

**Hamfest Calendar
2015**

Mar 8 Sterling IL
 Mar 14 Brazil IN (Terre Haute Hamfest)
 Mar 21 AES Superfest Milwaukee
 Apr 11 Stoughton, WI
 May 3 Sandwich, IL
 May 15-17 Dayton OH



VE Exam Schedule

Mar 12 2015 & Apr 9 2015 Terre Haute Radio Club
 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) VEC: Laurel MD
 Virginia L. Monastyrski (812) 243-9052
 Email: wb9zhc@ma.rr.com
 Ryves Youth Center 1356 Locust St Terre Haute IN

Apr 19 2015 Twin City Amateur Radio Club
 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 Debra J. Fligor N9DN (217) 762-3232
 Email: n9dn@n9dn.net
 Univ of IL Fire Service Inst 11 Gerty Dr Champaign IL

Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

March 2015

Milt Forsberg K9QZI Editor



Meeting March 10

Our next TCARC meeting is Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the UI Fire Institute. The program is a Powerpoint presentation on the basics of HF Amateur Radio Operating. It covers operating, equipment, and antennas. K9QZI will provide the presentation.

We have an informal gathering at Culver's on South Neil St prior to the meeting, around 6.

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

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

New Repeater Coming

We received word that our new Yaesu DR-1 System Fusion repeater was shipped and is due to arrive on Tuesday March 10. If it does, we plan to bring it to the meeting so everyone can see it. There will not be time to have it operational, but everyone can at least see it. This repeater is dual band and Yaesu System Fusion capable. If all goes well, we plan to replace our current K9CU 146.76 repeater with this one. It will have the capability of operating in a digital mode, but plans are to keep the output of the repeater locked to analog only. This means that current users will not have to purchase a digital radio to use it. We will install it only after our repeater experts, K9BF and K9SI, have the opportunity to set it up for our use and become familiar with it. We plan to retain the Echolink connection on the new repeater. This repeater is one of many being sold by Yaesu at a reduced price of \$500. The normal price is around \$2,000. We will let everyone know when it is to be activated.

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VE Coordinator

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Website	www.w9seh.org
Analog Repeater K9CU	146.760
D-Star Repeater W9YR	443.48125

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Hamfests

The Orlando Hamcation was a big success! Held February 13-15, it appears that this was the largest attendance ever. The weather cooperated well, with cool mornings, but nice afternoons. There was no rain during the 3 days. There were more outdoor vendors this year, and indoor space was crowded and busy. More forums were presented, thanks to 3 large tents set up in the outdoor pavilion. This was in addition to the normal indoor rooms. TCARC was well represented by K9QZL, K9KNW, W9XH, and KB9LCJ. It was a nice time to be in Florida even if the return home trip was delayed by the first large snow and ice storm in Tennessee and Kentucky. February 28 was the Dugger, Indiana hamfest. Near Terre Haute, it was a small hamfest, all indoors.

Looking forward, March 14 is the Terre Haute hamfest, to be held in Brazil, Indiana this year. It is all indoors and has been a good moderate size event and worth the trip. The new location promises more space and better parking than the Terre Haute location is the past few years.

AES Superfest

Once again, Amateur Electronics Supply is hosting their Superfest on March 21. It is an open house at the store, with many manufacturers displaying their products, and several informative forums. It is Saturday only this year, opening at 9 a.m. and running until 3 p.m. There will be special prices on selected products and many door prizes, with the grand prize being a Kenwood TS-590SG. The event is free, as is parking.

Need Tower Work?

Bill, K9BV, recently had Jesse Swinderman work on his tower and he was pleased with the work. Jesse is happy to provide service to Ham Radio.

Jesse Swinderman, Swinderman Engineering Services, 5414 Goldeneye Road, Champaign, IL 61822, 217.493.9534
jesse@swinderman.com www.swinderman.com

TCARC Auction 2015

It's almost here! Our annual auction is March 28 at the Windsor Road Christian Church, the same as we have had the past few years. Our auction team is gearing up for this annual fun event. We have our auction software running and are making minor improvements to it. The church has completely remodeled the room we use. It now has more space, new carpeting and lighting, and a fresh new look. There now is free high speed WiFi available to connect to the Internet, and it is free! Steve, KR4S, will bring his Amateur Accessories to the church and set up as in the past with many items for sale. We ask that anyone who can help set up please be there at 9 a.m. so we can be ready for equipment being brought in starting at 11. We plan a limited desert menu similar to last year with pie and ice cream. Soft drinks are available. As always, we ask that you consider helping tear down after the auction.

Anyone may bring items to sell. A bidder number is required to sell and to buy. Those just watching need not purchase a number. Eligibility to win door prizes is only to those purchasing a bidder number. TCARC retains 10% of the selling price. Owners of items may bid them up and if the price is too low, they may outbid the others, thus buying the item back. No charge is applied. Please consider donating items to TCARC to be auctioned where the club retains all of the selling price. This helps the club treasury in a big way!

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Please feel free to post the announcement on the next page wherever it might bring participants.

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.

TCARC Annual Auction

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March 28 2015

Windsor Road Christian Church

2501 W Windsor Road Champaign Illinois

Doors open 11 a.m. Auction begins 1:00 p.m.

Bidder Numbers \$3.00

Grand Door Prize: Dual Band HT

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