 8 pm 147.255 pl 118.8

#Best Night Net, Saturday nights at 8 pm, on the linked repeaters, 147.090 & 146.880. pl tone for both is 88.5

#ARES Net Sunday nights at 8:15 pm

#SARA Net Sunday nights at 9 pm, are both on the linked repeater system, 147.090 & 146.880. pl tone for both is 88.5

#SEMO NET with Joe, WA0ZNI, 7 nights a week at 7 pm on 146.685 pl tone 100.0

#### SPECIAL NOTES

\*\*Anyone wishing to have something added to the weekly announcements, News From My Hamster Hut, I will be happy to include those for you. I must have the information at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

E-mail the information to me at [boogerosmom@gmail.com](mailto:boogerosmom@gmail.com) .

REMEMBER THE "GET 'EM UP & OFF TO WORK NET"  
7:30 am Monday through Saturday

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Free to SARA Members— Rates to others on request.  
All ads will be placed for 3 consecutive issues and then removed unless the editor is advised in writing to continue, modify, or cancel the ad.

**FOR SALE:** SARA arm patches \$5.00 ea.; Skywarn patches \$5.00 ea. Contact: Diana Cash, KC9FDC, 13876 Jeffery mine Rd, Johnston City, Il. 62951. e-mail renegade2274@frontier.com. Phone (618) 694-2335.

Remember the SARA SLIP is available by e-mail. If you would like to get yours by e-mail send your request to the editor. fredska9vbb@gmail.com.

## SARA MEMBERSHIP

Membership is available to anyone, licensed or not, regardless of residency in U. S. A. Membership includes this monthly publication, usually 12 issues per year.  
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Dues= Individual, \$10.00 per year. Family, \$15.00 per year.

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