

# Ham Gab

Next meeting: Sept. 7th

September 2012

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# **Hams Who Fly Jets**







Thanks again to all of the club members who helped out at the Hamfest. See Kerry's full report on page 5.

# Presentation for Hamfesters Club Meeting, Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

We hope to entertain and educate you with videos of jets and helicopters performing things which will amaze you. You'll say, "I didn't know they could do that!" Brian Davis' son Dan, my Son Bill, and I are hams who fly jets, both military and civilian. We'll have pictures and videos of what jets can do. Some good, some not so good! You will not be bored. Through this presentation I hope all of us will come away with an appreciation of what these young men are doing for all of us so that we can enjoy Ham Radio, as well as all of our freedoms, which many of us take for granted. To quote radio commentator Paul Harvey, "it is not one world out there!" Thank God for young folks like Brian's son Dan, and my son Bill, who sacrifice daily to insure our freedoms are secure!

# Cet Your Tickers!

WE'RE STARTING A RADIO RAFFLE!! YOU COULD WIN THAT HT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE NEXT MEETING FOR \$5 APIECE. WE'LL HAVE THE RAFFLE AFTER 40 TICKETS ARE SOLD. WE ALSO HAVE SOME GREAT PRIZES FOR THE PRIZE TABLE. TEN TICKETS ARE \$5.



## THE PRESIDENTS BEAT

DONALD POINTER KC9EQQ
SEPTEMBER 2012

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We could not of done it without you!! Who is that you say? First and foremost, all those Hamfester members who gave so much of their time making this year's Hamfest the success that it was on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Kerry AA9SB and his entire crew of Hamfest volunteers are to be saluted by all their fellow Hamfesters for the great job they did at putting the backbone where it was needed, the heart where it could be felt and the fun into what is our most anticipated event of the year- *HAMFEST!* Second of all, I wish to thank all those members of Hamfest who came out to shop and support the many vendors and sellers who know Hamfest is the best in town to find that great deal!

I would be remiss if I did not thank the staff of the Peotone fairgrounds for all their help with whatever we needed that day. Many thanks are to be also extended to all those Vendors and sellers for coming back year after year. They know we will do everything to make their selling experience a pleasant one. Not to mention that buyers will come from everywhere to support those sellers. Two buyers, commonly known as Nora and Don found some fine items to call their own that day!

So what's on the radar next for Hamfesters? It's none other than our very own long time Hamfester members Steve Peters W9KXT and Brian Davis W9HLQ presenting a very cool program about the impact Aviation and Ham Radio has made on their lives personally and professionally. Anecdotes, videos and great stories provided by these two gentlemen will no doubt make this a program you will not want to miss! On Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Arrive early as I am sure a great turnout is assured for this program!

The date of October 5th will bring us another Steve presenting a program! It is none other than Steve Cooper, of the Steve Cooper Orchestra. Steve's program entitled, "Big Band Memories" will share with you great stories with video and audio about the great voices in popular music will leave you spell bound and entertained. Many of these voices he has played along with himself! Rumor has it that a little bit of live horn playing might be in order that night by Steve that evening also. Bring your best toe-tapping shoes!



Let's fast forward to December 7<sup>th</sup> of this year. At the September program tickets will be going on sale for our annual Hamfester's Christmas party. This event to be held December 7<sup>th</sup> will be held at Papa Joes Restaurant 14459 S. Lagrange Road in Orland Park and will start at 7:00pm. Ask anyone who has attended this gala and you will get some great reviews for sure! Great food, fellowship and good times await you at this great affair. Sorry ladies, I will not be there with twenty dollar bills in hand!! LOL!

Lastly, I know the anniversary of 9-11 is fast approaching and with that I hope you will join me in keeping all the victims, survivors and First responders of that terrible day in your thoughts and prayers. Especially please think of our men and women in uniform who are at the ready 365/24/7 protecting our freedoms we all so embrace and love.

Till September  $7^{th}$  at our next meeting, 73's to all of you and God Bless you all

Don Pointer KC9EQQ and Nora KC9MLV

# General meeting minutes – Patti, KC9LYE

Aug. 3, 2012 Hamfesters W9AA Club Meeting began at 7:33PM

The next club meeting will be on Fri. Sept. 14th at 7:30PM. There's a flower show on the first Friday in September.

