

## Hamfest Calendar

Nov 17-18 Fort Wayne IN  
 Nov 24 Evansville IN  
**2013**  
 Jan 5 Waukesha WI  
 Jan 15-25 Quartzsite AZ  
 Jan 20 WCRA St Charles IL  
 Jan 25 Collinsville IL  
 Feb 8-10 Orlando FL



## VE Exam Schedule

Nov 10 2012 Wabash Valley ARA  
 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
 Terry L. Hackett (217) 465-4884  
 Burkybile Law Office  
 15175 US Highway 150 Paris IL

Dec 08 2012 Wabash Valley ARA  
 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
 D Steven. Shorter (812) 243-4060  
 Glas-Col Annex 1730 S 7th St  
 Terre Haute IN

# Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

**November 2012**  
 Milt Forsberg K9QZI Editor



## November Meeting Tuesday November 13

Our next meeting at the UI Fire Institute is at 7 p.m. Tuesday November 13. The presentation is by Al Wolfe, K9SI, All About Relays. Relays are used in many electronic applications for control and switching. They are not associated with races or forwarding radio traffic. Come and learn how to use relays to your advantage!

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.

We have an exciting meeting planned for December already. Jim Coleman, KA6A, He will present a program, "Nanoscale Electronic Integrated Circuits - How Your Microprocessor Chip is Built.". This is his area of expertise at the University of Illinois. We are pleased to have him on our schedule and this should be a very interesting presentation, one that we have not seen in our club meetings. Mark your calendar now for December 11.

### Our Next VE Session

January 2013 Exact Date to be Announced  
 UI Fire Institute

### 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.

## A Christmas Party and You are Invited!

Bring your Family, friends, or come by yourself.

**When:** December 15th Around 5:00 P.M.

**Where:** 2507 Berniece, Champaign  
 Home of Pat (N9GOC) and Donna (N9KVE)  
 POTLUCK dinner, please bring a dish to share  
 Don't forget your WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT to EXCHANGE

Questions?? (217) 398-4914

More details in the December Newsletter.

## TCARC Officers and Board Members

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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

### 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

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## ARRL Requests Hams Do Not Self-Deploy to Areas Affected by Hurricane Sandy

ZCZC AG26  
QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 25 ARLB025  
From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT November 1, 2012  
To all radio amateurs

Amateur Radio operators who want to assist those Sections affected by Hurricane Sandy should not self-deploy to those areas. "There are many ARRL Sections involved in the impact area, and each has different requirements on how they locate, credential and deploy volunteers," explained ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, K11U. "If a need for manpower is identified that cannot be met locally or in the Section, Section leadership may contact other Sections for assistance. If the need is still not met, Section leadership may then contact ARRL HQ for assistance."

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## Jamboree on the Air

The 2012 Jamboree on the Air was again a big success world wide. Scouts were heard on most HF bands as well as repeaters including Echolink, D-Star, and IRLP. K9QZI, Milt, and K9BSL, Brad, set up a station on Saturday at the Monticello Railroad Museum as around 200 Scouts were visiting the museum working on the Railroad Merit Badge. The JOTA station was one of the stops for the boys as they moved to various locations on the grounds. Several boys enjoyed contacts with other Scouts on HF.

## VE Exams

Congratulations to the 3 taking their exam in October. All passed! We are pleased that KC9OAC, Nicholas, is now a General Class Operator. Our next exam is in January at the UI Fire Institute. The exact date will be announced in the next newsletter. Contact N9DN for info.

## Gathering

October 13 and 14 found several of our members at the Macomb home of Mark Garrett, KA9SZX attending his annual Gathering. This was an informal weekend for anyone wishing to join in. Pat and Donna, N9GOC and N9KVE, camped in their motor home in Mark's driveway. Others there were AB9FJ and K9QZI, as well as Rob, N9RIX, who cooked the turkey. Several friends from Macomb were there as well. It was an enjoyable weekend. Thanks to Mark!

