

STATIC

The Starved Rock Radio Club, INC March 2016



In memory of SRRC co-founder Leslie 'LOP' Anderson W9MKS (1913 – 1938) SRRC has been affiliated with the American Radio Relay League since March 15, 1934.

Welcome to our newest member:

Matt KD9CYR Champaign

Starved Rock Radio Club March 7, 2016 Meeting

Meeting started at 7 p.m. 17 members were present.

Members read minutes in Static. Casey, KC9IH made motion to accept minutes with second by Keith, KC9WWG.

Mark, K9ZQ read the Treasurer's Report. Joe. KB9EZZ made motion to accept report with second by Oggie, N9JNK...

Activities: Galva hamfest in April, Sandwich hamfest in May.

Building and grounds: Basement is dry after window blew out and air was able to circulate down there. Now need to fix window

Equipment: VHF repeater was swapped out. Repeater link is still work in progress. Quick discussion about Yaesu repeater leads to plan for FD use or other outdoor club event. Echolink computer is good to go just

Repeater Monitor: Absent.

Food: Joe brought chili.

Hamfest: Worker List was in Static. Tom, K9ML sent contract to fairboard still has need to meet up with Matt, KB9VZH. Tom, W9TLV outlined plan for worker participation plus prize drawing requirement.

Field day and training: Joe is finalizing FD participant list. Email Joe to sign up for FD. Hospital radio test day is March 19.

Old Business: Mark has new rotator. Now we have to work on tower guying and repairing the beam. Cecil, KB9LNK has instructions for beam, but not necessarily the one we took down. Quick discussion on folding over tower for regular maintenance using Don Nauman method.

New Business: Tom, W9TLV wants a monthly clean up day. We have a lot of odd stuff that belongs to club members that could be removed. Electronic stuff could be held until the county has a recycling day. Motion is made by Joe for clean up day starting afternoon of meeting day before VE session. Oggie makes second and Ayes carry. Kurt, KB9RKU got donation of shelving. We need to organize the club library and get stuff off floors. We will have clean up/work day.

Tonica Ambulance sent donation letter. Tom, W9TLV will table request until after hamfest.

Mark bought passwords for logging programs in addition to main logger we already have. Plan is Mark will be keeper of the passwords for use by club members engaged in club activity.

Wire antenna discussion is always fun. Table to next month.

Kurt motion to adjourn with Cecil second.

Meeting ends 7:44 pm.

Recorded by K9ML

N3FJP Logging Software

The Starved Rock Radio Club has used the N3FJP Software Package for logging at our Field Day adventure for several years. Now we have purchased the entire package for use at other club activities. The following is a list of some of the logging programs available.

Amateur Contact Log
All Asian DX Contest Log
ARRL 160 Meter Contest Log
ARRL IARU HF Contest Log
ARRL Nov Sweeps Contest Log
CQ 160 Meter Contest Log
CQ WPX Contest Log
FISTS Contest Log

Africa Int DX Contest Log ARRL 10 Meter Contest Log ARRL Field Day Contest Log ARRL International DX Contest Log

ARRL RTTY Contest Log
CQ World Wide Contest Log

CWops CWT & CW Open Contest Logs

FISTS Contest Log Ham Club Database
Italian A.R.I. Int DX Contest Log NA Sprint Contest Log

NAQP Contest Log Oceania DX Contest Log RAC Contest Log Stew Perry Contest Log VHF Contest Log Net Manager Log QRP ARCI Contest Log State QSO Party Programs Ten-Ten Contest Log Winter Field Day Contest Log

Worked All Europe DX Contest Log

There are also programs for learning Morse Code and for Weather Spots.

The programs are available at this website: http://www.n3fjp.com for download. Most of the programs are available for a free trial. We have passwords available for the programs we like and want to use. Contact K9ZQ with any questions.

--Mark K9ZQ k9zq@arrl.net

Tech Session Saturday 3/19/2016 Norway IL

Thank you to N9JNK for hosting the mid-month Tech Session with KB9EZZ, K9ZQ, KC9WWG, KC9YHQ and KC9NDY in attendance. Shirley made sure no one went hungry with plates of cookies, a crock pot full of Italian Beef, chips and salsa and gallons of coffee, water and soda.