Roll: Jim KB9CYL, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Rich N9UNQ, VP Jim KB9CYL, presided, Don KC9EQQ, is working. There were 35 members including one new member Jim KC9WEZ, and two visitors; K9FRI & Brock KF9GI.

Health & Welfare; Lee's WB9USF, wife Evelyn has died, our condolences Lee.

Bruno K9QKB, is in rehab he hopes to be released in time to attend our Hamfest on Aug. 5th.

Field Day: Report by Jim KB9CYL, Kurt WB9FMC, was tops in CW. Joe KA8KBU phone, Al N9ZD digital. Nice Work!

Programs: Tonight's Hamfest by Kerry AA9SB
Sept. 14th Steve W9KXT "Hams who Fly Jets"
Oct. 5th Steve Cooper orchestra, he'll talk about big band singers.

Also, Dave The Good Humor man, he'll sell ice cream.

Treasurer's Report: Report by Ed WA9EOL- sell Hamfest tickets. When spending the club's money first contact a chairmen or board member. Approved by Lee WB9USF, 2nd by Brian W9HLQ.

Secretary Report: by Patti KC9LYE, please see Jim KB9CYL, sign up to sell tickets at the gates on Aug. 5th.

Hamfest: Jim KB9CYL, please return unsold Hamfest tickets and money as soon as possible.

Kerry AA9SB, publicity has been sent for tonight and the Hamfest on Aug. 5th.

Hamfest vendors continue to buy tables, 22 tables sold.

Committee: Setup at the fair grounds on Sat. Aug. 4th John AB9JW, and Matt KC9JVC at 10:00AM.

Kurt WB9FMC, & James KA2DRQ, are sending out Hamfest related emails.



Security chairmen are Kurt WB9FMC, & Dave N9KPD. Kerry AA9SB, needs more security.

Al N9ZD, VE testing on Aug. 5th at the Hamfest 8:30AM. Prize Chairmen Bob KB9YXH, will have KC9CWY, to help him at the Hamfest.

Education & Membership: Brian W9HLQ, There will be a general class this fall in Tinley Park.

If you have a change in email contact Brian.

Annual club dues \$20.00 per person, family \$10.00 each Sept. until Nov. at club meetings.

Our club's Roster is on the website on the club info page. Hamfesters now has 3 web addresses: Hamfesters.org Hamfesters.com W9AA.com

Any of these will bring you to our website. Thanks Gene!

New Business: Steve W9KXT, has heard on STARS & BARS Repeaters much talk about our Hamfest on Aug. 5th. Colette K9LKT has a friend who is hiring a mechanic.

Adjournment: Lee WB9USF, 2nd by Bob N9JYX at 8:45PM.

Raffle Winners: Door Prize Bob KC9KUY, Kurt WB9FMC.
Raffle Prizes: Jim KC9WEZ, Colette K9LKT (2x), Ed WA9EOL,
Bob N9JYX (2x), Bill KC9KUX

Old Joke

There were two antennas on the roof. Eventually, they fell in love. The wedding wasn't much but the reception was fantastic!

# Board meeting minutes – Patti, KC9LYE

July 23, 2012 W9AA board meeting 7:30PM

Roll: Don KC9EQQ, Jim KB9CYL, Patti KC9LYE, Ed WA9EOL, Mike W9MCS, John WB9JTS, Kurt WB9FMC, Nora KC9MLV, Kerry AA9SB, James KA9DRQ.

Visitors: Joe KB9KBU, James Jr KC9SOQ,

Health & Welfare: Condolences to Joe KA9KBU, for the death of his Dad. Kerry AA9SB, continues to undergo dental work.

Publicity & Hamfest: Report by Kerry AA9SB, publicity for the Hamfest & our Aug. club meeting has been sent. Hamfest vendors continue to sign up.

Committee: Report by Kurt WB9FMC, is sending out Hamfest related emails, there's a \$50.00 prize for the one drawn, there's a survey. Security for Hamfest is John AB9JW, & Dave N9KPD, setup is Saturday Aug. 4th. Kerry will contact them.

