



Ham Gab

Next meeting: July 6th

July 2012

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July Birthdays

Ed WA9EOL
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Linus KC9PCP
Charles WA9TWA
Charles W9TZE
Lee WB9USF
David WB9VNB
Vincent KC9PCO
Craig KC9QXE
William KC9QXG
Kelvin W9BBQ

Officers

President-Don KC9EQQ
Vice President -Jim KB9CYL
Secretary-Patty KC9LYE
Treasurer- ED WA9EOL
SGT at Arm-Rich N9UNQ
Trustee-Bruno K9QKB

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Nora KC9MLV
Jim KA2DRQ
Kurt WB9FMC
Mike W9MCS
John WB9JTS
Kerry AA9SB
James KA2DRQ

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Steve & Eric
KC9OOL & KC9OOM
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The Hamfesters Picnic will be Friday, July 6th at the Crestwood community center. The Color Guard will arrive at 7:30, be on time. All those wishing to help with setup should arrive between 5:30- 6 PM instead of the usual time. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. It can be hot or cold, as long as it's edible. No nuts please.



Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club 78th Annual Hamfest Sunday August 5th 2012

- Admission at gate \$10.00 (w/single prize stub)
- Advance ticket purchase \$8.00 (this includes double stub for prizes!) [via mail](#) or purchase them at the Hamfesters meetings
- Free Parking - over 35 acres!
- VE Testing 8am to 10:30 am
- Overnight parking permitted
- Refreshments are available
- Amateur radio and computer equipment
- 14,400 sq feet of **air conditioned** exhibit space
- Outdoor flea market locations free (admission ticket required)
- Limited electricity in some covered sheds
- Clean restrooms!
- More info: Contact Kerry Nelson, AA9SB kw_nelson@earthlink.net
Phone: 708/335-4574

Remember our Veterans this July 4th.



The Vietnam War Memorial Washington



The Korean War Memorial Washington

HAPPY 236TH BIRTHDAY
TO THE U.S.A!

THE PRESIDENTS BEAT

DONALD POINTER KC9EQQ
JULY 2012



The year was 1976. Remember why it was such an important year? I was only 19 at the time but I sure do recall why it was such a significant year. Walk with me down memory lane if you will back to July 4th, 1976, some 36 years ago.....

Our great nation- one nation under God for that matter, was celebrating her 200th year of independence. Taking God out of our Pledge of Allegiance wasn't even on our radar of any sorts that year. Actors Red Skelton and John Wayne were still with us to recite the Pledge in their own inimitable style and what a style it was weren't it? (Come to our July 6th meeting and hear John Wayne's version played that night!)

On Top 40, (remember that?!), radio the unofficial theme song of our nation's Bicentennial was the song "Philadelphia Freedom" by singer and performer Elton John. (Although supposedly it was written by Bernie Taupin about the famous tennis player Ms. Billie Jean King!)

Fourth of July that year fell on a Sunday, which means more than likely the great movie, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" was probably being run on WGN TV'S Family Classics movie program hosted at that time by the late Frazier Thomas. That movie was my dad's favorite movie of all time, because in part my dad was indeed born on the fourth of July, and in part because of the incredible patriotism the movie exuded through and through, and my dad was truly a Patriot, a Patriotic Veteran of the Korean war for that matter. Seventy years has passed since the making of the movie and to this day if it does not get you to rise and wave your flag then nothing will. Nora and I own several copies of it in different formats and play it every year around this time. No surprise, but it is our favorite movie of all time.

1976 was one year after the end of the Viet Nam war. Gerald Ford was our President. A gallon of gasoline was 59 cents a gallon! (Now you need 59 cents of aspirin just to look at the price of gas!) The average cost of a house was around 44k. Rocky Balboa ruled the theaters and Barry Manilow was everywhere on the radio. Actress Reese Witherspoon was born that year.

