

## 2014 Hamfest Calendar

May 16-18 Dayton, OH Hamvention!  
 Jun 1 Princeton, IL  
 Jun 8 Granite City, IL  
 Jun 13 Plano, TX Ham-Com 2014  
 Jun 15 Wheaton, IL  
 Jul 12 Indianapolis, IN  
 Jul 13 Aurora, IL  
 Jul 17-19 Hartford, CT ARRL 100th Birthday  
 Jul 20 Peotone, IL



## VE Exam Schedule

May 24 2014 VCARA ARRL/VEC  
 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Josh D. Kittle (217) 442-0578  
 Vermilion County EMA Building  
 2508 Georgetown Rd Danville IL

Jul 20 2014 Twin City Amateur Radio Club  
 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
 Debra J. Fligor (217) 762-3232  
 n9dn@n9dn.net  
 UI Fire Service Inst 11 Gerty Dr Champaign IL

Aug 16 2014 Vermilion Cty ARA  
 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
 Josh D. Kittle (217) 442-0578  
 East Central Illinois Hamfest 3723 N Vermilion St  
 Danville IL

# Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

May 2014

Milt Forsberg K9QZI Editor



## Meeting May 13

Tuesday, May 13, is our next TCARC meeting at the UI Fire Institute. We start at 7:00 p.m. An informal gathering for dinner happens at Culver's on S Neil around 6. The meeting topic is ARES, presented by our ARES Director, Patrick Twigg, N9OQT. Also, Paul, N9XDN, plans to create a list of those who wish to participate in Field Day. Come to the meeting and learn about ARES and how you can join!

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 2014

UI Fire Institute

## Local Nets

D-Rats Net on W9YR Tuesday 8 p.m.  
 ♦Week of Second Tuesday - No Net TCARC Meet  
 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

## Operating Guidelines

The TCARC Board plans to issue some operating guidelines for our repeaters, to avoid misunderstandings and confusion. Because the proposed guidelines were not posted on our website as planned, we extended the comment period to June 1. We apologize for the error. You will find them on the w9seh.org website.. The bulk of the document was borrowed from the Fox River Radio League in Northern Illinois. While we don't want to restrict overall repeater use, we do want to make it available and welcome to everyone. Please let us know what you think!

## Elections in June

Per our bylaws, we elect officers in June. The current office holders and board members have consented to remain in place should the club vote that way. Anyone else wishing to run for election may do so at the June meeting.

## TCARC Officers and Board Members

<b>President</b>	Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ	384-4310
<b>Vice President</b>	Paul Toth N9XDN	840-3522
<b>Secretary</b>	Chris Anderson W9CMA	403-1599
<b>Treasurer</b>	Milt Forsberg K9QZI	352-5075

## Board Members

Jeremy Lamb KC8KGJ	2016	621-8036
Kevin Coogan KC8RFE	2014	937-572-2081
Jim Crisman N9AJV	2015	202-7402

## VE Coordinator

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

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## Hamfests

The MARK Hamfest at Arthur was April 27 in Arthur, IL. It is always a nice hamfest to visit with nearby friends that we don't see every day. The indoor tables were almost filled and there were a few outside vendors. The weather was good, except for a constant wind.

## IRA Meeting

This year's Illinois Repeater Association went very well last month in Bloomington. There were no issues to resolve and all repeater owners appeared to be satisfied with the Association. We are pleased that everything is positive with the coordination of Illinois repeaters. TCARC was well represented by board members Al Wolfe, K9SI, Milt Forsberg, K9QZI, and Newsletter Editor, Fred Seibold, W9FWS. Al has one more year in his term, Milt was reelected to another 2 year term, and Fred was reappointed as Newsletter Editor for another year, a position he has held for many years. All positions are voluntary. In addition, Ben Fisher, K9BF, and Flip Ries, W9FIU, attended as repeater owners.

## Synton Net

The weekly Synton Net has been cancelled for the Summer months with students leaving the campus. It will start again in September, when they return. Thanks to all who participated.

## 501c3 Report

We still have not received anything further on our 501c3 application, as of May 8. The IRS appears to remain delayed in processing of applications.

