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Radio Association, Inc., of Marion, Il.

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 Hospital..

NEXT MEETING: Our March meeting will be held on Friday,
the 3 rd of the month.

SARA SUNDAY NETS

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

Net Controls:

March 5	KB9APC
March 12	K9YAW
March 19	W9OWP
March 26	N9ADJ

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2017

Beginning Balance:		\$2841.64
Credits: Dues:	\$90.00	
20/20:	\$21.00	
Debits:	0	
Ending Balance:		\$2952.64

MINUTES

February 3rd 2017

Meeting called to order by KB9KC at 7:00PM with introductions by 22 members and 5 guests present. Three of the guests will soon become licensed.

Secretary Report: Submitted as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion to accept made by Jim KB9APC and seconded by Tom WD9ARU. Motion carried

Treasurer Report: Submitted as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion to accept made by Gerry

WG9Z and seconded by Lee KD9EFB. Motion passed

Repeater Committee Report: Leroy KB9JNO reported that work had been done to clear up white noise in the 146.880/147.090 link system and will continue as weather permits. Leroy reported that a Hamtronics repeater had been made available to him and explained why it would be a good idea to have it as a spare repeater. Setting up for our use will cost about \$200.00. A motion was made by Tom WD9ARU and seconded by Tom W9RY to proceed with the project. Motion passed.

Skywarn Report: There will be spotter training coming up on Saturday February 25th at John A. Logan College beginning at 8:00AM. The National Weather Service is asking that everyone pre-register. Registration can be done on-line or call Kelly at Williamson County EMA. Other classes including an annual workshop at Murray State University campus in Paducah on March 17.

Old Business: Tom W9RY reported that the location for the solar eclipse special event station W9E has been changed. It will now be at a location at a Presbyterian church located about 3/4

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west of I-57 on Goreville Road. Tom will put up directions for the new location on his web site. Tom ,W9RY, asked everyone who is available for the event whether it is for the special event station or for ARES emergency communications, to sign up on his web page W9RY.com allowing a database to be built.

New business: Bob ,N9VKO, reported that volunteers have come forward for the April 22nd 2017 River to River Relay Race and emphasized the need for a current phone number and mailing address and t-shirt information. Volunteers can come forward at any time. Contact info n9vkobob@frontier.com - 618-357-8721 work number.

Jeff ,KA9EJL, gave a report on the status of the newly formed Amateur Radio Tower Foundation mentioning some of the goals and that a raffle is in progress to raise funds with the winner choosing either a Henry Golden Boy 22 caliber rifle or \$500.00 cash. The drawing will be held on April 21st. Contact KA9EJL, K9LRE, K9EJI or N9VKO for tickets. Jeff also mentioned the newly formed amateur radio club at Zeigler/Royalton High School may need help with various jobs to get station up and running.

Bruce ,WA9APQ, mentioned an upcoming 30 hour race that communications will be needed for on August 26th that will be in the Camp Ondessonk area just 5 days after the solar eclipse.

Motion made by Jim ,KB9APC, to adjourn seconded by Matt ,AA9QZ, - Meeting adjourned

50/50 drawing winner not recorded

The Special events call sign for the eclipse is W9E.

Please log in to (<http://w9e.w9ry.com>) and fill in your information in the database and fill in times you may/can operate in the schedule.

Tnx, Thom W9RY

Announcements

SARA MEETING LOCATION

The SARA meetings will be held in the auxiliary conference room at the Herrin Hospital 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
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 netSunday 8:15 pm
3.925 MHZ SARA 75m netSunday 8:00 am
147.090 PL 88.5 SARA SkywarnSunday 8:45pm
147.090 PL 88.5 SARA.Sunday 9:00 pm
146.805 PL 88.5 LEARSMonday 8:30 pm
3.905 MHZ State wide ARES net ..1st. and 3rd. Sunday 4:30 pm

SARA SKYWARN NET CONTROLS:

Mar 5, KA9VBB; Mar 12, KD9EFB; Mar 19, KD4CAE;
Mar 26, KB9KC; Apr 2, KB9COL; Apr 9, KA9VBB;
Apr 16, KD9EFB; Apr 23, KD4CAE; Apr 30, KB9KC;
May 7, KB9COL; May 14, KA9VBB; May 21, KD9EFB;
May 28, KD4CAE; June 4, KB9KC; June 11, KB9COL;
June 18, KA9VBB; June 25, KD9EFB; July 2, KD4CAE;
July 9, KB9KC; July 18, KB9COL; July 23, KA9VBB;
July 30, KD9EFB; Aug 6, KD4CAE; Aug 13, KB9KC;
Aug 20, KB9COL; Aug 27, KA9VBB;

Ask Elmer by Ed ,KD9FRQ

Welcome to "Ask Elmer." This new addition to the S.A.R.A. Slip will be a place where any member can ask a question and then any member can submit an answer to be printed next month.
First Question: Can I stack two 6m dipoles with a phasing cable to make a pair and will this be functional?

