



HamGab

Next meeting: October 2nd

October 2015



Those Wacky Game Shows

Our next meeting will feature Those Wacky Game Shows presented by Steve Cooper. Steve has done two highly entertaining shows at Hamfesters in the past. This show received 5 out of 5 stars by every audience member last time it was presented. Here is Steve's summary:

The new show is called THOSE WACKY GAME SHOWS. Like my other programs - it's 60 to 90 minutes of rare videos of great celebrities and memories of the old days of TV. Each clip is introduced by me with a short "behind the scenes" story. The clips I use are EXTREMELY funny & entertaining. It took me over 50 hours to compile & record this show. Some of the shows & celebrities include: Betty White, Groucho Marx, Liberace, Mickey Rooney, Bobby Darin, Jack Benny, Steve Allen, What's My Line, I've Got A Secret, Hollywood Squares, Paul Lynde, The Gong Show, Make Me Laugh, Password, The Match Game, Harry James and The Orchestra, The \$64,000 Question, (the show titled) 21 (and the Quiz Show Scandals), Winky Dink & Pinky Lee (Kid's Shows), You Asked For It (includes the greatest Bowling Trick Shots ever!), Carol Burnett and more. There's even a clip of (supposedly) Barack Obama as a magician on The Gong Show when he was 13.



Steve Cooper



Gene W9PNG

Our webmaster Gene W9PNG gave last's months meeting presentation on the Linux operating system. It was an elegant summary of the history of Linux and practical advice about the current Linux distributions and their uses. There is even Ham Radio software for Linux. Linux is open source so besides being useful, it's also free. Thanks Gene

DON'T FORGET YOUR SPLIT THE POT TICKETS AT THE NEXT MEETING!

Yes yours truly won the split the pot at the last meeting. Keep buying tickets and next time it could be you!

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October Birthdays

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Daniel AA9DA
James N9HSH
John WB9JTS
Robert N9JYX
Ronald WB9JYZ
Stanley W9KME
Kerry AA9SB
Joseph KB9TCZ
Tom KA9ZXN
Lucille W9ST
James Twohig (no callsign)

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THE PRESIDENTS BEAT

DONALD POINTER KC9EQQ

OCTOBER 2015

Gotta thank you: Gene W9PNG gives a great class. It was very educational and I would like to see him give another class. His program on the Linux operating system at our September 11th program was down to earth and gave a better insight into an operating system for computers that many folks don't know much about. Thanks Gene!

Gotta thank you: Steve W9KXT will be my go to guy from now on, when it comes to delivering a meaningful and heartfelt speech about his pride in his country and how thankful we should be about those in Uniform- be it military or First Responder. Thank you Steve for leading us off at our September 11th meeting.

Gotta thank you: Bob KB9YXH is a Gentlemen's Gentlemen. When I see him at our meetings, you can't not but help feeling you are in the presence of a kind hearted soul. He takes pride in taking care of all the door and raffle prizes at each meeting. Thank you Bob.

Gotta thank you: Kathy KC9NRH and her husband Bob N9KWG get a big thanks from Nora and I for stepping up and bringing Pattie KC9LYE to our meetings rain or shine. And on the way to the meeting they pick up our donuts for our coffee break time too!. Thank you Kathy and Bob!

Gotta thank you: Speaking of Pattie, I want to thank her for doing such an awesome job as secretary for our club. It's a big job and she rocks it!

Gotta thank you: Kerry AA9SB has worn so many hats for this club he should own a hat shop! Past President, Past Hamfest Chairman, current Publicity Chairman. Great job Kerry at all you continue to do and have done for our club. Thank you!

Gotta thank you: A nice thank you to Ben KC9CXT who always makes sure Stan W9KME gets a ride to our meetings regularly. Thanks Ben!

Gotta thank you: Thank you Kurt WB9FMC for taking on the chair of Hamfest this year. You did an excellent job! Special thanks to your wonderful wife Helen for her support too! You two are quite a cool pair!

