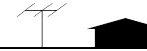
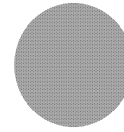


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Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

March 2006

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Hamfest Calendar

Mar 11 Terre Haute, IN
12 Sterling, IL
25 Columbus, IN
25-26 Timonium, MD
31-Apr AES Superfest, Milwaukee
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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20-Mar-2006 MOULTRIE ARC ARRL/VEC
7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
RALPH ZANCHA (217) 873-5287
MOULTRIE ARC CLUBHOUSE
SULLIVAN, IL 61951

01-Apr-2006 SANGAMON VALLEY RADIO CLUB
9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
JAMES STEVE UPCHURCH (217) 789-2500
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1025 S 6TH ST SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

02-Apr-2006 WABASH VALLEY ARA
1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
D STEVEN SHORTER (812) 232-4788
RED CROSS BLDG (BASEMENT)
700 S 3RD ST US HWY 41 TERRE HAUTE, IN

23-Apr-2006 TWIN CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC
DEBRA J FLIGOR (217:)244-4446
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Meeting March 14

Our next meeting of the Twin City Amateur Radio Club is Tuesday March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the UI Fire Institute. Our program is by Steve Brown, W9HC, who will discuss QRP operation. That's low power transmitter operation. It is amazing what you can do with only a few watts, a good antenna, and a battery. Steve will enlighten us on the subject and give us some ideas to try. Mark your calendar for this fascinating presentation next Tuesday.

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.

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Auction April 1

No fooling! The auction is on Saturday, April 1 at the Windsor Road Christian Church in the 2500 block of West Windsor in Champaign. That's between Mattis and Duncan on the South side of Windsor. Plenty of free parking is available. The doors open at 11 and the auction begins at 1:00 p.m. Bring your gear you want to sell and bring your friends to buy it! The club will charge 10% for the sale, but if you are not happy with the bidding, you may bid up the price and, if you are the winning bidder, there is no charge. Bidder numbers are still \$2. We prefer amateur equipment, or at least electronic equipment be sold. Please leave your TV sets, stereos, and telephones at home. There will be food available for lunch at the church. Steve, KR4S, of Amateur Accessories, will set up his "store" in the lobby if you wish to purchase new items. This is the same as his hamfest operation. Steve also assists us with the costs and he provides some prizes for the attendees. The auction is open to everyone, so let all of your friends know, and pass the word when you talk to others on the air. The auction is always lots of fun, and it generates funds to help keep our club running. Last year, the auction generated around \$450 for the club. We welcome items donated to the club for sale. We included a flyer for the auction in this newsletter. If you can find a location, please post it. You may copy it as much as you wish.

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