



Ham Gab

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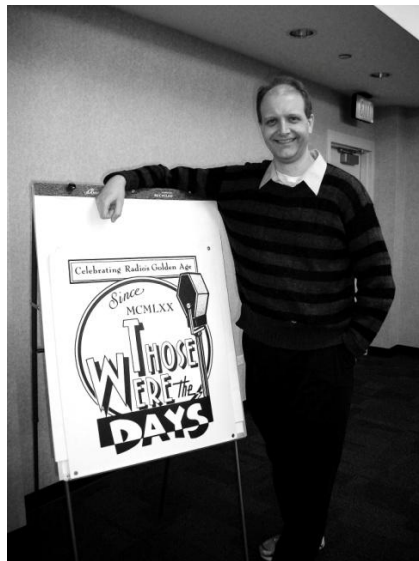
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Note, due to Good Friday falling on April 6th, the next special meeting with radio host Steve Darnall will be on April 13th.



Thanks to all of the Hamfesters who made last month's White Elephant Sale a great success. We hope you found all the cool devices you were looking for.



Don't miss our April 13th meeting with Steve Darnall host of *Those Were the Days* on WDCB-FM and *Radios Golden Age* on yesterdayusa.com. See last month's HamGab for Steve's bio. Guests are welcome. It will be a great meeting.

Our May 4th program will feature a demonstration of the Red Cross Emergency Response vehicle. See Don's KC9EQQ column below for more information. It should be another entertaining as well as educational meeting. We have been blessed with some great programs this year.

RETURN WITH US TO THOSE THRILLING DAYS OF YESTERYEAR!

THE PRESIDENTS BEAT DONALD POINTER KC9EQQ APRIL 2012

As President of the greatest Ham Radio club, I have been privy to hearing some great stories about the Golden era of our Hamfesters Radio club. Whether it's the Riley made a boo-boo and dropped the porta potty down the road story, (a classic story if there ever were one!), or a certain President offering \$20 dollar bills to all the women at this past Christmas Hamfester's party, or perhaps the night last year when the water was shut off to the Village of Crestwood due to a big water main break, resulting in our club having its meeting outside the Crestwood Community Center, the stories the members of this club could tell, would fill a bookshelf and then some.

We folks as a whole seem to all share one thing in common- a desire to go back in time to a period where things seemed to be easier, better and nicer. If glamorizing the past is a crime, then count me among the guilty- and gladly so! I don't need to tell you things are tough nowadays! Gas at over four bucks a gallon, high unemployment, wars overseas, two hour drives home in slow traffic. I could go on and on couldn't I?

But if you were to talk to some of our older members, they will tell you how tough it was back during the days of World War II and the Great Depression. One thing they would no doubt agree upon though about those days gone by is how much people helped each other around those tough times. The soldiers needed metal and rubber, so the community pitched in and held scrap drives. Kids did not just sit in front of a computer all day playing games. They were out there collecting all the materials necessary to help our boys win the war. Many of those boys were the brothers, Uncles and cousins of those kids collecting scraps. So guess what? Those kids were motivated to work as a team and pitch in for a most worthy cause.

Our media was just as motivating and inspiring too. Bob Hope with all his shows held at military bases with the likes of the Andrews Sisters, Fibber McGee proudly walking through his neighborhood with his Civil Defense helmet extolling the virtues of neighbor looking after neighbor, The Shadow fighting the spies walking amongst us from foreign enemies and defeating them! Who could forget Gildersleeve at the end of so many shows reminding us to do the right thing and buy War bonds?

Yes, it seemed like those were the good old days when neighbor did indeed help neighbor and kids listened to their elders without a gripe. I would have loved to of lived in that era just for those things alone. And I would have loved to of been able to hear all those grand shows on radio for the first time.

I may not be able to hop into a time machine to hear all those great shows realistically speaking, but I can kind of travel back in time thanks in part to our Speaker for the Hamfesters April 13th meeting, Mr. Steve Darnall, the well-known host of Those Were The days, (TWTD), Radio show, which is heard on WDCB 90.9FM. His show airs Saturdays, 1pm to 5pm along with his co host Ken Alexander.