Gotta thank you: No club our size could exist without a well run financial plan and ours does exist, and exists well, thanks to our Treasurer Ed WA9EOL who keeps the books in fine shape. Thanks Ed!

Gotta thank you: My wife, our Board member, our coffee and goodies provider. She does it all well. She is Nora, my wife of 23 years as of October 10th gets a big thank you for everything she does for me personally and for me in my role of President of our club. Happy Anniversary and I love you.

Gotta thank you: Brian W9HLQ, (along with the aforementioned Gene), does an outstanding job with keeping our website fresh, exciting and Cooool! Plus his role as membership chair and Education chair keeps him busy. Great job Brian and thank you!

Gotta thank you: The father and son team of Al N9ZD and his son David N9KPD pulled off some awesome feats at Hamfest, with Al working hard on improving the sound system at Hamfest so that our guest speakers Valerie and his son David could provide a great pair of programs for our attendees. Thank you gentlemen for all your contributions throughout the year! Also, thank you Al for all your VE work.

Gotta thank you: Speaking of father and son teams that can't be beat a big shout out to Steve KC9OOL and his son Eric KC9OOM who co-edit our Hamgab newsletter. It's the best Ham newsletter out there and we say thank you for that Steve and Eric!

Gotta thank you: They are the dynamic duo known as Jim N9HSH and his sidekick Cindy N9CAS. Whether it's helping move stuff at Field day, or selling tickets at Hamfest or assisting at our meetings, I am always appreciative of their various contributions to our club. Thanks Jim and Cindy! Oh yea by the way Jim thanks for running the 10 meter net too!

Gotta thank you: Peggy Peters K9QLM does a great job helping Nora and Cathy at our greeters table. Not to mention she keeps husband Steve W9KXT in line! Thanks Peggy!

Gotta thank you: I call him Mr. Sound! But we all know him as the guy who keeps the music playing so to speak- He is Mike WA9ZPM and without his audio skills you would not hear Jim KB9CYL, Ed, Pattie and I up at the head table. (Okay insert cute comeback comment here everyone!). Thanks Mike for your dedication!



Gotta thank you: Without Ron KB9TCX we would not have the wonderful Honor Guard presentation at our Fourth of July Salute to Veterans. Ron your contribution is highly valued by this club and I and for that I say thank you!

Gotta thank you: Jim KB9CYL is not only a heckuva Vice President, but he is also my dearest friend. He's got my back and that of this club too. He has done it all for this club and for this President too. The presence of you and your wife Judy in the lives of Nora and I never goes un-noticed and for that I thank you.

Gotta thank you: Thanks also go to Bob N9JYX his past contributions as President and his current assistance as a VE too. Good Job Bob!

Gotta thank you: Thanks go to Tom KA9ZXN who gets out there on Monday nights and does a fine job Hosting our Monday night net!

You know I did this tribute to so many of you at the risk of missing someone to thank. Well let me tell you, as President of this, the best Ham Radio club there is, I am aware of all the contributions you all make for this club. Honestly, I do not miss much when it comes to seeing who does what for Hamfesters. And I know you do things for this club because like me I know you have this club in your heart. It is that dedication that has kept this club going strong for 84 years and it is that dedication that will **keep it going** for many years to come. And for that I thank you.

Gotta thank you: For years he served as our Sergeant of Arms among other things and for that a big thank you to Rich N9UNQ for all your years of service to our club!

