

2013 Hamfest Calendar

Jun 16 Wheaton IL
 Jun 28-30 Estes Park CO
 Jul 13 Indianapolis IN
 Jul 14 Aurora IL
 Jul 21 Peotone IL KARS
 Aug 4 Peotone IL Hamfesters
 Aug 17 Huntsville AL
 Sep 7 Belvedere IL Radio Expo
 Sep 21=22 Peoria IL



VE Exam Schedule

Jun 08 2013 Wabash Valley ARC
 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 D Steven. Shorter (812) 232-4788
 Glas-Col Annex-Rear of Building
 1715 S 8th St Terre Haute IN

Jun 22 2013 M.O.V.E
 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 Patrick J. Twigg (217) 418-9802
 Clinton Lake Recreational Area sit A30
 7251 Ranger Rd Dewitt IL

Jul 13 2013 Piatt County ARC
 1:00 PM (No walk-ins) ARRL/VEC
 Michael S. Mullins (217) 377-1523
 Piatt County Emergency Operating Centers
 1115 North State Street Monticello IL

Jul 21 2013 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

June 2013

Milt Forsberg K9QZI Editor



Meeting Tuesday June 11

Our next meeting is 7 pm Tuesday, June 11, at the UI Fire Institute. The main program is Officer elections and coordinating and discussing Field Day 2013. Please let us know at the meeting your plans to participate with us. In addition at the meeting, Milt, K9QZI, will make a short presentation demystifying programming the new radios from China. Several firmware versions require separate programming software versions.

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. All club members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.

Our Next VE Session

July 21 2013

UI Fire Institute

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

Field Day!

Please plan to attend Field Day June 22-23. Everyone is welcome anytime and all the time during the weekend. Our needs are radios, antennas, power supplies, and generators. Operators and loggers are also in demand. Of course spectators are always welcome. Set up starts at 9 a.m. with operating at 1 p.m. for 24 hours. Tear down is at 1 p.m. Sunday. We need help with everything! We have enough licensed Amateurs to be control operators so anyone may operate the stations. Around 5 p.m., we plan a covered dish meal, with meat from Hickory River, soft drinks, and tableware provided by the club. Families are encouraged to attend and are most welcome. Bring a side dish to share, and chair if you can. This is our most exciting event of the year and it provides an excellent opportunity to see Amateur Radio in action. We do take a relaxed attitude in operating as it is not a contest, but a time for enjoyment. See page 2 for directions to the Ford-Harris Park.

TCARC Officers and Board Members

President	Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ	384-4310
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VE Coordinator

Debbie Fligor N9DN	244-4446
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Website	www .w9seh.org
Analog Repeater K9CU	146.760
D-Star Repeater W9YR	443.48125

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Field Day Location

Ford-Harris Park

The park is located North of Urbana near US45 on the Ford-Harris Road. Take US45 North from Urbana 2.5 miles North of I74. There is a sign to the park at the Ford-Harris Road crossing. Go West on Ford-Harris one-half mile. The park is the wooded area on the North side of the road. From Champaign, you can take Prospect North to just prior to the crossover at I57. The Ford-Harris Road intersects Prospect to the East and meanders around the Interstate and then heads straight East. The park is 4 miles from the Prospect intersection.

Central States VHF Society Conference

The online registration for the 2013 Central States VHF Society Conference is now available. The 2013 Conference will be held near Chicago at the Elk Grove Village, IL, Holiday Inn from Thursday July 25th until Sunday July 28. This year's Conference location allows for free Hotel transportation to and from the Chicago-O'Hare Airport and has easy access from major interstate routes.

Activities begin with onsite check-in and registration Thursday afternoon with the offering of a trip to the Schaumburg Boomer's baseball game at 5PM. Friday morning's activities feature the Antenna Range (144MHz-24Ghz) measurements, Rover Row, Dish Display and Noise Figure Measurement Contest.

In addition to the world-class technical presentations on topics about activity on the amateur bands VHF/UHF and above; this year's conference will feature a return of the free-admission "VHF-101" introductory session on Saturday Morning!

