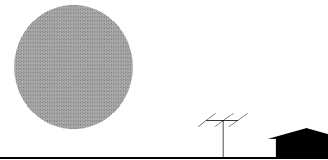


# Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

January 2007

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## Hamfest Calendar

Jan 6 Waukesha WI  
Jan 27 Collinsville IL  
Jan 28 St Charles IL  
Feb 2-3 Jackson MS  
Feb 9-11 Orlando FL  
Feb 24 LaPorte, IN

## VE Exams

### 21-Jan-2007 TWIN CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
DEBRA J FLIGOR (217) 244-4446  
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### 03-Feb-2007 SANGAMON VALLEY RADIO CLUB

Also 07-Apr-2007  
9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
JAMES STEVE UPCHURCH (217)529-3218  
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1045 OUTER PARK DR SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

### 15-Apr-2007 TWIN CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
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## Meeting January 9

Our next meeting of the Twin City Amateur Radio Club is Tuesday, January 9, at the UI Fire Institute at 7:00 p.m.

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.

The Board meets the Thursday prior to the club meeting at 7:00 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.

## Morse Code Testing Abolished

The FCC announced on December 15, 2006, that the Morse Code element of the Amateur Radio Exam will be abolished. The effective date of the change will be 30 days after the announcement is published in the Federal Register. This should happen shortly, making the drop date in February. Until then, the code is still required. Procedures for upgrades for those holding a CSCE have not been announced. There has been no statement on charging or waiving exam fees for the upgrades. Watch for announcements soon. See the details of the ruling inside this newsletter

**TCARC Auction is April 14** – Mark your calendars now!

## VE Exam Session January 21

Our next TCARC VE Exam session is at 1 pm on January 21 at the UI Fire Institute. The fee remains at \$14 for 2007 and Morse Code is still required for General and Extra. Upgrades without code cannot be processed yet.

## 2007 Dues

Please check your address label on this newsletter. It shows the expiration date of your current membership. If it is 2006, your 2007 dues are payable. If you have not paid, please send at check to TCARC at the address on this newsletter. We need your help! If there is an error on the date, please contact K9QZI.

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