

Ham Gab

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Last month's meeting featured a demonstration of the club's Flex 5000 software defined radio. A special Hamfesters goes out to the presenters Brian Davis, W9HLQ Mike Vannier, N9NNL Gene Philips, W9PNG Don, K9KNZ and all of the other Hamfesters who devoted their time and hardware to get the rig running. The Flex 5000 is available for loaning for one month stents. Contact Brian W9HALQ to get your name on the list. The website has a copy of notes and information. As an added bonus, there was a little side video of W9JPR in a magic video. Hamfesters is like a box of chocolates-you never know what you're gonna get.

Field Day Then and Now



Field Day is coming! Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26th at 115th and Oketo, Worth, IL. Contacts are waiting day or night. At our June 3rd meeting Jim Riley W9JPR will give his highly entertaining Field Day presentation. See Jim's column on page 5 for Field Day details. It's one of the best ham radio events of the year so don't miss out.

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

ASSETS- DO YOU HAVE SOME FOR OUR CLUB?

THE PRESIDENTS BEAT

DONALD POINTER KC9EQQ

JUNE 2016

I thought I would give all of you a break from having to see my lovely face in my column this month by replacing it with a photo of our club's communication trailer. Why the trailer you ask? Because it, (the Trailer), represents just one of many important assets that this club is proud to call its own. A fact that was not taken lightly when a few days ago, the members of your Board of Directors committed a long night to visit the trailer, clean it out and re-organize it. That night we all put our heads together to begin putting a plan together to upgrade some aspects of the trailer such as new interior lighting, additional shelving for better storage space and improvements to some of the trailer's radio communications aspects. Back in the Winter, at one of our Board meetings the board members decided come better weather we would evaluate the trailer and see how we can improve it not just for appearances purposes but primarily for assuring our selves that in these days of Disaster readiness, our trailer could adequately meet the challenge of being called upon in the event of an area Emergency event. Did you know that we are one of a few Ham radio clubs with such a unit available like this? That's a fact Jack!

So I mentioned that the trailer is one of our unique assets. The most valuable asset we have as a club is you the member of our club. I know that many of you have skill sets that could be of great help to this club- this growing club. Maybe you are the gal or guy who at Field day could come to the rescue with some emergency antenna repair. Or maybe you are a people person who could charm the red off a cardinal at the Ticket sales gate for Hamfest making our guests there feel good that they chose our event to attend. Or here comes my biggest thought of all- maybe you could be the 2017 Hamfest Chairmen, because you were the special events chairperson at the company you worked with and know a thing or two about taking care of vendors, customers and a few dozen phone calls a week about all the things that make our Hamfest the best. SO how about? Don't just sit there! Stand up! Be recognized! Approach a board member and find out for yourself we don't bite! Remember why we are nearly 85 years old! It's because of those members who decided their love for this club was so strong that they wanted to make a difference for the greatest Amateur Radio club anywhere! Hamfesters!

Well the May meeting was really a blast! First we had that great program on Software Defined Radio and the Flex Radio 5000A of which our club owns. Brian W9HLQ, Granville W9PNG, Mike N9NNL and Don K9KNZ all came together to provide all attendees with some real insight through graphics and demonstration about the next generation of Ham Radio. Great job Gentlemen!

Besides the great program, we had quite the multiple member Birthday celebration as we recognized with cake, donuts and calories the birthdays of Brian W9HLQ, Gregg AB9MZ, Cathy KC9NRH and I that night. Best part of that celebration was the complete "GOTCHA" that we pulled on Gregg by the surprise appearance of his parents Don and Marilyn that night. And thanks to his parents for the cakes for the celebrants! Your welcome back anytime! What a truly memorable night and it just proves you never know what will happen at a Hamfesters meeting. Speaking of that.....