TWTD is now in its 42nd year and was created by Chuck Schaden, the show's original, gentle and venerable host for 39 years up to his retirement three years ago. Steve was a natural pick by Chuck to replace him, as Steve possesses an incredible knowledge of the Golden Age of Radio that I spoke of earlier.

I do not mind bragging that my wife and I have been friends with Chuck, Steve and their spouses Ellen and Meg respectively for many years. It is a relationship we are so proud of. So many of you have told me that you have listened to TWTD for so many years and in a way consider Chuck and Steve to be your friends too. After all, where else can you go for four hours on a Saturday and let go of your cares and concerns and listen to such well-written shows like Jack Benny, The whistler, Lone Ranger, Superman, Our Miss Brooks, Little Orphan Annie, The Cinnamon Bear, and so forth.

Steve promises to play a variety of clips from those great shows along with telling us some interesting anecdotes about not only those shows but maybe some of their commercials too. Now if you will join me, please get out your Ovaltine secret decoder rings and get ready to de-code this special message I am about to give you. Ready? Here we go....**MUST GET THERE EARLY, SECRET SPIES SAY SEATS WILL FILL UP QUICK THAT NIGHT.**

I wonder if Rochester ever lost a Porta potty behind Jack Benny's Maxwell car? Just wondering.....



Back on the beat- March second's White Elephant Sale was a swell success! I hope you found something fun to take home. We had a great turn out with several new visitors to boot. Thanks to all who attended and to my wife who worked overtime feeding all present with great cookies, donuts, and coffee as usual. (She deserves a raise!)

Next month is going to be incredible for us radio fans in that the Red Cross will be demonstrating their Emergency Communications Response Vehicle and talking about it at our May 4th program. Should the vehicle be deployed to a disaster we will reach into our vault of great DVD'S and play it that night in case the ECRV gets called away. A number of folks have told me they have seen the ECRV in action and it is quite impressive. See you there for sure!

. PLEASE NOTE: Due to Good Friday falling on Friday April 6th, the Steve Darnall meeting will be held on Friday April 13th, 2012. Remember to arrive early, doors open at 6:30pm and room set up begins at 6pm. I could use some volunteers at 6pm for that set up in order to start the meeting promptly. Thank you in advance for that help.

A couple of program notes: Jim KB9CYL, who is the Chairperson of Field day, will be speaking about Field Day at our June 2nd meeting.

July 6th is our Fourth of July Barbeque and Salute to Veterans event. What a great event that is sure to be!

August 3rd our one and only Hamfest Chairperson Kerry AA9SB will be speaking about how you can help me Hamfest a great event. You can help him now though by contacting him and offering your services early on his committee.

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 W9AA Amateur Radio Club Board
Meeting February 27, 2012

Special Session 7:00-&:36 PM

Roll: Don KC9EQQ, Jim KB9CYL, Ed WA9EOL,
Patti KC9LYE, John WB9JTS, Mike W9MCS, Kerry
AA9SB, Nora KC9MLV, James KA2DRQ, Kurt
WB9FMC, and Joe KA9KBU.

Discussion the ambiguities in the club's
constitution, the definitions of honorary and life
members. The amendments will be presented
at a future club meeting.

Regular Session began at 7:36 PM

Roll: Don KC9EQQ, Jim KB9CYL, Ed WA9EOL,
Patti KC9LYE, John WB9JTS, Mike W9MCS, Kerry
AA9SB, Nora KC9MLV, James KA2DRQ, Kurt
WB9FMC, and Joe KA9KBU.

Health & Welfare: Mike's W9MCS Mom was in
the hospital, she's better. George N9VOK and
Gregg's AB9MZ health is improving.

President's Report: Report by Don KC9EQQ.
Thanks to Jim KB9CYL for presiding over January
board meeting. The DVD's shown at the
February meeting were all well received. The
March 2nd meeting (business) will be brief due
to our annual white elephant sale.

Programs: Report by Don KC9EQQ., April 13th
guest speaker Steve Darnall. May program: Ron
Carlson guest speaker from the Red Cross.

