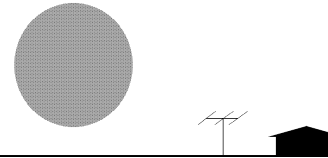


Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

April 2006

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Hamfest Calendar

Apr 22 Madison, WI
30 Arthur, IL
May 7 Sandwich, IL
May 19-21 Dayton, OH
Jun 3-4 Princeton, IL
Jul 8 Indianapolis, IN
9 Aurora, IL
16 Peotone, IL
Aug 19-20 Huntsville, AL
26-27 Grayslake, IL

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VE Exams

16-Apr-2006 NATIONAL TRAIL ARC
7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
RUSSELL D THOMAS (217) 347-7346
EFFINGHAM EMERGENCY OPS CENTER
311 MIRACLE AVE EFFINGHAM, IL 62401

17-Apr-2006 MOULTRIE ARC
7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
RALPH ZANCHA (217) 873-5287
MOULTRIE ARC CLUBHOUSE
SULLIVAN, IL 61951

22-Apr-2006 CLINTON COUNTY ARC
9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
SAMUEL F PAUL (765) 659-1720
FRANKFORT COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
208 W CLINTON ST ROOM 212
FRANKFORT, IN 46041

23-Apr-2006 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 61820

Meeting April 11

Our next meeting of the Twin City Amateur Radio Club is Tuesday April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the UI Fire Institute. Our program is a presentation on APRS by Andy Wadsworth, W9ADS. He will inform us on how it works, what you need to run it, and he will show us what we can do with APRS.

The Board meets the Thursday prior to the club meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the UI Fire Institute. Please note that this is a change from our past board meeting locations. All members are welcome to attend.

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.

EchoLink and Echo time

As most of us know, the TCARC 146.76 repeater supports EchoLink, which connects to other repeaters and nodes around the world. A lesser-known feature is the reporting of local time and weather. This is an add-on feature of EchoLink. To access these functions, use your touchtones, entering 00* for time, 99* for current weather conditions, and 44* for the local weather forecast. Be sure to identify with your call after using these features. For EchoLink functions, use this link: http://learning.ncsa.uiuc.edu/wads/ham/ec_holink/instructions.html

Auction Was A Success

Our annual auction on April 1 generated funds for the club while it created a lot of fun for those attending. We thank Darren, KF9Z, Steve, W9HC, and Ray, K9RNS, for auctioneering. We also thank Steve, KR4S, of Amateur Accessories for sponsoring the event by funding the building rent. Many other members helped with setup, sales, and coordination. WCIA visited the auction and shot some video that was used on the evening news. Because the church members did not want to provide a food service, the XYLs of K9SI, W9HC, and WA9KGU set up our food service. This generated a little profit for the club, and it provided good food for the Noon meal. 50 bidders attended. Sales amounted to \$1177. Our net profit on the auction including food, donated items, bidder numbers, and sale commissions was around \$375. We thank everyone who helped and all of the bidders.

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