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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 City Hall..

NEXT MEETING: Our September meeting will be held on Friday, the 4 th of the month.

SARA SUNDAY NETS

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

Net Controls:

September 6KE9LE
September 13N0GFQ
September 20W9OWP
September 27N9ADJ

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2020

Beginning Balance:		\$2520.84
Credits: Dues	\$ 10.00	
50/50	\$ 15.00	
Debits:	\$ 0	
Ending Balance:		\$2545.84

Memo: Ken Curry paid \$200.00 for Accidental Insurance, requests lifetime membership for himself and Michael Curry in lieu of reimbursement.

MINUTES

Minutes SARA Meeting August 7th 2020

Meeting called to order by KB9KC at 7:00PM with introductions by 16 members and 2 guests

Secretary Report: Motion made by Tom W9RY and seconded by Gerry WG9Z, to accept report as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion passed

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Tom W9RY and seconded by Buddy K9JBA, to accept the treasurer's report as printed in The SARA Slip. Motion passed

Repeater Committee Report: Coax has been replaced at the 147.090 Ava repeater site and the repeater is working ok as of meeting time with no reports of annoying noise.

Skywarn Report: KB9KC reminded everyone to be aware of their surroundings at all times with the active weather pattern that we are in.

Old Business: Kenny KB9KC gave report on the latest Fox Hunt with the first person to find him was Ed KD9FRQ.

Kenny KB9KC asked for feedback as to whether he should continue on Friday nights with the SARA Virus net since check-ins had dropped off. Many present didn't realize that he was still doing the net and he stated he will continue for another month to see how many check-ins there are.

New business: Kenny KB9KC spoke briefly about the August 22-23 Shawnee Hills 100 Ultra-Marathon

Race to be held again at Camp Ondessonk and run on U.S. Forest Service Trails. Bob N9VKO spoke briefly about exercising Winlink system to help keep track of runner positions on the race course.

A short health and welfare discussion took place with comments from several members about Jim KB9APC and his recovery after suffering a stroke. He has been on air some with a handheld and using Echolink.

Bruce WA9APQ informed those present that Bob Worthan

WA9FPF had recently become a silent Key.

Kenny KB9KC stated that recent attempts to contact Tony KB9QZI had been unsuccessful and he informed the group that Ray W9MXM and wife were at home and doing ok.

Tom W9RY stated that the statwide ARES exercise will take place on September 23rd with back up date of September 25th. Not much information is available as of meeting time. Tom also indicated that there are plans for a mini field day on the 26 and 27th. Tom also stated that the new proposed band plan has not been approved as of yet so the old band plan is still the one being used.

Ed KD9FRQ indicated that he had some HF gear available for loan to new General Class operators that live in the Carbondale/ Carterville area until they can get their own rig.

Motion to Adjourn made by Ed KD9FRQ and seconded by Gerry WG9Z

50/50 - Winner was Shawn K9PWW with a payout of \$15.00 from a total of \$30.00

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 SkywarnSunday 8:45pm
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

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 6:30 pm at the Franklin Hospital in the 1 st. floor conference room.

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.

SARA SKYWARN NET CONTROLS:

Sept 6 KD4CAE	Sept 13 KD9EFB	Sept 20 K9BJA
Sept 27 KB9KC	Oct 4 AA9FS	Oct 11 KD4CAE
Oct 18 KD9EFB	Oct 25 K9BJA	Nov 1 KB9KC
Nov 8 AA9FS	Nov 15 KD4CAE	Nov 22 KD9EFB
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		

News From My Hamster Hut by Carolyn, KD9BUY

September 2020 News From My Hamster Hut

Attention ALL Clubs

I apologize for anything that may be incorrect in this report!

Be sure to check with your club officers to see if there are any changes or if the meeting is being held.

For those clubs I have not heard from, in the event that the “social distancing” lockdown has been cancelled and things are back to normal, I have listed the regular schedules....however...BE

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

Carolyn KD9BUY

****The Trico Amateur Radio Club will meet the first Tuesday of every 3rd month at 5:30 pm in the basement south side meeting room at the Missouri Delta Hospital in Sikeston, Missouri. (MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER & DECEMBER) Their next meeting is September 1st (CORRECTED DATE!)**

****The SARA Club will meet Friday, September 4th, at 7 pm, in the meeting room on the north side of City Hall (the old police station) at 300 North Park Avenue, Herrin Illinois CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB TO MAKE SURE THIS IS THE PLAN AGAIN THIS MONTH!!**

****The SEMO Amateur Radio Club meeting will be Monday, September 7th, at 7 pm, at the Jackson Civic Center, 381 West Deerwood Drive In Jackson Missouri. CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB TO MAKE SURE THIS IS THE PLAN AGAIN THIS MONTH!!**

****The LEARS Club will meet will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, their next meeting is September 8th, 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 the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm at United Gospel Rescue Mission,**

400 South Broadway in Poplar Bluff, MO. Ham testing follows the meeting.

Their next meeting is September 10th.

