

2013 Hamfest Calendar

.Jan 15-25 Quartzsite AZ
 Jan 20 WCRA St Charles IL
 Jan 25 Collinsville IL
 Feb 1 Miami FL
 Feb 8-10 Orlando FL
 Feb 16 Brownsburg IN
 Mar 9 Terre Haute IN
 Apr 21 Arthur IL



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VE Exam Schedule

Jan 12 2013 Piatt County ARC ARRL/VEC
 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Michael S. Mullins (217) 377-1523 n0prn@netzero.net
 Piatt County Emergency Operating Centers
 1111 North State Street Monticello IL

Jan 12 2013 Wabash Valley ARA ARRL/VEC
 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Terry L. Hackett (217) 465-4884
 kburkybile@tigerpaw.com
 Burkybile Law Office 15175 US Highway 150 Paris IL

Jan 19 2013 Central Illinois Radio Club W5YI VEC
 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Keith R. Hanson (309) 378-4416 AC9S@mchsi.com
 Fire Station-Lower Level 1300 E College Ave Normal IL

Feb 09 2013 Wabash Valley ARC
 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
 D Steven. Shorter 812) 232-4788 NT9T@RNACS.com
 Glas-Col Annex-Rear of Building
 1715 S 8th St Terre Haute IN

Jan 27 2013 Twin City Amateur Radio Club
1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
Debra J. Fligor (217) 244-4446
Univ of IL Fire Service Inst
11 Gerty Dr Champaign IL

Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

January 2013
 Milt Forsberg K9QZI Editor



Meeting Tuesday January 8

Our next TCARC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday January 8, at the UI Fire Institute. Our program for this month is a presentation on Amateur Radio Nets. Representatives of our local nets will describe each and provide necessary details to join these nets. Also, we will include a short discussion on "net etiquette", or proper behavior during net operation.

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

1:00 P.M. January 27 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

Late Newsletter

From Milt K9QZI

I apologize for the late newsletter this month. My computer died with no warning and I had a difficult time getting everything up and running on a backup computer. My files are backed up, but the program that I use to create the newsletter was only on the dead computer. I have since replaced the computer and reinstalled the necessary programs to continue with the publication. I am sorry for the delay.

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.

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

Brad K9BSL is Leaving

Brad, K9BSL, is moving from our area to New York State in March. He has plans to marry a very nice lady, Jodie Jacque, who lives in New York State. They will have several acres of land, which means antenna possibilities are unlimited. Wedding plans are for early Summer. We will miss Brad, but we wish him the very best on his new adventure. He currently serves the club as a member of the Board of Directors, meaning that we will search for a replacement. Anyone interested may contact Wayne, AB9FJ, President, or any other club officers.

Interactive D-Star Presentation on the Internet

December 29 was the live interactive D-Star Internet broadcast by W5KUB on w5kub.com. Several experts covered almost all facets of D-Star, and questions sent via the Internet chat room were discussed and answered. If you missed the live session, w5kub.com allows you view the broadcast, or any part of it.

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 145.76, usually anywhere from shortly after Noon to 12:30.. All are welcome to attend and may come late, leave early, or both.

Dues

Thanks to everyone who paid their 2013 dues! The response has been excellent. If you have not yet paid, please pay as soon as you can. You can pay at the meeting or mail a check to our PO Box shown as the return address for the newsletter. Your dues status will be indicated either on the address label or with your newsletter email.

Hamfests

January 5 was the hamfest in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The weather was good as was the crowd. It appeared that a few tables were sold but not occupied. The crowd attending was good during most of the open hours. Most vendors sold used equipment, along with a few such as Amateur Accessories selling new parts. No radio dealers were there.

Coming up this month are the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Hamfest (WCRA) at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St Charles Illinois on January 20, and another in Collinsville Illinois at the end of the month. Quartzfest in Arizona January 15-25, is a large and interesting gathering of Amateurs. Most arrive in motor homes or RV trailers. There are many interesting activities, demonstrations, and seminars, along with beautiful weather during the week.

February 8-10, the Orlando Hamcation is an outstanding hamfest. It is both indoors and outdoors. Florida weather usually permits outdoor activities most of the Winter. For those in the area, or wanting to travel to Florida early, the Miami Hamfest is a week earlier. The word is that it is at a new venue, which is a very nice location. Contrasted to a few years ago, the new place is a welcome change.

The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association announced March 9 as this year's date for the Terre Haute Hamfest. At a new location in Indiana State University, this looks like a good one to attend.

Upcoming Events

We are working on our annual auction and Field Day. The auction date is not yet set, but we are looking at dates in March. Field Day is, as always, the last full weekend in June, which is June 29 and 30. If you would like to help with plans, or are willing to chair one of these, please contact Wayne, AB9FJ, or any other club officers.

VE Exams

Our VE Exam schedule is now firm We will hold the sessions at 100 p.m. at the UI Fire institute. Go in the main door and look for signs directing you to the classroom. The dates are:

January 27 April 21 July 21 October 20

New Products

New on the horizon are two items that are creating lots of excitement in the Amateur community. Baofeng, a Chinese manufacturer, introduced the UV-5R, a 2 meter/70 cm HT. The excitement is the price, under \$50 on Amazon. It is FCC certified for part 97 and part 90 of FCC rules. This means it is fine for Amateur use as well as on commercial frequencies, provided there is proper licensing. Also, the Raspberry Pi computer for \$35 for the populated board only. Many Amateur applications are available for this, and it is a full computer, running mostly Linux.. It uses an SD card for the operating system and storage. It is entry level but works well

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Our December Meeting

.At our December meeting, Jim Coleman, KA6A, provided an outstanding presentation on the creation of computer CPU chips. We learned many fascinating facts and we enjoyed viewing the samples he brought. Many club members attended, as this was one of our largest meetings in recent months. Jim always makes exciting presentations. We greatly appreciate his time with us.

Thanks to Donna and Pat!

Over 30 attended the Ham Radio Christmas Party in December at the home of Donna and Pat Curtin, N9KVE and N9GOC. Lots of good food was consumed, along with great fellowship during the evening. Donna held her annual gift exchange for those participating. As always, the exchange created many laughs and lots of entertainment. We send a big thanks to Donna and Pat for their hosting this annual event.



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