Joe KA9KBU, is working on the generator for the trailer.

At the Aug. 3rd club meeting Jim KB9CYL, will fill positions for Aug. 5th gate ticket sellers.

President's Report: by Don KC9EQQ, he is going to start a full time job at Midway airport.

The Aug. 27th board meeting will begin at 7:00PM.

On Aug. 5th board members please wear your Hamfesters ID tag. Talk to the vendors make sure they're ok.

We'll discuss Hamfest 2013.

Hamfest Tickets: Report by Jim KB9CYL. 48 tickets were sold, but there are still tickets outstanding. To break even 154 tickets need to be sold.

Programs: August subject Hamfest by Kerry AA9SB Sept. "Hams Who Fly" by Steve W9KXT Oct. Steve Cooper Orchestra & Dave the Good Humor Man

Treasurer's Report: by Ed WA9EOL, club expenses, there 's a limit of \$100.00 without board approval. This report approved by John WB9JTS, 2nd by James KA2DRQ.

Field Day: Report by Jim KB9CYL. 4,948 total FD points. The costs for food on Field Day needs to be approved before hand.

Old Business: The July picnic with the VFW color guard were very well received.

New Business: The Oct. program dounuts, and Good Humor ice cream. The ice cream is for sale. The board approved \$150.00 for Steve Cooper. Kerry AA9BS, needs info concerning hamfest or publicity by the 13th of each month. At the Hamfest on Aug. 5th there will be extra tables available upon request. We won't fill the room with empty tables. James KA2DRQ, 440 Repeater 441.275 PL 114.28 In the future a list of local Repeaters will appear on Hamfesters.org

Adjournment: Kurt WB9FMC, 2nd by Ed WA9EOL 8:40PM

## Hamfest Report 2012 Kerry AA9SB

Despite what anyone may say, our 78th annual Hamfest on Sunday, August 5, 2012, turned out to be a success, due again this year to the teamwork of our great club members (there's must be a reason why we're called Hamfesters!). We had generally good weather despite some rain and threatening clouds on Saturday night. But we were blessed with the appearance of the sun on Sunday. Thanks to our Creator of sky and sun for that blessing. Finally, your positive attitude and hard work proved that no worldwide economic recession could discourage our efforts.

Thanks also to Gail lannone, at QST/ARRL, and Dick Isely, W9GIG, our Central Division director, who were of invaluable assistance. (And it was good to see Dick, on Sunday, being as supportive of our event as usual. Thanks, once again.)

Again, Jim, KB9CYL's gate ticket sales were better than the advanced sales would have led us to believe. (I think this was probably due to the dicey weather forecasts.) Although the total gate figures were disappointing, it was I think due to the confusing situation with the 1-day/ 2-day situation.

Vendor table sales were down from last year, but not by much. We lost two long-time vendors – Clark, W9BQL, and Tri-Town RAC; and Lon Oehlwein, System Consultants – and that affected the vendor situation greatly. Our sympathies go out to the Lembcke (I knew my friend Clark for half a century) and Oehlwein families. The south room was only two-thirds filled. But then two vendors, missing in action last year, who promised to return -- Gold Medal Ideas and TiggyPooh Electronics – were missing in action again, although I made a couple of extra attempts to contact them, right up to the end. Hinsey Electronics made good on their promise to return on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> making his

presence known with 8 tables in the middle of the north room. Thank you, Dave!

