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“SARA SLIP”



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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 June 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:

June 7	N0GFQ
June 14	W9OWP
June 21	WB0VTM
June 28	N9ADJ

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer report will be given at the June meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes SARA Meeting May 1st 2026

Meeting called to order by Kenny KB9KC at 7:00PM with 14 members present.

Secretary Report: Motion made by Thom W9RY and seconded by Red KC9YKM to accept report as printed in the SARA Slip. Motion passed

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Buddy K9JBA and seconded by Gerry WG9Z to accept the treasurer's report as printed in the SARA Slip.

Repeater Committee Report: No change from last meeting.

Skywarn Report: KB9KC spoke about the recent storms and mentioned he had a maximum wind speed of 39 m.p.h. Fred AA9FS reported 18 m.p.h. and Bob N9VKO reported 14 m.p.h.

Old Business: Bob N9VKO thanked everyone who volunteered to provide communications support for The Illinois River To River Relay Race as it seemed to be a good year. The cooler weather helped to keep runners comfortable and no serious injuries were reported. Bob stated that some traffic problem areas in past years did not exist due to some changes at those areas.

New Business : Thom W9RY stated that May 9th will be Armed Forces Day on all H.F. Bands and the Dayton Hamvention will be on the May 16 weekend.

Bruce WA9APQ and Jake KD9ZPK mentioned that at the recent SCAN field day event there was discussion as to the possibility of having a Ham Radio reunion for all Southern Illinois ham radio clubs. The event to enjoy a good meal and good fellowship possibly in the fall at a location to be determined later but the Marion area was discussed.

Jake KD9ZPK stated that he had installed a Meshtastics node

on the Stonefort water tower and had permission to install another at the abandoned convenience store on the west side of I-57 at the Goreville exit. Jake has also permission to install a node on the MARA repeater tower at Bald Knob.

Motion to Adjourn Made by Buddy K9JBA and seconded by Red KC9YKM

50/50 winner – recorder was shut off before winner was drawn.

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:

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 16 AA9FS	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

****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 June 1st.**

****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 June 2nd.**

****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 June 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 June 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 June 9th.**

****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 June 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 June 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 June 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 June 16th.**

****The 9-0-4 Amateur Radio Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month after the 6 pm net, on the K9IM repeater, 147.2550, pl tone 118.8, Echo Link K9IM-R. The club will conduct their meetings on the repeater until they are able to find a centrally located venue. Their next meeting is June 18th.**

****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 June 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 June 23rd.**

****The 9-0-4 Amateur Radio Club has recently reconvened and is back in operation. The 9-0-4 reflects memberships from Illinois, Missouri, and Kentucky. There are no dues at this time and for the present time meetings will be held the third Thursday of the month following the 6 pm net on the K9IM repeater, 147.2550, pl 118.8, Echo Link node K9IM-R, until such time as a centrally located meeting place can be**

found. If you would like to join the 9-0-4 ARC, contact Jim Flummer (N9LEC) club president, 618-306-0010

****If your club is having a Field Day event, and you would like to have it listed in the NEWS FROM MY HAMSTER HUT, email your information to kd9buy@gmail.com**

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

**** 9-0-4 Amateur Radio Club Net at 6 pm on 147.2550 pl 118.8, Echo Link K9IM-R**

****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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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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