Board Minutes: The January
meeting approved by John
WB9JTS, 2nd by James
KA2DRQ.

Treasurer's Report: Report by
Ed WA9EOL, to date 70
members have paid dues for
2012. Report approved by John WB9JTS, 2nd by
Jim KB9CYL.

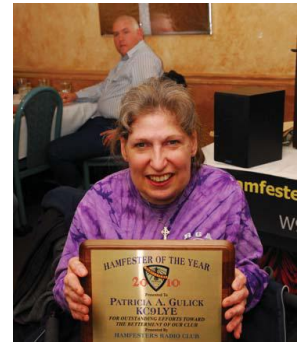
New Business: Kurt WB9FMC, will be the
greeter at the April 13th meeting. Kurt will ask
visitors to fill out a card, name, call, & their
QTH.

Publicity and Hamfest: Report by Kerry AA9SB,
the local papers were contacted concerning the
March 2nd meeting. Kerry AA9SB will contact
Dale Armstrong at the Will County Fair Grounds
to discuss what time the grounds will be
opened on August 5th.

Report by Jim KB9CYL, the Hamfest flyers &
tickets will be available in March.

Field Day: Report by Jim KB9CYL, insurance
documents will be submitted to Worth for FD
2012.

Adjournment: 8:30 PM John WB9JTS & 2nd by
Mike W9MCS.



General meeting minutes – Jim, KB9CYL

Friday 2 March 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Don Pointer KC9EQQ called the meeting to order at 2000 hours. Notes taken by Jim Riley KB9CYL in the absence of the secretary. The White Elephant Sale was tonight's program.

VISITORS- Carl W9AVW, Bob K9CJ, Bob W9ILY, Jim WD9GXU, Doug WB9YSW, Bill KC9KLA, Jerry KC9JKE, Jerry K9MV, Dwayne KB9PTM, Bob N9ORD, Matt KC9VKA

UPGRADES- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Don made everyone aware that the April meeting has been moved to Friday the 13th due to Good Friday being our regular meeting night.

HEALTH & WELFARE- KB9CYL reported that George N9VOK is doing well.

BOARD MINUTES- A motion was made by Bob N9JYX to approve the minutes of the last general meeting. It was seconded by Kurt WB9FMC and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- In the absence of Secretary Patti Gulick KC9LYE due the inclement weather, acting secretary KB9CYL passed along Patti's compliments to the president for changing the date of the white elephant sale to March to avoid any inclement weather.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Ed WA9EOL gave the treasurer's report. Ed also acknowledged Nora Pointer KC9MLV for her fine job in bringing refreshments each month.

Motion to approve by John KB9FQB, seconded by Kurt WB9FMC. Passed unanimously.

PROGRAMS- KC9EQQ listed the upcoming programs:

April: Steve Darnall from the radio show "Those Were the Days"

May: There is a possibility that the Red Cross will be bringing their emergency communications vehicle

June: KB9CYL will show pictures from last Field Day

July: Our fourth annual cookout

August: Hamfest

RAFFLES- Tickets are being sold for the Wouxon radio.

PUBLICITY- Publicity has been sent out to the regular media outlets. Several members reported seeing it in various publications.

HAMFEST- Tickets and flyers are available. Information is out to vendors. Clark Lembcke WB9BQL, one of our regular vendors, is a silent key. Kerry is looking for someone to coordinate staffing for the fest. He has explained to Dale at the fairgrounds about the change to single day format. He will check into overnight camping on the grounds.

FIELD DAY- KB9CYL reported that the insurance information has been delivered to the village of Worth and reminded everyone about the date and location. Jim also regaled everyone with his experiences moving a Porta-John.

AWARDS- John AB9JW brought the award certificates to be passed out.

OLD BUSINESS- Joe Kratky offered his compliments on the website as did Bill KC9KLA.

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NEW BUSINESS- Kurt WB9FMC reported that minor changes to the constitution are in the works. Notification will be on the website and in the HamGab.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn was made by Bob N9JYX and seconded by Lee WB9USF.

