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“SARA SLIP”



Newsletter of the Shawnee Amateur Radio Association

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SARA SLIP is published by the Shawnee Amateur 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 City Hall..

NEXT MEETING: Our March meeting will be held on Friday, the 6th of the month.

SARA SUNDAY NETS

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

Net Controls:

March 1	N0GFQ
March 8	W9OWP
March 15	WB0VTM
March 22	N9ADJ
March 29	KG9DD

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Feb 2026

Beginning Balance: \$ 3022.28

Credits: Dues \$ 155.00

50/50 \$

Ending Balance: \$ 3177.28

MINUTES

Minutes SARA Meeting February 6th 2026

Meeting called to order by Kenny KB9KC at 7:00PM with introductions by 19 members present.

Secretary Report: Motion made by Red KC9YKM and seconded by Gerry WG9Z accept report as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report : Motion made by Thom W9RY and seconded by Shawn K9PWW to accept the report as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion passed.

Three members are listed on the SARA bank account and Leroy KB9JNO has requested that he be replaced by a younger member. K9JBA Buddy Adelsberger said he would take over for Leroy. Motion was made by Thom W9RY and seconded by Ed KD9FRQ. Motion passed

Repeater Committee Report: Bruce WA9APQ stated that everything was working as of meeting time but he had not been able to get to the 147.090 site due to the heavy amounts of snow.

Skywarn : Kenny KB9KC commented that we have had no severe weather but have had large amounts of snow and wind to blow it around. Kenny also encouraged all present to get online to check when upcoming Skywarn training would be held and at what locations as pre-registration is needed to attend.

Old Business : none

New Business : Bob N9VKO commented that he was still working to get volunteers to provide communications once again for the River To River Relay Race to be run on Saturday April 18 this year. His contact info is 618 357-8721 work – 618-357-9762 home – 618-790-3303 cell and email n9vkobob@frontier.com. Bob commented that he would like to have all staging areas covered by next month's meeting time.

Jake KD9ZPK commented that he was looking for some additional locations where solar/battery powered Meshtastics node/units to expand access and create a larger footprint for that system. The units are small and require no feedline.

ARRL : Thom W9RY told those present that if they need to renew their ARRL membership through the SARA Club he will have the forms to do so at the March meeting. He also reported that the week of operating as W1AW/9 produced over 9000 contacts and he will be looking for HF station operators again in September.

Adjourn: Motion made by Shawn K9PWW and seconded by Buddy K9JBA

50/50 winner: Richard KC9OLJ payout was \$10.00 from a total of \$20.00 with \$10.00 to SARA Treasury

Announcements

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 8 NC9Y	Mar 15 KB9KC	Mar 22 WA9APQ
Mar 29 AA9FS	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	

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 Masonic Lodge in Murphysboro, IL. at 7:00 pm on the third Friday of the month.

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.

News From My Hamster Hut by Carolyn, KD9BUY

Submissions for the March 2026 SARA Slip

****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 2, 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 March 3, 2026.**

****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 March 6, 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 March 09, 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 March 10, 2026.**

****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 March 11, 2026.**

****The SEMO Amateur Radio Association meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm, at 3398 Kanell Blvd, in Popular Bluff, Missouri. Ham testing follows the meeting. Their next meeting is March 12, 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 March 16, 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 March 17, 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 March 20, 2026.**

****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 March 24, 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 MARA Club** is having their annual **Henry Golden Boy Rifle Raffle.** Tickets are \$20 each. **Only 50 tickets will be sold.** Once the 50 tickets are sold a drawing will be held for the winner. **You do not have to be present to win. The winner will be notified by phone.** Tickets are available at **Giacomo Automotive in Pinckneyville, Illinois.** Or by calling **N9VKO 618-357-8721; K9LRE 618-303-1224; N9JOD 815-739-4917; KD9HYM 480-352-6728**

****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 11th 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.**

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 **Wires X** 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 arrrl.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 20th of the month prior to publication.**

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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**

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