

**Hamfest Calendar
2015**

- Feb 13-15 Orlando FL Hamcation
- Feb 14 Brownsburg IN
- Mar 8 Sterling IL
- Mar 14 Brazil IN (Terre Haute Hamfest)
- Apr 11 Stoughton, WI
- May 3 Sandwich, IL
- May 15-17 Dayton OH



VE Exam Schedule

Feb 12 2015 & Mar 12 2015 Terre Haute Radio Club
7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) VEC: LAUREL MD
Virginia L. Monastyrski (812) 243-9052
Ryves Youth Center 1356 Locust St Terre Haute IN
Also Mar 12 and Apr 9 - Same details

Apr 19 2015 Twin City Amateur Radio Club
1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
Debra J. Fligor N9DN (217) 762-3232
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Univ of IL Fire Service Inst 11 Gerty Dr Champaign IL

Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

February 2015

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Meeting February 10

Our February meeting is on the 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the UI Fire Institute on Gerty Drive. We have an informal gathering at Culver's on S Neil for Dinner starting around 6. All are welcome! Our program is an introduction and demonstration of the new ARRL video and Powerpoint Library. Paul, N9XDN, will show us how to access it, how to use it, and he will demonstrate one of the items currently in the library.

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.

Auction March 28

We have the date! After a considerable amount of coordination, we settled on March 28. The Windsor Road Christian Church is reserved and Amateur Accessories will be there. We hope this date fits most members' schedules. Plans are to hold it as in the past - you can bring items to sell, with the club retaining 10% of the selling price. You also may donate items to the club - we will sell them and keep the proceeds. Personal items for sale that are not sold are returned to the owner at no charge, providing that person outbids all others bidding. Bidder numbers are \$3.00. These numbers are required to buy and/or sell. Anyone attending just to watch for entertainment will not be charged.

This is our main fund raising event and we ask everyone to pitch in. We need help setting up and tearing down, as well as recording the items brought in for sale. Setup is at 9:00 a.m. Doors open to public at 11:00 a.m. and bidding starts at 1:00 p.m.

TCARC Officers and Board Members

President	Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ	384-4310
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Jim Crisman	N9AJV	2015	202-7402

VE Coordinator

Debbie Fligor N9DN 244-4446

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.

Our Next VE Session

April 19 2015 1:00 p.m.

UI Fire Institute

Please contact Debbie Fligor, N9DN, for information.

Local Nets

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

Website www.w9seh.org

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Hamfests

January 24 was the hamfest at Collinsville. It was well attended and sales appeared to be good. Several TCARC members were there and made the trip in excellent weather.

February 13-15 is the Orlando Hamcation. This hamfest is always worth the trip - you get away from the cold weather and it is a very large event. Most of the prominent Ham Radio manufacturers are there along with a large crowd of flea market vendors. The hamfest is both indoors and outdoors. Many excellent forums are included, with an expansion this year as more forum locations are available on the grounds. It is an excellent event!

Dayton

The Dayton Hamvention, the largest Ham Radio gathering in the world is May 15-17. We will provide space in the flea market for all TCARC members to congregate, enjoy light refreshments, and use tables to sell equipment. We will be in the same location as last year, 2731 to 2734. Use of the space is at no charge to TCARC members. The Hamvention web site is now taking orders for tickets and flea market spaces. Go to www.hamvention.org to order and to view the latest information on Hamvention. There are some hotel rooms available, but they are going fast. If you don't have a reservation, you should search for one now! Most activity is Friday and Saturday. Sunday is as most multi-day events, a small crowd and many flea market vendors have left. The final prize drawing is at the close on Sunday. Any TCARC members leaving prior to the drawing may leave tickets with Milt K9QZI. Any prizes won will be brought home to the winner. The Dayton Hamvention is a "don't miss" event!

VE Exam

At our January exam 7 tested and 5 VEs supervised. Licenses were issued Feb 4 by the FCC. They were delayed by the storm on the East Coast. Thanks to all participating!

Confused protestors at Hamvention

DAYTON, Ohio – In what's being called confusing and totally unexpected, about a dozen protestors showed up this morning at the 2013 Dayton Hamfest.

People Advancing The Humane Treatment of Animals (PATHTA) protested in front of Dayton's Hara Arena, advocating against alleged unsafe hog farming, growing and butchering practices.

"We will make these mad men stop!" exclaimed group leader Paula Smith-Taylor of Westchester, Vermont. "The unstoppable slaughter of hogs for food and profit must end!"

