



# Ham Gab

Next meeting: Sept. 6th September 2013



*Notice that Hamfesters has a new mailing address. (see the column to the left) This is in response to our discussion at the last meeting where we feel that our club should have a Crestwood mailing address. So we made the change. Please begin using the new PO box now if you have correspondence for the club.*

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Joe Kratky KA9KBU

We have some sad news to report. Long time Hamfesters member Joe Kratky KA9KBU unexpectedly passed away on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Joe will be remembered as the guy who always seemed to be around when anything needed done. At Field Days, he was always the one who could make things work. One Field Day, he took my son Eric under his wings and they spent most of the night in the trailer making contact after contact. Eric was so excited he barely slept at all. That's the kind of guy Joe was. He will be missed.

Thanks again to all those members who helped out at the Hamfest. It was another great success.

Next month's meeting will feature Gregg AB9MZ as he gives a talk on emergency preparedness. Gregg has been active in emergency management for years. You need to be prepared for the next emergency and this is the guy who can show you how to do it.

Also, don't forget to make your reservations for the upcoming SS Badger Cruise on September 14&15.



Gregg AB9MZ

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE RADIO RAFFLE!! YOU COULD WIN THAT HT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE NEXT MEETING FOR \$5 APIECE. WE ALSO HAVE SOME GREAT PRIZES FOR THE PRIZE TABLE. SUPPORT YOUR CLUB AND BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW.



# THE PRESIDENTS BEAT

DONALD POINTER KC9EQQ

SEPTEMBER 2013

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Today, I received news that sent me reeling. Joe Kratky KA9KBU passed away suddenly and that news has put a hole in my heart that you can drive a truck through. Details of his passing are fuzzy right now. But what is not fuzzy, is the fact that Joe's passing has indeed left a huge void in this club. The guy did it all for us over the years. Treasurer, Board member, meeting set-up volunteer, Raffle drawing partner in crime to Bob Richter KB9YXH, A-1 mechanic, *the list goes on and on my dear friends, but the best damn thing he was.... Was a friend!!* A friend who would run out in the cold and crummy weather and help my wife Nora bring in all the refreshments from our car, when yours truly was going crazy setting up the Officers table for the meeting. A friend who felt it an honor to hang up our big yellow banner which practically heralded "You are at a Hamfesters meeting and I got hung up by a gem of a human being!" Sounds silly huh, thinking a banner could talk. But that was the way Joe was my friends- everything *and* everyone he touched spoke volumes about how he felt about our club and it's most precious asset which is its members. I think when God thought about making Gold, he probably thought of Joe at the same time, because that is what Joe was- simply pure gold. He would bend over backwards to help anyone in this club. And it frosted his cake to think about the direction that our country was going some times, because he so wanted people to help each other, love each other and respect each other. Yea, it's a cliché to say that he didn't just talk the talk, but he walked the walk in his own unique and special ways when it came to Joe caring for others. They just don't make them like Joe anymore do they?

Did you ever hear anyone say a bad word about Joe? By gosh not in my ears did I ever hear a negative word about Joe. And now, oh man, and now I wish I could say some words to Joe that would echo the thoughtful and warm sentiments of the many Hamfester members I spoke to via the phone and at the 220 guys club meeting tonight. I have a request of all of you, Joe's fellow members: He loved you all and I am offering you a chance to express your thoughts about Joe at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting prior to Gregg Rosenberg's program that night. I am dedicating this meeting to the memory of Joe and I want this to be joyous celebration of a man's life, not a maudlin sad event, but one that truly captures and reflects how happy this club and you and its members made him. I call this night: "Come Celebrate Joe!" How about it my dear friends? Bring it- Bring your best and shout it out so he Joe can hear it up above farther than any antenna tower can broadcast because nothing gets it out farther and stronger than when it comes from the heart. "Nuff said. RIP Joe Kratky KA9KBU....."