BACK ON THE BEAT: *Our October 2nd program brings back a guest speaker who is back by popular Demand- The one and only Steve Cooper of the Steve Cooper Orchestra with his new program entitled: "Those Wacky TV Game Shows". This is a brand new presentation by Steve and he tells me that it has been exceptionally well received by the many audiences who have seen it. Steve has done a number of presentations for our club over the years and you all should know that Steve thoroughly enjoys our club and looks forward to giving us another program, so let's have a night full of fun and fellowship. I have invited he and his wife Mary to join us for pizza with the club at Beggars after his program. Please feel free to join us there. Back on the beat Part Two: Uh oh! He's baaaaaack! Jim KB9CYL will be our presenter at the November 6th program for our club. His topic will be "The ABC'S of Geo Caching!" Come and learn about this growing and fun hobby!*

LAST BUT NOT LEAST: *Great food and fun times await you at our annual Christmas Party at Papa Joes Restaurant in Orland Park on Friday, December 4th. Tickets are available through our website and at our October and November meetings. Deadline for these tickets will be November 30th so order them now! Nora and I hope to see you there! At \$25 per person it's a swell deal! Questions? Please email me at my new email address for club inquiries which is: donaldpointer75@yahoo.com or call me. My number is in the roster. Thank you and 73.*

Don Pointer KC9EQQ President of the best darn Ham Radio club there is- Hamfesters!

Questions, comments etc., for Don? Please email him at: hamprezlistens@mail.com or call him between the hours of 10am to 8pm at: 773-426-1936.

Board Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters amateur radio club board meeting August 24, 2015 meeting began at 7:30 PM.

Roll: Don KC9EQQ, Jim KB9CYL, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Nora KC9MLV, Cathy KC9NRH, Brian W9HLQ, Gene W9PNG, Steve W9KXT, Kerry AA9SB

Programs; Sept. 11, Gene W9PNG, Linux. Because our next club meeting will be on Friday, September 11, all military and first responders will be encouraged to come in uniform.

October 2, club nominations for 2016, our guest speaker will be Steve Cooper program will be game shows.

November 6, club elections, Jim KB9CYL, geocaching.

December 4, Christmas party. There will be no featured entertainment, but there will be many prizes.

Hamfest 2015: thanks to Hamfester chairman Kurt WB9FMC, and all the volunteers for their work at our hamfest. In 2016, we will remind vendors to dispose of their unwanted wares.

Our speakers at the hamfest were: Dave N9KPD, his topic basic weather spotting, and Val her topic DXing, were well received.

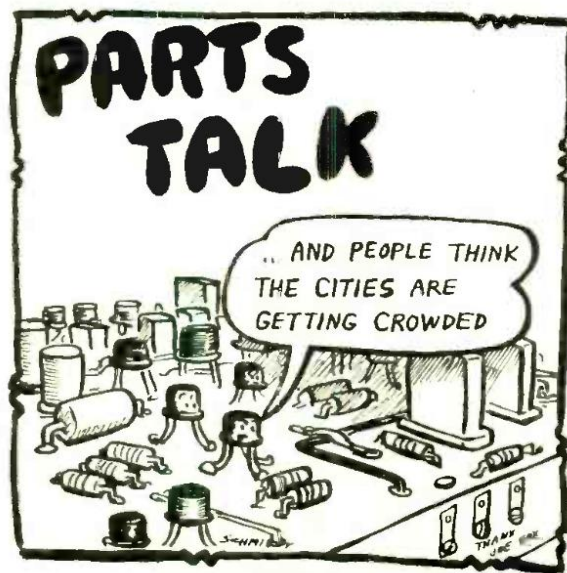
Thanks to Al N9ZD, for his work on the sound system at hamfest.

Treasurer's report: report by Ed WA9EOL, hamfest 2015 was a success.

Publicity: report by Kerry AA9SB, publicity was emailed for the September 11 meeting. This publicity stated that all first responders and military may attend the meeting in uniform.

New business: Nora KC9MLV, suggested we could give out more awards, than just Hamfester of the year at the Christmas party.

Adjournment: 8:45 PM, Jim KB9CYL, and Steve W9KXT



General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters amateur radio club meeting. September 11, 2015 meeting began at 7:38 PM.

