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# “SARA SLIP”



## Newsletter of the Shawnee Amateur Radio Association

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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 City Hall..

NEXT MEETING: Our December meeting will be held on Friday, the 6 th of the month.

## SARA SUNDAY NETS

1. 3.925 Mhz (plus/minus QRM). Sundays; 8-9 AM. Net Manager: Fred, AA9FS.

### Net Controls:

December 6 .....	KC9AJR
December 13 .....	WA9RD
December 20 .....	KE9LE
December 27 .....	AA9FS

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER

Beginning Balance:		\$ 2425.56
Credits: 50/50	\$ 13.00	
Ending Balance:		\$ 2438.56

# MINUTES

SARA Meeting Minutes November 6th 2020

Meeting called to order by KB9KC at 7:00PM with introductions by 11 members.

**Secretary Report:** Motion made by Steve WA9SWW and seconded by Tom W9RY to accept the secretary's report as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion passed

**Treasurer Report:** Motion made by Shawn K9PWW and seconded by Tom W9RY to accept the treasurer's report as printed in The SARA Slip. Motion passed

**Repeater Committee Report:** Leroy KB9JNO reported that the 146.640 Fusion repeater has not been charging the backup battery. Leroy replaced the battery and installed a charger in the same way that other area repeaters operate and things seemed to be working fine. Comments were made that indicate the chirping noise has returned to the 147.090 repeater but was not present on the last Sunday's evening net.

**Skywarn Report:** Kenny KB9KC stated that weather has been quiet as far as severe weather and Tom W9RY commented that on-line training was presently going on for those want to get it or do refresher training from the NWS office in Paducah. You must pre-register at the Paducah NWS web site.

**Old Business:** Shawn K9PWW commented that the Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air went well making about 10 contacts with scouts present enjoying the activity, especially the fox hunting that was also done.

**New business:** Kenny KB9KC asked members present for their opinion as to whether the meeting should still be held at Herrin since the Corona virus numbers seem to be climbing. opinions were that members should make their own decisions based on the latest information as meeting time gets nearer.

Tom W9RY suggested that meetings could be held on ZOOM since he has an account with that service.

Tom also mentioned that Skywarn Day was coming up at The National Weather Service office in Paducah but they are not sure at this time how it will be handled this year.

Gerry WG9Z suggested having a swapmeet this year since the Christmas party can't be held due to Covid restrictions. No date was set.

Kenny KB9KC mentioned that at some future time the equipment/rigs used by Silent Key Ray Melhorn W9MXM will be for sale.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Steve WA9SWW and seconded by Tom W9RY

The meeting was followed by an Earthquake presentation and speaking about future involvement of Ham Radio Operators in exercises in order to be better prepared if another earthquake of any significance should occur especially along the New Madrid and Wabash Valley fault lines.

50/50 - Winner was Steve WA9SWW with a payout of \$6.50 which he donated back from a total of \$13.00

## Announcements

### **SARA MEETING LOCATION**

**The SARA meetings will be held on the first Friday of the month in the north side of the Herrin City Hall (old Herrin P.D.) 300 N. Park Avenue at 7:00 pm. December meeting on zoom. Contact Thom, W9RY, for details.**

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. **December meeting at Bonnie Café West Frankfort.**

# SARA SKYWARN NET CONTROLS:

Nov 29 K9BJA	Dec 6 KB9KC	Dec 13 AA9FS
Dec 20 KD4CAE	Dec 27 KD9EFB	Jan 3 K9BJA
Jan 10 KB9KC	Jan 17 AA9FS	Jan 24 KD4CAE
Jan 31 KD9EFB	Feb 7 K9BJA	Feb 14 KB9KC
Feb 21 AA9FS	Feb 28 KD4CAE	Mar 7 KD9EFB
Mar 14 K9BJA	Mar 21 KB9KC	Mar 28 AA9FS
April 4 KD4CAE	April 11 KD9EFB	April 18 K9BJA
April 25 KB9KC	May 2 AA9FS	May 9 KD4CAE
May 16 KD9EFB	May 23 K9BJA	May 30 KB9KC
June 6 AA9FS	June 13 KD4CAE	June 20 KD9EFB
June 27 K9BJA	July 4 KB9KC	July 11 AA9FS
July 18 KD4CAE	July 25 KD9EFB	