Our fellow member Gregg Rosenberg AB9MZ will be our special program presenter at our September 6<sup>th</sup>, meeting as Gregg speaks about how to prepare your family in case of a major disaster and just how Ham radio can play into all that. His expertise in this field is second to none and in this day and age we live in, we need to prepare for any event/ incident man-made or act of nature that may come our way. A number of persons in our club, (myself included), are First Responders from a number of specialty fields and we can certainly all agree on one thing- being prepared and trained protects our loved ones when it matters most during times of emergencies. So please come and find out what you can do to further ensure the safety of your household.



## ***Back on the beat:***

Don't forget- this year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club. To celebrate it, we will have none other than Country Star, Mr. Cal Starr as the featured performer at our Christmas Party on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Papa Joes Restaurant in Orland Park, starting at 7pm this year. For only \$25.00 per person, a night of great fellowship, dinner, awards and entertainment await you! Tickets will be on sale at our September meeting, so I hope to see you there!

As your President, I encourage all of my fellow members to attend this wonderful night that celebrates all the following in one neat package: Our club's anniversary, the Holiday season, and most importantly the fellowship of group of people who truly care about one another and the club they belong to. A group of people known worldwide as.....**HAMFESTERS!**

Remember, there will only be about 90 tickets available for this event, so please act promptly to make sure you do not miss out on this special and memorable night. After all- an 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary only comes around once in a lifetime!!

**All aboard!!** Tickets are still available for the SS Badger Ham radio Cruise where you can operate your Ham radio on this great ship on the magnificent Lake Michigan on the dates of September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Have you made your reservation? Please go to [www.ssbadger.com](http://www.ssbadger.com) for more information and a phone number to call for rate information. Make sure you tell them this is for the Ham Radio event of the aforementioned dates and have your credit card handy. And please remember this is not a Hamfesters event, but an outing for Ham operators and their families in general.

**One last thought:** Please take time out of your busy schedule to make that phone call you have been meaning to make to someone you have not talked to in a while, or hug that person you have been meaning to hug. Or drop a buck in that homeless persons cup on the street corner. Just do something that says you are grateful to be alive and be a part of this place called earth. Someone I talked to today about Joe Kratky said it best, when they said: "Tomorrow ain't guaranteed to anyone Don and I am going give thanks for each tomorrow I get to call my own" I like that thought don't you? 73's gang. Nora and I love you all. See you at the September meeting and watch out- I might have a hug waiting for you.....

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

# General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters W9AA board meeting began @ 7:30 PM July 22, 2013

Also, the trailer has a current vehicle sticker.

Roll: Jim KB9CYL, Patti KC9LYE, Nora KC9MLV, Cathy KC9NRH, Kurt WB9FMC, John WB9JTS, Steve W9KXT, Kerry AA9SB, Brian W9HLQ, & Gene W9PNG.  
Our president Don KC9EQQ, is in California.

Hamfest: Kerry AA9SB, these vendors are confirmed for Aug. 4th; Rainbow Electronics, Skywarn, Amateur Accessories. Our hamfest is listed in QST magazine.



Please continue to sell hamfest tickets, & hand out fliers.

Education: Brian W9HLQ, we need to find a location for the Technician classes beginning in September.

New Business: Presented by Brian W9HLQ, to the board, Hamfesters will refer to it's self as Hamfesters of Crestwood. This is NOT a legal name change. Hamfesters of Crestwood will appear in Hamgab, & Hamfesters websites. Hamfesters will get a second P.O. Box in Crestwood. The board approved this matter.

Publicity: Kerry AA9SB, publicity for our Aug. 2nd club meeting, & the hamfest has been sent.

Field Day: Jim KB9CYL, at the moment there is a problem at ARRL.org, FD 2013 dups, & logs are being returned. Jim is going to ask Scott to remove the initials requirement from the logging software.

Badger Trip: The trip on the S.S. Badger is Sept. 14-15th. Steve W9KXT, will bring his HF radio gear. Jim KB9CYL, will bring HF gear that belongs to our club.