K9ZQ and KC9WWG show-off their Go-Kits. Photos by N9JNK.

Winlink, Winmor and the local RMS stations were tested and we put FLDIGI through its paces. KC9NDY's Kenwood 440S was tested and is now ready for the move to Iowa. Go-Kits were worked on in preparation for the May 14th Starved Rock Marathon and July 20th LaSalle Station exercise.

The next Tech Session will be at SRRC Leonore Noon to 5 PM before the Monday 4/4 meeting. Hope to see you there.

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)

Can you lend a hand, as a communicator, during the May 14th Starved Rock Marathon and July 20th LaSalle Station exercise? If so, please contact N9JNK at shoqqyk@gmail.com

Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES)

For more info, please visit http://www.ilares.org/About.htm

NETS

How do you know your radio gear works? Check into the Starved Rock Radio Club and LaSalle County ARES nets. Everyone is welcome to check into these nets on *147.12 + 103.5 (and W9MKS echolink) or 146.55 simplex if the repeater is not available:

LaSalle County ARES® net each Sunday at 7 pm *see above frequencies

SRRC Net and Swapnet each Wednesday at 8 pm *see above frequencies

IL ARES® HF net 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Sunday at 4:30 p.m. 3.905 / 7.23 MHz LSB

The Net Control Station (NCS) for the LaSalle County ARES® asks for your help to keep the net going if the NCS is unavailable. If no one is calling the net by 7:01, please use the following preamble and run the net:

Good evening.

This is (name) (call sign). I will be your net control station this evening for the LaSalle County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net.

You do not need to be a resident of LaSalle County or a member of ARES to check-in. (let repeater drop)

This net is held each Sunday evening at 7:00pm on the 147.120 + 103.5 Starved Rock Radio Club repeater, if this repeater is not available the net will meet on 146.55 our Primary Simplex Frequency. (let repeater drop)

At this time we will take any EMERGENCY or Priority traffic. (handle traffic or acknowledge nothing heard)

We will now take and Health and Welfare or Routine traffic. (handle traffic or acknowledge nothing heard)

At this time we will take any mobile station that would like to check in, please come now with your call sign, name and current location. (take check ins)

Do we have any stations with announcements for the net this evening? (take stations with announcements)

Are there any liaison stations that would like to check in this evening? A liaison station is one that is affiliated with another emergency service or served agency such as the American Red Cross. (take liaison stations)

We will now take general checkins. I would like to remind everyone that this is a directed net and for stations to come one at a time with their callsign, name and current location. Please allow me to acknowledge the previous station before checking in. (take check ins)

Are there any questions or comments for the net this evening? (if you would like you may insert a training topic here). (handle questions)

Is there any thing else for the net before we close? (handle whatever else)

I would like to thank everyone for checking in this evening. I would also like to thank the Starved Rock Radio Club for allowing us to use their repeater.

This is (callsign) now closing the LaSalle County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net at (xx) local time, and returning the repeater back to it's normal amateur use. Don't forget to sign after your last transmission.

Please e-mail kb9ezz@arrl.net a list of stations checking in and items discussed.

Upcoming Events

75th Anniversary Tuskegee Airmen Flight Training Program and 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service	3/26/2016	http://www.w4ap.org
Brkfst McDonalds Peru I 80 (repeats each Monday)	3/28/2016	8:00:00 AM
Tenderlion Tuesday Ottawa American Legion (repeats every Tuesday)	3/29/2016	11:00:00 AM
SRRC Net 147.12 + 103.5 (repeat every Wednesday)	3/30/2016	8:00:00 PM