The MARA club will hold their meetings at the Murphysboro Township office in Murphysboro, IL. at 7:00 pm on the third Friday of the month. **December meeting on line on Google Hangouts. Contact Darrel, N9JOD, for details.**

## 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
146.805 PL 88.5 LEARS .....	Monday 8:30 pm
147.270 PL103.5 Centralia, Il. ....	Wednesday 8:00 pm
147.345 PL 88.5 Best night net .....	Saturday 7:00 pm
147.090 PL 88.5 District 11 ARES net .....	Sunday 8:15 pm
147.090 PL 88.5 SARA Skywarn .....	Sunday 8:45 pm
147.090 PL 88.5 SARA. ....	Sunday 9:00 pm
3.925 MHZ SARA 75m net .....	Sunday 8:00 am
3.940 MHZ Illinois Phone Net	Sunday at 8:00 am
3.905 MHZ State wide ARES net ..1st. and 3rd.	Sunday 4:30 pm
3.905 MHZ Illinois Sideband Traffic Net	Nightly at 6:00 pm
3.537 MHZ Illinois CW Net (ILN)	Nightly at 7:15 pm
3.858 MHZ Illinois Phone Net	Monday-Friday at 4:45 pm

## News From My Hamster Hut by Carolyn, KD9BUY

### Attention ALL Clubs

**BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE CLUBS BEFORE MAKING THE TRIP TO A MEETING!**

**Carolyn KD9BUY**

\*\*The SARA Club will meet Friday, December 4th, at 7 pm, online in a ZOOM MEETING. CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB TO MAKE SURE THIS IS THE PLAN! Check with Tom, W9RY, for the link to access the meeting

\*\*Scott County (Missouri) Amateur Radio Society meets Saturday morning, December 5th, at 9 am at the Fathers Arms Fellowship Church on Main Street in Scott City Missouri. Ham testing follows the meeting. CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB TO MAKE SURE THIS IS THE PLAN AGAIN THIS MONTH!!

\*\*The Centralia Wireless Association will be having a Zoom meeting online at 7 pm, December 7th. Contact one of the officers for the link to "visit" their next meeting.

\*\*The SEMO Amateur Radio Club meeting will be Monday, December 7th, at 7 pm, at the Jackson Knights of Columbus hall in Jackson Missouri. CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB TO MAKE SURE THIS IS THE PLAN AGAIN THIS MONTH!!

\*\*The LEARS Club will meet will meet Tuesday, December 8th, at 6:30 pm, in the cafeteria at Franklin Hospital in Benton Illinois. To comply with COVID regulations those attending the meeting must wear a mask when entering the building and exiting the meeting. You will not have to wear the mask during the meeting. CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB TO MAKE SURE THIS IS THE PLAN THIS MONTH!!

\*\*The SEMO Amateur Radio Association meets Thursday, December 10th, at 7 pm at United Gospel Rescue Mission, 400 South Broadway in Poplar Bluff, MO. Ham testing follows the meeting.

**\*\*The Union County Amateur Radio Club's next meeting will be December 14th, at 6pm. CHECK WITH THE CLUB TO MAKE SURE WHAT THE PLAN IS THIS MONTH!!**

**\*\*The MARA Club will meet online on Google Hangouts Friday, December 18th, at 7 pm. CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB TO FIND OUT THE LINK FOR THE MEETING!**

**\*\*Due to the lock down status from Covid-19 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE The SCAN Club WILL NOT BE MEETING.**

**BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB TO MAKE SURE THERE IS A MEETING OR TESTING.**

### **NIGHTTIME NETS**

(All times central unless otherwise indicated)

#### **Mondays**

**\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 440 Net at 6:30 pm on 444.200**

**\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Association Net at 7 pm on 145.350 pl 100.0**

**\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 2 Meter Net at 7 pm on 146.685 pl 100.0**

**\*\*Barefoot Bullfrog Net at 7:30 pm on simplex 146.535**

**\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Association Net at 8 pm on 146.910 pl 100.0**

**\*\*Amateur Radio Club of Mt. Vernon Net at 8 pm on 147.135 pl 88.5.**

#### **Tuesdays**

**\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 440 Net at 6:30 pm on 444.200**

**\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 2 Meter Net at 7 pm on 146.685 pl 100.0**

**\*\*Barefoot Bullfrog Net at 7:30 pm on simplex 146.535**

**\*\*R.A.D.I.O. Net at 9 pm on 146.940 pl 94.8 . EchoLink access N9MWK-L**



## **Wednesdays**

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 440 Net at 6:30 pm on 444.200

