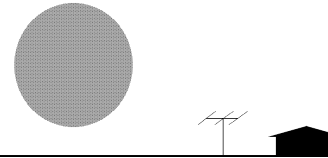


# Twin City Amateur Radio Club

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

November 2005

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## Hamfest Calendar

Nov 13 Litchfield, IL ATV Banquet  
19-20 Ft Wayne, IN  
26 Evansville, IN

## VE Exams

12-Nov-2005 WABASH VALLEY ARA  
8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
JOHN W VAN SANDT (217)826-8821  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
902 N 6TH ST MARSHALL, IL 62441

26-Nov-2005 STARVED ROCK RADIO CLUB  
12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed) ARRL/VEC  
THOMAS B CHROMZACK (815)646-4488  
STARVED ROCK RADIO CLUB  
73 TABOR ST NEXT TO TABOR GRAIN  
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED  
LEONORE, IL 61332

03-Dec-2005 SANGAMON VALLEY RADIO CLUB  
9:00 AM (No walk-ins) ARRL/VEC  
JAMES STEVE UPCHURCH (217) 529-3218  
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## Meeting November 8

The next TCARC meeting is Tuesday, November 8, at the UI Fire Institute, at 7:00 p.m. The program is a presentation by Steve Brown, W9HC, on QRP operating. He has an interesting presentation lined up for us!

The Board meets the Thursday prior to the club meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the UI Fire Institute. 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.

## Dues are Due Soon

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

Our last VE session added 5 more to the licensed Amateur Radio Operators. Congratulations to all, and thanks to the VEs who assisted with the exam.

## Repeaters

Work is almost complete in the tower replacement. We expect the new tower to be functional in the next 2 weeks, if all goes well. A tone access will soon be required for the 146.76 repeater. Plans call for 162.2 tone. Testing is planned for this month and installation in December. The repeater building was raised and leveled in October thanks to K9MLT and WA9KGU for the heavy work, assisted by N9MJZ, KA9SZX, N9MJW, W9DML, and AB9FJ. K9SI headed the crews. Thanks to all! Clinton, IL now has a repeater on 442.175. Soon to come is another on 146.715.

We still have an ongoing fund drive for the 146.76 repeater hardware. At present, we are a few hundred dollars short. If you can help, please send contributions to TCARC, PO Box 2061, Champaign 61825-2061.

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