A group of ham radio operators headed to the "Peanut Whistle Transmitters" exhibit took a moment to visit with Smith-Taylor.

"She seemed genuinely surprised at what 'ham radio' actually meant," says octogenarian Vince Bascoe of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

"After I explained it to her, she told the group to get back into her VW microbus for their next assignment."

"We're headed to Arkansas!" Smith-Taylor exclaimed as the van left the hamfest parking lot.

"We hear there's fighting hogs there! We must stop the insanity!"

Editor's Note: The Ohio Pork Producers are offering a fantastic bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich for \$7.99 with drink. They are located at Pavilion 1B at Hara Arena. The funds raised go to assist with the FCC's "one kilohertz at a time" project.

Editor's note - This article was on the Internet. Authenticity is not verified, but it makes a good story anyway.

Lunch Bunch

We meet for Lunch almost daily. We have a reservation for Mondays in the meeting room at the Atlanta Bread Co. With the exception of the first Monday of each month. Because another group already booked the room, we will be in the main dining area. Other days we announce the location on 146.76, usually anywhere from shortly after Noon to 12:30.. All are welcome to attend and may come late, leave early, or both.

FCC "Paperless" License

Starting on February 17, the FCC no longer will routinely issue paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS), although the FCC has routinely continued to print and mail hard copy licenses. That will stop next month.

In mid-December, the FCC adopted final procedures to provide access to official electronic authorizations, as it had proposed in WT Docket 14-161 as part of its "process reform" initiatives. Under the new procedures, licensees will access their current official authorization ("Active" status only) via the ULS License Manager. The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one. Licensees will also be able to print out an official authorization -- as well as an unofficial "reference copy" -- from the ULS Manager.

"We find this electronic process will improve efficiency by simplifying access to official authorizations in ULS, shortening the time period between grant of an application and access to the official authorization, and reducing regulatory costs," the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) said. According to the WTB, the new procedures will save at least \$304,000 a year, including the cost of staff resources.

In comments filed November 5, the ARRL had strongly recommended that the FCC "give serious consideration to continuing a default provision for sending an initial paper license document to new licensees in the Amateur Radio Service, along with detailed, simple instructions for how to make the elections set forth in the notice relative to future modified or renewed licenses."

Under the new procedures, a new license applicant who already has an FRN and provides a valid e-mail address under "Applicant Information" in the ULS will receive an official ULS-generated electronic authorization via e-mail. New license applicants lacking an FCC Registration Number will receive in the mail an FRN and a temporary password to access the Commission Registration System (CORES), but will no longer automatically receive a license document; they must request one by changing their "Paper Authorization Preference" in the ULS License Manager.

The ARRL and other Amateur Radio commenters also worried that unless a license document is printed on distinctive paper stock, its authenticity could be questioned in such situations as obtaining vanity call sign license plates. To address this, the FCC said the watermark "Official Copy" will be printed on each page of an official authorization that a licensee prints out from the ULS. The WTB recently stopped using distinctive paper stock to produce hard copy licenses and has been printing these on "standard, white recycled paper." The Bureau noted that the distinctive paper stock it had been using was six times more expensive than the plain recycled paper it now uses.

The ULS License Manager (left) now includes settings that allow licensees to notify the WTB that they prefer to receive official authorizations on paper. Once final procedures go into effect designating electronic access as the default, licensees can change the ULS License Manager setting so that the Bureau will print and mail a license document. Licensees also may contact FCC Support via the web, telephone, or mail to request paper licenses.

The FCC rejected as "outside the scope of this proceeding" an ARRL argument that Section 97.23 of the Amateur Service rules be amended to replace "licensee mailing address" with other alternatives, including e-mail, for use in Commission correspondence. The rule, which requires that any licensee mailing address be in an area where the licensee has US Postal Service access, has precluded FCC issuance of location-specific call signs in such areas as Navassa Island (KP1) and some Pacific islands.

W9SEH Needs A Trustee

We are fortunate to have 2 club callsigns held by TCARC. K9CU is now our main call, and is used on our 146.760 repeater. Also, we use it for our Field Day operation. W9SEH, the other call, has been with the club for many years. It is a memorial call originally issued to Millard McVay, a long time club member and officer. The current Trustee, who obtained the call for TCARC, moved out of state and would prefer that someone else take the Trustee duties. If anyone is willing to take the job, please contact Paul, N9XDN. Paul will take it if no one else wants it. We prefer someone holding an Extra Class License. An individual may be trustee for only one club call, which precludes several others from taking it.