We adjourned at 2040 hours.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS: Delores K9BWQ/XYL, Nora KC9MLV

CQ Field Day de Jim Riley

As I write this, the sun is shining and we're enjoying some outstanding early-spring weather. It's the perfect time to start thinking about Field Day, and that's just what we're doing.

I have brought the club's insurance information to the Village of Worth. That's the last thing we need to finalize the claim on our FD spot at Altman Park, 115th and Beloit, about a quarter mile west of Harlem for the weekend of June 23 and 24.

Joe Kratky KA9KBU has been working on our folded dipole to alleviate the tuning problems we had last year. He tells me he has them resolved. Anybody want to operate 80-meter CW?

Al Bukowski N9ZD asked about setting up a 40-meter phone station. Maybe we could run 20-meter phone there, too. Or maybe we could run a separate 20-meter phone station. We sure have the room. Any takers?

John Swanson KB9FQB, the old Swedish chef himself, has offered to provide supper Saturday night. He hasn't said what he's making but you can be sure it will be a treat.

That's what's new for this year so far. Our other long-time FD ops plan on bringing back their setups from last year. That leaves only one question: What are **YOU** doing for your club's Field Day? If you have any ideas, shoot me an email at kb9cyl@mail.com or see me at the meeting

Editors note:

We had talked about including instructions in the HamGab for putting the HamGab on your mobile device or e-reader from the website. As it turns out, there are multiple ways to do this and so many devices out there that a comprehensive set of instructions would take several pages. It would probably be easier if just to send us an e-mail if you have specific questions and we'll see if we can help or find someone else who can.

Steve & Eric

Member Update

Hi, Just a short note to let you know that I am currently living at:
Dave Brasel, NF9N
Apt 111
Autumn Green at Midway Village
6700 South Keating Ave
Chicago, IL 60629
My new phone number is 773-424-0781
Email: n99n@aol.com

Hamfest Ticket Sales de Jim Riley KB9CYL

As of the white elephant sale, there are already 200 advanced Hamfest tickets in the hands of six members out in circulation. That's a good start but we certainly can do better. Be sure to pick up some tickets at the April meeting and start selling.

We already have two entrants in the race for top ticket seller. Kerry AA9SB is in the lead with three sold and yours truly is in second with one.

Hamfesters VE Testing:

By Al Bukowski N9ZD

Hamfesters Radio club VE's administered FCC Amateur Radio exams March 10, 2012. There were 2 candidates in which they earned their Technician ticket. Congratulations to the candidates. The VE's who graded these exams were: Gene KB9RNM, Kelvin W9BBQ, Bob N9JYX, Ron WB9JYZ, Tom KA9ZXN and myself N9ZD. I want to thank all the VE's who have given the dedicated time helping at the Exam sessions.

If you or a friend are planning on taking an Amateur Radio examination, please remember that Hamfesters VE's conducts FCC authorized VEC 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. City Hall Doors open at 9:00 AM. We begin testing at about 9:15 AM. Amateur Radio Exam signs are posted at the main entrance to direct you to the City Hall 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. Walk ins are welcomed: however an email to abukowski@sbcglobal.net informing me your intentions would be appreciated.

Very important: Please remember to bring the following items with you to any exam session: The appropriate fees (currently \$15) for the test. We urge you to bring exact amount of cash, a picture ID (ex: driver's license), the

original and a copy of your signed valid Amateur Radio license if already licensed. A calculator if you would like to use one.

It is very important to have your Social Security Number, or an issued FRN (Federal Registration Number). You may use the FRN in place of your SSN because without either your SSN or FRN, the FCC will not process your application. If you are upgrading from a recent exam, it is essential to bring your valid CSCE and a copy showing proof of recent passed exam(s) if not already processed by the FCC.

Our next test session will be held on Saturday April 14, 2012.

Please note: If you are planning to take the Extra exam in the near future, please read the following. *The present Extra class pool questions and the present Extra class exams will no longer be given after June 30, 2012.*

The NEW Extra class (Element 4) exams will be administered starting July 1, 2012. If you plan to take the New Extra exam after July 1, 2012, you should review the new Extra Class question pool (2012 - 2016).