He's the only and only...He is the Grand Poobah of Field day...He is....Jim Riley W9JPR! And he will be onstage at our June 3rd meeting as he presents his program complete with lots of photos from last year's Field Day about...Field day! If you don't have a great time at this program and get motivated to come out to Field day Weekend, (June 25th and June 26th), than I believe there is a chess club meeting nearby that you might find more fun for ya! Seriously, Jim's program is without a doubt is one fun time but it has a purpose- and that purpose is to encourage all Ham Operators to come out and bump those dials and key those mikes, make those contacts and tighten your radio skills so that in the event of a major emergency in your community, you and your fellow members can help that community in time of need. We live in an era that's all about Disaster Preparedness and you the Ham always comes through during tough times because you are prepared, trained and ready. THAT'S what Field day is truly about. Thanks Jim in advance for your great work for this club- and Ham Radio.



Yea, the points are nice to earn for contacts, but dang it is just nice to see everyone get together and enjoy the night air and camaraderie. It really is a fun time and I encourage all my fellow members and non members alike to stop by and see what all the fun is about! Field day weekend is June 25th and 26th by the way. Thanks Jim and everyone who helps to make our Field day weekend a one of a kind awesome time! Hope to see all of you out there, and bring the XYL and Family. Rumor has it, the Presidential Tent might make a return appearance!

Friday, July 8th is our annual Salute to Veterans and First Responders. If you fit one of those categories I would be much honored to see you at this very special evening. Our very own Ron Kalat KB9CTX, a veteran himself gets a big thank you from me for arranging his colleagues at the Chicago Ridge VFW to bring forth their Color Guard to bring in colors at the start of our July program. As a matter of fact, Ron and his team have been doing this now for a good few years for our club and it is really appreciated. Don't forget that same night it is our inside picnic too! Bring your favorite cold or hot food to add to our picnic which as club we will provide Pizza and other delectable goodies for that night. Please make sure you bring provisions to keep your food items either on the cold side or hot for food safety concerns of course.

August is Hamfest time and our Hamfest Chairman Kurt WB9FMC is sitting by his phone waiting to hear from you with the news that "YES- count me in!" as a Hamfest Volunteer! Contact him during normal business hours and I am sure he will be elated to have your help at our biggest event of the year and every year- **HAMFEST!** By the way, Kurt's program on Hamfest will be Friday August 5th and Hamfest itself will be Sunday, August 7th, 2016. Tickets are now available at all Hamfesters meetings. Lets all look forward to seeing each other at Kurt's program **and** to show him our support. His passion for this event is unparalleled. He is working so hard to bring his best stuff to the table that is the planning board for Hamfest, but he cannot and should not do it by his self. He needs you and you and you and you! So how about it? Get on the band wagon for Hamfest now and give Kurt a call- he deserves your all!

T shirts, Polo Shirts, and Hats!!! Thanks to Hamfester Board member Cindy N9CAS, our club now has the aforementioned items complete with our club Logo available for purchase! See Cindy for more details!

Back on the beat.....

Get well wishes are in order for Judy, the Wife of Jim W9JPR Greg AB9MZ. Keep those prayers and good wishes coming in for them both. We care for both you both very much and I speak no doubt on the behalf Nora, the entire club and myself.

All of the above brought to you by the incredible, outstanding, hard working, and awesome people called Hamfesters!! Lets keep it rockin'!!

Don Pointer KC9EQQ

President of Hamfesters- The Best darn Ham Radio club around!

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

W9AA Hamfesters amateur radio club April 25, 2016 board meeting 7:30 PM

Roll: Don KC9EQQ, Jim (KB9CYL) W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Nora KC9MLV, Cathy KC9NRH, Cindy N9CAS, Jim N9HSH, Kurt WB9FMC, Steve W9KXT, Gene W9PNG, Brian W9HLQ

Vanity call: Jim KB9CYL, is now W9JPR.

Health and Welfare: moment of silence for Ruth Maloney. At school Don KC9EQQ, help the child who had stopped breathing. Nora's KC9MLV, Aunt has passed away.

President's report: by Don KC9EQQ, anyone who would like Hamfesters help at an event, must come to a board meeting and discuss it before hand.

Field day: by Jim W9JPR, field day is June 25 and 26 2016. Food options were discussed.

Patti KC9LYE, will take field day pin orders at the club meeting on May 6 and June 3.

Field day pins are \$6 each, picked up your pin at field day.