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 2 Meter Net at 7 pm on 146.685 pl  
100.0

\*\*Barefoot Bullfrog Net at 7:30 pm on simplex 146.535

\*\*Centralia Wireless Association Net at 8 pm on 147.270 pl  
103.5 EchoLink node W9CWA-R

## **Thursdays**

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 440 Net at 6:30 pm on 444.200

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 2 Meter Net at 7 pm on 146.685 pl  
100.0

\*\*Barefoot Bullfrog Net at 7:30 pm on simplex 146.535

\*\*SCAN CLUB Thursday Night Rag Chew at 8 pm on  
146.880/147.090 pl tone 88.5 p

\*\*Digital Thursday Net about 8:15 pm on 145.13 & 145.31(no pl  
tone needed)

## **Fridays**

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 440 Net at 6:30 pm on 444.200

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 2 Meter Net at 7 pm on 146.685 pl  
100.0

\*\*Barefoot Bullfrog Net at 7:30 pm on simplex 146.535

## **Saturdays**

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 440 Net at 6:30 pm on 444.200

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 2 Meter Net at 7 pm on 146.685 pl  
100.0

\*\*Barefoot Bullfrog Net at 7:30 pm on simplex 146.535

## **Sundays**

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 440 Net at 6:30 pm on 444.200

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club 2 Meter Net at 7 pm on 146.685 pl  
100.0

\*\*Barefoot Bullfrog Net at 7:30 pm on simplex 146.535

\*\*SARA Net at 9 pm, on 147.090 & 146.880. pl tone is 88.5

### **FORMAL, TRAINING & ROLL CALL NETS**

\*\*Illinois Sideband Traffic Net nightly at 6 pm (must have a general or higher license) on 3.905

\*\*Tri-State Emergency Net at 8 pm Wednesdays on 146.79

\*\*The PBW-Net Humanitarian is each Sunday at 6 pm on simplex 146.495

\*\*ARES Net Sundays at 8:15 pm on 147.090 & 146.880 linked system. PL tone 88.5

\*\*SARA SKYWARN Net Sundays at 8:45 pm on linked repeaters 147.090 & 146.880 pl tones 88.5

\*\*The Missouri ARES District E Training and Traffic Net is 7 pm Monday on 147.330 pl tone 100.0 (Bloomfield)

\*\*The Missouri ARES District E Training and Traffic Net 7 pm Thursday on the 146.910 pl tone 100.0 (Poplar Bluff)

### **NOTEWORTHY WEBSITES**

\*\*NWS SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING schedule  
[weather.gov/pah/spottertraining](http://weather.gov/pah/spottertraining)

\*\*L.E.A.R.S. Club [www.learsradio.org](http://www.learsradio.org)

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Association [SEMOHAMS.NET](http://SEMOHAMS.NET)

\*\*Carolyn's Coffee Break Program

\*\*Carolyn's Sunday Gospel Program

\*\*American Thresherman Bluegrass Programs

\*\*Shawnee Training Academy <http://www.shawneetrainingacademy.com/>

\*\*Topographical Maps [heywhatsthat.com](http://heywhatsthat.com)

\*\*Super-elastic Signal Stick [signalstuff.com](http://signalstuff.com)

\*\*Amateur Radio Club of Mt. Vernon <https://qsl.net/arcom/>

\*\*W0AVQ's Repeater Overlay on Google Earth <http://hamradio.w0avq.org/repeaters>