If you're coming, bring your own HF gear: radio, power supply, antenna, etc.

Adjournment: @ 8:17 PM approved by Kurt WB9FMC, 2nd by John WB9JTS

## ***Technician Class this Fall***

Hamfesters **Technician License Class** will be taught this fall beginning on **Thursday Sept. 12, 2013** at 7pm.

**Teach location** will be at the Tri-Town Club Station (the bunker) 170th and California Ave, Hazelcrest.

Class details and driving instructions can be found at our web site:

**[www.hamfesters.org/license-class](http://www.hamfesters.org/license-class)**

Cost is free, however if you wish us to order a manual used in the class, the charge will be \$30.00.

Contact Brian Davis, W9HLQ for more information or to register for the class:  
w9hlq@arrl.net 708/532-5833



Help us spread the word about the class to anyone interested in getting their ham license.

# Board meeting minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters W9AA club meeting Aug.2, 2013 meeting began at 7:35 PM

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

There were 42 members, & 6 visitors tonight.

President's Report: Don KC9EQQ, welcome to our visitors.

Thank You, to Ron KB9TCX, for being part of the color guard at our July meeting.

John WB9JTS, & Mike W9MCS, are members of the Masons, & the Shriners, last month they received promotions and awards. Well done!

AL N9ZD, has a new grandson.

There will be a meet & greet for the hamfest vendors @ the Peotone fair ground on Saturday Aug. 3rd at 7:00 PM. There will be pizza & soft drinks in the south end of the building.

Hamfesters 80th Anniversary Christmas Party on Friday Dec. 6th at Papa Joe's in Orland Park. At this event country western singer Cal Star will perform. Tickets \$25.00 each on sale in Sept.

Treasurer's Report: Ed WA9EOL, Please sell hamfest tickets.

Minutes: The club minutes for June were approved by Tom KA9ZXN, 2nd by John WB9JTS.

Education: Brian W9HLQ, the technician course will begin in Sept. will be held at "The Bunker." The Bunker is the home of the Tri-Town club. STARS will be the VE testers at the last class.

New Business: Brian W9HLQ, @ the July board meeting the board approved Hamfesters being known as Hamfesters of Crestwood, this is NOT a legal name change.

Hamfesters has two new members; Richard KB9NTY, & Chuck N9WWN.

In June Brian W9HLQ, held a ham radio real estate sale for SK Ed Andrews.

Ed's family allowed Hamfesters to keep some of the profits. The Andrews family will be our guests @ the Dec. 6th Christmas party.

Programs: Tonight's program by Kerry AA9SB, topic Hamfest Aug. 4, 2013

Sept. 6 th by Gregg AB9MZ Ready for Emergency

Oct. by Brian W9HLQ, & Ken W9IE Software driven radios

Nov. Club Elections & White Elephant Sale

Dec 6 th Christmas Party.

Hamgab: by Eric KC9OOM, & Steve KC9OOL, Eric wrote an article on super conductors for Hamgab, a ham club in Arizona asked to re-print it. Well done Eric!

Hamfesters of Crestwood will be posted on Hamfesters websites.

Field Day: Jim KB9CYL, the FD 2013 report is here on the table.

Hamfest: Jim KB9CYL, ticket sales are down. Please sign up to sell tickets @ the gates on Aug. 4 th.

Prize Chairmen: Bob KB9YXH, there will be a drawing for a dual band HT at our Hamfest on Aug 4 th

Publicity: Kerry AA9SB, publicity for tonight's meeting, & hamfest on Aug. 4th has been sent.

