

## 2013 Hamfest Calendar

Oct 5 Bedford IN  
 Oct 6 West Liberty IA  
 Nov 16-17 Fort Wayne IN  
 Nov 30 Evansville IN



## VE Exam Schedule

Oct 12 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

Oct 12 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

Oct 20 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

Nov 9 2013 Central Illinois Radio Club  
 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) W5YI VEC  
 Keith R. Hanson (309) 378-4416  
 Fire Station-Lower Level  
 1300 E College Ave Normal IL

# Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

October 2013  
 Milt Forsberg K9QZI Editor



## Meeting October 8

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, at the UI Fire Institute, with starting time of 7:00 p.m. The program is a presentation on our local repeaters. The K9SI 444.100 repeater will soon be replaced. Al will bring the new one to the meeting for everyone to see. Kevin, KC8RFE will bring his home made D-Star repeater. We will be pleased to answer any repeater related questions.

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

October 20 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

## AES Not Closing!

"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated!"  
 ---Mark Twain

Due to a misunderstanding we erroneously reported that Amateur Electronics Service (AES) in Milwaukee was closing. This is not true! A statement was made that indicated the close of the AES repair service as the Service Manager retired. The correction came in a note by Tom Pachner, W9TJP AES National Sales Manager stating: "I received a call from a club member saying it was reported in your club newsletter that AES is closing. I was wondering if I could get a copy of the newsletter. Also, if it has been reported in the newsletter that we are closing how would we go about getting a retraction printed as we are not closing? Only our service department is closing due to the service manager retiring after 50 years of fixing radios."

We sincerely apologize for this error! And we are pleased that AES will continue to serve us!

## TCARC Officers and Board Members

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<b>Secretary</b>	Chris Anderson W9CMA	403-1599
<b>Treasurer</b>	Milt Forsberg K9QZI	352-5075

## Board Members

Jeremy Lamb 2016	621-8036
Kevin Coogan KC8RFE 2014	937-572-2081
Paul Toth N9XDN 2015	840-3522

## VE Coordinator

Debbie Fligor N9DN	244-4446
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<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.w9seh.org">www.w9seh.org</a>
<b>Analog Repeater K9CU</b>	146.760
<b>D-Star Repeater W9YR</b>	443.48125

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## Picnic at Ford-Harris Park

Our September meeting found us at the park on September 14 for our annual Fall Picnic. We send a big THANK YOU to Jeremy, KC9KGJ, for arranging and cooking the meat. We had burgers and pork chops along with all the goodies provided by our members bringing side dishes. The weather was very nice and everyone enjoyed visiting with each other. Thanks to all attending.

## VE Exams

Our next exam is October 20. All exam elements are offered, starting at 1:00 p.m. The fee, as established by our VEC, ARRL, is \$15. That entitles examinees the opportunity to take one of each of the 3 exam elements. In the case of a failure, the fee must be paid again to retake the exam. This is an ARRL VEC requirement. The FCC is closed, but the ARRL will still process exam results for submission to the FCC when it reopens

## 501c3 Progress

We are making progress! We received a letter from the IRS confirming receipt of our application. It indicates that we might receive certification soon, there might be more information required, or it might require additional development. No indication is given on our status. It is merely a form letter. With the government shut down, we won't expect to hear anything soon.

## The Gathering

Once again it's time for The Gathering at the home of Mark Garrett, KA9SZX, in Macomb Illinois. He holds this informal gathering of friends in the Fall each year. All Amateur Radio Operators and their families are invited. There will be a potluck dinner Saturday late afternoon. Mark also invites several of his colleagues from his work. Hotel rooms are getting tight as this is again Homecoming weekend for WIU. RVs are welcome in his yard. The main activity is Saturday, but several will be there Friday evening and some stay until Sunday. The date is October 12 2013.

## Hamfests

As we move into Fall, the number of nearby hamfests begins to shrink. The Peoria Superfest was excellent, as always. September 21 and 22 found many of us at the Peoria Expo Gardens attending the event. The weather was outstanding both days. The Saturday crowd was good, but numbers seem to be shrinking as with other hamfests. The number of inside vendors was noticeably less as the Opera House was not quite half filled and the food room in the Youth Building had no vendors. The large room appeared to be filled as in past years. Several forums were enjoyed by many, including a talk by Riley Hollingsworth, the retired FCC engineer over Amateur Radio. His was an outstanding talk mostly on how the FCC is functioning today. Sunday around Noon many witnessed a balloon launch with APRS and a video camera on board. It came down in a residential neighborhood on the West side of Bloomington. The next big hamfest near us is Fort Wayne November 16-17.

## VP Needed

Due to a recent very heavy workload, Jim, N9AJV, has requested to resign as our Vice President. He feels he cannot provide the excellent service to TCARC as he has in the past. He is willing to remain in an advisory capacity or as a member of the board, but he just cannot provide the time needed as VP. We thank Jim for all of his work and input and we hope as his workload changes, he will be able to return to a club office in the future. The board will determine his replacement as specified in our bylaws.

## 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.

## W2NSD SK

From ARRL

Wayne S. Green II, W2NSD (“Never Say Die”), of Hancock, New Hampshire, died September 13. He was 91. A well-known and often outspoken figure during what some consider Amateur Radio’s golden years in the 1950s and 1960s, Green helmed CQ Magazine for 5 years before becoming the self-proclaimed “El Supremo and Founder” in 1960 of 73 magazine, which he published until 2003.

“The purpose of [73] at that time was to get more hams building equipment,” Green recounted in a radio interview several years ago. A hallmark of 73 was Green’s iconic, rambling, and wide-ranging “Never Say Die” editorials, in which he rarely missed an opportunity to tweak the ARRL and his magazine competitors for their perceived shortcomings. In 2012 Green contributed back issues of 73 to Internet Archive.

“Wayne will be remembered in many different ways by many different people, but he will be long remembered,” said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. “He maintained his membership in the ARRL despite being a persistent critic. In the early days of packet radio he gave me some good advice as to how the ARRL should promote the new technology: ‘Talk about it as if everybody’s doing it, and eventually they will be.’”

Indeed, Green often was ahead of the curve in promoting such technologies as single-sideband phone, solid-state, FM, and the marriage of computers and ham radio, and he went on to found and publish Byte and other computer-oriented publications. “I live mostly in the future,” Green was quoted as saying.

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Green maintained a larger-than-life presence, even in the years after he faded from the Amateur Radio spotlight, and he never did really retire. “Hey old buddy, I will miss you,” radio talk show host Art Bell, W6OBB, posted to Wayne Green’s blog. “NEVER SAY DIE is a phrase that will be with me till it’s my time.” Green was an occasional guest on Bell’s “Coast to Coast AM” overnight talk program. There hardly was an issue that Green would not confront, and he expounded a variety of unconventional science, health, and medical theories — from cold fusion and the moon landing to AIDS and cancer cures. He continued to write and speak frequently on these topics and others, as well as on public policy, even at hamfests where he was a guest.

The “Final” in his blog sums up Green’s overarching philosophy. “Wayne Green passed away September 13, 2013 in a peaceful, painless transition from this life on Earth. An eternal optimist, and one who loved to share his never-ending zest for life, he was a friend to many and will be missed greatly. Wayne was not afraid of dying and was very much ready to embark on his next great adventure to the afterlife.”

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