\*\*ARRL Hamfest and Convention list [arrl.org/hamfests/search](http://arrl.org/hamfests/search)  
\*\*Ed's (AD0WN)Tri-State Repeater list <http://semoarc.com/nets.htm>  
\*\*WB0VTM & K9YAW putting up an antenna WB0VTM & K9YAW  
\*\*Ham Radio Call Book Archive <https://archive.org/details/callbook?&sort=downloads&page=2>  
\*\*KB9COL Build an R6 Meter-Plus antenna <https://youtu.be/NmZemahwtzw>  
\*\*SARA CLUB [w9rnm.org](http://w9rnm.org)  
\*\*CENTRALIA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION [w9cwa.net](http://w9cwa.net)  
\*\*TRI STATE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY [w9og.net](http://w9og.net)  
\*\*SEMO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB [semoarc.com](http://semoarc.com)  
\*\*W9RY SOUTHERN IL. AMATEUR RADIO PAGE [w9ry.com](http://w9ry.com)  
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\*\*SEMO AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION [semohams.net](http://semohams.net)  
\*\*The following organizations can be found on Facebook. 1  
(1) MARA Club  
(2) SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AMATEUR RADIO  
(3) ARRL  
(4) RADIOW9GH  
(5) REND LAKE COLLEGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
(6) SEMO AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION  
(7) Little Egypt Amateur Radio Society (L.E.A.R.S.)  
(8) SOUTHERN COUNTIES AMATEUR NETWORK  
WS9CAN

### **SILENT KEYS**

\*\*W9YRY August "Augie" Campanella 06/09/1920-07/19/2016

- \*\*WD0CYP Rev. Dr. Harold “Hal” Landwehr 03/10/1940-12/27/2016
- \*\*W9CJW Michael “Mike” Hoshiko 04/08/1921-12/26/16
- \*\*WB9HEB Jonathan “John” Kraatz 04/08/1950-04/07/2017
- \*\*KA9TTP William “Bill” Hertter 11/07/1944-05/20/2017
- \*\*WA0ZNI Joseph “Joe” Lorberg 03/09/1939-07/29/2017
- \*\*KB9KCV Charles “Charlie” Conwell 11/11/1953-08/12/2017
- \*\*K9YP William “Bill” Stevens 08/12/1955-09/04/2017
- \*\*KB9COL Raymond Jackson 12/16/1945-07/16/2018
- \*\*WA9GYH Ronald Hunter 05/03/1947-12/02/2018
- \*\*KB0ZDG Howard A. Mc Artor Jr. 06/26/1928-exact date unknown
- \*\*N9XWO Lou Dean Spurlin 05/29/1942-03/17/2019
- \*\*WA9HAB Bob Morefield 10/10/1938-04/11/2019
- \*\*KC0UCF Richard Bundy 02/09/1968-09/17/2019
- \*\*WB0TYV Larry Huey 08/18/1943-10/24/2019
- \*\*KD9JOR Steve Cremeens 03/21/1952-10/31/2019
- \*\*W0PLW Ronald Hale 11/03/1942-01/26/2020
- \*\*K0VKE Earl Chasteen 06/01/1933-05/04/2020
- \*\*AA9TJ David Shurtz 12/22/1955-08/26/2020
- \*\*W9MXM Ray Melhorn 07/22/1929-09/08/2020
- \*\*WK9W LeRoy McDuffie 09/09/1931-09/28/2020
- \*\*KC0Vfy Clinton Fallin 09/05/1966-10/11/2020

### **Special Notes**

\*\*For all the work you need done on your antennas or towers, get the work done right the first time by calling Dennis Karnes (N9TAK) at 618-967-0924.

\*\* EchoLink is running on 146.850. To connect to the system use the following

EchoLink Node Call sign : K9GOX-R

EchoLink Node Number : 817516

Allstar Node Call sign : K9GOX

Allstar Node number : 45525

\*\*Anyone that has anything they want included in Saturday's emailing of the News From My Hamster Hut, Hamster Hut Shop & Swap, or any photos they might like to submit to the Hamster Hut Picture Place must get them to me by Wednesday evening! Email your submissions to kd9buy@gmail.com

\*\*If you have something you would like for me to submit to Fred, KA9VBB, for the SARA Slip, you must have the information to me before the 20th of the month prior to publication.

A Note From The Editor

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God bless each of you,

Carolyn Cremeens, KD9BUY

Publisher/Editor

REMEMBER THE "GET 'EM UP & OFF TO WORK NET"

7:30 am Monday through Saturday

146.850 pl 88.5

Echo Link K9GOX-R

Remember the Sunday Morning SARA Net at 8 am Sunday mornings on 3.925mhz

BEFORE MAKING THE TRIP TO ANY MEETINGS OR TESTINGS...

BE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR CLUB OFFICIALS TO MAKE SURE THE EVENTS WILL BE HELD!

# CLASSIFIED ADS

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