

2013 Hamfest Calendar

Sep 21-22 Peoria IL
 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

September 2013
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Meeting Saturday September 14

We begin regular monthly meetings again with our annual Picnic on Saturday September 14 at the Ford-Harris Park. Starting in October, our meetings will return to the regular location of the UI Fire Institute on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. It is possible that we might tour some location and not meet at the Fire Institute. Adequate notice will be given about any change.

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

Picnic September 14

It's time for our potluck picnic at the Ford-Harris Park. On Saturday September 14, we plan to gather any time after 1:00 p.m. with the meal around 4 p.m. This is a great time to visit and catch up on the Summer happenings. The club will provide meat, soft drinks, table service, and condiments. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share. It can be a side dish, salad, desert, or appetizer. For those with special needs, personal drinks are welcome, non-alcoholic, of course. Please bring your own chairs as there is limited seating at the park. Small tables for eating also might be good.

This is an informal gathering with all family members welcome. Also, anyone interested in our hobby and/or joining the club is most welcome. The park is North of Urbana. Go North on US45 from I74 for 2.4 miles to the Ford-Harris Road, Go West on Ford-Harris a half-mile where the park is on the North.

TCARC Officers and Board Members

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VE Coordinator

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Website	www .w9seh.org
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Field Day at Ford-Harris Park

The 2013 ARRL Field Day was a success and everyone participating had a great time. We started off a little on the damp side with a thunderstorm rolling through just as the event began, but within the hour, the storm was over and everyone was on the air. The bands were not in great shape, but they were good enough to make lots of contacts. Several remained through the night, making contacts on the lower frequency HF bands. Our trailer provided shelter and a good place to operate the Flex 3000 used on several bands. As always, the evening potluck meal was a big success serving the operators and all of the families there for the meal. Thanks to Joe, K9KNW, for providing his dutch oven Breakfast for those spending the night or arriving early enough to join the meal. Results of all Field Day operations will appear in QST magazine later this Fall. Thanks to everyone who participated!

VE Exams

Our most recent exam session was in July. There were 5 who tested and all passed. One was a 9 year old from Bloomington. We are pleased and we congratulate all. One item we learned through that session is that anyone who has a valid FRN FCC number must use it and not a Social Security Number on the 605 form. Please be sure you have the number with you should you upgrade in the future.

Our next exam is October 20.

501c3 Progress

All of the paperwork is submitted for the 501c3 status with the IRS. We should have the certification within the next 2 months, or whenever the IRS issues it. This will permit anyone wishing to donate equipment or cash to the club to deduct the value on their Income Tax. It also gives us tax exempt status with Illinois Sales Tax should we make purchases locally.

Not AES ^ to Close

We just learned that Amateur Electronics Service (AES) in Milwaukee, a long time Amateur Radio supplier, is closing. This was confirmed at the recent Radio Expo Hamfest by Ray Grenier, Amateur Electronic Supply was reported to be closing, but we have received official information from AES that it is NOT closing. The Service Department is closing as their main technician retired after many years servicing amateur radio products. Statements relating to this were interpreted incorrectly. We are most pleased to find that AES remains open and will continue to provide excellent service as it has always done in the past. We are sad to see this closing as AES has been an excellent source for our needs. Started in 1957 by Terry Steerman, W9DIA, it moved once within Milwaukee, and expanded by adding stores in Cleveland, Los Vegas, and Orlando. Milwaukee is the headquarters. Many of us enjoyed the annual AES Superfest each Spring with many manufacturers represented and excellent forums. AES will be missed by all.

TCARC Officer Elections

At our June meeting, we elected officers for the coming year. All incumbents agreed to remain in place and were reelected, with one board member, Jeremy, KC9KGJ, being reelected to a 3 -year term. His current term expired this year. We now look forward to another great year for the Twin City Amateur Radio Club. Our officer year is September to September, with elections in June. The fiscal year is the calendar year, January through December.

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.

Visit from K1GTH

Members of the Illini Net had a nice visit from Doc, K1GTH, the past few days. He is on the way from New Mexico to the East Coast where he will take up residence. He is a regular on the net, but none of us had met him face to face until this week. We had 3 Lunch opportunities to visit with him and many attended. It was a pleasure to host him during this time. We wish him the best on his move. **Below: W9CGZ and K1GTH**



Route 66 Special Event September 7-15 2013

Several stations are operating with special event calls commemorating Route 66. Cards and certificates are available. W6B through W6T are on most HF bands. Look for them and just give a signal report, your name, and location. For details, see <http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/>

New Callsign

Congratulations to Mike Redenbaugh, formerly KC9YXD, now WB9JSO. This call belonged to his father and Mike was able to obtain it as a vanity call.

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.

Hamfests

The Summer months were again filled with weekend hamfests across the country. Attendance numbers are still down from the past, but it appears sales are increasing a little. The weather cooperated with most of our regional events. Included were Princeton, both Peotone hamfests, and Indianapolis. However, the Danville IL hamfest was cancelled due to the fairgrounds rental being doubled. Huntsville sold out all available spaces and had a good crowd on Saturday. Sunday was the typical thin crowd, but a good time to look around. Radio Expo at Belvidere was good with an excellent crowd. A 20 minute rain shower didn't dampen any spirits or equipment. We look forward to the Peoria Superfest September 21-22. Many of our members attend this one and it is always an excellent hamfest. Special this year is a talk by Riley Hollingsworth, the former FCC Amateur Radio Enforcement Director. He is a fascinating speaker and he is devoted to Amateur Radio. He was licensed at age 13 and continues to operate. He will speak from 10:30 to 11:30, according to Superfest information. This is a don't miss presentation!

D-Star QSO Party

It's time for the annual D-Star QSO Party sponsored by Icom. Prizes will be awarded on a lottery basis. Below are some details. For complete information, go to <http://www.icom.co.jp/world/d-starparty2013/>

September 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2013.

Friday 0:00 ~ Sunday 24:00 (UTC)

DV mode on:

28MHz*50MHz*70MHz*145MHz*430MHz*1200 MHz (Simplex on 28MHz, 50MHz and 70MHz)

Call: "CQ D-STAR QSO PARTY"

Information to exchange:

The other stations RS and then the year when you first operated D-STAR. (Example 59 2011)

Logs may be submitted electronic or paper containing the following:

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