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

73's AL - N9ZD

Hamfesters Make Contact With the ISS!

Several of the Hamfesters helped with a contact to the International Space Station. The contact was at the Liberty Junior High School in Burbank, IL. . The contact was Wednesday March 14, 2012 at 18:14 UTC lasting approximately 12 minutes on the 2 meter band. The contact was with astronaut Don Pettit KD5MDT who was using NA1SS. Don is part of Expedition 30.

Rita Wright, KC9CDL (Rita is a liaison with the ARRL for the ISS) spearheaded a Burbank School contact years ago. It was the first ham radio contact with the International Space Station. Then one of her students (Sue McNicholas) grew up, became a teacher at Liberty, and remembered the cool ham radio contact. She spearheaded this contact at Liberty Junior High School. . Members of Hamfesters turned out to help with the significant setup and take down work. Some of the Hams who participated were:
(We apologize in advance if we missed anyone.)

Bill Wright, KC9HRB

Pat Shalloo, KB9KRT

Mike Cicchetti, KC9OPV (did heavy lifting to get antennas on the roof of the school)

Tom Antolak, KA9ZXN (did heavy lifting to get antennas on the roof of the school)

Bob Marcheschi, WF9V (did heavy lifting to get antennas on the roof of the school)

Brian Davis, W9HLQ (helped with photos and tear down and clean up of the gear, no heavy lifting)

Charlie Sufana, AJ9N (He is the mentor sponsored by AMSAT to help with the contact. He brought all his gear and antennas and hosted the session. He did a great job controlling a gym full of kids, running the radios, and establishing contact with the ISS.



One of the several antennas on the roof of the school. It has azimuth and elevation motion to track the space station.



The backup antenna

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The radio gear set up in the school gym



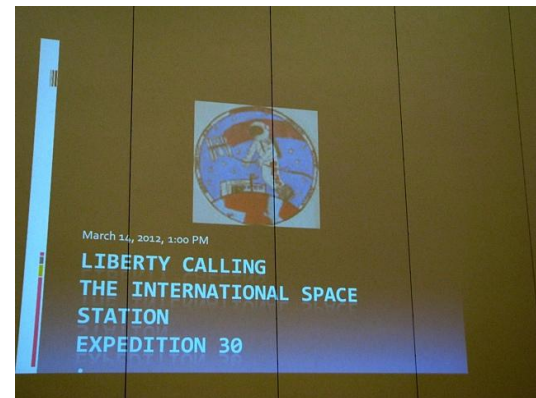
Hams running the station



School promotion for the coming contact



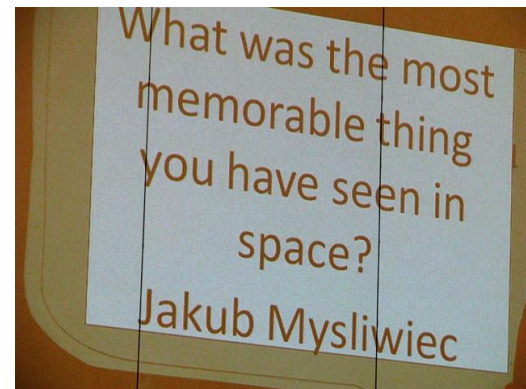
Assembling the Az-El antenna rotor



Information is displayed on the wall



Part of the audience



A Student's Question



Liberty Jr. High School in Burbank, IL



The kids who got to ask a question. They each get a QSL for a two way contact.

Editors Addendum:

February's QST had an article titled "QRP to the ISS" The gist of the article was that the International Space Station could be contacted using the packet modem on a Yaesu VX8R and a tape measure antenna. It just so happens Eric has a Yaesu VX8R his grandfather bought him a couple of years ago for his birthday and we have a tape measure antenna we had made for a foxhunt. After checking out heavens-above.com for a couple of weeks, we found a visible pass high enough in the sky for us to see. (As an aside, heavens-above is a great site. If you've never seen an iridium flash, it's worth checking out sometime.) On a cold Sunday night, there was a visible pass with an altitude of 47 degrees. During the pass, Eric fired up his Yaesu and I pointed the tape measure antenna toward the ISS overhead. Almost instantly, the packets started coming through. There were 6 stations in all. The farthest being from Montana, Texas and Connecticut. We couldn't quite get our own packet sent during the 2 minute pass-maybe next time. It may not seem like much to most hams, but we thought it was pretty cool. Gotta love the ISS.