Treasurer's report: by Ed WA9EOL, the club's State Farm CD was rolled over (renewed).

The stars radio club was given money for a new 2 m repeater. Hamfesters club uses that repeater for our Monday night net.

Hamfest: by Jim N9HSH, Ward Silver, has retired, he won't be available to be a speaker at our hamfest on August 7, 2016.

Publicity: Our publicity chairmen is Dave N9KPD.

Program: May 6, Flex Radio 5000 by Brian W9HLQ, Gene W9PNG, Mike N9NNL.

New business: The board approved the purchase of a special mouse for the club's Flex 5000 radio, Brian W9HLQ, was reimbursed for the purchase.

Price change for Hamfester clothing, approved by the board. Report by Cindy N9CAS, Hamfesters logo hats \$15-\$18, Polo shirts \$35, T-shirts \$25.

Adjournment: at 8:35 PM



Field Day crack operator at W9AA



Think of it—in three days
you'll no longer be a single sidebander.

General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

W9AA Hamfesters amateur radio club may 6, 2016 club meeting 7:30 PM

Roll: Don KC9EQQ, Jim (KB9CYL) W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Jim N9HSH, Gene W9PNG
Tonight there were 36 members, and 3 visitors.

Vanity call: Jim KB9CYL, is now W9JPR.

Health and welfare: Judy Riley is doing better. Don KC9EQQ, saved a man who was choking.

Congratulations: we celebrated birthdays tonight; Gregg AB9MZ, Cathy KC9NRH, Don KC9EQQ. Anniversaries; Ed WA9EOL, and his wife. Also, Steve and Peggy Peters, W9KXT, and K9QLM.

President's report: report by Don KC9EQQ, programs for 2017 should be requested to the board. Please update your emergency contact information.

Field day: by Jim W9JPR, field day is June 25 and 26 2016. Post photos of field day on Facebook received 100 points. Our field day safety officer will be Don KC9EQQ, club receives 100 points. Patti KC9LYE, will take field day pin orders at the club meeting tonight and June 3.

Field day pins are \$6 each, picked up your pin at field day.

Programs: Tonight's programs, the Flex 5000 radio by Brian W9HLQ, Gene W9PNG, and Mike N9NNL.

June 3 field day program by Jim W9JPR, topic field day 2015.

July 8 our annual veterans picnic.

August 5 hamfest August 7, 2016 by Kurt WB9FMC.

September program held on the 2nd Friday of that month, emergency communications by Gregg AB9MZ.

October 7 nominations for club officers, and Steve Cooper.

Website: by Brian W9HLQ, and Gene W9PNG, order Hamfester clothing online.

Badger: Pete K9OWQ, badger trip September 24 and 25th 2016.

Publicity: publicity chairmen is Dave N9KPD.

Hamfest ticket sales: Chairman Dave N9KPD, buy and sell tickets. Please!!

Dave email is: N9KPD@ARRL.net

Hamfest 2016: by Kurt WB9FMC, he is searching for speakers. We will be putting a Hamfesters hamfest advertisement in QST magazine for June and July 2016.

Treasurer's report: by Ed WA9EOL, purchase plates for the club's trailer. Gregg's AB9MZ, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg bought doughnuts tonight for the club meeting. Thank you!

Brian W9HLQ, bought a special mouse with the club's Flex 5000 radio, this purchase was approved.

New business: Dave N9KPD, September 17, 2016 at the college of DuPage at 5 PM a run/walk event please arrive at 3 PM.

Mel K9ZAV, on May 21, 2016. There will be a Coast Guard tour.

Grand AB9MZ, please remember to use battery safety.

Adjournment: at 9:25 PM by Bob N9KWG, and Bob N9JYX.

Split the pot winner: Bill Vehe W9ZJ

Door prize winners: Al N9ZD, Bob N9KWG, Gene N9PNG.

CQ Field Day de Jim Riley W9JPR

Field Day is almost here and we're looking forward to a great one. Our new Software Defined Radio, powered by our custom-designed N9HSH blue-light special mega computer, will make its debut in the trailer. Also new for the trailer station will be a 75-meter dipole. It should help keep the overnight operators very busy. It'll keep Ray NW9S happy, too, since there's only one pole to set up. There will be other stations operating CW, digital, and satellite.



