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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 January meeting will be held on Friday, the 2nd of the month.

# SARA SUNDAY NETS

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

## Net Controls:

January 4 .....	AA9FS
January 11 .....	N0GFQ
January 18 .....	WB0VTM
January 25 .....	W9OWP

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

# TREASURER’S REPORT

No treasurer report (see last month)

# MINUTES

No minutes ( Christmas party no December meeting)

# 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.**

The LEARS club will hold their monthly meeting on the second Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Franklin Hospital in the Cafeteria.

The MARA club will hold their meetings at the Murphysboro Masonic Lodge in Murphysboro, IL. at 7:00 pm on the third Friday of the month.

## 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 .....Sunday8:45pm  
147.090 PL 88.5 SARA. ....Sunday 9:00 pm  
3.925 MHZ SARA 75m net .....Sunday 8:00am  
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

## SARA SKYWARN NET CONTROLS:

Dec 28 KD4CAE	Jan 4 KB9KC	Jan 11 WA9APQ
Jan 18 AA9FS	Jan 25 KD4CAE	Feb 1 KB9KC
Feb 8 WA9APQ	Feb 15 AA9FS	Feb 22 KD4CAE-
Mar 1 KB9KC	Mar 8 WA9APQ	Mar 15 AA9FS
Mar 22 KD4CAE	Mar 29 KB9KC	April 5 WA9APQ
April 12 AA9FS	April 19 KD4CAE	April 26 KB9KC
May 3 WA9APQ	May 10 AA9FS	May 17 KD4CAE-
May 24 KB9KC	May 31 WA9APQ	June 7 AA9FS

### **News From My Hamster Hut by Carolyn, KD9BUY**

\*\*The SARA Club meeting will be held the 1st Friday of the month at 7 pm, at their Christmas party at Grecian Steakhouse in Pinckneyville. Their next meeting is January 2, 2026.

\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Club meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Jackson Civic Center, 381 East Deerwood, Jackson Missouri. Ham testing is available. Their next meeting is January 5, 2026.

\*\*Rend Lake College Amateur Radio Club meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month starting at 5 pm, Rend Lake College Ina Campus in the Advanced Technology Building room ATC105. Their next meeting is January 6, 2026.

\*\*The SEMO Amateur Radio Association meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm, at 3398 Kanell Blvd, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Ham testing follows the meeting. Their next meeting is January 8, 2026.

\*\*The Centralia Wireless Association meeting is the 2nd Monday of each month, except when it falls on a holiday, in which case the meeting is the following Monday, at 7 pm, at the Centralia Historical Museum, 240 South Locust Centralia, Illinois. Their next meeting is January 12, 2026.

**\*\*The LEARS Club will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria at Franklin Hospital in Benton, Illinois. Their next meeting is January 13, 2026.**

**\*\*The L.E.A.R.S. repeater on frequency 146.805 is off the air until further notice. Vandals & thieves stole wiring and destroyed equipment at the site and it has resulted in disruption of service to the ham radio community. L.E.A.R.S. Club Monday Night Rag Chew will not be on the air until the problem is resolved.**

**\*\*River Hills Amateur Radio Club of Perryville, Missouri meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, in the Mauve Room at the Perryville Missouri American Legion. Ham testing follows the meeting. Their next meeting is January 14, 2026.**

**\*\*The MARA Club will meet the 3rd Friday of each month at 7 pm in the Masonic Lodge, 1115 Chestnut Street, (located across the street from the southwest corner of the courthouse) Murphysboro, Illinois. Ham testing will be available. Their next meeting is January 16, 2026.**

**\*\*The Southernmost Illinois Emergency Radio Association, meets the 3rd, Monday of every month at 605 Metropolis Street, Metropolis, Illinois, at 5:30 pm. Ham testing is available by appointment. Their next meeting is January 19, 2026.**

**\*\*The Amateur Radio Club of Mt. Vernon will meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Outland Regional Airport in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Their next meeting will be January 20, 2026.**

**\*\*The Amateur Radio Club of Mt. Vernon is offering VE Test session by request. If you desire to take an exam please contact: Steve Warner WA9SWW, ARCOM Club President at (618) 315-0968 or by email at wa9sww@gmail.com**

**\*\*The SCAN Club will meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, beginning with the January 2026 meeting at the College Heights Baptist Church, 2321 Illinois Avenue, Eldorado, Illinois. Their next meeting is January 27, 2026**

## **REGIONAL 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 Club 2 Meter Net at 7 pm on 146.685 pl 100.0**

**\*\*SEMO Amateur Radio Association Net at 7:30 pm on 145.350 pl 100.0**

**\*\*The Best Night Net at 7 pm on 147.345, pl tone 88.5.**

**\*\*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 ARA Learn Morse Code Net about 6 pm on 145.350 pl 100.0**

**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**

**\*\*Your Mic Net Is Your Friend Net at 7 pm on 147.060 pl 179.9**

**\*\*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 N9CJS-L**

**\*\*The Scan Club's Dreaming of Digital Net, 8 pm, Tuesday on 145.370, no tone necessary on the digital side.**

**You may also connect by WiresX room number of 43212 or 430.000**

### **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
- \*\*River Hills Amateur Radio Club Net at 7:30 pm on 147.315 (+) pl 100.0
- \*\*Missouri DMR Net, 7:30 pm on BrandMeister DMR talk group 3129
- \*\*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
- \*\*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**

- \*\*ARES CW Net at 5:30 pm on 3.538
- \*\*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**

**\*\*PARA Club Net at 9 pm, on 147.06. pl tone 179.9**

### **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)**

**\*\*Union County Amateur Radio Club ARES Net 8 pm, Monday on 145.430, pl tone 77.0**

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

### **Special Events, Hamfests & Fund Raisers**

**\*\*For a complete list of ARRL Hamventions and Conventions go to [arrl.org/hamfests/search](http://arrl.org/hamfests/search)**

### **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](mailto:kd9buy@gmail.com)

**\*\*If you have something you would like for me to submit to Fred, AA9FS, 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**

This newsletter “News From My Hamster Hut” is a production/publication of my own making. It is not affiliated in any way, shape or form with any club or organization. I gather the information, pictures, etc. to help keep those in the ham community informed of upcoming events and to add a little interest to the hobby.

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God bless each of you,

Carolyn Cremeens, KD9BUY

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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 3.925





# 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.

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