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



Editors Ramblings- A short article we hope you'll like.

Charles W. Cox was a ham. He also lived in England during WWII and was a junior sergeant in the RAF. One day in early February 1942, he was told that he had just volunteered for a most important mission. He was given a shiny new pistol and began training with a group of Scottish assault troop.

A couple of months before, the English intelligence service realized that the Germans must have radar. Their planes were being intercepted as soon as they crossed the channel. The German anti-aircraft guns had become deadly in their ability to bring down allied planes. It seemed that the German radar was better than the English radar. The Germans had developed a radar system using 53 to 54 cm wavelengths, a peak power of 7-10 kW, and a range of 70 Km. The wavelengths used were much shorter than those used by the English. Hence they could be small and difficult to detect.

British intelligence had suspicions of a radar installation in the French town of Bruneval near the coast. British spy planes brought back pictures of a French Chateau near Bruneval, and in between a grove of trees, there appeared to be a radar system. This was later verified by the French underground. The English had to get one of these radar systems or their planes would continue to be sitting ducks. They needed someone to go on the raid who could figure out how to get the radar system taken apart and back to England. Charles Cox was a ham. He was all the English had.

The raid on February 27, 1942 was like something from the movies. A quarter of the 100 assault troops landed off the drop zone. They had to fight through machine gun fire, mortars and hidden bombs to get to the radar. Cox even helped capture the radar operator. Under Cox's supervision, they took down the radar as German troops were closing in. The lost troops arrived just in time to stop them from being overrun. They raced to the English Channel only to find that the navy was not there. As German troops started appearing on the bluff above the Channel, the navy landing craft arrived. Cox arrived at his home in England in the early morning hours and announced to his family that he had just had a nice little excursion to France.

When the British examined the radar and interrogated the German, they realized the German's had built a radar system for idiots. There were no hams in Germany. People were not allowed to build radios. There was no communication that wasn't controlled by the state. As a result, there was a lack of people with enough skills to run anything more than a basic system. The frequency could not even be changed on the radar. All the British had to do was release enough chaff of the right size to block the frequency of the German radar and the German radar operators were hopelessly confused. The allied planes were back in business. Charles Cox was a hero.

(Source: The Electric Universe by David Bodani)

Hamfest Update – April 2012

- Last month I've mentioned introducing a couple of new features for 2012: First of all, going from a 2-day hamfest to a one-day hamfest. (No vendor setups on hamfest Saturday.) Vendors will have to set up earlier on Sunday morning.
- And secondly, creating a new hamfest subcommittee within the larger committee where Kurt, WB9FMC, and James, KA2DRQ (and others) will work on special events including a special speaker. Kurt and James will handle the publicity for these events, also. This will be known as the Special Events and Activities subcommittee.
- Our 2012 Hamfest flyers are hot off the presses from our printer. If you're going to a hamfest, be sure to bring them with you and drop them off at their club table -- and pass them out. And get your tickets, also, -- either from our hamfest ticket sales coordinator Jim, or from the ticket sellers -- and sell!

Also, we're looking for a Volunteer Coordinator. Let me know. We'll have more updates at the April meeting and in the May HAMGAB.

--Kerry, AA9SB, Hamfest Committee chairperson

SWEDISH HAMS LAND BEACON ON MOON

This week, Professor Loof Lirpa, SA7RFL, of the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden, announced the successful landing of a probe built by him and a few graduate students on the surface of the moon. Their project is a scientific mission to measure the fromage factors of the lunar regolith (lunar soil,) but Lirpa, being an avid Ham, convinced the project directors to include a small Packet beacon on the probe.

