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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 December meeting will be held on Friday, the 5th of the month.

SARA SUNDAY NETS

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

Net Controls:

December 7	N0GFQ
December 14	W9OWP
December 21	N9ADJ
December 28	KG9DD

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 OCTOBER 2025

Beginning Balance:	\$	3444.19
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Credits: Dues (for 26)	\$	45.00
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Debits: New Batteries	\$	347.42
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Website	\$	135.49
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Ending Balance:	\$	3006.28
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**** NOTE - SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE STILL NOT PAID THEIR DUES FOR THIS YEAR**

MINUTES

SARA Meeting Minutes November 7th 2025

Meeting called to order by Bob N9VKO at 7:00PM with 13 members present. Kenny KB9KC, Gerry WG9Z and Richard KC9OLJ were unable to be present.

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

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

Repeater Committee Report: Bruce WA9APQ spoke briefly about issues with the 147.090 SARA repeater. There is an issue with electrical power and the repeater is running on batteries at 20 watts of power rather than the normal 50 watts. There is also some damage to antennas as a result of other antenna work being done for Jackson County.

Skywarn Report: Tom W9RY reminded everyone of the upcoming Winter Weather Workshops coming up in December 2nd . See Thom's web page or the Paducah weather web page for more details.

Old Business: Bob N9VKO reported that the communications support went well this year at the Mardi Gras parade on October 25 with no major incidents. Bob also commented on the possibility of using a 100 foot tower for parade communications next year.

ARRL: Tom W9RY announced that next year will be the year of the clubs with many activities being planned.

Thom's the ARRL web page or QST magazine has information. Thom stated that he will put some links on his web page.

New Business : Bob N9VKO reminded everyone about the SARA Christmas party coming up on Friday December 5th at 7:00PM in the Grecian Steakhouse south dining room which can

hold about 80 people.

Motion to adjourn: Made by Buddy K9JBA and seconded by Jim K9JIM

50/50 – No winner – there were no tickets sold

Announcements

The LEARS club will hold their monthly meeting on the second Tuesday 6:30 pm at the Franklin Hospital in the 1 st. floor 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.

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 8:45pm
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:

Dec 7 KB9KC	Dec 14 WA9APQ	Dec 21 AA9FS
Dec 28 KD4CAE	Jan 4 KB9KC	Jan 11 WA9APQ
Jan 18 AA9FS	Jan 25 KD4CAE	Feb 1 KB9KC
Feb 8 WA9APQ	Feb 15 AA9FS	Feb 22 KD4CAE-
Mar 1 KB9KC	Mar 8 WA9APQ	Mar 15 AA9FS
Mar 22 KD4CAE	Mar 29 KB9KC	April 5 WA9APQ
April 12 AA9FS	April 19 KD4CAE	April 26 KB9KC
May 3 WA9APQ	May 10 AA9FS	May 17 KD4CAE-
May 24 KB9KC	May 31 WA9APQ	June 7 AA9FS

News From My Hamster Hut by Carolyn, KD9BUY

****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 December 1st.

****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 December 2nd.

****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 December 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 December 8th.

****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 December 9th. **X-mas party MadMad Pizza West Frankfort**

****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 December 10th.**

****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 December 11th.**

****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 November 15th.**

****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 December 16th.**

****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 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 January 16. **No meeting in December.****

****The SCAN Club will NOT have a December meeting. Their meetings will be 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 January 27th.**

****The L.E.A.R.S. repeater on frequency 146.805 is off the air until further notice. Vandals & thieves stole wiring and destroyed equipment at the site and it has resulted in disruption of service to the ham radio community. L.E.A.R.S. Club Monday Night Rag Chew will not be on the air until the problem is resolved.**

Club Christmas Parties

SARA Club, Friday, December 5th, at 7 pm, in the south dining room of the Grecian Steakhouse, 502 S. Main, Pinckneyville Illinois

SCAN Club: Saturday December 13 at 5:00 pm at Morellos 217 E. Poplar St. Harrisburg, IL.

L.E.A.R.S. Club: Tuesday December 9 at 6:30 pm at Mad Mad Pizza in West Frankfort, Il.

SEMO Amateur Radio Club, Saturday, December 6th, 11 am - 2 pm, Golden Corral, 130 Vantage Drive, Cape Girardeau Missouri

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**

****The Best Night Net at 7 pm on 147.345, pl tone 88.5.**

****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 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

**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 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

**Barefoot Bullfrog Net at 7:30 pm on simplex 146.535

**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

**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

**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**

****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

****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**

****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**

****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)**

****Union County Amateur Radio Club ARES Net 8 pm, Monday on 145.430, pl tone 77.0**

****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.**

A Note From The Editor

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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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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.

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