Adjournment: @ 9:35 PM

door prize winners: John KB9FQB, Kurt WB9FMC, Joe KA9KBU

*The Hamfesters Radio Club wishes to thank the Andrews family for thinking of Hamfesters when disposing of Ed Andrew's, KB9KV, ham radio gear. There was a lot of very nice, clean, and well taken care of radios and accessories. The sale to Hamfesters members and a few items sold on eBay netted over \$1700.00. I split the proceeds and sent a check to the Ed Andrew Memorial Fund at Wooster College, Ohio, Ed's alma mater. Our treasurer, Ed, did not hesitate to get the check in his hands! The generosity of the Andrew family is much appreciated. Our best wishes go to Edith, Ed's XYL, and "Andy", Ed's son who helped this old man load the gear into the car.*

## Hamfest Update September 2013 de Kerry AA9SB

Our 79th annual Hamfest on Sunday, August 4, 2013, was a success, again this year thanks to the teamwork of our wonderful club members. The weather was great, thanks to our Creator above. Thanks also to Gail Iannone, at QST/ARRL, and Dick Isely, W9GIG, our Central Division director, for their incalculable assistance. Again, Jim, KB9CYL's gate ticket sales were better than the advanced sales would have led us to believe. Thanks, Jim, you're a pillar of this event -- not to mention this club.

Vendor table sales were down from last year, again. If you recall, in 2012 we lost two long-running vendors – Clark, W9BQL, of Tri-Town RAC; and Lon Oehlwein, of System Consultants – and that affected the vendor situation greatly. But then two vendors, missing in action in 2011, who promised to return -- Gold Medal Ideas and TiggyPooh Electronics – didn't return, 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 the Saturday before the 2012 Hamfest. Unfortunately Dave did not return this year, though he was contacted a few times. And this year we lost not only Audiotronics and Will Jahr, K9VQA, through retirement from the hamfest circuit, but also Don Zeman, KD9MF, and DC Ace Electronics, through death. Our sympathies to his family. Those vendor losses hit us hard. I will be soon be contacting, sooner than usual, Dave Hinsey, as well as Gold Medal Ideas and Donald Wondolkowski of TiggyPooh Electronics, and all the other vendors for next year, including Debco Electronics (Tom) who was the one who informed us of Don Zeman's passing and who initially planned to attend our 'fest with a promise of 8 tables -- and he and some of the vendors who didn't make it this year will be encouraged to make it next year. Dale Armstrong informed us that indoor

electricity is free, so that fact should encourage some vendors to attend and others to consider setting up indoors instead of remaining outside where electricity has now been increased to \$20.

**I'd like to thank the many Hamfesters who made the 2013 Hamfest a success. Knowing I'll omit 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 Riley, KB9CYL, Ticket Sales Coordinator; and all the other ticket sellers, including Patti, KC9LYE, Don, KC9EQQ, and Nora Pointer, KC9MLV (who deserve a big thanks for the pizza and dessert treats for the vendors and some of us workers, Saturday evening, the 3<sup>rd</sup>); also Bob, KB9YXH, and his assistants 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; John, AB9JW, set-up coordinator, and his crew including the half-dozen members of the set-up crew including Mike, WA9ZPM, and Don, K9KNZ. We also thank Al, N9ZD, and the VE testing crew; Bob, N9JYX, and his trailer crew (and we'd be remiss if we failed to mention the recent passing of our dear friend, Joe Kratky, KA9KBU, who contributed to our hamfest with his 2-meter talk-in and trailer set-up work over the past many years); and Kurt, WB9FMC, for his hamfest emailing contest. Also a new member, James, N9HSH, who provided a lot of help to vendors in transporting equipment. And last but, not least, Dale Armstrong of the Will County Fairgrounds; and most of all, every one of you who contributed so much to make the 79<sup>h</sup> Annual HRC Hamfest successful. If I left anyone out, I'll get you in next month's Hamfest report postscript. Thanks, everybody!**

**--Kerry, AA9SB, HRC Hamfest chair,  
kw\_nelson@earthlink.net**

### HAMFEST PRIZE WINNERS 2013

1st Prize	500.00	WA9EOL	ED BRONIARCZYK	OAK FOREST
2nd Prize	300.00	KB9LWY	RICH WALSH	JOLIET
3rd Prize	100.00	No Call	MIKE WEBSTER	DOWNERS GROVE

The Fest was a great success. Thanks from our Officers, Board, Workers and to All that attended.