And the six gentlemen you see in the above photo were probably fresh out of the service or in it at the time. Stan, Ed, Matt, Don, Steve and Ben are just some of the Hamfester veterans we as their fellow club members salute this Fourth of July- Independence Day for giving us just that- our Independence. Thanks to them and all vets for a job well done!!

Back on the beat: Thanks Jim KB9CYL for an excellent program on Field day in June! Don't forget folks to bring your food specialty, hot or cold for our July 6th cook out in Crestwood! Our annual Presentation of Colors by the Honor Guard of the Chicago Ridge VFW will take place that night, and some great music provided by Mike WA9ZPM and his great collection of Patriotic and Americana music.

Have you been in touch with Kerry AA9SB about offering your services to him for Hamfest, August 5th, 2012? He has lots of positions to fill and would be so grateful to have you onboard the Hamfest Bandwagon. Our October program will feature Chicago Bandleader Steve Cooper and his program on Great Chicago Musical memories! Wait till you hear and see his program. And bring a friend! 73's all.

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

W9AA May 21, 2012 Board Meeting, began at 7:34 PM
Roll: Jim KB9CYL, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, John WB9JYS, Kerry AA9SB, James KA2DRQ, Nora KC9MLV.
Health & Welfare: John WB9JYS is back and feeling better.

Board Minutes: There was no board meeting in April.
The March minutes were approved by John WB9JYS, 2nd by James KA2DRQ.

Treasurer's Report: Report by Ed WA9EOL, approved by Kurt, 2nd by James KA2DRQ.

Secretary Report: Report by Patti KC9LYE, I will take orders & collect money for Field Day pins at the June 1st club meeting. Pins are \$5.00 each, Field Day is June 23-24th.

Field Day: Report by Jim KB9CYL, FD site meeting way yesterday, the location of antennas & stations were decided. Two meter rigs will be used at stations to communicate traffic, less walking back and forth.
Kerry AA9SB, at FD will perform National Traffic System, winning Hamfesters 100 pts.

Hamfest: Report by Jim KB9CYL, ticket sales are down.

Publicity: Report by Kerry AA9SB, publicity has been sent for the June 1st club meeting. Publicity will be sent for Field Day June 23&24th.

Hamfest: Report by Kerry AA9SB. The application for our W9AA Hamfest on August 5th has been sent to the ARRL.

The Will Count Fair Grounds will let W9AA use this site on Saturday Aug. 4th for vendors to set up W9 AA is not being charged for Aug 4th. Applications for Hamfest vendors have been sent. As a member of the special committee Dave N9KPD, will work with John AB9JW.

Old Business: James KA2DRQ is building software to write tables to put up on the Hamfesters website.

New Business: Report by Ed WA9EOL, the board voted to buy the "Pro-Audio" Portable Sound System, 2nd by Kurt.

Adjournment: James KA2DRQ, 2nd by John WB9JYS, 8:25 PM



General meeting minutes – Patti, KC9LYE

W9AA June 1, 2012 Club Meeting began at 7:35 PM

Roll: Don KC9EQQ, Jim KB9CYL, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Rich N9UNQ.

49 members attended, 6 visitors. Thanks to Cailey (Jim's KB9CYL, Granddaughter) for selling those tasty Girl Scout cookies.

We said the pledge to the flag. Jim KB9CYL gave his annual Field Day Program Field Day 2011. Great fun, Thanks Jim.

We have a break; White Castle sliders & Wall Mart donuts. Really Good.

The business meeting began at 8:50 PM.

Presidents Report: Report by Don KC9EQQ, Thanks to Ron KB9ZBN for the Red Cross program last month. The club has purchased a portable sound system. We're using it tonight.

Welcome visitors; Colette K9LTE (she's going to join Hamfesters) & Randall KC9WBI.

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Health & Welfare; Joe's KA9KBU Dad is in the hospital. Bob N9JYX is going back into the hospital for heart issues.

Club Minutes; May club minutes approved by Pat KB9KRT & 2nd by James KA2DRQ.

Treasurer's Report: Report by Ed WA9EOL, approved by James KA2DRQ, 2nd by Kurt.

