

2013 Hamfest Calendar

Mar 9 Terre Haute IN
 Apr 13 Madison WI
 Apr 20 Godfrey IL
 Apr 5-6 AES Superfest Milwaukee WI
 Apr 21 Arthur IL
 May 5 Sandwich IL
 May 17-19 Dayton OH
 Jun 2 Princeton IL



VE Exam Schedule

Mar 09 2013 Wabash Valley ARA
 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 Terry Hackett (217) 465-4884 kburkybile@tigerpaw.com
 Burkybile Law Office 15175 US Highway 150 Paris IL

Mar 09 2013 WVARA Hamfest
 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 D Steven. Shorter (812) 243-4060 NT9T@RNACS.com
 Indiana State University # Dede Activity Terre Haute IN

Mar 16 2013 Central Illinois Radio Club
 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) W5YI VEC
 Keith R. Hanson (309) 378-4416 AC9S@mchsi.com
 Fire Station-Lower Level 1300 E College Ave Normal IL

Apr 21 2013 Twin City Amateur Radio Club
 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 Debra J. Fligor (217) 244-4446 n9dn@n9dn.net
 Univ of I Fire Service Inst 11 Gerty Dr Champaign IL

Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

March 2013

Milt Forsberg K9QZI Editor



Meeting Tuesday March 12

Our next TCARC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday March 12, at the UI Fire Institute. Our program is a revisit to the Flex 3000 software defined radio. Milt, K9QZI, demonstrated it 2 or 3 years ago, but the computer ran on Microsoft Vista, and did not function well. With a different computer, Windows 7, and new Flex software, it performs very well. Come to the meeting to see and hear it.

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

1:00 P.M. April 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

TCARC Annual Auction

March 23, 2013

Windsor Road Christian Church
 2501 W Windsor Road
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Doors open 11 a.m. Auction begins 1:00 p.m.

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USS Wisconsin on Air March 9

The USS Wisconsin ship will be on the air from Virginia this Saturday March 9. Operating with the call N4WIS, it will be on many of the HF bands during the day. One of the operators is Gene Santoski, K9UTQ, from Wisconsin Rapids. He is in the area and agreed to operate.

AES Superfest

The Amateur Electronics Supply Superfest is April 5 and 6 at the AES store in Milwaukee. Always a good show, most major manufacturers are represented as well as many clubs and radio related organizations. Several forums will be presented on Saturday, most of the day. They include a **Fox Hunt Workshop**, **WeComm** (Wisconsin statewide voice and digital network for ARES and RACES), **Go Beyond PSK-31** covering new digital modes, a **DX Forum**, **Radio Frequency Particle Accelerators - Another Use for RF**, and **I've Got This Space - Now What?** Discussion of choosing the best antenna options for your operating environment. Admission is free as is parking. Hours are 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday. Special prices are available on several items during the Superfest. A special guest is Rick Roderick, K5UR of Little Rock Arkansas, who has been a ham for over 44 years. He is an ARRL Life Member, holding numerous ARRL volunteer positions and has served on the ARRL and CQ Magazine DX Advisory Committees for many years. Rick was instrumental in the creation and implementation of Logbook of the World and the DXCC Challenge Award. He has been on the ARRL Board of Directors for 20 years and currently is serving as the First Vice President. Of course, Gordon West, KB6NOA, will be there to greet everyone. This is not a hamfest and there is no flea market.

Donate used equipment to the club for the auction!

Hamfests

The Orlando Hamcation was outstanding this year! February 8-10 found beautiful weather in the low 80s, no rain, and a huge crowd. Demand for flea market space was so strong that some of the parking spaces were converted into flea market spaces. The crowd appeared to be larger this year than in the past several years. Sales seemed to go well for vendors, and several excellent forums were well attended. Motor homes and trailers numbered around 400. TCARC was well represented by KB9LCJ, K9QZI, N9PFC, K9KNW, and W9XH. Past member now a resident of Deltona, WB9BSX, Al Saldeen was also with us. We spotted several more from around our area, from Peoria, Kankakee, and other Midwest points. Familiar to D-Star users, Connie, KB0ZSG, attended all 3 days. Milt, K9QZI, visited several friends in the area, including spending a day with TJ, N9PFC, at his camper in a motor home park near Daytona.

Coming up this weekend is the Terre Haute hamfest on Saturday March 9. Please see the ad on the next page. If you go, please remember they are on Eastern time, not Central. Fortunately, Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, not Saturday. The new location at Indiana State University is a much improved location over the National Guard armory of a couple years ago.

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.

Best Wishes to Brad K9BSL

Brad, K9BSL, is moving to New York state around March 20. He will marry Jodie Jacque in New York in July. We wish him the best and we will always consider him a cherished friend. We look forward to his voice on the radio from New York when he gets his tower and antenna in the air. Thanks for all of your help with the club and club members.

2013 Auction Details

Plans are finalized for our Auction on **Saturday, March 23**. It will be in the **Windsor Road Christian Church**, located between Mattis and Duncan on the South side of Windsor.

We need help with setup at 9 a.m. Please assist if you can. Also, help is needed after the auction for tear down. We usually finish by around 4.

Food this year is dessert only. We ask everyone willing to help with this by bringing a pie or two. Ice cream will be available for the pie or just to eat. Soft drinks and coffee will also be available.

Door prizes are in the plan, with the top prize being a **new Baofeng UV-5R dual band HT**.

Bidder numbers are \$3 and are needed to buy and/or sell.

The club retains 10% of the sale price. Sellers may bid up the price and buy their item back if the bidding is too low. No commission is charged for this transaction.

Amateur Accessories will set up shop in the lobby.

Doors open for equipment and browsing at 11 a.m. and bidding begins at 1 p.m.

We welcome items brought and donated to the club where the club retains all of the selling price.

Dig out your old equipment and bring it to the auction on March 23!

ID-51 Report

Released around February 1, the new Icom D-Star HT was available from dealers at Orlando. The stock went quickly, with HRO bringing 29 to sell. The hamfest opened at Noon on Friday and by Noon Saturday, the ID-51 HTs were gone! There has been some concern about transmit audio being poor quality, but it appears that the later production batches were ok. Many new purchases were on one of the local Orlando repeaters, making audio adjustments and seeing comments. Very few had poor audio. The radio works well, and is very much like the ID-31 which has been out for a year or so. The 51 covers 2 meters and 70 cm, while the 31 is 70 cm only.

D-Star Update

Robin, AA4RC, the developer of the DV Dongle and DVAP, presented a most informational forum at Orlando. The interesting news from him was that he is working on applications for D-Star using the iPhone, iPad, and Android devices. The Raspberry PI use is growing very fast. Many use it with a DVAP and WiFi antenna to operate D-Star radios anywhere there is cellular data access.

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Saturday -- March 9, 2013
Dede Activity Center
Indiana State University
(39° 28' 16" N, 87° 24' 39" W)
Indoor Event - Rain or Shine!
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM EST
(Vendor setup begins at 6:00 AM)
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