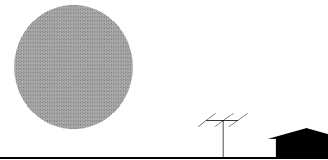


Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

December 2005

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Hamfest Calendar

Dec 10 Carthage, IL
18 Lowell, MI
Jan 7 Waukesha, WI
22 St Charles, IL
28 Collinsville, IL
Feb 3-4 Jackson, MS
4-5 Miami, FL
10-12 Orlando, FL

VE Exams

14-Jan-2006 UNSPONSORED ARRL/VEC
10:30AM (Walk-ins allowed)
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04-Feb-2006 SANGAMON VALLEY RADIO CLUB
9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)ARRL/VEC
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Meeting December 8

The next TCARC meeting is *this Thursday, December 8*. Yes, the date was changed due to space availability. We will hold a chili supper for TCARC members and their families at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, located at 14 Bel Air Court. That's off of Windsor between Neil Street and Prospect. Please bring a side dish and/or desert to share. The club will provide drinks and table service. This is an informal social gathering and replaces our normal December meeting.

Repeaters Change Tone

We made the change! The most active repeaters in Champaign and Urbana have changed and/or added CTCSS tones. December 1 was the announced date for the changes, and they were made that day. The 146.76, 444.100, and 444.525 repeaters all now require a tone of 162.2 for access. The 146.76 repeater was open access prior to the change, but, in line with the Illinois Repeater Council plan, we added the tone to access that repeater. We chose the 162.2 tone to avoid users of other systems bringing up our repeaters unintentionally. It appears that no other repeater in our area uses this tone, so we should now hear only signals intended for our repeaters. As with any change, we expect some fine tuning before everything works well. The tone level is being adjusted for the best fit between hearing the tone and not enough tone to open your receiver.

We are still looking for contributions to the repeater fund. Please send your check now if you have not already.

Dues are Due

Our fiscal year begins January 1. Your dues are needed to help keep the club running. Please send your check soon for 2006 – Only \$20 for a year, or \$21 for a family. Make checks to TCARC and mail to the return address on this newsletter. Check your mailing label. If it shows 2005 or earlier, please send your 2006 dues. If you are not current for 2005, please include \$20 per year to bring your membership up to date.

VE Exams

We held a special exam session a week after our regular one. This added 3 new licensed operators to our hobby. Our next exam is in January.

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