Field Day: Report by Jim KB9CYL, Field Day Worth, IL June 23-24th. Setup Saturday 8:00 AM. Field Day begins at 1:00 PM-1:00 PM Sunday. W9AA chefs; Mike W9MCS lunch, Kelly KB9ZRM dinner & Ed WA9EOL breakfast.

Website & Education; Report by Brian W9HLQ, The roster has been updated on the website. There are no classes planned.

Hamgab report; Report by Steve KC9OOL, send your articles to us, stories wanted.

Programs; Our annual picnic Friday July 6th 7:30 PM, please bring your favorite goodies to share. Our Grill Master is Mike W9MCS. Setup help needed 7:00 PM. Ron KB9TCX will be a member of the color guard.

Publicity & Hamfest; Report by Kerry AA9SB, we have publicity for Field Day June 23-24th in the papers. The

members of the Hamfest committee are: Kerry AA9SB, Kurt, James KA2DRQ, Dave N9KPD & John AB9JW. Get Hamfest fliers from Jim KB9CYL, post them, and take them to other hamfests. The vendor setup date Saturday August 4th at the Will County Fair Grounds, we're getting this date for FREE. Our Hamfest is August 5th!

Hamfest tickets Report by Jim KB9CYL, to date 24 Hamfest tickets have been sold.

New Business; by Michael KC9OPV: Hamfesters would like to help out at walks & runs for charities. If you know about an event please contact Michael.

Mike WA9ZRM, those twisty shaped light bulbs (Mike would never call them that, but I do) when they burn out there can be an awful burnt smell, Please by careful., make sure the fixture and wires are safe.

Steve W9KXT, told us that Kurt won a prize from Ham Nation, Congratulations Kurt.

Don KC9EQQ said that all of the prizes tonight have a camping theme in honor of Field Day.

Thanks Bob, KB9YXH, that's a good idea.

Adjournment; at 9:30 PM James KA2DRQ, 2nd by Bob N9JYX.

Hamfest ticket sales de Jim Riley KB9CYL

My faith has been restored! At the June meeting, a total of 34 tickets were taken for sale. That leaves 236 still in the hands of our ticket sellers. Fifteen tickets were sold at that meeting, bringing the total to 24. That's nowhere near enough to cover the cost of the fairgrounds but at least it's a start. If all the tickets still outstanding are sold before the fest, the fairgrounds will be paid for plus a little more. It wouldn't hurt to have a lot more in the kitty just in case the weather goes south on hamfest day. The July meeting will be your last chance to take tickets out to sell. I'll have plenty with me and I'd like to go home empty-handed.

So far it's a two-person race for top ticket seller. I'm in the lead with 21; Kerry AA9SB is in second with 3. A ticket is not considered sold until I have the money in my hands so it's still anybody's race. I'm hoping the lead changes hands many times over the next month.

As a reminder, ALL cash, checks, and unsold tickets must be turned in by the August meeting.

Hamfest Update – July 2012 Kerry AA9SB

I've mentioned introducing a couple of new features for the 2012 Hamfest and I'd like to follow-up on them: Regarding going from a 2-day hamfest to a one-day hamfest -- with no vendor setups on hamfest Saturday and vendors having to set up early on Sunday morning.): --Well, I sent out the table reservation forms to the vendors and heard back from Don, KD9MF, of DC-Ace Electronics, one of our largest vendors with a huge 10-table set up. Don complained that it would make it very difficult to set-up early on Sunday morning. Before taking it up with our officers I contacted Dale Armstrong of Will County Fairgrounds and asked whether it would be possible to do something about Saturday (August 4th). He checked with his Will County superiors and they let us have Saturday for no extra charge! How about that! Two days for the price of one!

Secondly, a new hamfest subcommittee within the larger committee was created and Kurt,

WB9FMC, and James, KA2DRQ (and others) will work on special events including a special speaker - your help is appreciated.

