



Ham Gab

Next meeting: January 6th January 2012

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Special Interest Articles

Bob Richter – Hamfester
of the Year

January Meeting

Movie Night

January Birthdays

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Jennifer KC9OEQ
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Bruno K9QKB
Jordan W9QKE
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Michael WA9ZPM
Rodolfo Castellanos
William W9MJZ
Nancy KC9MLY
Peggy K9QLM
Ruth Maloney

Due to the success of the first Hamfesters movie night, we will be watching several short videos about radio at the January meeting. We will see how it all got started, a state of the art contest station, and the 'Mystery of Radio.'

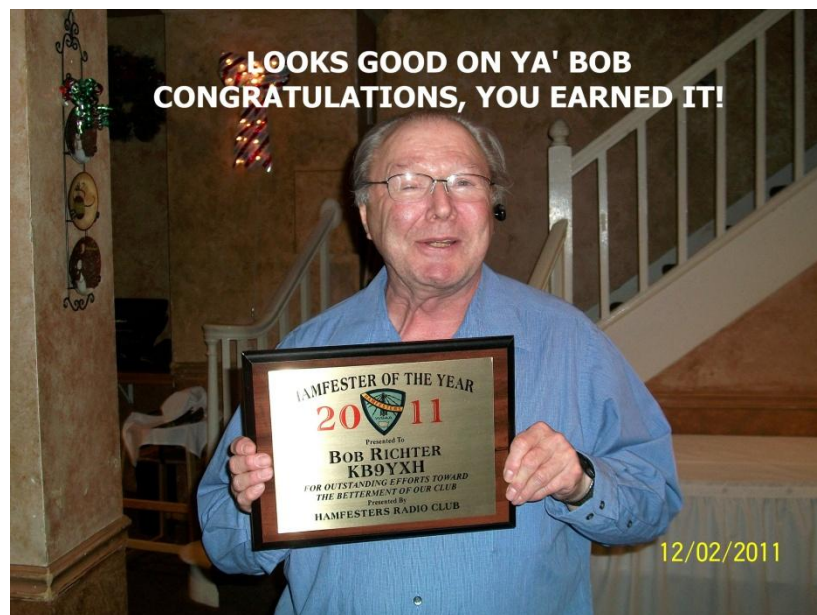


HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The December Christmas party was once again a huge success. Thanks again to all the members who made it possible. Congratulations to our raffle winners, Sharon W9FVM and Bob KC9KUY.

Our club elections were held in November and all of our officers are returning. President-Don KC9EQQ, Vice President –Jim KB9CYL, Secretary-Patty KC9LYE, Treasurer- ED WA9EOL, SGT at Arm-Rich N9UNQ, and Trustee-Bruno K9QKB. Also returning are our board members Nora KC9MLV, Jim KA2DRQ, Kurt WB9FMC, Al N9ZD, Mike W9MCS, and John WB9JTS.

Congratulations to Bob Richter, our 2011 Hamfester of the Year! Thank you Bob for all you do for the club and its members.



DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

THE PRESIDENTS BEAT DONALD POINTER KC9EQQ JANUARY 2012

(ED. NOTE: By popular demand, we are running the photo of Santa and Mrs. Santa again. Hey 'tis still the season!)

Do you hear what I hear? One of my favorite Christmas songs of all time bears that as its title- Do you hear what I hear. Exactly what do we hear at this time of year? Perhaps it's the giggles of young children laughing as they wait in line to see Jolly old Santa. Maybe it's the ringing of the bell by the men and women collecting money in those red buckets for the Salvation Army.

Turn on your radio to any variety of music stations and you're apt to hear the many songs of the season, that are sure to bring back hopefully pleasant memories of Christmases and Chanukahs of ones past.

Or perhaps it's the sounds of laughter at the expense of yours truly when at the Hamfesters Christmas party of a few weeks ago, I misheard Ed our treasurer remark to me that we should give our two servers at Papa Joes a proper tip of \$20.00 each for a job well done serving our club members and their guests and instead I thought he said we should give all of the women guests \$20 each for supporting those husbands present who belong to Hamfesters. OOPS! MY BAD! And my bad hearing! For a brief moment a lot of women were very happy with me and one certain Treasurer wanted to see me drawn and quartered in the nicest of ways of course! (Know anyone with a good used hearing aid for cheap?)

Well all worked out okay and I went home with a lifetime supply of crow to munch on and everyone went home with memories of some of the best laughter ever heard at one of our meetings. The food, service and fellowship exhibited at that meeting was all excellent. My special thanks to all who attended and to the wonderful Staff at Papa Joes for a job well done.