I want to thank the many members who made the 2012 Hamfest a success. Knowing I'll miss mentioning many people who did so much, I list those subcommittee coordinators who took charge of the major areas of the hamfest, and their crews: Jim, KB9CYL, ticket sales; and all the other ticket sellers, including Pati, KC9LRE, Don, KC9EQQ, and Nora Pointer, KC9MLV; Bob, KB9YXH, and his assistant for their work on prizes and announcements; treasurer Ed, WA9EOL, for keeping track of our dollars and cents; Mike, W9MCS, our new security coordinator, and his crew – (minus Bruno, K9QKB, who's been in recovery – get well soon, Bruno): Rich, N9UNQ, our new assistant security coordinator; John, AB9JW, set-up coordinator, and his crew including Matt and the halfdozen members of the set-up crew including Mike, WA9ZPM, and Don, K9KNZ. We also thank Al, N9ZD, and the VE testing crew (including Tom, KA9ZXN, John, KC9NLA, and James, KA2DRQ; Bob, N9JYX, Joe, KA9KBU, Rich, N9UNQ, trailer crew, and KA9KBU, with his 2-meter talk-in; and Kurt, WB9FMC, and the winners of his HAMFEST emailing contest and the parking crew. And last but not least Dale Armstrong of the Will County Fairgrounds; and most of all, every one of you who contributed time, money, and effort that made the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual HRC Hamfest successful. And here I go again: if I left anyone out, I get you in next month's hamfest report postscript. Thanks, everybody!

--Kerry Nelson, HRC Hamfest chair, kw\_nelson@earthlink.net

### Hamfest Ticket Sales de Jim Riley KB9CYL

What a perfect day for a Hamfest. After some heavy storms on Saturday, the weather cleared and could not have been any better. The day turned out mostly sunny with a high of 84.

In terms of ticket sales, this year's Hamfest was a huge success. Everyone who signed up to sell at the gate was in position early and there were absolutely no problems. Raising the gate to ten bucks a ticket completely eliminated any change issues we've had in the past. Speaking of change, there was one customer who was a little short and had to scrounge for four quarters but that was the only coin we got all day. I quickly put it in my pocket and threw in a buck to cover it.

Here's how gate sales went. The first shift at the east gate was taken by the Pointers, Don KC9EQQ and Nora KC9MLV, who sold 93 and 75 tickets respectively. Over at the west gate James and James Byrnes, KA2DRQ and KC9SOG sold 37. Cathy KC9NRH and Bob N9KWG Fleischmann almost tied as they sold 59 and 55 respectively during the middle shift at the east gate. Meanwhile, Ray Gramas KA9ITZ sold 62 at the west gate as his partner, Lenny McCain KB9OUQ, sold 55. Things

slowed down a bit during the final shift. Patti Gulick KC9LYE, assisted by Ron Kalat KB9CTX sold 7 tickets at the east gate while Ed Egan WB9STB sold 31 over at the west. That comes to 205 tickets during the early shift, 231 in the middle, and 38 at the end for a total of 474 all day.

Advance ticket sales came to an end on the Friday before the fest as all cash and unsold tickets were turned in or accounted for. In spite of my protests some cash was turned in at the fest but that's OK. Income is income. Myself, Michael Cicchetti KC9OPV, Pete Jachimiec WB9W, Kerry Nelson AA9SB, Bob Koran N9JYX, Bob Richter KB9YXH, James Byrnes KA2DRQ, Bruce Mudoch KB9USV, Brian Davis W9HLQ, Mike Serapin W9MCS, Kate Stair KB9KDC, Joe Kratky KA9KBU, and Steve Peters W9KXT combined for a total of 202 tickets sold.

In the race for top advance ticket seller there is a three-way tie for third place between Steve, Joe, and Brian with 10 each. We'll let our prize chairman figure that one out. Pete is alone in second place with 36. With 72 tickets sold, I will humbly accept first prize.

Thanks to the 22 members who got involved. It wouldn't be the Hamfest without you.

#### Hamfest Raffle Winners

1st Priize 500.00 K9MS MATT SOBCZAK
2nd Prize 300.00 WX9VOR DEBORAH GRAY
3rd Prize 100.00 N9DXH BILL CONNERS
Our fest was a success. Thanks from our Officers a

Our fest was a success. Thanks from our Officers and BOARD to all that worked and thoes that came out. It was a perfect day

ED BRONIARCZYK WA9EOL Treasurer

#### New Web Site is Online!

By now we hope that you have been to Hamfesters new web site. We hope you find it useful, up to date and modern looking. We are looking for your comments and suggestions as to what we can do better to improve our site.

I want to thank our new member **Gene Phillips, KC9WBI**, for his extensive help in building the web site from scratch. We literally started over in the design and look and feel.



