

Hamfest Calendar

Jan 8 Waukesha, WI
 Jan 23 St Charles, IL
 Jan 20 Collinsville, IL
 Feb 11 Orlando, FL
 Mar 6 Sterling-Rock Falls, IL
 May 20 Dayton, OH



VE Exams

12/09/2010 Illiana Radio Club
 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 James P. Osburn (812) 238-0584
 Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall
 1356 Locust St Terre Haute IN

12/15/2010 Iroquois County ARC
 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 Carl F. Schroeder (815) 473-4263
 Glen Raymond School
 101 E Mulberry Street Watseka IL

01/08/2011 Piatt County ARC
 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 Michael S. Mullins (217) 377-1523
 Piatt County Emergency Operations Centers
 302 S Charter St Monticello IL

01/23/2011 Twin City Amateur Radio Club
 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 Debra J. Fligor (217) 244-4446
 Email: n9dn@n9dn.net
 Univ of IL Fire Service Inst
 11 Gerty Dr Champaign IL

Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

December 2010
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Next Meeting is December 14

Our next TCARC meeting is December 14 at the UI Fire Institute. We have a fascinating program for this month. As many know, Jim, N9AJV, runs his HF and VHF stations remotely via the Internet. He spent considerable time getting this system to operate well, but he has accomplished it now. He will provide an explanation in detail of how it is set up along with a demonstration. He uses his notebook computer while traveling to fully operate his station from wherever he is. He can control the functions on the radio such as tuning, band change, mode change, etc. He uses a combination of Ham Radio Deluxe with Skype to accomplish the results. If the Internet is not available where he is, he uses a Verizon MiFi WiFi hotspot, or more recently, his Android cell phone hot spot generator. He can use it at fixed locations or while driving. He also set up Sky Command where he operates his home station remotely by his mobile station while in Champaign and Urbana. Come to the meeting to learn all about this exciting new venture of Jim's!

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.

Local Nets

D-Rats Net on W9YR Tuesday 8 p.m.
 ♦Week of Second Tuesday - Meets Wednesday
 ARES 444.100 Tuesday 9 p.m.
 Illinois D-Star 443.48125 Wednesday 9 p.m.
 Champaign Co 146.760 Thursday 9 p.m.
 Illini Net 14.320 11:30 a.m. Daily
 Except Thursday

Christmas Party!

2507 Berniece Dr, Champaign

Please note - the November TCARC Newsletter had the date of the Christmas Party at the Curtin home in error. **Saturday, December 18** is the correct date. Donna and Pat Curtin, N9KVE and N9GOC are hosting a party for all Amateur Radio Operators and families, as well as anyone interested in Amateur Radio. Neither a license nor club membership is necessary to attend. Starting time is 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share if you can. Any and all foods are welcome. Table service and soft drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Pat & Donna at (217) 398-4914, if you can. However, if you forget, you are still welcome - just show up! A white elephant gift exchange is planned. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped "white elephant" to the party. It should be something inexpensive, probably something that you don't need, but please keep it in good taste as this is a family party!

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2011 Dues Are Due!

We thank everyone who paid their dues for 2011. If you have not, please send a check payable to TCARC, to the PO Box on the return address of this newsletter. We happily accept payments at the club meeting as well. 2011 dues remain at \$20 for individuals and \$21 for families. We appreciate payments prior to December 31.

Field Day Results

The December issue of QST Magazine lists the complete results from the 2010 Field Day in June. We placed well in our category and in the state. Our operating class was 5A, meaning 5 stations on the air at the same time, all running on portable (generator) power. 83 stations entered the 5A category, we placed 24th. In 5A, we had the highest number of points of all Illinois stations! We made 976 contacts, with 40 participants, totaling 3,880 points including multipliers and bonus points. The top score in 5A was 19,638 by a New Hampshire club. Overall nationwide, 1,329,810 contacts were logged, consisting of 747,519 phone, 540,419 CW, and 41,872 digital contacts. 37,765 participated using 2,649 stations. The numbers show an increase each year over the past 5 years except 2009 total contacts were a little higher than this year.