The place is Altman Park at 116th and Oketo, a quarter mile west of Harlem in Worth. If you're not sure where that is, just check the ARRL Field Day locator at <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator> and type W9AA where it asks for location or call sign. Talk-in will be on 146.43 simplex. Look for our yellow and white canopy tent next to the paved parking lot.

Operations run from 1 p.m. Saturday June 25 through 1 p.m. Sunday June 26 but setup begins at 0800 Saturday. The more help we get for setup, the quicker it gets done. The faster setup's done, the more time we can spend swapping stories of Field Days past. There are lots of them and they get better every year.

We're trying something new for food this year. Saturday lunch and supper will be ordered in based on the number of club members on hand. This will take the pressure off everyone who would rather be operating or swapping stories. As usual, Ed WA9EOL will be providing his world-famous Sunday morning breakfast.

Didn't order your Field Day pin at the May meeting? Not to worry. Patti KC9LYE will be taking orders at the head table. It will be your last chance to get them through the club. The order will be placed the following morning and the pins will be handed out at Field Day. Once again, pins are \$6.00. If you're paying by check, make it out to me. You can also pay via the W9AA website or our secure payment thingy attached to Brian's phone. Cash will also be accepted.

New to ham radio or Field Day? Don't be daunted. Our Field Day rule number one is "Everyone who wants to operate, operates." Friendly and patient FD veterans will be at the GOTA station to help you make your first HF contact. High fives will be liberally handed out.

Be sure to make the June meeting where the topic will be...you guessed it: Field Day. We'll finalize our plans and present an audience-participation picture show of last year's event. You'll see just how "seriously" your club takes the number one operating event of the year.

Your FD group has been working behind the scenes all winter to make sure this year's event is the best ever. Last year we finished in the top 14 percent of the 4A category. This year we're shooting for the top 10 percent. Join us and be a part of history.

Hamfester Saves a Life!

Yes, you read it right, our very own president Don KC9EQQ saved a life. One of his coworkers was choking and Don performed the Heimlich maneuver which saved the man's life. Way to go Don! An Illinois EMA officer came all the way from Springfield to give Don an award for his good deed.

This is a good reminder that all of us should learn basic life support. This example shows that it does work and it can save lives. The protocols have become easier in the last few years so there's no excuse for not learning. One of our members Dave N9KPD is a certified CPR instructor. There are lots of classes available so go ahead and learn and you may be the next Hamfester who saves a life.



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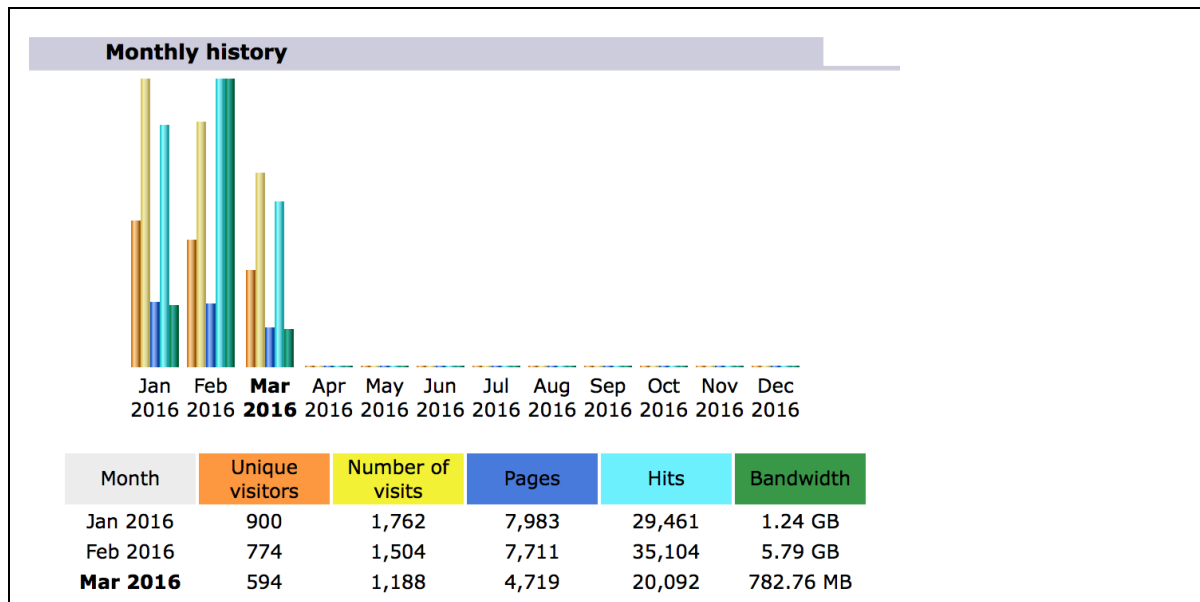
Hamfesters Web site traffic numbers.