My point is, (finally!), is that you will get laughter, fellowship, fun, knowledge, great coffee, yummy donuts and so much more when you are a part of the greatest Ham Radio Club there is. BUT- and it's a big BUT, none of these things can happen if we the membership fail to recognize that we all need to pay those dues in order to keep our club viable for years to come. The great programs with the great speakers we have had this year, our incredible Field day and Hamfest, the White Elephant sale are in part made possible by the up to date paying of one's dues to Hamfesters. My thanks to all of you who have paid and continue to pay dues on a timely and consistent basis. I am reaching out however to those who for reasons unknown have not kept up with the payment of dues. Perhaps there are health reasons and economic reasons as to why some of our members have not been able to take care of their dues payments. Perhaps one's life has gone into a direction that has taken them away from the club. Whatever the reason, please let us know what we can do to bring you back into good standing with the club in as far as dues owed are concerned.



We the board are working hard to earn your trust and want to see everyone come to our meetings, your meetings for that matter, and see all the changes that have been made that make it fun to attend a club filled with some incredibly talented and good decent folks.

So how about it? Let's keep Ed, our treasurer busy at the next meeting by giving him your payment for your 2012 dues. Thanks for your support on the behalf of your Board and its President.

Lastly, I would be remiss to not congratulate Bob KB9YXH who received the Hamfester of year award at our recent Christmas party. Bob, you are one hard working member of this club and are one of its best advocates. I love your attitude and dedication to a club of whom you no doubt truly cares for. Your enthusiasm is contagious and I am proud to be a friend of yours!

At January's meeting I will personally recognize Bob for his achievement as Hamfester of the year. A recognition most certainly well earned.

As a final note to all my fellow members, the White Elephant sale has indeed been moved to March as opposed to it being held in the usual month of February. The reason for the change is the concern I have for difficult travel in case of severe weather. Like January however we will have a program and they will be video presentations on several topics. So at this writing the January and February will be held as usual, weather permitting. (Who can forget last February's Blizzard! BRRR!!) Merry Christmas, Happy New years and 73's to all from your board, Nora and myself. Be safe my friends.

Questions, comments etc., for Don? Please email him at: dpointer65@aol.com or call him between the hours of 10am to 8pm at: 773-426-1936.

Board meeting minutes – Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting

Nov. 28, 2011 7:35 PM

Roll: Don KC9EQQ, Jim KB9CYL, Ed WA9 EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Mike W9MCS, John WB9JTS,
Bob N9JYX, Al N9ZD, Nora KC9MLV, Joe KA9KBU,

President's Report: by Don KC9EQQ, the November meeting the DVD presentation was well received.

At the Jan. 2012 club meeting Paul Espinosa WD9GEH, will be awarded a Hamfesters club honorary membership.



Our Christmas Party Friday Dec. 2nd 7:00 PM at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Orland Park. 51 tickets have been sold, there will be two \$100.00 cash prizes drawn. Mike WA9ZPM, will provide the sound system, & music. Don KC9EQQ, will show digital photos during dinner. The winner of the 2011 Hamfester of the Year Award will be announced.

Programs: Jan. 2012 Bob N9JYX, will show his DVD of his ride on a W.W. II bomber. We watched it in November, but didn't see the whole thing.

Mike W9MCS, will ask N9WYS, if he will do a program about Repeaters, in Feb., April, or May.

March 2012 The Annual White Elephant Sale (moved from Feb.)

Board Vote: The annual white elephant sale will be held at the club meeting in March on the first Friday 2012. Vote approved by John WB9JTS, 2nd by Bob N9JYX.

Treasurer's Report: by Ed WA9EOL, new insurance Hartford through the ARRL on the trailer, coverage on the trailer not the contents. The deposit on the Aug. 5, 2012 Hamfest has been paid. Report approved by John WB9JTS, 2nd by Bob N9JYX.

Field Day: by Jim KB9CYL, the ARRL 2011 rankings, Hamfesters W9AA in the upper 22%. The low ranking caused by issues with the trailer's antenna.

New Business: Bob N9JYX, thanked the board for a good year, he was glad to be a part of. Thanks Bob. Mike W9MCS, has a group of at least 25 Masons & Shriners who would like to take a Technician Class license course.

Adjournment: Bob N9JYX, 2nd by John WB9JTS 8:40 PM.

Hamfesters Dues

Reminder: Hamfesters dues (for 2012) cutoff date is December 31, 2011. Full membership is \$20.00 and associate membership is \$10.00. Mail your dues to Brian Davis, W9HLQ; 17038 Oconto Ave.; Tinley Park, IL 60477. Make the check to "Hamfesters Radio Club".