## MFJ 40th

As announced in the October newsletter, MFJ celebrated 40 years of operation in October. Ben, K9BF, and Milt, K9QZI, attended the festivities in Starkville, Mississippi. It was a pleasure to visit the manufacturing locations and meet the people behind the catalogs and ads we frequently see. The event was Friday and Saturday, October 5 and 6. All 4 plants in Starkville were open for tours and were in operation. The MFJ display we see at many hamfests was set up in front of the main MFJ building. All products were discounted by 15% and MFJ paid the sales tax. Mr. Martin F Jew, the founder, welcomed everyone into his office and he provided lots of history of his family and MFJ. He is a native of Mississippi, as there is a large population of families of Chinese heritage located in the area. His father was part of the crew that put in the transcontinental railroad. Saturday Noon MFJ provided a fried chicken dinner at a nearby park. Several guest speakers provided information and entertainment during the dinner. Icom loaned radios used for the special event stations operating during the weekend. Ray Novak, Icom US Sales Manager, attended as he is a former MFJ employee, working there for 6 years before joining Icom. Friday evening, Ben and Milt found an excellent Southern Bar B Que restaurant. It was a long drive to attend, but it was well worth it!

## Lunch Bunch

We meet for Lunch almost daily. We have a reservation for Mondays at the Atlanta Bread Co. Other days we announce the location on 145.76

## CQ WW Sweepstakes

On October 27-28 several TCARC members operated the station at the home of Ben, K9BF, during the CQ World Wide Sweepstakes. The HF band conditions were outstanding! Many, many countries rarely heard were on the air making contacts. Operating Ben's station was a real pleasure as he is set up with an excellent antenna and full legal power. Most of the stations came back on the first call. Visitors operated Friday evening, day and evening Saturday, and Sunday afternoon. We arranged for our newer members to visit late Saturday afternoon to learn how to work a contest. Pizza and soft drinks were provided and most stayed well into the evening. It was a fun weekend! We send our thanks to Ben for making his station available.

## Hamfests

The hamfest schedule is thin this time of year, but there are still several good ones coming up in the Winter months. November 17-18 is Fort Wayne, Indiana. It is all indoors in the very nice War Memorial Colosseum convention center. The Saturday after Thanksgiving is the Evansville, Indiana hamfest in the park. Also indoors, it is a smaller but very friendly event. The major sponsor is the Ham Station of Evansville. January finds Waukesha Wisconsin and St Charles Illinois hamfests along with Collinsville Illinois at the end of the month. In February, the Orlando Hamcation is an outstanding hamfest. It is both indoors and outdoors. Florida weather usually permits outdoor activities most of the Winter. It is 3 days over the second weekend in February.

## Newsletter by Email

You can receive your TCARC newsletter by email if you wish. You will receive it sooner and you may print it from you computer, giving you a paper copy. Please let Milt K9QZI know if you wish to change to email. You can add a note with your dues payment requesting email also.

## GRE Shut Down

GRE closed the Japan factories in October. This could leave a big hole in the radio hobby. GRE makes scanners, both under the GRE name as well as the Radio Shack name. The US employees of GRE are working to find a way to continue operation, but nothing has been determined yet. GRE distributes Alinco products, and this operation remains in business. Alinco is based in California and expects to continue. Warranty repairs are still offered and the parts stock is in good shape.

## Dues

Yes, it is almost that time again. Our fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31. We are accepting dues for 2013 now. New members joining now will be credited for the full 2013 year. Checks should be payable to TCARC. Please mail to our PO Box or drop off at a meeting. Dues remain at \$20 per year, \$21 includes family.



## MID-WINTER HAMFEST

Ham Radio, Computers and Electronics Flea Market

Plenty of FREE Parking • Reserved Flea Market Tables • Hourly Prizes  
VE Testing for all License Classes • Forums

**Sunday, January 20, 2013**  
**(3rd Sunday)**  
**Doors open at 8AM (Closes at 1PM)**  
**Kane County Fairgrounds**  
**525 S. Randall Rd., St Charles, IL**



Talk-In on WCRA's 2M Repeater 145.31/- (107.2 Hz)  
and National Simplex Frequency 146.52 Mhz

**Tickets:** Advance, 4 raffle stubs \$8  
**Flea Market:** \$25/table (\$30 day, if avail.)  
At the door, 1 raffle stub \$10 Electricity available for \$10



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Please include an e-mail address so that we can confirm your order along with an SASE for delivery of tickets.

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