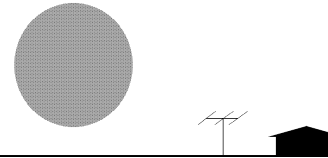


Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

January 2006

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Hamfest Calendar

Jan 7 Waukesha, WI
22 St Charles, IL
28 Collinsville, IL
Feb 3-4 Jackson, MS
4-5 Miami, FL
10-12 Orlando, FL
25 LaPorte, IN

VE Exams

14-Jan-2006 UNSPONSORED ARRL/VEC
10:30AM (Walk-ins allowed)
MIKE R HUGHES(815)560-3200
FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
386 W KENNEDY ROAD
BRAIDWOOD, IL 60408

22-Jan-2006 Twin City Amateur Radio Club

1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Debra J Fligor (217)244-4446
Univ of IL Fire Service Inst
11 Gerty Dr Champaign, IL 61820

04-Feb-2006 SANGAMON VALLEY RADIO CLUB

9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)ARRL/VEC
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Meeting January 10

Our next meeting of the Twin City Amateur Radio Club is Tuesday, January 10, at the UI Fire Institute, at 7 p.m. You can be part of the program this month! Everyone is invited to bring a "Home Brew" project to show to the club. Home Brew is a term meaning something you created or built yourself. It can be a piece of radio gear, support items, or even ham-related software you created. It is interesting to see what our members create. Board meets Jan 5 at the Fire Institute.

Check Your Address Label

We are now in a new year for the club. Please check the address label on this newsletter to be sure your dues are current. It should show 2006 or later. If not, then please send your check to bring your membership up to date. Also, if you are a member of the ARRL and have notified us that you are, the label will contain "ARRL" as well. If anything on the label is incorrect, please let K9QZI know so it may be corrected.

VE Exams

Our next VE Exam Session is Sunday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the UI Fire Institute. The dates for 2006 are Jan 22, April 23, July 16, and October 15. All are Sundays, starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Fire Institute. January and April were moved from our normal 3rd Sunday to avoid conflicts with Martin Luther King weekend and Easter.

Repeater Update

The antenna changeover is now complete, with the removal of the old tower just prior to Christmas. Coverage appears to be a little better to the Northwest now, but still is better in other directions. This is good in that we don't create a conflict with the 146.76 repeater in Peoria. The 444-100 repeater can be worked from many locations in and around Bloomington. Please remember that our repeaters now require a tone of 162.2 to access them.

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

Radio Expo – New Date!

August 26-27, 2006 again at Grayslake
No conflict with Peoria this year!

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