Roll: Don KC9EQQ, Jim KB9CYL, Patti KC9LYE, Jim N9HSH.
Steve W9KXT, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer.
There were 32 members, and 1 visitor, at tonight's meeting.
We have a new member; Don KX9Q, welcome Don!

Program: tonight, Gene W9PNG, Linux
October 2, club nominations, and Steve Cooper game shows.
November 6, club elections, and Jim KB9CYL, geocaching.
December 4, Christmas party get your tickets now!

Technology: Brian W9HLQ, you can sign up to use the club's Flex transceiver, available dates; October 2015, and January 2016.
Also, please remember to check the website for the club, Hamfester.org often for important updates.

New business: Dave N9KPD, SK, Run Saturday, September 26th at the college of DuPage.
If you can volunteer be there by 3 PM. Contact Dave for more information.

Badger trip: Pete K9OWQ, the trip September 19, and 20, all available cabins have been sold out the first time.

Minutes: the minutes for August 7 approved by Bob N9KWG.

Publicity: by Kerry AA9SB, publicity was emailed to the newspapers for tonight's meeting.

Field day: by Jim KB9CYL, will be held on June 26, and 27, 2016.

Hamgab: by Steve KC9OOL, thanks to everyone who has submitted an article, please continue to do so in the future.

Adjournment: at 9:30 PM by Bob N9KWG, and Bob N9JYX.
Split the pot winner tonight was Steve KC9OOL.

door prize winners; Nora KC9MLV, Al N9ZD, Bob KB9YXH, Don KC9EQQ, Cindy N9CAS,

Hamfesters Roster News

Please welcome new member **Don Sachnoff, KX9Q**. He lives in Tinley Park and is active on all ham bands 80 and above. He spends a lot of time on the digital modes, some CW and SSB. Don is semi-retired, but does some tutoring in math and physics to high school and college students. His interests for the club would be teaching ham classes and working with web support. I bet he can do other things too, so get him involved and put him to work!

Hamfesters VE Testing de Al Bukowski N9ZD VE Coordinator

Hamfesters VE Testing Report for September 2015

Hamfester's Radio Club VE's team assembled to administered Amateur Radio exams on September 12, 2015 at Oak Forest City Hall. We had two candidate, one who upgraded to General and one new Technician. Tim AA9BV, Bob N9JYX, and Mel K9ZAV assisted in administering, grading and signing all paperwork. Congratulations to the candidates. A big Thank You to all the VE's for your dedicated time helping me at all test sessions.



Amateur Radio Exams INFO:

Hamfester's Radio Club VE's offer License Testing for those who want to get their first ham license, or those who want to upgrade to a higher class license. Examination sessions are available on the second Saturday of each month. We will assist you with completion of all necessary paperwork prior to taking your exam.

Requirements - What to Bring to an Exam Session:

A fee of \$15 dollars is charged for the examination. Payment is Cash ONLY. Please bring a government-issued ID; (one ID could be a driver's license). If you would prefer to not use your Social Security Number on your application, we suggest obtaining a Federal Registration Number (FRN) from the FCC website - otherwise you'll need to use your Social Security Number.

Upgrade Examinations:

If you are already licensed and are taking an upgrade examination: Please bring your printed *original* license, and a copy of your current license that we can keep. Also, if you have recently taken an examination that has not been processed by the FCC, Please bring your *latest CSCE* and a *Copy of that CSCE* that we can keep.

Retaking the Exam:

If you almost passed an exam on your first try, and would like to try again, you may retake a different version of the exam for an additional \$15 fee.

Morse Code Not Required!

Morse Code is no longer required for any level of amateur radio license. All Morse Code testing requirements for the Amateur Radio Service in the USA were eliminated on February 23, 2007.

Location and Time of Hamfesters VE administered Radio Exams:

Oak Forest City Hall 15440 S. Central Ave. Oak Forest, IL 60452. Doors open at 9:00 AM. We begin testing about 9:15 AM. Enter through the Police door entrance and look for the Amateur Radio testing exam signs for directions.