We have a great web site. No promotion or search engine optimization (Yahoo or Google, for example) has been done. The web traffic we get is just you members and others around the world who have found our web site. Check out the various countries who visit our site on a regular basis. These numbers come from our site host.

Web traffic terms

Most web tracking services define it this way - a **hit** is a page view, and a **visit** is a series of page views by the same visitor. So, if you were to go to a web site, then click to 5 different pages at the site, this would count as 5 hits and 1 visit. Usually a visit is measured as the same user over a period of 30 minutes. The March numbers are lower since data shown here was obtained $\frac{2}{3}$ thru the month.

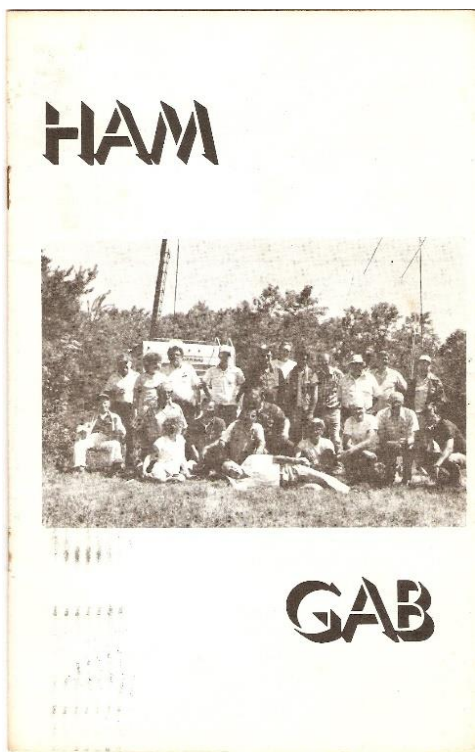
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Germany	de	349	381	25.41 MB
China	cn	334	1,703	818.13 MB
Romania	ro	277	282	9.48 MB
Canada	ca	230	254	11.91 MB
France	fr	202	248	20.47 MB
South Korea	kr	157	158	6.37 MB
Ukraine	ua	75	108	4.36 MB
Russian Federation	ru	73	198	7.03 MB
Spain	es	57	59	1.94 MB
Great Britain	gb	57	109	4.30 MB
Malaysia	my	52	53	1.80 MB
Netherlands	nl	29	59	2.41 MB
Gibraltar	gi	10	10	532.64 KB
Brazil	br	10	309	15.37 MB
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Poland	pl	6	6	739.86 KB
Slovak Republic	sk	6	67	2.83 MB
Taiwan	tw	4	86	2.48 MB
Sweden	se	4	69	3.75 MB
Italy	it	3	4	630.24 KB
Croatia	hr	3	3	117.35 KB
Latvia	lv	2	2	64.11 KB
Mexico	mx	2	2	74.73 KB

This old HamGab with a Field Day report and article about the history of "73" was sent by Rich KA9HMV. With Field Day coming up, it seems a good way to see what's changed and what hasn't changed. Thanks Rich



1981 FIELD DAY. Roger Borowski, WA9EKA

Our Club's annual participation in Field Day was nothing short of SPECTACULAR. The WX was great, except for a minor early morning shower, which passed almost without notice, all the equipment and antennas performed great, the food was great, a good time was had by all, despite sleeplessness. (We never ran out of beer) and to top it all we finished with a super score.

