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# “SARA SLIP”



## Newsletter of the Shawnee Amateur Radio Association

An ARRL



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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 3rd of the month.

## SARA SUNDAY NETS

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

### Net Controls:

April 5 .....	AA9FS
April 12 .....	KE9LE
April 19 .....	N0GFQ
April 26 .....	W9OWP

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR April 2026

Beginning Balance:	\$ 3073.54
Credits: Dues	\$ 20.00
Debits:	0
Ending Balance:	\$ 3093.54

**Kenny KB9KC and Bruce WA9APQ will give a PowerPoint demonstration on 09 repeater at the April SARA meeting.**

# MINUTES

Minutes SARA Meeting March 6th 2026

Meeting called to order by Kenny KB9KC at 7:00PM with 18 members and 1 guest present.

**Secretary Report:** Motion made by Ed KD9FRQ and seconded by Karen NC9Y to accept report as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion passed

**Treasurer Report:** Richard KC9OLJ reported a balance of \$3,142.28 as of meeting time. Motion made by Thom W9RY and seconded by Red KC9YKM to accept the updated report. Motion passed.

**Repeater Committee Report:** Bruce WA9APQ reported that as of meeting time he knew of no problems and had not been able to make it to the 147.090 site to check intermittent noise issues.

**Skywarn :** Kenny KB9KC stated that he had been tied up with other activities and had not made it to any training yet this spring. Bruce WA9APQ stated that he had attended Skywarn Spotter Training at Benton and he commented that he felt like it was a good class.

**Old Business :** River To River Relay Race April 18 2026. Bob N9VKO reported that as of meeting time about half of the volunteers needed had volunteered and on the roster but needed to continue contacting people to fill the roster by the second week of March as he expected that all t-shirts and other award items would need to be ordered by then. Bob also stated that due to extremely poor performance last year by the U.S. Postal Service all info would be delivered this year by email or by hand. His email is n9vkbob@frontier.com Bob N9VKO and Kenny KB9KC added that the Race Director of The Shawnee 100 Trail Race has said that Amateur Radio communications would not be needed this year as they will be using StarLink. Bruce WA9APQ expressed interest in putting together an ARES exercise to replace the activity of helping with the race.

**New Business/ARRL :** Thom W9RY informed everyone that

the FCC has changed the rules again concerning Amateur Radio licensing. If you have any change to your address or email you now have only ten days to get the new information to them or risk having your license canceled. The Kentucky State Board of Education is now recognizing Amateur Radio licenses as a certification in their state. Thom has contacted Illinois State Representative Paul Jacobs to see if that might be something Illinois will do.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Thom W9RY and seconded by Buddy K9JBA

**50/50 winner:** none due to no tickets available at the 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.**

### 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 8:00am  
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:

April 5 KD4CAE	April 12 NC9Y	April 19 KB9KC
April 26 WA9APQ	May 3 AA9FS	May 10 KD4CAE-
May 17 NC9Y	May 24 KB9KC	May 31 WA9APQ
June 7 AA9FS	June 14 KD4CAE	June 21 NC9Y
June 28 KB9KC	July 5 WA9APQ	July 12 AA9FS
July 19 KD4CAE	July 26 NC9Y	Aug 2 KB9KC
Aug 9 WA9APQ	Aug 16AA9FS	Aug 23 KD4CAE
Aug 30 NC9Y	Sept 6 KB9KC	Sept 13 WA9APQ
Sept 20 AA9FS	Sept 27 KD4CAE	Oct 4 NC9Y
Oct 11 KB9KC	Oct 18 WA9APQ	Oct 25 AA9FS
Nov 1 KD4CAE	Nov 8 NC9Y	Nov 15 KB9KC

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.

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

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

#### Submissions for the April 2026 SARA Slip

\*\*The **SARA Club** meeting will be held the **1<sup>st</sup> Friday** of the month at **7 pm**, at their Christmas party at **Grecian Steakhouse in Pinckneyville**. Their next meeting is **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

\*\***SEMO Amateur Radio Club** meets the **1<sup>st</sup> 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 **April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

\*\***Rend Lake College Amateur Radio Club** meets on the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** of the month starting at **5 pm**, **Rend Lake College Ina**

**Campus in the Advanced Technology Building room ATC105. Their next meeting is April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*River Hills Amateur Radio Club of Perryville, Missouri meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*The SEMO Amateur Radio Association meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6 pm, at 3398 Kanell Blvd, in Popular Bluff, Missouri. Ham testing follows the meeting. Their next meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*The Centralia Wireless Association meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*The LEARS Club will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria at Franklin Hospital in Benton, Illinois. Their next meeting is April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*The MARA Club will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*The Southernmost Illinois Emergency Radio Association, meets the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday of every month at 605 Metropolis Street, Metropolis, Illinois, at 5:30 pm. Ham testing is available by appointment. Their next meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*The Amateur Radio Club of Mt. Vernon will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Outland Regional Airport in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Their next meeting will be April 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**\*\*The SCAN Club will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*The Rend Lake Amateur Radio Club will be hosting ARRL Amateur News at 7 pm on Fridays, and the Amateur Radio Newsline on Saturdays at 7 pm. on the Rend Lake College Amateur Radio Repeater. Anyone can listen to the bulletins on a police scanner or a radio capable of receiving 145.190 MHz FM. The bulletins last anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes and cover various topics of interest to the amateur radio community.**

**\*\*River Hills Amateur Radio Club of Perryville, Missouri is having a hamfest April 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 am till noon. It's at the Elks Lodge 2701, 921 North Perryville Rd, Perryville, Missouri. A flyer was sent out to most of you and complete details will be in the full NEWS FROM MY HAMSTER HUT newsletter and on the Facebook page for MARA and the NEWS FROM MY HAMSTER HUT.**

**\*\*The Raytown (Missouri) Amateur Radio Club presents Kansas City Regional Hambash, Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 8 am-2 pm at the Raytown High School, 6019 Blue Ridge Blvd, Raytown, Missouri. Admission \$5**

## **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

**\*\*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

**\*\*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

**\*\*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

**\*\*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

### **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

### **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

**\*\*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)

**\*\*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**

**\*\*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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**7:30 am Monday through Saturday**

**146.850 pl 88.5**

**Allstar 45525**

**Echo Link K9GOX-R**

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

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**<https://w9gae1.wixsite.com/my-site-11>**

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