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Newsletter of the Shawnee Amateur Radio Association

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SARA WEBSITE: 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 March meeting will be held on Friday, the 1st of the month.

SARA SUNDAY NETS

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

Net Controls:

March 3	N9ADJ
March 10	KG9DD
March 17	WA9RD
March 24	AA9FS
March 31	KE9LE

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

Beginning Balance:		\$	2724.21
Credits: Dues	\$	35.00	
Debits: IL State NP (Memo)	\$	3.00	
Ending Balance:		\$	2756.21

* Error from Jan: check was for \$13.00 not \$10.00

MINUTES

Minutes SARA Meeting February 2nd 2024

Meeting called to order by Kenny KB9KC at 7:00PM with introductions by 18 members present.

Secretary Report: Motion made by Leroy KB9JNO and seconded by Red KC9YKM to accept report as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion passed

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Ed KD9FRQ and seconded by Scott KC9AJR to accept the report as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion passed.

Repeater Committee Report: Leroy KB9JNO reported that as of meeting time he knew of no problems and none had been reported on any of the repeater system.

Skywarn : Kenny KB9KC stated that there will be Skywarn Spotter Training coming up on March 5th at 6:00PM in Benton at the University of Illinois Extension office and March 16th at Marion at 9:00AM at the Williamson County Fire Station.

Old Business : none

New Business : Kenny KB9KC mentioned that the River to River Relay will be coming up again on April 20th and the Shawnee Hills 100 will be on August 24-25.

Shawn K9PWW spoke about numerous Boy Scout Eclipsefest activities that will take place before and during the upcoming eclipse on April 5-8 for scouts to obtain merit badges at the Scout camp at Little Grassy Lake. They will have Amateur Radio stations for two days prior to the eclipse using call sign K2BSA/9.

Steve WA9SWW announced that on March 16 at the Jefferson County Historical Village there will be a pre-eclipse state wide exercise using HF and VHF stations to relay test messages.

Ed KD9FRQ spoke about a service that is becoming available to send and receive messages from an APRS station to a cell phone when there is no cell phone service available at your location.

ARRL : Thom W9RY reminded everyone of the upcoming

Technician Class session that will take place on February 24th with deadline for enrolling being February 8th. Contact Thom at w9ry@w9ry.com to get details and register for the class if anyone is interested. Thom stated that the Winterfest held at Collinsville looked like a big success this year with larger attendance than last year.

Adjourn: Motion made by Jim K9JIM and seconded by John AB9LS

50/50 winner – none – no tickets available

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.

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 LEARSMonday 8:30 pm
147.270 PL103.5 Centralia, Il.Wednesday 8:00 pm
147.345 PL 88.5 Best night netSaturday 7:00 pm
147.090 PL 88.5 District 11 ARES netSunday 8:15 pm
147.090 PL 88.5 SARA SkywarnSunday8:45pm
147.090 PL 88.5 SARA.Sunday 9:00 pm
3.925 MHZ SARA 75m netSunday 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:

Mar 3 WA9APQ	Mar 10 AA9FS	Mar 17 KD4CAE-
Mar 24 KB9KC	Mar 31 WA9APQ	Apr 7 AA9FS
Apr 14 KD4CAE	Apr 21 KB9KC	Apr 28 WA9APQ
May 5 AA9FS	May 12 KD4CAE	May 19 KB9KC
May 26 WA9APQ	June 2 AA9FS	June 9 KD4CAE-
June 16 KB9KC	June 23 WA9APQ	June 30 AA9FS
July 7 KD4CAE	July 14 KB9KC	July 21 WA9APQ
July 28 AA9FS	Aug 4 KD4CAE	Aug 11 KB9KC

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

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 north side of City Hall at 300 North Park Avenue, Herrin Illinois. Their next meeting is March 1st.

**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 March 4th.

**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 ATC163. Their next meeting is March 5th.

**Centralia Wireless Association monthly club meeting is held on 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.

The club meets at the Centralia Historical Museum, 240 South Locust, in Centralia, Illinois. Their next meeting is March 11th.

**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 March 12th.

**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. Their next meeting is March 13th.

**The SEMO Amateur Radio Association meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm, at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 2414 Katy Lane, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Ham testing follows the meeting. Their next meeting is March 14th.

**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. The next meeting will be March 15th.

**MARA Club members:...YOUR DUES ARE NOW DUE. For the correct information regarding the Dues for 2024 contact: Bill Bultinck, 6525 Water Valley Road, Cobden, IL 62920

**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. (Except October and December) Their next meeting is March 19th.

**The Southernmost Illinois Emergency Radio Association, meets the 3rd, Wednesday of every month at 605 Metropolis Street, Metropolis, Illinois, at 5:30 pm. Ham testing is available. Their next meeting is March 20th.