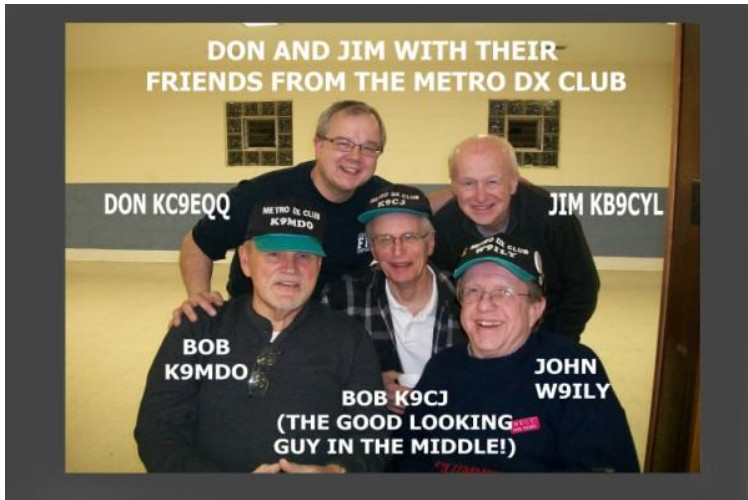
The project has until now received little media attention, but Lirpa hopes that this landing will help to gain attention and funding for Sweden's space program. Lirpa yesterday released this statement:

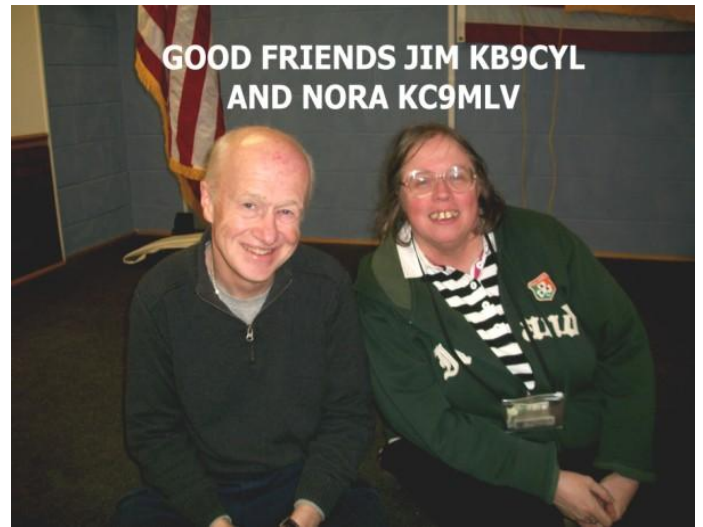
"I hope this mission will encourage similar projects from other universities, and perhaps gain a little more popularity for the field of backyard rocketry."

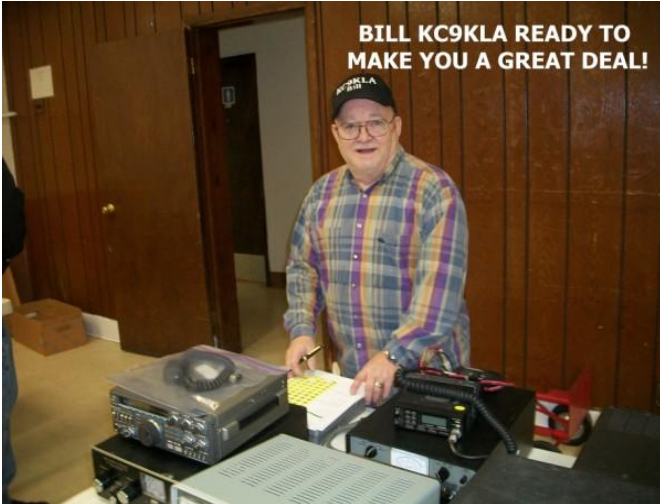
The Beacon will be live until the Probe's batteries become discharged, which researchers do not expect to occur for at least another eight to ten months. If you want to listen to the beacon, which continually transmits the probe's information, you can find it on 145.65 Mhz.



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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 78th annual Hamfest coming August 2012-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 23 & June 24 2012 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

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

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