The QR code this month is to help understand why all the excitement about the 10 meter band activity is frequent discussion on the ham bands.



Drop W9HLQ a note if you want to confirm your findings.

73,

--Brian, W9HLQ--

Hamfesters Monthly Raffle

We try to do the best we can for prizes for the monthly Hamfest meetings. We however have a limited budget we can work from. We would encourage all members to contribute an item for the monthly raffle. It might be something that would be useful to others, but is no longer of use to you. It could also simply be something you just choose to donate. We try to get as broad a variety of prizes as we can. With your donations we can have even more variety and nicer prizes for our monthly raffles. If you can help we would greatly appreciate it.

This is one other small source of income for the club. Your prize doesn't have to be electronic in nature; it can be any- thing even if it doesn't deal with ham radio. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of making a prize donation and hope to hear from you very soon.

Feel free to contact me by email at kb9yxh@yahoo.com or call me at (708) 429-4511.

73' Bob Richter KB9YXH Raffle Chairman

Hamfesters VE Testing:

By Al Bukowski N9ZD

Hamfesters Radio club VE's administered FCC Amateur Radio exams December 10, 2011 at the Oak Forest City Hall 15440 S. Central Ave. Oak Forest, ILL 60452. From the tested candidates, one received a technician license and two candidates passed the Extra exam. Congratulations to the candidates. VE's who helped grading the exams were. Tim AA9BV, Tom KA9ZXN, Gene KB9RNM and myself N9ZD.

If you or a friend are planning on taking an Amateur Radio examination, please remember that Hamfesters conducts FCC authorized VE (volunteer examiner) tests for Technician, General, and Extra class licenses every month on the 2nd Saturday at Oak Forest City Hall 15440 S. Central Ave. Oak Forest, IL 60452. Oak Forest City Hall Doors open at 9:00 AM. We begin testing at 9:15 AM. Come in through the main entrance and then go to the left to the Chamber Room. We do ask that you park your car in the main parking lot between the Fire Department and the Police Department and not directly in front of the Main doors to City Hall.

Our next test session will be held on Saturday January 14, 2012. Very important: Please remember to bring the following items with you to

any session: The appropriate fees (currently \$15) for the test.

We urge you to bring exact amount of cash. Your picture ID, the original and a copy of your Amateur Radio license (if

licensed), a pen, pencil, and calculator if you would like to use one. And it's very important to also have your Social Security Number, or if you are licensed and have been issued an FRN (Federal Registration Number), please use that in place of your SSN because without either your SSN or FRN, the FCC will not process your application. If you are upgrading, it is essential to bring your CSCE and a copy showing proof of recent passed exam if not already processed by the FCC.

If you have any questions regarding our test session or about upgrading, please contact me (evenings): (708) 535 2981 or preferred - via e mail at: abukowski@sbcglobal.net.

Again - The test fee is still \$15.00 (cash only -- no credit cards or checks).

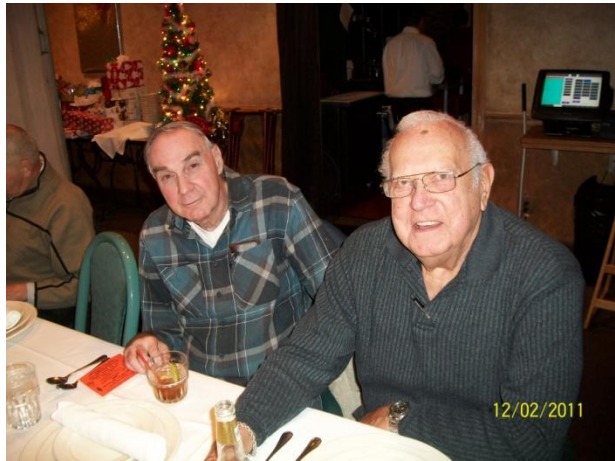
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Meetings and VE Testing

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 Oremus Center, 7902 Oketo, Bridgeview, IL

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. Al N9ZD VE Team Chairman

Special Activities

Hamfesters BIG Peotone Hamfest: Our 77th annual Hamfest coming August 2011 – Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. Kerry AA9SB Hamfest Chairman

FIELD DAY: Join the W9AA crew for one of the best Field Days ever on June 25th & 26th 2011 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. Bob W9TOE is Net Control

2 METER NET: Every Monday Evening at 9:00 PM on 146.430. Joe KA9KBU is Net Control

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Deadline for submitting material to HAM GAB is the fifteenth of the month.



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