****The Rend Lake College Amateur Radio Club only meets the second Monday of the month at 5 pm in the months of September, November, February and April only. Meetings are in the Ad-**

vanced Technology Center, Room ATC 165, on the Rend Lake College campus. Their next meeting will be September 14th.

**The Centralia Wireless Association meeting for SEPTEMBER 14th, will be on the repeater at 7 pm, 147.270, pl 103.5 EchoLink node W9CWA-R

**The Union County Amateur Radio Club will be having their meeting Monday, September 14th, at 6 pm at the Anna City Park. Testing will be held at 5 pm, BEFORE the meeting. CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB TO MAKE SURE THIS IS THE PLAN AGAIN THIS MONTH!!

Directions: turn at the police and fire department. Cross the railroad track. Make a right at the stop sign, then the left right beside Rusty's Home Center. If you need any more information you can get hold of the Union County Amateur Radio Club repeater frequency of 145.250 PL 77.0.

**The MARA Club will meet Friday, September 18th , at 7 pm CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB TO FIND OUT THE LOCATION OR LINK FOR THE MEETING!

**The SCAN Club will meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, at the Fire Station in Carrier Mills Illinois. Ham testing will follow the meeting. Their next meeting is September 22nd.

**All VE testing done by the Amateur Radio Club of Mt. Vernon Illinois is cancelled until October.

**There will be no Scott County (Missouri) Amateur Radio Society meetings until further notice.

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

David Shurtz (AA9TJ), brother of Bruce Shurtz (KA9GXT), fell 50 feet from Bruce's tower on 08/17/2020. Bruce saw it happen, and he was able to revive him. David's injuries are punctured lung, broken pelvis, cracked vertebrae in back and neck, all ribs on the backside are broken, broken right leg ankle and heel, a lacerated liver and diaphragm, a broken orbital socket of his right eye. He has had several operations and faces even more. He already has pins, screws, plates, and rods that he will live with from

now on. He has been to 3 hospitals via helicopter flights. He is unemployed due to Covid-19 and was looking for work. Him and his wife are both near retirement age, and this will devastate them financially. He is racking up big medical bills and his wife is having to pay for travel and food plus working to keep bills paid. They need money fast and anything that could help. PLEASE DONATE TO HIS GoFundMe.com account at gf.me/u/yshbhg . Sadly, David Shurtz of Christopher, Illinois passed away Aug.26, 2020 as a result of the injuries he suffered in the accident.

David Shurtz was born December 22, 1955 in Corpus Christi, Texas to J. D. and Donnie (Roberts) Shurtz. David was preceded in death by : his mother Donnie Shurtz (Roberts); and his son-in-law Kevin Sanders. He is survived by : his father J. D. Shurtz; his wife Nancy Elaine Quillman; his daughter Sarah Ranzinger; his grandchild Frankie III Patalano; his brother Bruce Shurtz (Sandy); his niece, other relatives and friends.

Visitation for David Mark Shurtz was held on Saturday, August 29, 2020 from 3 to 5 pm at the Johnston Funeral Home (102 E 2nd St, Ina, IL 62846). A masonic service was held on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 5 pm at the funeral home In lieu of flowers, memorials may made to the Family to assist with medical expenses.

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
 - **SARA Club Virus Net at 7 pm on 147.090 pl 88.5
 - **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, 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, Sunday 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

**L.E.A.R.S. Club www.learsradio.org

**SEMO Amateur Radio Association SEMOHAMS.NET

**Carolyn's Coffee Break Program

**Carolyn's Sunday Gospel Program

**American Thresherman Bluegrass Programs

**Shawnee Training Academy [http://
www.shawneetrainingacademy.com/](http://www.shawneetrainingacademy.com/)

**Topographical Maps heywhatsthat.com
**Super-elastic Signal Stick 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
**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
**CENTRALIA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION w9cwa.net
**TRI STATE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY w9og.net
**SEMO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB semoarc.com
**W9RY SOUTHERN IL. AMATEUR RADIO PAGE w9ry.com
**SARA CLUB w9rnm.org
**TRI STATE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY w9og.net
**SEMO AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION 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

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

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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And finally, I am not a non-profit organization. I am simply one individual that is homebound and publish this newsletter simply for what it is, a labor of love and a way to keep my brain active and my friends informed. 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 mhz**

**BEFORE MAKING THE TRIP TO ANY MEETINGS OR
TESTINGS BE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR CLUB OFFI-
CIALS TO MAKE SURE THE EVENTS WILL BE HELD!**

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