Was`nt it a Beautiful Day!! 73  
Ed Broniarczyk Treasurer

## Hamfest Ticket Sales de Jim Riley KB9CYL

This year's hamfest ticket sales are in the books, for the most part. We'll get to that later.

Weather for the hamfest couldn't have been any better. It was sunny early but clouds came in to screen the sun when it started getting high in the sky. The air was dry and the temperature didn't get much above 80.

All the gate sellers were at their posts on time and ready to go. Gate sales went very well and they're on the increase. In 2011 we sold 404 at the gate. Last year it was 474 and this year we beat that by five for a total of 479. Thanks to Don and Nora Pointer KC9EQQ and KC9MLV respectively and both James Byrneses KA2DRQ and KC9SOG for getting up early to handle the 0600-0800 shift. The middle shift was handled by Ray Gramas KA9ITZ and Lenny McCain KB9OUQ who have worked the west gate for as long as anyone can remember. Bob and Cathy Fleischmann, N9KWG and KC9NRH, were another husband and wife combo at the east gate. The late shift was Patti Gullick KC9LYE and Ron Kalat KB9TCX as usual at the east gate and Brian Davis W9HLQ and Gene Phillips W9PNG taking care of the west.

In addition to myself, fourteen members took advanced tickets to sell. The total sold as of this writing is 176 but there are still a few tickets

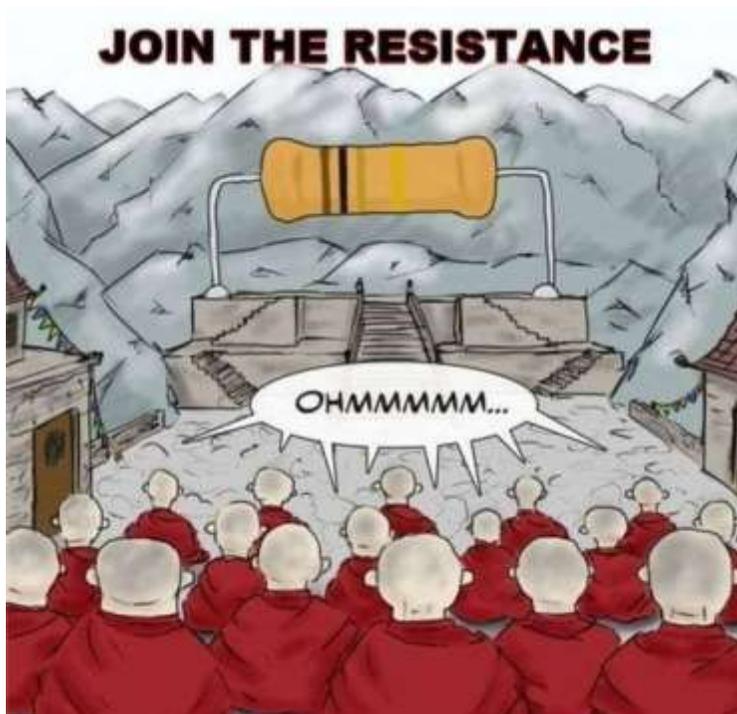
outstanding. That's why this year's sales are not completely in the books. If you have tickets or, preferably, cash from sold tickets, please turn in your cash and unsold tickets at the September meeting or before. Remember, I know who you are.

Those selling advance tickets this year were Kerry Nelson AA9SB, Bob Richter KB9YXH, James Byrnes KA2DRQ, Steve Peters W9KXT, Kurt Pawlikowski WB9FMC, Brian Davis W9HLQ, Mike Serapin W9MCS, Gene Phillips W9PNG, Nora Pointer KC9MLV, Cathy Fleischmann KC9NRH, Joe Kratky KA9KBU, Bruce Murdoch KB9USV, Kate Stair KB9KDC, and Bob Koran N9JYX.