**The SCAN Club will meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, at the Carrier Mills Municipal Building at 7:00pm. The next meeting is March 19th.

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

**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

**L.E.A.R.S. Club Monday Night Rag Chew 8:30 pm on 146.805 pl 88.50

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

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)

Nets Across The USA On Echo Link

**YL NET with Nancy. 7:30 pm central time (6:30 mountain time. Billings Montana) on Wednesday, linked system 147.360 and 145.410 (100.0 tone on each). Also the ECHOLINK node of AE7DU. Geared to help get YLs on the air, Guys are also invited to check in.

Basic Spotter Training Classes

Registration is required! weather.gov/pah/spottertraining

Tuesday, March 5th, 6 pm, U of I Extension Office, 1212 Ag Street, Benton, Illinois

Saturday, March 16th, 9 am, Williamson County Fire Prevention District Station #1, Marion, Illinois

Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30 pm, Outland Regional Airport, 100 Aviation Dr, Mt. Vernon, Illinois

You MUST complete a basic spotter training course before you

can take the Elite course

Elite Spotter Training Classes

Elite classes last 3 to 4 hours

Tuesday April 2nd, 6 pm, Osage Center 1625 N. Kingshighway,
Cape Girardeau, MO

Thursday, April 11th, 6 pm, Murphysboro High School Library,
50 Blackwood Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Special Events, Hamfests & Fund Raisers

**For a complete list of ARRL Hamventions and Conventions go
to arrl.org/hamfests/search

**SEMO Amateur Radio Association Free Advice dutch treat
breakfast the Saturday after the SEMO ARA meeting (which
held the 2nd Thursday of each month) It's at Hardees on West-
wood Blvd at 8:30 am. Did I mention all advice is free!!

**SEMO ARA Ice Cream Social (dutch treat) at Poplar Bluff
Missouri Burger King the 4th Tuesday evening each month at
6:30 pm.

**The Tunnel Hill Group invites you to join them the 3rd Satur-
day of each month for a get together over breakfast at the Vienna
Diner between 9:30 and 10:00 am. The Vienna Diner is located
on highway 146 in Vienna, Illinois.

**River Hills Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Saturday, April 20,
2024, 8 am-1 pm, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, 2746 West St.
Joseph St, Perryville, Missouri. Admission \$5...under 12 free
with paid adult. For more information & updates: River Hills
Amateur Radio Club on Facebook.

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 n/a
**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
**N9MRA Matthew Andrew 12/14/1952-12/07/2020
**W9YFA Robert Carter 1936-12/10/2020
**KB5SQO Richard Hoyt 07/24/1941-12/25/2020
**KC9PII Charles "Charlie" Colp 03/10/1952-01/04/2021
**K9GDV Michael "Mike" Hamilton 07/04/1940-11/24/2020
**K9AFV Martin Buchanan 10/18/1933-01/19/2021
**KF4QWH Charles "Bob" Kilpatrick 04/01/1943-02/17/2021
**KC9TVI Sandra Colp 08/08/1954-05/09/2021
**WA0KLC Kenneth Crowell 04/27/1963-06/06/2021
**WI9X James "Jim" Stoeber 11/18/1969-08/05/2021
**KE0NSG Robert Stephens 12/23/1942-09/11/2021
**KD0WXY Gary Foglietta 08/27/60-01/031/2022
**KA9EJL Jeffery Carver 10/28/1953-01/29/2022
**K9SYB William "Mr. Bill" Gollifer 08/04/1943-01/03/2022
**WB9UJY George R Bailey 05/27/1942-05/21/2022
**KC9JLI John J. Kessler 09/03/1942-06/02/2022
**W9BFO John A. Warren 10/29/1939-06/20/2022
**AA9QK Brent Lee Stroud 03/03/1963-08/22/2022
**KB9QXR Robert Edwards 06/12/1943-10/02/2022
**K0TNL Norman Jarit Keith 10/10/1941-11/07/2022

**KD9PLW Charles Peshoff, Sr. 03/05/1952-11/10/2022
**N0EMN Lee Roy Kent 12/30/1949-11/23/22
**K9TSI David Stilley 02/19/1945-12/04/2022
**WB9HLC Carrell O'Daniell 07/19/1944-02/07/2023
**KC9JMX Danny McElvain 02/18/1961-03/04/2023
**N9ATU Iris J. Kilpatrick 09/04/1938-07/16/2023
**KA9LFX Dr. Carroll Loomis 08/16/1929-07/29/2023

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, 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

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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 3.925

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.

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.

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