News From My Hamster Hut by Carolyn, KD9BUY

****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 March 1st.**

****SARA Club meetings will be held the 1st Friday of the month at 7pm in the auxiliary conference room at Herrin Hospital. The next meeting is March 3rd.**

****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 March 4th.**

****The SEMO Amateur Radio Club meets the 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Cape Girardeau County Office Building, 1 Barton Square, Jackson, Missouri. The next meeting is March 6th.**

****The Centralia Wireless Association's monthly club meeting is held at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month, (except when it falls on a holiday, in which case the meeting is the following Monday.)The club meets at the General Martin building, on the southwest corner of East Commercial & North Broadway in Sandoval, Illinois. The next meeting is March 6th.**

****The UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Shawnee Community College Anna location.....room 110, 1150 East Vienna Street in Anna. Ham testing will follow the meeting. The next meeting is March 13th.**

****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 March 14th.**

****MARA Club will meet the 3rd Friday of each month at 7 pm at the Murphysboro Township Hall, 1410 Walnut Street in Murphysboro. The next meeting is March 17th.**

****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. (Except December)The next meeting is March 21st.**

****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 is March 28th.**

****The River to River Relay is coming up April 22nd and N9VKO is looking for volunteers to help with Communications for the event. For complete details**

& to volunteer call Bob at 618-357-8721.

**The fusion/digital repeater at Alto Pass has successfully changed the frequency and is back up and on the air. If you have a fusion radio you can access it at 145.190.

**There is a fusion/digital repeater with WIRESEX capability now running in Murphysboro on frequency at 443.525.

**Ed (AD0WN) has compiled a list of repeaters in the Southeast Missouri/southern Illinois/western Kentucky region. It can be found at semoarc.com and click on the "nets" link.

**The W9E special events website is up & running. You'll find a database & schedule of events regarding the upcoming Eclipse & there is a link to submit a form if you wish to participate. For more info go to w9ry.com/w9e or w9e.w9ry.com. The Creek Pentecostal Church Family Center, 4212 Goreville Road, Goreville, IL is the new W9E Operating Site there is a link at the bottom of the website with detailed directions to find the church.

**The Amateur Radio Tower Foundation is raffling off a Henry Golden Boy, lever action rifle (model H004) Tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$10 or 6 for \$20. The winner will have the choice of the rifle or \$500 cash. The drawing will be held April 21, 2017. You do not have to be present to win. For tickets call KA9EJL 618-924-3224, K9LRE AT 618-303-1224, or contact Giacomo Automotive in Pinckneyville, Il.

Ham Testing

**Ham license testing will be held following the 7 pm Union County Amateur Radio Club meeting on March 13th, at the Anna location of Shawnee Community College.

** Ham testing follows the 7 pm meeting of the SCAN Club on March 28th.

**ARCOM will hold a test session Saturday, April 15th, at 9 am, at the Outland Regional Airport in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. You MUST contact WT9K, Jim Hertenstein, at least one week prior to the test date, at 618-242-7527.

Skywarn Training

(REGISTRATION for Skywarn classes is REQUIRED) To register online go to weather.gov/pah/spottertraining and click on the SKYWARN emblem

**There will be Skywarn training, Wednesday, March 1st, at 6pm, at Southeastern Illinois College, Room B126-W, 3575 College Road, Harrisburg, Illinois. Register online or call Allan Ninness at 618-252-3732.

**Thursday, March 2nd, at 6 pm, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, in the lobby of the Outland Regional Airport. Register online or call Steve at 618-244-8000 Ext. 7 option 2

**Tuesday, March 7th, at 6 pm, West City, Illinois, at the West City Community Center, 201 South Browning Street. Register online or call Ryan at 618-439-4362

**Monday, March 27th, at 6:30 pm, Olmstead, Illinois, at the Olmstead Fire Department, 201 North Front Street. Register online or call Ken at 618-303-0493.

Hamfests & Conventions

**2017 Dayton Hamvention May 19th-21st Greene County Fairgrounds & Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio For more information : 937-276-6930 or info@hamvention.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTF

You can make donations to the ARTF at the following website <https://www.crowdrise.com/artf>

SILENT KEYS

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

**WD0CYP Rev. Dr. Harold "Hal" Landwehr 03/10/1940-12/27/2016

NOTEWORTHY WEBSITES

??W9E Eclipse website w9ry.com/w9e or w9e.w9ry.com

??TRICO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB tricoarc.weebly.com

??SEMO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB semoarc.com

??W9RY SOUTHERN IL. AMATEUR RADIO PAGE w9ry.com

??SARA CLUB w9rnm.org

??CENTRALIA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION w9cwa.net

??UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB kd9evl.com

??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

#250 Worldwide Net at 7 pm Wednesday night on 145.250 pl 88.5

#Centralia Wireless Association net at 8:00 pm Wednesday on 147.270 pl 103.5

#SEMO 5 STATE NET Thursday nights 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

#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, 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 boogerinos-mom@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

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