If you have any questions regarding our test session or about upgrading, please contact N9ZD via e-mail at: N9ZD@arrl.net.

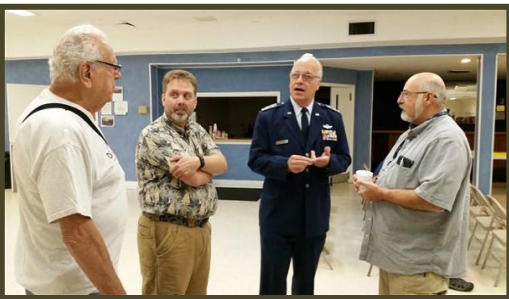
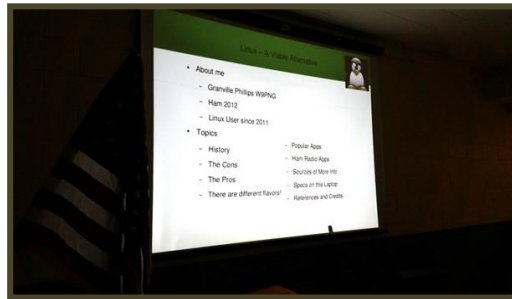
Our next test session will be held on Saturday October 10, 2015. 0900hrs @ Oak Forest City Hall 15440 S. Central Ave. Oak Forest, IL 60452.

Walk-ins are welcome and the test fee remains at \$15.00 (cash only -- no credit cards or checks).

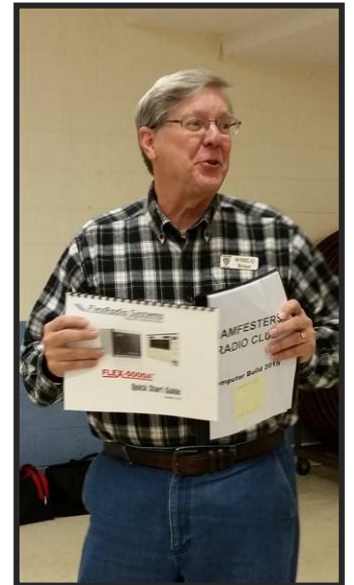
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Meetings and VE Testing

Club meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at the Crestwood Civic Center, 14025 Kostner Ave. in Crestwood, IL.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. September meetings may vary if our meeting date conflicts with the Crestwood Flower show.

Board Meetings: 7:30 PM on the 4th Monday of each month at the Crestwood Civic Center

VE TESTING: Every 2nd Saturday of the Month at the Oak Forest City Hall, 15440 S. Central Ave. Testing begins at 9:00 AM but we ask that you arrive 10 minutes early. Exam fee is now \$15.00. AI N9ZD VE Team Chairman

Special Activities

Hamfesters Big Peotone Hamfest: Our 79th annual Hamfest coming August 2, 2015-Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. Kurt WB9FMC Hamfest Chairman.

Field Day: Join the W9AA crew for one of the best Field Days ever on June 27 & June 28 2015 at 115th and Oketo Avenue, Worth, IL.

Jim KB9CYL Field Day Chairman
WAHM: Worked all Hamfester Members-work 10 Current members for a beautiful award certificate. Matt KC9JXC Awards

Nets/Contact Info

10 METER NET: Every Sunday Evening at 8:00 PM on 28.410. Jim N9HSH is Net Control

2 METER NET: Every Monday Evening at 9:00 PM on 146.640. Tom KA9ZXN is Net Control

W9AA Mailbox:145.650 24 hours a day.
Bruno K9QKB is Sysop. ILOAK:Node on 145.650

WEB SITE: www.hamfesters.org Webmaster Granville, W9PNG & Brian, W9HLQ

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Deadline for Submitting to the Hamgab is the fifteenth of the month.