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“SARA SLIP”



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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 May 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:

May 3	WB0VTM
May 10	N9ADJ
May 17	KG9DD
May 24	AA9FS
May 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 FOR April 2026

Beginning Balance:	\$ 3088.54
Credits: Dues	\$ 20.00
Debits: 0	
Ending Balance:	\$ 3108.54

MINUTES

Minutes SARA Meeting April 3rd 2026

Meeting called to order by Kenny KB9KC at 7:00PM with 20 members present.

Secretary Report: Motion made by Thom W9RY and seconded by Scott KC9AJR to accept report as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion passed

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Darrell N9JOD and seconded by Red KC9YKM to accept the treasurer's report as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion passed.

Repeater Committee Report: Bruce WA9APQ stated that he had nothing to report as all repeaters were working as of meeting time and has had no free time recently

Skywarn : Kenny KB9KC stated that we should all be listening to weather reports and watching the sky as we get closer to peak storm season in May, June and July.

Old Business : River To River Relay Race April 18 2026. Bob N9VKO reported that since the U.S. Mail failed miserably last year to deliver race information envelopes last year on time so all info this year will be email to all volunteers and the printed Race Guide book/will be distributed with the T-shirts this year.

Bob also stated that he would be with the Race Director this year as no other volunteer has come forward to cover that communications support spot.

T.J K9TJL had box of old QST magazines from the 1930's and 1940's free for the taking and commented about how important Ham Radio was during the second world war and the magazines had a lot of information about that time in the history of the country.

New Business : None Kenny KB9KC commented that he and Michael had both recently earned their commercial pilot license from the F.A.A. To fly drones and presented a power point video of the tower and antennas at the 147.090 repeater site showing some damage from recent tower work for Jackson County.

ARRL : Thom W9RY informed all present that Jim WB9QPM has recently become a Silent Key and commented about all that he has done for ARES and Ham Radio before his untimely passing. Kenny KB9KC also stated that with Jim's passing away and Roy KA9MZJ having some health issues help is needed for net control stations on the Illinois Sideband Traffic Net 6:00 PM daily.

Adjourn: Motion made by Buddy K9JBA and seconded by Fred AA9FS to adjourn

50/50 winner: No Tickets – no drawing

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:

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

Submissions for the May 2026 SARA Slip

****The SARA Club meeting will be held the 1st Friday of the month at 7 pm, at 300 North Park Avenue, Herrin Illinois. Their next meeting is May 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 May 4th.**

****Rend Lake College Amateur Radio Club meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month starting at 5 pm, Rend Lake College Ina Campus in the Advanced Technology Building room ATC105. Their next meeting is May 5th.**

****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 **May 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 **May 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**. Ham testing follows the meeting. Their next meeting is **May 13th**.

****The SEMO Amateur Radio Association** meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month at **6 pm**, at **3398 Kanell Blvd, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri**. Ham testing follows the meeting. Their next meeting is **May 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. Their next meeting is **May 15th**.

****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 **May 18th**.

****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 **May 19th**.

****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 **May 26th**.

****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.

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 Echo-Link 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**

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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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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MARA Club Facebook

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