Also, we were looking for a Volunteer Coordinator. Dave Bukowski, N9KPD, has offered to take on that job, and we thank him for taking on that responsibility. He'll also be helping John, AB9JW, with a new vendor map for the vendor set-up. We'll have more updates at the June and July meetings.

And last but not least, if you're going to a hamfest, be sure to bring the new flyers 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!

--Kerry, AA9SB, Hamfest Committee chairperson

Hamfesters Roster News

In case you missed it. The roster is no longer located in the newsletter section of the website. It does not yet have a permanent spot on the website, but it can still be accessed. Remember the Hamfesters password is required to enter the roster.

Address Change:

Call --- NF9N

Name --- BRASEL, DAVID

Data --- address change to:

27 N. Woodland Trail

Palos Park, IL 60464-12

email to nf9n@comcast.net

Hamfesters VE Testing: By Al Bukowski N9ZD

Hamfesters Radio club VE's were prepared to administer FCC Amateur Radio exams on June 9, 2012. However we had no candidates at this session. The VE's who were present: Gene KB9RNM, Kelvin W9BBQ, Tim AA9BV, James KA2DRQ and myself, N9ZD. Many thanks to 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. Walkins 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.

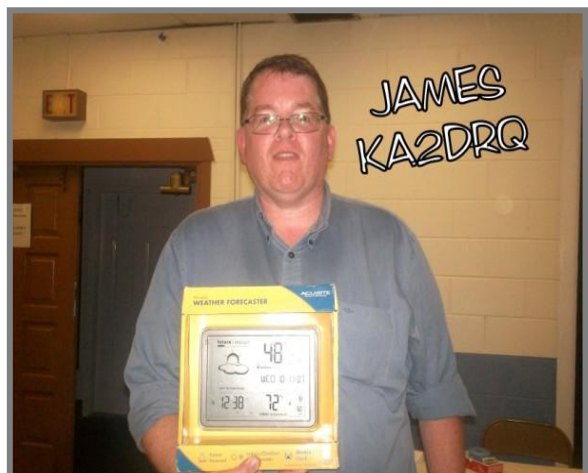
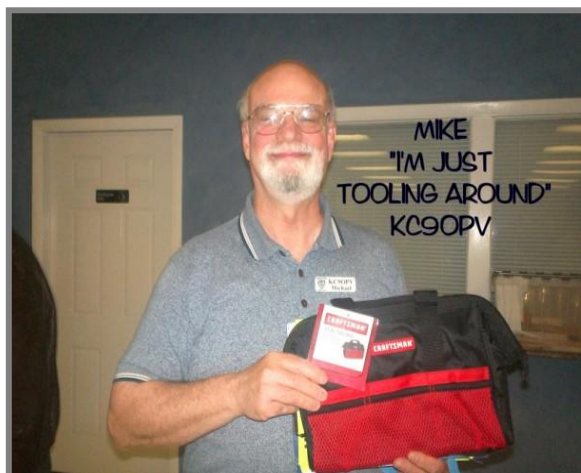
Our next test session will be held on Saturday July 14, 2012.

Please note: If you are planning to take the Extra exam, please read the following.

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 is still \$15.00 (cash only -- no credit cards, Money Orders or checks).

73's AL - N9ZD



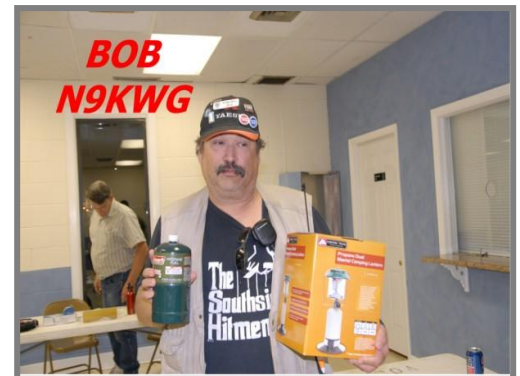
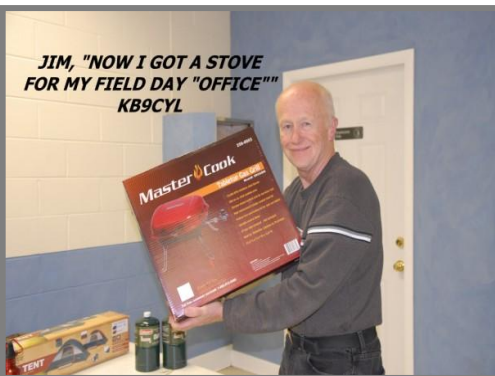
Hamfesters Monthly Raffle

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.

