

Hamfest Calendar

Apr 14 TCARC Auction
 Apr 22 Arthur IL
 May 6 Sandwich IL
 May 18-20 DAYTON OH



VE Exam Schedule

Apr 15 2012 Twin City Amateur Radio Club
1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
Debra J. Fligor (217) 244-4446 n9dn@n9dn.net
Univ of IL Fire Service Inst
11 Gerty Dr Champaign IL

May 12 2012 Wabash Valley ARA
 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 Terry L. Hackett (217) 465-4884
 Burkybile Law Office 15175 US Highway 150 Paris IL

Jun 02 2012 VCARA ARRL/VEC
 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Josh D. Kittle (217) 442-0578
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 Vermilion County EMA Building
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Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

April 2012

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Meeting April 10

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the UI Fire Institute. The program is a video of the Heil and West show from the AES Superfest March 31. It is informative and entertaining. Lots of good information is provided on audio, phasing, and equalization. In addition, we will see a live demonstration of some of the equipment discussed in the video.

To get to the Fire Institute, go south on First Street from the Assembly Hall to the UI Credit Union - That is Gerty. Go West on Gerty to the end of the street. You will be in the Fire Institute parking lot. We are in one of the classrooms inside.

New Ham Radio Repair Service!

As many of you know, Ben, K9BF, is counting the days (and hours and minutes) until he retires from the University of Illinois. He recently decided to open an informal repair service for Amateur Radio equipment. It will be at his home and by appointment. He will service what he can, but some items require service by the manufacturer - he will not attempt any repairs if that is the case. Ben will tell us about his plans at the Auction on April 14.

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TCARC Board Meeting

The TCARC Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Culver's on South Neil Street. This arrangement allows Board Members who are also ARES members to go directly to the ARES meeting at 7, and lets them spend one evening for 2 meetings instead of taking 2 evenings. All club members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.

MARK Hamfest April 22

The Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub hamfest in Arthur, Illinois, is Saturday, April 22. It has moved to several locations over the years, going way back to the park in Sullivan, then the 4-H grounds West of Sullivan, then to the fairgrounds in Arthur, then inside the Arthur Fire Station. The fairgrounds now has a new exposition building which will provide an excellent indoor facility, and even has heat! The area is more suitable for outside vendors at the fairgrounds. We look forward to moving back to the fairgrounds this year - behind the high school.

TCARC at Dayton

In the April newsletter, we mentioned plans to serve TCARC members at the Dayton Hamvention this year. These plans are going along well. At the arena, we will welcome our members in the flea market space of K9QZI. This is the same location as in the past few years, on the West side of the building, West of the food tent, in space **1515** and adjacent spaces. The ham trailer will be there and we plan to have chairs for resting and a table or two. Earl, W9CGZ, plans to attend this year, and he hopes to visit with many of the Illini Net members who attend the Hamvention. We are pleased that he will be there. Some snacks and soft drinks will be available, with a request of donations to help cover the cost of the food. There will be a can for donations at the site. We hope Earl can run the Illini Net from there Friday and Saturday, as we will have HF capabilities in the trailer. Also, KC8RFE plans to bring his D-Star Hot Spot and wifi box to provide a D-Star repeater at the trailer. We might set up an analog FM low power repeater as well. The exact space arrangement is still under study, but K9QZI will not be selling as many items as in the past, thus providing more space for the lounge activity. We will have portable tarps for shade.

Away from the arena, there will be an informal gathering at the KOA Campground just Northwest of Dayton. Several of our members plan to camp there and invite the others to stop by for a visit after the Hamvention closes. Bus service is available. If you have questions related to the KOA activities, Pat, N9GOC, will be happy to answer. He has no connection for making reservations to camp - that is only by KOA management.

VE Exams

Our next VE Exam is Sunday, April 15 at the UI Fire Institute at 1:00 p.m. The fee remains at \$15. This is our last session using the current Extra pool questions. New Extra questions July 1.

Field Day

June 23-24 are the dates for the 2012 ARRL Field Day festivities. This is when we set up our equipment portable in a remote location and run using generator power. We will again be at the Somer Township Park, the same as last year. It is time to start thinking about the weekend and how you can participate. We need radios, antennas, and operators, along with a few generators. The event begins at 1:00 p.m. Saturday and runs to 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Setup will be Saturday morning starting around 9 am. Everyone is welcome to participate and we will have our potluck dinner Saturday evening. More to come in next months.

We hope everyone is getting their equipment ready for Field Day, which is coming up soon - June 23 and 24. We will be back at the Ford-Harris park, as in the past few years. The rules are mostly the same as past years and we plan to have another excellent potluck dinner late Saturday afternoon. Please talk up the weekend, invite friends, and come out and operate. Those wishing to head up a station should coordinate with Wayne, AB9FJ. It is always a fun weekend and we welcome guest operators.

AES Superfest

March 30 and 31 were the dates of the AES Superfest in Milwaukee. As always, it was an excellent show with most major manufacturers represented and lots of great forums on Saturday. There was a fox hunt Saturday morning for those wishing to compete. This year's forum lineup was outstanding. Forums included Weak Signals and microwave transmission, The Doctor is In from QST, Recent Developments in Sound Card Digital Modes by West Mountain Radio, Noise and Amateur Radio along with the new Ham Radio Deluxe by TimeWave, Exploring the world beyond the shack - antennas and grounding by Radio Wavz, and the Heil and West Show on audio, microphones, and equalization.

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April 14, 2012

Windsor Road Christian Church
2501 W Windsor Road
Champaign, Illinois
(Between Mattis and Duncan on Windsor Rd)

Doors open for equipment at 11 a.m.

Food Available for Lunch

Auction begins at 1 p.m.

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