Coffee andSt. Elizabeth Hospital Ottawa meeting room 4 by cafeteria vending machines (repeats every Saturday)	4/2/2016	8:00:00 AM	
IL HF ARES 3.905 / 7.23 (repeats 1st and 3rd Sunday)	4/3/2016	4:30:00 PM	
ARES NET 147.12 + 103.5 / 146.55 Simplex (repeats every Sunday)	4/3/2016	7:00:00 PM	
Tech Session SRRC Leonore work on Go Kits and prep for 5/14 Marathon & 7/20 LaSalle Exercise (repeats 1st Monday)	4/4/2016	12:00:00 PM	
VE Leonore (repeat 1st Monday)	4/4/2016	5:00:00 PM	
SRRC meeting Leonore (repeat 1st Monday)	4/4/2016	7:00:00 PM	
Wavelength: the Story of Signals At Sea	4/9/2016	http://www.mainemaritimemuseum.org/exhibits/wavelengt story-signals-sea/	
Titanic Anniversary	4/14/2016	w4haw@arrl.net	
Tech / VE Session Norway	4/16/2016	10:00:00 AM	
AAROFest 2016	4/17/2016	http://qsl.net/aa9ro	
95th Anniversary of RCA Coast Station WCC	4/17/2016	http://www.qrz.com/db/wa1wcc	
We're 4 Vets	4/22/2016	http://amateurradiogroup470.webs.com/	
Boy Scouts' Lincoln Trail Hike	4/22/2016	w9trc@arrl.net	
4th Annual Celebration of Earth Day	4/23/2016	http://www.parmaradioclub.com	
The DeKalb Hamfest	5/1/2016	http://www.karc-club.org	
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Starved Rock Country Marathon	5/14/2016	shoggyk@gmail.com	
Starved Rock Radio Club/Princeton Illinois Hamfest	6/5/2016	http://www.w9mks.org	
Hosp ComEx	6/18/2016	9:30:00 AM	
Six Meter Club of Chicago's 59th Annual Hamfest	6/19/2016	http://K9ONA.com	
Field Day (6/24, 25, 26) Shabbona County Park	6/24/2016	12:00:00 AM	

REF: http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations & http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search

SRRC 2016 Hamfest Worker List Saturday June 4th

Front Gate

Noon – 3 PM

1 K9ZQ 2 Setup 10 AM – 3 PM 1 AA9VT 2 WD9HZK 3 KC9WWG

4 KD9FGR

Club Table - 50/50 Sales

10 AM – 3 PM 1 W9TLV 2 K9ML

Front Gate

3-7 PM 1 K9ZQ

2 KB9ZDK

7-9 PM

1 K9ZQ

2 KD9AOK

9 PM-12 AM

1 K9ZQ 2 KD9AOK

12 AM – Overnight

1 K9ZQ

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Building Security 3-7 PM

3-7 PM 1 KD9AOK

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SRRC 2016 Hamfest Worker List Sunday June 5th

Front Gate	
4-6 AM	
4-6 AM 1 KD9AOK	
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All VEs, please bring credentials:				
KB9EZZ E K9ML E				
W9TLV E	N9JNK E			
AA9VT E	WD9HZK E			
K9ZQ E				
KD9AOK G	KA9WR7 G			

Front Gate	Bldg Security	
6-8 AM	6-8 am	
1 K9ZQ	1 KB9LNK	
2 WD9HZK	2 Louis	
3 KC9OOP	3 AA9VT	
4	4 KD9AOK	
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Front Gate 8-10 AM 1 K9ZQ 2 KB9ZQQ 3	Club Table 8-10 AM 1 KA9WRZ 2 N9JNK 3 W9TLV	VE Session 9 – 11 AM 1 KB9EZZ E 2 K9ML E 3 W9TLV E 4 N9JNK E	Parking 8-10 AM 1 2
10-Noon 1 KB9ZQQ 2 3	10-Noon 1 2	Go Kit Judge 11 - 1 PM 1 K9ZQ 2 N9JNK 3	
4 Noon-2 PM 1 KB9EZZ 2	Noon-2 PM 1 W9TLV 2		

Trash Detail / Cleanup after final drawing (someone with truck)

1 KB9EZZ (no truck)

2 W9TLV (has truck)

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The deadline for STATIC submittals is 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

See you Monday April 4th in Leonore.

73 and many thanks

Joe

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