

**Hamfest Calendar  
2016**

- Feb 12 Orlando, FL
- Mar 6 Sterling, IL
- Mar 12 Brazil, IN
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- Mar 12 Brazil, IN (Terre Haute Hamfest)
- Apr 2 AES Superfest, Milwaukee WI
- Apr 9 TCARC Auction, Champaign IL
- May 5 Sandwich, IL
- May 20-22 Dayton, OH



**VE Exam Schedule**

Feb 11 2016 and Mar 10 2016  
Terre Haute Radio Club  
7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
Virginia L. Monastyrski (812) 243-9052  
5475 S State Road 63 Terre Haute IN

Apr 17 2016 Twin City Amateur Radio Club  
1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
Debra J. Fligor (217) 762-3232 n9dn@n9dn.net  
Univ of IL Fire Service Inst 11 Gerty Dr Champaign

# Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

**February 2016**  
Milt Forsberg K9QZI Editor



## Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, at the UI Fire Institute at 7:00 pm. This month's program is **presented by YOU!** Please bring a project or favorite piece of equipment to share the features with the others attending. The item can be anything, but Ham Radio and/or electronic gadgets are preferred. If you don't have any, you can bring any other project or hobby to share. Please attend even if you have nothing to bring.

There is an informal gathering at Culver's on South Neil around 6, prior to the meeting. All are welcome.

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.

## 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. No meetings are planned for July and August.

## Our Next VE Session

**April 17, 2016**

**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



## National Parks on the Air

Remember to look for National Park contacts. They have begun and are creating pileups!

## 2016 Dues

Thanks to all who renewed your dues. We still accept them for the 2016 year. You can pay at the meeting or send a check payable to TCARC to our PO Box shown on page 4. Dues remain at \$20 per year for individuals or \$21 will include everyone in the family living in the same household.

## New Vice President

Thanks to Rick Hurd, KC9NRI for accepting the position of VP for the remainder of our year.

## TCARC Officers and Board Members

<b>President</b>	Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ	384-4310
<b>Vice President</b>	Rick Hurd KC9NRI	419-2359
<b>Secretary</b>	Chris Anderson W9CMA	403-1599
<b>Treasurer</b>	Milt Forsberg K9QZI	352-5075

## Board Members

Kevin Coogan	KC8RFE	2016	937-985-2081
Al Wolfe	K9SI	2017	722-8803
Tom Lea	K5LEA	2018	586-5377

## VE Coordinator

Debbie Fligor N9DN 244-4446

**Website** [www.w9seh.org](http://www.w9seh.org)  
**Analog Repeater K9CU** 146.760  
**D-Star Repeater W9YR** 443.48125

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## Auction April 9

Coming in 2 months, our annual TCARC Auction! Be sure to mark your calendar for the date and plan to attend. It will be at the same location as past years, the Windsor Road Christian Church. We will be organizing the assistance needed for set up, tear down, checking in equipment, ticket sales, computer operators to track sales, and other activities as needed. Please plan to assist in this operation as it is our main fund raiser. We also appreciate equipment donations to the club to be auctioned. The club retains 10% of the selling price of individually owned items and 100% of the selling price of donated equipment. It's time to dig out all those radios and parts you no longer use and bring them to the auction. We will have complete details in March.

### E-Fest This Weekend!

The annual E-Fest is Saturday February 6 all day at the UI Armory. Lots of R/C electric planes, seminars, and learn to fly a drone. It's an outstanding show, open to the public, \$5.

### VE Exams

Our last VE Session January 19 produced 6 new or upgraded licenses. We thank the 6 VEs assisting with the session. The next one is April 17.

### Hamfests

Several TCARC members attended the hamfest in Collinsville January 23. It was a packed house and there were lots of bargains. Most returned with an arm load of goodies, All indoors, the location was easy to access from the interstate. The Alton IL newspaper, The Telegraph, had a very nice story about the hamfest. Please click here to read and view photos:

<https://thetelegraph.com/news/77142/ham-radio-a-lasting-technology-hobby>

### Dayton!

The Dayton Hamvention is getting close. Tickets are available online as well as Flea Market spaces. Order yours now!  
<http://hamvention.org/>

## Changing of the Guard

From ARRL

The ARRL Board of Directors has elected ARRL First Vice President Rick Roderick, K5UR, of Little Rock, Arkansas, as ARRL President. The Board took the action as it convened for its 2016 Annual Meeting January 15-16 in Windsor, Connecticut. Roderick, 63, officially assumed office for a 2-year term at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. He is the ARRL's 16th president, succeeding Kay Craigie, N3KN, of Blacksburg, Virginia, who had served for three terms since being elected in 2010.