We had a total of 60 operators, working all bands, non-stop, for the entire 24 hours. After compiling the logs and dup sheets, we finished with a nice round number total of 3200 QSO's. This breaks down to 1087 CW QSO's including 207 from our Novice Station, and 2113 phone QSO's. When using less than 200 w. DC input, CW QSO's are 4 pts. each and phone QSO's are 2 pts. each. Bonus points are added by ARRL for using 100% emergency power, sending an official message, publicity, and copying the WIAW Field Day Message. Our final score will be close to 9000 points! Taking scores from previous years, this will put Hamfesters Radio Club in the top five in the country. That's not a bad place to be in an emergency preparedness test and I think it's something we can be proud of.

The following operators and helpers are to be congratulated for making this Field Day a success.

80/15 Mtrs. W9CA - KB9KD - K9MDO - N9AOB - K9BWQ - WA9EKA.
40 Meters WD9LIX - WD9GVY - WD9DYR - KA9FQX - KC9AR - KA9DON - K9CJ
20/10 Meters: AF9C - KA9HMV - KB9WV - KB9ZL - N9BVT - WD9FUJ - N9AOT
VHF: WB9TZE - KA9HDB - N9BVR - KA9GTZ - N9BFK - WB9UHA - N9CFD - KB9EQ - N9BUY
WB9ZPP - WB9ZPN - KA9BVQ.

NOVICES: KA9KBR - KA9JHT - KA9JOX - WD9BBM

Generator Gas Man: KA9BUK

Hospitality: WD9BBL - N9BIA - K9JWS

Food: KA9HDB and Family & the OM of N9CFD

Also thanks to the club members who worked our Field Day Stations from home to add points to our score and special thanks to a few members who contributed multiple QSO's with our Field Day stations on different bands and modes adding the following number of points to our score: KC9UJ-36, N9AIB-14, WB9ZDZ-12, N9BKT-12, WD9AST-10, W9HPG-6, K9UAA-6, WB9ZHZ-6.

A lot of time and effort went into the planning for this event and it really paid off in results. Everybody had a great time. Everything survived: equipment, antennas, towers, masts, and people! We also set a new record number of QSO's for Hamfesters Radio Club in 1981.

I wish to thank all of you who participated for making this a success.



FIELD DAY FRONTLINE



From left to right, first row we have; KA9LZU-Joe Lynch, K9MDO-Bob Adamitis, W9CA-Bob Hotz, WA9EKA-Roger Borowski, KA9HMV-Rich Schneider, KA9LZV-Pat Lynch, Pat's Brother, Joe Feminella, KC9AR-Vern Leets, KM9M-Zig Markowski, KA9HDB- Adrienne Johnson, Tom Johnson, KA9HMV's twin-Rich, KA9JOX-Mike Frost, KA9MKW-Ron Borowski, KA9BUK-Rich Marks, KA9NII-Marty Misner, N9AMY-Al French. Standing; K9BWQ-Frank Gassmere, N9BIA-Dennis Bokowski, KB9KD-Doug Witt, KP9H-Dick Cercone, KC9FS-Bill McGreevy, N9AOT-Terry Schilling, N9BYX-Bill Engel, KA9FQX-Tom Johnson (this years F.D. leader), WD9FUJ-Larry Germak, K9MS-Matt Sobczak, KA9KBF-Henry Oetjen, N9BRV-Ed Sala, N9BPK-Will Glime, Joe Ferminella Sr., N9CRS-Nancy Sivertson, WB9TZE-Chuck Upham, WD9GVY-Larry Jennings, KA9MNL-Paul Giffey, WD9DYR-Walt Gesell, AF9C-Dan Burba, WB9KOY-Mike Murphy, KA9HDN-Bill Koltz, WB9STT-John Robson, N9BVT-Ernie Kaiser. I can think of at least six Hamfesters who were too shy to get in the picture. I am sorry you're not listed but rather than slight anyone I left you unknown but certinally not unthanked...SUPER JOB ONE AND ALL.

