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“SARA SLIP”



Newsletter of the Shawnee Amateur Radio Association

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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 February 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:

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| February 1 | N9ADJ |
| February 8 | KG9DD |
| February 15 | AA9FS |
| February 22 | 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 JANUARY 2026

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|---------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$ | 2806.28 |
| Credits: Dues | \$ | 220.00 |
| 50/50 | \$ | 6.00 |
| Debits: Sec. of State | \$ | 10.00 |
| NFP 2026 | | |
| Ending Balance: | \$ | 3022.28 |

MINUTES

Minutes SARA Meeting January 2nd 2026

Meeting called to order by Kenny KB9KC at 7:00PM with 16 members present.

Secretary Report: No meeting or minutes at Christmas Party.

Treasurer Report: No change from the November report. Motion made by Bob N9VKO to accept the Treasurer's report of \$2,806.28. Motion seconded and passed.

Repeater Committee Report: Bruce WA9APQ reported that the 147.090/146.880 SARA/SCAN repeater along with the SARA 146.640 were working ok as of meeting time.

Skywarn Report: Kenny KB9KC announced that there will be a new Net Control added to the existing list. That new Net Control station will be Karen NC9Y.

ARRL: Kenny KB9KC informed everyone that Tom W9RY will be running for ARRL office of Illinois Section Manager. Tom W9RY stated that 2026 will be The Year of the Club with detailed information on ARRL web site. Tom also spoke about the week of January 21 as he and others will be operating as W1AW/9. Anyone interested in operating that week should contact Tom W9RY to set up a time and mode to operate.

Old Business: The winner of The Traveling Trophy was Bill KD9MNX. Bob N9VKO stated that if anyone had another place in mind to have the party this year we have plenty of time to plan for this year's party in December and the membership could have a location more centrally located for all those that will attend if that is a wish of those who like to attend.

Kenny KB9KC spoke briefly about Volunteers On The Air event using callsign W1AW/9 and having an enjoyable time working other stations and even making a contact with W1AW.

New Business : Bob N9VKO mentioned that the River to River Relay will be coming up again on April 18th and the Shawnee Hills 100 will be coming up in late August this year and he will once again start putting together the communications support team on February 2nd. Bob N9VKO let everyone know that he

will need a new volunteer for the River To River starting line and ride with the Race Director to the Finish Line.

Kenny KB9KC stated that he had renewed the clubs liability insurance.

Adjourn: Motion made by Gerry WG9Z and seconded by Buddy K9JBA.

50/50 winner – Richard KC 9OLJ was the winner with a payout of \$6.00 dollars and \$6.00 for the Treasury.

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

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| 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:

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|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jan 25 KD4CAE | Feb 1 NC9Y | Feb 8 KB9KC |
| Feb 15 WA9APQ | Feb 22 AA9FS | Mar 1 KD4CAE |
| 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 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 February 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 February 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 February 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 February 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 February 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 February 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 February 11, 2026.**

****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 February 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 February 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 February 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 February 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 February 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.**

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.**

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This newsletter "News From My Hamster Hut" is a production/publication of my own making. It is not affiliated in any way, shape or form with any club or organization. I gather the information, pictures, etc. to help keep those in the ham community informed of upcoming events and to add a little interest to the hobby.

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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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