Several things that you should know:

The **club rosters** can be found on the Members Only page. You will be required to sign in the first time you visit the page. I am working on the proper page orientation.

It is tricky to get the page to look good both online and when printed. If you don't remember the sign in password, check with a club officer at the next meeting or contact Brian, W9HLQ.

Be sure to spend some time in the **Picture Gallery**. Also be sure to "drill down" and find the **Vintage Photo Archive**. We took the time to scan in some photos from the very early days of Hamfesters. To pique your curiosity, can you find the photos where a very unique engine was used to power the Hamfesters Field Day? I will settle for a name of a car as the source of power for their generator.

Enjoy the new Hamfesters web pages!

Gene, KC9WBi and Brian, W9HLQ

## **Amateur Radio General License Class**

Hamfesters is pleased to announce the General License class will commence on September 27, 2012 at 7 pm. Location is the Tinley Park Emergency Management Agency Operations Center.

17355 68th Ct. (173 Pl and Oak Park Ave). Located behind the fire station.

Tinley Park, Illinois 60477

See our web site for details on the upcoming class and our exact location. There is no charge, however an ARRL General Class License manual is strongly suggested since it will be our study guide.



#### www.hamfesters.org

For more information contact Brian Davis, W9HLQ

#### Hamfesters Roster News

Please welcome our new members. Look them up at the next meeting and include them in your activities. Get them involved in our club!

Brock Walters, KF9GI extra class 222 Avonelle Drive Chicago Heights, IL 60411

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Brock works SSB and CW on the HF bands. Retired.

James Wognum, KC9WEZ technician 11707 S. Bell Ave. Chicago, Il 60643

phone: 773/238-5323 email: jpwognum@ameritech.net

James is an attorney at law. He likes model railroading, old juke boxes and 45 rpm records. He is looking to buy his first rig so you might give him a hand in selecting the radio with the proper options.

# Hamfesters VE Testing: By Al Bukowski N9ZD

#### **Hamfesters VE Testing for August 2012**

On August 2012, Hamfester's Radio Club VE's administered tests at the Hamfester's Hamfest in Peotone, ILL. We tested a total of ten individuals in which five passed their Technician test. We also had one upgrade to General and one upgrade to Extra. Then Hamfesters Radio club VE's team administered exams the following 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at the Oak Forest City Hall 15440 S. Central Ave. Oak Forest, II 60452. We had one candidate who passed and earned his Extra ticket. Congratulations to all. I want to thank all the participating VE's who helped at both test sessions in administering and grading the exams.

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, II 60452. Oak Forest City Hall Doors open at 9:00AM. We begin testing at 9:15AM Sharp. Please enter through the City Hall main entrance and then go to the left to the Chamber Room. Signs for Amateur Radio Testing will be posted. 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 September 8, 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 have your Social Security Number, or if you are licensed please use the FRN (Federal Registration Number) listed on your license. 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 N9ZD (evenings): (708) 535 2981 or preferred - via e-mail at: abukowski@sbcglobal.net.

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

73's AL - N9ZD

#### Hamgab, September 2012

#### **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

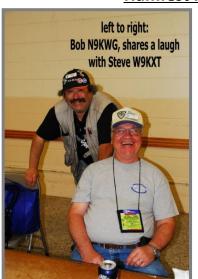
kb9yxh@yahoo.com or call me at (708) 429-4511.

73' Bob Richter KB9YXH Raffle Chairman

Wanted 12 volt 15 or 25 amp switching power supply, contact Bob KB9YXH –see Bob's info to the left.

#### **Hamfest Pictures**























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# Hamfesters Radio Club



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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the Oremus Center, 7902 Oketo, Bridgeview, IL

VE TESTING: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 78<sup>th</sup> 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 115<sup>th</sup> 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 & Tom KA9ZXN are Net Control

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

WEB SITE: <a href="www.hamfesters.org">www.hamfesters.org</a> Brian W9HLQ is Webmaster

Club's address: Hamfesters Radio Club P.O. Box 102 BEDFORD PARK, IL 60499 Patti KC9LYE Secretary

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