## Get Your Newsletter by Email

Many club members receive this newsletter by email each month. If you are not one who does and would like to have it sent, please let Milt K9QZI know and you will be on the list. Email copies are sent at the same time the paper copies go to the post office. Thus, email recipients get the news a day or two earlier than those receiving US Mail.

## Dayton!

Coming in less than a week! Many of us are busy getting ready for the big event, the Dayton Hamvention this coming Friday to Sunday. It is a don't miss activity with all the Amateur Radio manufacturers, 2500 flea market spaces, and many outstanding seminars. It starts at 8:00 a.m. on Friday and continues through early afternoon Sunday. A few hotel rooms are available at scattered locations. TCARC will provide a space with shade, chairs, and soft drinks in our spaces **2731-2734** near the center of the West flea market. It is the same location as last year - look for the Illini flag in the air. Table space is available for members to sell items at no charge. We do ask that anyone selling to please schedule a time slot to watch the tables so all of us can enjoy the rest of the hamfest. Everyone is welcome to take a break and rest anytime during the day. We will monitor 147.400 simplex. Please use a CTCSS tone of 162.2 to avoid most of the interference. If you leave before Sunday, you can drop off your tickets for the big drawing. Milt, K9QZI, will take the tickets to the final prize drawing and bring back your winnings. You may reach him at 217-377-5075, cell phone anytime. If you have the ARRL Travel Plus CD, be sure to take the Proof of Purchase coupon near the back of the book with you to get the new issue at half price!

## Technician Questions Change July 1 2014

The Technician Question Pool changes July 1. Our next VE Session will use the new questions.

## 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.

## Icom ID-5100

It is out! Dealers received them May 1 as promised. It is an outstanding radio, with a large touch screen, user friendly functions and menus, and a built in GPS. This is the latest D-Star radio by Icom. The functions are almost exactly like the ID-31 and ID-51 HTs. All D-Star repeaters are stored on an SD card which can be updated frequently. The radio will locate nearby repeaters when you travel and programming on the fly is easy. The touch screen unit is separate and is 7 inches by 3 inches, a very easy to see mobile rig. It covers both 2 meters and 70cm, but in addition, there is an Aircraft Band, AM, receive only, included. RT Systems released programming software for the 5100 just after the radio was released. The programming cable is the same as used for the 31 and 51. However, it also can use the same cable for most of the other Icom radios. The latter will not pass data for text transmission. Only the cable matching the 31 and 51 will handle data. Both program the radio well. It appears that Icom has a winner with this new 50 watt mobile radio! We just might have one to see at the May meeting.

## April VE Session

We are pleased that 6 individuals tested at our last VE Session and all passed. One upgraded to General, one passed all 3 test elements to become an Extra Class immediately, one passed both the Tech and General tests, while the others passed the Technician only. Congratulations to all, and thanks to the VEs who helped.

## Field Day

June 28-29 is fast approaching. Please contact Paul, N9XDN, to inform him of your plans. We need operators and equipment. Our June meeting will be mostly devoted to Field Day

**Baofeng owners** - Curt, KC9UNL is willing to program your radio! [curtstamp@aol.com](mailto:curtstamp@aol.com)

## Active Membership Guidelines

At the May Board Meeting, we set a policy to determine grace periods for those with unpaid dues for a current year. Here is a summary: A member must be current with dues to vote in any election. The grace period for delinquent dues is 3 months for those receiving the newsletter by US Mail, and 6 months for those receiving the newsletter by email. Those beyond the grace period will not receive newsletters. We are pleased with the large number of paid members at present. If at any time someone wishes to be removed from the mailing list, a note to that effect sent to the Secretary or Treasurer is appreciated. Previously, we had no firm policy on grace periods.

## No Meeting July and August

As is our current policy, we do not meet in July or August, and no newsletter is sent. We return to normal meetings in September.

## ARRL Centennial Celebration

Come celebrate! Thousands of members and friends of ARRL will gather at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, ARRL's birthplace, to celebrate the organization's first 100 years of members "Advancing the Art and Science of Radio." Founded in 1914, ARRL (American Radio Relay League) is the national association for Amateur Radio in the US and the largest organization of radio amateurs, or "hams," in the world. July 17-19 are the dates. More information at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).