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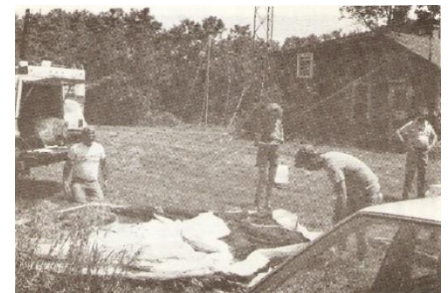
THE HISTORY OF THE TERM "73". submitted by Rick Nabor-K9GYO

The term "73" means as we all know, "Best Regards". Where did it originate? Did it always mean this? Rean on and learn.

Louise Ramsey Moreau, WB6BBO/W3WRE did some research and came up with this information. The traditional expression "73" goes way back to the beginning of the landline days of the wire telegraph industry. The first authentic use "73" is in the publication "THE NATIONAL TELEGRAPH REVIEW AND OPERATORS GUIDE", published in April, 1857.

At that time, "73" meant "My love to you"! But within a short time the use began to change. In 1859, The Western Union Company set up the standard "92" code and 73s meaning was changed to a very flowery "Accept my compliments", which was in keeping with the florid language of the era. Over the subsequent years, the meaning has changed some what but in 1908 it was shown as "Best; regards". Today radio amateurs use it more in the manner that James Reid had intended it to be used; A friendly word between operators.

NOTE.... The preceeding article was published in HAM GAB in January 1970, it was taken from an exchange newsletter of another amateur radio club.



Hamfesters VE Testing de Al Bukowski N9ZD VE Coordinator

Hamfesters VE Testing Report for June 2016

On May 14, 2016, Hamfester's Radio Club VE's team assembled to administered Amateur Radio exams at the Oak Forest City Hall. We had Five Candidates, Three earned a Technician ticket. One Candidate earned a General. Congratulations to the Candidates. VE's who assisted me were Tim AA9BV, Ron WB9JYZ, James N9HSH, and Cynthia N9CAS. Thank You all for your dedicated time.



Amateur Radio Exams INFO:

Hamfester's Amateur 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 taking your exam. You may bring your Calculator if you choose, however the volunteer examiners must check it prior the exam that all memories are clear. For the Technician Exam there are 35 multiple choice questions. If you are successful passing the Technician exam, you may take the General Class Exam which also has 35 multiple choice questions. If you are successful passing the General exam, you may take the Extra Class Exam which has 50 multiple choice questions. Please make sure you are studying the latest question pool that can be found usually on the internet, through ARRL publications or Gordon West books.

Requirements:

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](http://www.fcc.gov) - otherwise you'll need to use your Social Security Number. Please remember to bring the FRN number or your Social Security number to the exam.

Upgrade Examinations:

If you are already licensed and are taking an upgrade examination: Please bring your printed *Current Amateur Radio 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.

How to Print your Official FCC License

Download and Print License: The licensee can log into the FCC ULS License Manager System <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> with their FRN and password to 'Download the Electronic Authorization' of the official license. On the 'Download Authorizations' page the license holder will add their call sign to the 'Authorizations to Download' and then click download. The PDF of the license can be saved to a computer and printed later or the file can be opened and printed immediately.

Note: It has been reported that Google Chrome has had problems accessing / USE Internet Explorer, Safari or Foxfire instead.

Retaking the Exam:

If you almost passed the 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.

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.

***Special note --- upcoming changes in the Extra Exam:

Our next test session will be held on Saturday June 11, 2016. (0900 hrs) Just a reminder, This will be the last chance with Hamfester's to take the Extra Exam from the present question pool files. Starting July 1, 2016 Hamfester's will have the new Extra Exams.

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

Hamgab, June 2016





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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 80th annual Hamfest coming August 7, 2016-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 25 & June 26 2016 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

Club's address:

Hamfesters Radio Club

P.O. Box 474 Crestwood, IL 60445

Patti KC9LYE Secretary

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