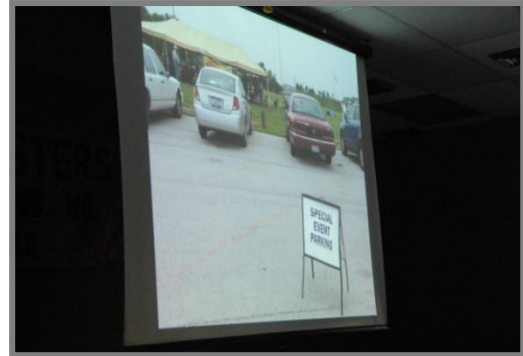
73' Bob Richter KB9YXH Raffle Chairman



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SOME OF YOUR FELLOW
HAMFESTERS AT
LAST YEARS
FIELD DAY



HERE COMES THE SLIDERS!!
WHAT A HIT THEY WERE!



"HAMFESTERS IS A
DOG GONE GREAT CLUB!"



SOME OF OUR VALUED
HAMFESTER ARMED
SERVICES VETERANS!
WE WAVE OUR
RED, WHITE AND
BLUE FOR YOU!

DON K9KNZ STEVE W9KXT BEN KC9CXT

STAN W9KME ED WA9EOL MATT K9MS

6-1-12

DONALD PHOTOGRAPHY



MATT K9MS EXPRESSES HIS
PRIDE FOR HAMFESTERS!





JIM KB9CYL,
OUR FIELD DAY
CHAIRMAN
PRESENTS HIS
PROGRAM
ON FIELD DAY!
GREAT JOB JIM!



**IT'S SLIDER
NIGHT AT
HAMFESTERS!!**



**CATHY KC9NRH
HAS GOT THE
CRAVE!**



**DID SOMEONE
SAY DONUTS??**



**HAVE YOU CHECKED
UNDER THE
HOOD OF HAMFESTERS
LATELY?**

Editors Ramblings



All of the stars aligned the right way and we were fortunate enough to be able to take a trip to France this year. We made it to Normandy and took a tour of Omaha beach on June 13th, exactly 68 years and 1 week after the D-Day invasion. The day we arrived it was cloudy with a light drizzle similar to the weather they had 68 years ago. One could look out at the rolling waves and easily imagine the difficulty of trying to land a Higgins boat anytime, especially under a barrage of machine gun fire. We could see the cliffs that Rudder's rangers ascended to knock out the German heavy artillery. How could anyone have made it up those cliffs with only rope ladders?

We drove through the bucolic country side which truly is as beautiful as it appears in the movies. It was comforting to see American flags flying alongside the French flags in many of the houses. It is hard to imagine trying to advance through the hedge rows which really are on every little acre

of land. When I was a kid, my neighbor was a welder and welded the steel blades on the front of tanks that finally plowed through the hedgerows. He was a quiet unassuming man who was well liked by all of the neighbors. I never even knew until after he had passed away that he had played an integral role in the American victory.

The Omaha military cemetery is truly the place where it all hits home. It does seem as if the grave markers go on forever. As you walk out among the head stones and see the names and the dates, you realize the sacrifices that were made to keep us free. I am glad I saw it and I am glad my children saw it. Let's hope we can honor the memory of these brave soldiers and carry on this democracy for generations to come.

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Steve





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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. AI 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 KA9KB & Tom KA9ZXN are Net Control

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

WEB SITE: www.hamfesters.org Brian W9HLQ is Webmaster

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Patti KC9LYE Secretary

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