VE Exams

Our next VE Exam is January 24 at the UI Fire Institute. The fee remains at \$15.00, as set by the ARRL VEC. Start time is 1:00 p.m. Please contact Debbie Fligor at 244-4446 with questions. Prior registration is not necessary, but it is appreciated. The Technician Question Pool changed July 1, 2010. Please study the current questions.

ARRL Membership Renewal

Please remember to renew your ARRL membership through TCARC as we receive a commission. New member applications are most welcome. Send the form along with a check payable to TCARC to our PO Box.

New Trailer

We are progressing with the remodeling of our newly acquired trailer. Al, K9SI, and Jim, N9AJV spent several hours installing a table top and wiring. Some work was done at Al's place, then the trailer moved to Jim's warehouse to work in a warmer climate. Several club members attended work sessions, some helping and some as spectators. We are pleased with the progress. Jim would appreciate everyone who agreed to support the cost of the trailer to please send a check to him for your share, if you have not done so already. No club funds are used for the trailer. It is all supported by those committed to do so.



Jim and Al working on the trailer



From the TCARC Staff

The TCARC Officers and Board members wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or whatever you celebrate in December.

Hamfests

November found us at a couple of hamfests. In mid-November, the Fort Wayne Hamfest was held in the Memorial Coliseum. The weather was great, but numbers were down. Saturday was the big day, as usual, with a fair-sized attendance, while Sunday was very sparse. The number of vendors shrunk from last year, leaving a disappointing large vacant area near the main entrance. Sales were reported slow by many vendors, with a few being happy with their sales. The Saturday after Thanksgiving found us at the Evansville, Indiana hamfest. Tables were sold out in mid-October, but at the last minute, several opened up due to cancellations. This resulted in a few empty tables all day. The crowd was normal for this hamfest, and appeared to be more in a buying mood than at Fort Wayne.

December is a slow month for hamfests, but January presents several indoors, some being Waukesha, Wisconsin on the 8th, St Charles IL on the 23rd, and Collinsville on the 29th. Don't forget the Orlando Hamcation February 11-13. This is always an excellent hamfest with both indoor and outdoor vendors.

You can locate hamfests in the USA by going to the ARRL link below:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>

CQ Magazine Advertising Manager

Many of us know Don Allen, W9CW, who lives in Urbana and has been the Advertising Manager for CQ Publications during the past several years. Don is retiring at the end of this year and he will be replaced by Chip Margelli, who some know for his many years at Yaesu, and most recently assisting Bob Heil with Heil Microphones. We want to congratulate Don on his retirement and Chip for taking over. We hope we will see more of Don around town and maybe at meetings now that he won't be travelling all the time as he has done in the past.

To help with your holiday preparations, here is a recipe for Rum Cake

Best Rum Cake Ever

Ingredients:

1 C butter	1 tsp baking soda
1 C sugar	1 tsp salt
4 large eggs	lemon juice
1 C dried fruit	1 C brown sugar
1 tsp baking powder	nuts
1 or 2 quarts rum	

Before you start, sample the rum to check for quality. (Pretty good, huh?) Now go ahead.

Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check rum again as it must be just right. To be sure the rum is of the finest quality, pour one level cup into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat, if needed.

With an electric mixer, beat 1 C of the butter in a large fluffy bowl and add 1 teaspoon of thugar and beat again.

Meanwhile, make sure that the rum is of the finest quality. Cry another tup. Open second quart, if necessary.

Add 2 arge eggs. 2 cups fried druit and beat til high. If druit get stuck in beaters, just pry loose witha drewsciver
Sample rum again to check for tonscisticity

Next, sift 3 cups od salt oar anythink. it really doesn't matter. Sample the rlum.

Sift half pint of lemon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown thugar, or whatever color you can find, and mix mell. Grease over an turn cake pan to 350 gredees.

Now poor the whole mess into the boven and ake. Check the rum again and bo to ged.