For a up-to-date schedule of events please check the Central States VHF Society website at:
<http://www.csvhfs.org/2013conference/agenda.html>

W9OY SDR Blog

Lee Crocker, W9OY, former TCARC member, has a blog on software defined radio on the net.
<http://w9oy-sdr.blogspot.com/>

KX9X New Position

From ARRL

ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, has accepted the position of ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager. Kutzko joined the ARRL as the Contest Branch Manager in October 2007. An enthusiastic operator in contests and VHF weak-signal work as well as a backpack QRPer, Kutzko holds a BA in Communications from the University of Illinois at Springfield and has worked at several National Public Radio affiliates in the Midwest.

"After spending the past six years promoting Radiosport to the Amateur Radio community, I'm looking forward to helping promote all of Amateur Radio and what we have to offer, both within our community and to the rest of the world," Kutzko said. "Amateur Radio isn't just a resource to our communities in time of need, it's also a lot of fun."

Taking over as Contest Branch Manager is Mike DeChristopher, N1TA. DeChristopher started at ARRL last year as a Logbook of The World specialist and Awards and Programs Assistant. "I'm very excited to be taking over the Contest Branch, and am looking forward to the new challenges this will bring," DeChristopher said. He is active in contesting from his Feeding Hills, Massachusetts location.

Kutzko and DeChristopher will begin their new positions on June 17.

Breaking News!

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on May 23, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs by 20 cents. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$15 and is good for 10 years. The new fee, if approved, will go up to \$15.20 for 10 years. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. Hurry - get your vanity call now and save \$0.20.

TCARC Officer Elections

The June meeting is our annual election of officers. All positions are elected for one year, with exception of members of the Board of Directors. We have 3 directors, each elected to a 3-year term, staggered so one is elected each year. If anyone is willing to hold an office or board position, please contact Wayne Hamilton, AB9FJ, our President.

Ham Nation Turns 100

Ham Nation, the Internet Amateur Radio TV show, ran the 100th show the last week of May. It was a celebration atmosphere complete with hats and balloons. The show stars Gordon West, Bob Heil, and George Thomas, Wednesdays on www.twit.tv/hn. To commemorate the 100, four special event stations operated for 2 weeks prior and concluded the night of the show. Those who contacted all 4 are eligible for a certificate which can be downloaded on the Internet.

Estes Park Colorado

HamCon Colorado is June 28-30 in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. That location is at the main entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. This is more a convention than hamfest, with prominent guest speakers and the offer of a tour of WWV facilities nearby. The event chairman is Steve Williams, K0SRW, a former CU resident and member of the Illini Net. For more information:

<http://www.hamconcolorado.org>

Lunch Bunch

Our Lunch Bunch continues on a daily basis. Mondays are at Atlanta Bread on S Neil. We are in the private room except the first Monday of each month. We are reserved through December.

June Meeting Last until September

Please remember we do not meet in July and August. The next meeting is September.

Dayton!

It's over! The 2013 Dayton Hamvention was one of the best ever! 3 days of almost perfect weather, good crowds, and lots of outstanding forums made for a great weekend. The only rain affecting the festivities was Saturday morning for about an hour. The attendance was up again this year, just announced at 24,542. The fleamarket appeared to have more vendors than the past couple of years, but some of the inside booths were vacant. Those who were there claimed sales were up a little. The Hamvention Staff managed the event very well with a good attitude.

Three license exam sessions tested a total of 272 applicants taking 334 elements. 184 passed, and 150 failed, giving a 55% pass rate. This produced 68 new Technicians, 58 new Generals, and 39 new Extras. 5 had no license when they started and finished with the Extra Class License..

The forum lineup covered almost every aspect of our hobby. The leaders were experts in their fields and provided lots of good information. Several outside events coordinated with the Hamvention such as D-Star, Wouff Hong, DX banquet and many more.

TCARC was well represented, as always, by many members and several former members who moved from CU. We had a lounge set up in the flea market for everyone to stop by and visit and rest. Soft drinks were provided as was adequate shade. Our orange Illini flag 39 feet in the air marked our location.

Prizes were plentiful throughout the weekend, but, as usual, no one from here won anything. Hourly prizes unclaimed by Noon Sunday were redrawn until someone holding a winning number shouted out. The top 10 prizes were drawn after the unclaimed drawing. The total value of all prizes for the weekend was \$81,186. K9QZI held several tickets for those leaving early, but none were winners. We have had one winner in past years, so we keep trying.