A ham for 48 years, Roderick is an attorney. He has served on the ARRL Board of Directors for 24 years and is an enthusiastic Amateur Radio operator and DXer on HF and VHF/UHF. He and his wife Holly have two adult children.

Rick presented the talk in the video seen at our April meeting. He spoke at the ARRL Centennial Convention.



**ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR.**

[Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, photo]

## ARRL New CEO

From ARRL

Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, of West Palm Beach, Florida, will succeed David Sumner, K1ZZ, as the chief executive officer of ARRL, effective April 18. In that role, he will oversee all activities at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. Meeting in a special webinar session on January 25, all 15 ARRL Directors voted to elect Gallagher as CEO and Secretary, positions that Sumner will relinquish on April 18. Gallagher will join the ARRL staff as CEO-Elect on February 29, and a transition period will follow.

"I am excited by the prospects of ARRL's Second Century, but I am equally mindful of Dave Sumner's enormous 4-decade contribution to our organization and of the extraordinary contributions he has made to advancing the art and science of Amateur Radio, to growing our ranks, and to expanding the sheer enjoyment of ham radio around the world," Gallagher said.

Licensed in Pennsylvania in 1966 as WA3GRF (and later N4GRF in North Carolina), Gallagher is a member of the West Palm Beach Amateur Radio Group. He describes himself as "an incurable HF DXer and inveterate tinkerer" and credits his first visit to the Franklin Institute's Amateur Radio station W3TKQ in 1963 for inspiring his interest in ham radio.

Amateur Radio led to an early career in broadcasting. He was a cameraman and technician with WGBH-TV in Boston, the CBS Television Network, and Metromedia's WIP Radio in Philadelphia.

He joins ARRL following 3 decades as an international investment banker and financial services executive. His career has included senior leadership positions with JP Morgan Chase & Co and CIBC Oppenheimer & Co in New York, and with Wachovia Capital Markets in Charlotte, North Carolina. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and as CEO of the Secondary School Admission Test Board in Princeton, New Jersey. Gallagher has served on boards, both public and non-profit, including two NYSE companies, the NPR affiliate in Charlotte, the Executive Board of The PENN Fund at the University of Pennsylvania, and The International Center of Photography.

Gallagher graduated magna cum laude with a BA from the University of Pennsylvania, and he holds an MBA from The Wharton School. He is a graduate of The Lawrenceville School, where he held the Nicholas Noyes scholarship.

In addition to ham radio, Gallagher enjoys saltwater fishing and sailing which, he confesses, is sometimes just an excuse to operate maritime mobile.

At his Florida home along the Intracoastal Waterway, Gallagher has maintained a fairly low Amateur Radio profile, with a wire antenna that, he says, works well into Europe and Latin America.

He also has a 40 meter Windom. "I would like to work Asia when I get a better HF antenna solution," he said. Gallagher has both modern and vintage stations as well as a high-speed multimedia (HSMM) digital repeater.

Gallagher and his wife Lindy Allyn divide their time between West Palm Beach, Florida, and Manhattan. They have three sons. He plans to return to Connecticut; he'd lived previously for 13 years in New Canaan.

## Echolink

The Echolink node on the K9CU repeater is fully operational now. We have all of the adjustments tweaked for maximum performance. Please enjoy using our Echolink.

## Extra Exam Pool Questions Recalled

From [nvec.org](http://nvec.org) January 22, 2016

The NVEC Question Pool Committee is withdrawing the FCC Element 4, Amateur Extra Class Question Pool documents released January 8, 2016

All Public Domain Question Pool Files for Download have been removed and will be replaced with NEW files that will include an errata of modifications, corrections and edits.

We would like to remind the public that users of question pool documents are free to correct minor typographical or punctuation errors, including obvious minor omissions of same.

Such corrections must not cause a change in the meaning of a question or any of the proposed answers to the questions. FCC Part 97 Rule citation notations are not part of the exam question itself, but are included as reference to the applicable section of the rules. Any errors or future change to the FCC Part 97 Rules or notations are not considered adequate reason for removal of a question from the pool.

NVEC QPC Chairman  
Rol Anders, K3RA - Laurel VEC