Your top ticket sellers this year were Bob Richter KB9YXH in third place with 14, Mike Serapin in second with 18, and Jim Riley KB9CYL finished first with 62.

Thanks to everyone who took part. The hamfest would not be a success without you.

By the time you read this I will have submitted my resignation as ticket sales chair to the Board. After 21 years I feel it's time that someone with new ideas and a fresh approach should take over. It's been a great time working with everyone and I thank you for all your help. Of course, I'll be more than willing to help with the transition.



## Editor's Rambles

### Flexible Electronics

Researchers at the University of Illinois engineering department lead by John Rogers are perfecting something called flexible electronics. Silicon transistors are usually hard, but the researchers have found a way using ultrathin layers of silicon to make electronic circuits which are malleable and flexible. The team arranges the circuits in a geometric way they call filamentary serpentine geometry in which the circuits are grouped as tiny squiggles giving them the ability to bend and stretch.



One of the first applications was making a compound camera which is similar to a bug's eye. Multiple curved lenses are connected to photo detectors. This allows for a wide field of vision and can detect motion

from multiple directions just like a bug's eye. It could be used as a motion detector which could see in every direction at once.

These malleable circuits are able to fit around biological structures. For instance, they have been placed like a thin sack around an animal's heart allowing the researchers to monitor the heart and detect arrhythmias. The circuits can even encase a brain allowing a way to detect brain activity and may someday lead to treatments

for seizures. It is possible that someday some ham radio operator somewhere may literally have *electronics on the brain*.

They have also found a way to seal the electronics directly on the skin. The electronics are on a thin sheet of water soluble plastic which can be sealed to the skin with a spray on bandage. It can stay on the skin for a few weeks. They can function as sensors measuring skin conductivity giving an early indication of some diseases or they can stimulate muscles for physical therapy. Best of all, they can detect small changes in muscle tone which can be used to control external devices. One day, they may be used by people with neuromuscular diseases to control computers or other external devices. As it turns out, the *wave of the future* may actually be waves of tiny flexible electronic circuits.



From *Discover Magazine* and

[http://news.illinois.edu/news/11/0811skin\\_electronics\\_JohnRogers.html](http://news.illinois.edu/news/11/0811skin_electronics_JohnRogers.html)

### **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: de Al Bukowski N9ZD VE coordinator

### Hamfesters VE Testing for August 2013

On August 4, 2013, Hamfester's Radio Club VE's administered tests at the Hamfester's Hamfest in Peotone, ILL. We tested a total of six individuals in which one obtained a Technician ticket and three upgraded to General. The VE's that volunteered their time were Bob N9JYZ, Tom KA9ZKN, James KA2RDQ, and Ron N9STU.



The following weekend Hamfesters Radio Club VE's team administered exams at the Oak Forest City Hall 15440 S. Central Ave. Oak Forest, IL 60452. We had one candidate who passed and earned a Technician License. Ron WB9JYZ, Tim AA9BV and Tom KA9ZXN assisted me administering and grading the exams. Thank You to all the VE's for your dedicated time.

Hamfester's Radio Club conducts FCC authorized tests for Technician, General, and Extra class licenses every 2nd Saturday each month at 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 main City Hall entrance and look for the Amateur Radio testing

exam signs. 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 14, 2013.



If you or a friend would like to take an Amateur Radio exam. It is very important to bring the following items with you to any session:

The appropriate test fee (currently \$15). A picture ID (driver's license or Student ID Card etc). A 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). If you are upgrading, you're Amateur Radio license and a copy. Also it is essential to bring any issued CSCE and a copy showing proof of recent passed exam(s) if not already processed by the FCC. If you have any questions regarding our test session or about upgrading, please contact N9ZD via e-mail at: [N9ZD@arri.net](mailto:N9ZD@arri.net).

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

## Pictures from Hamfest 2013

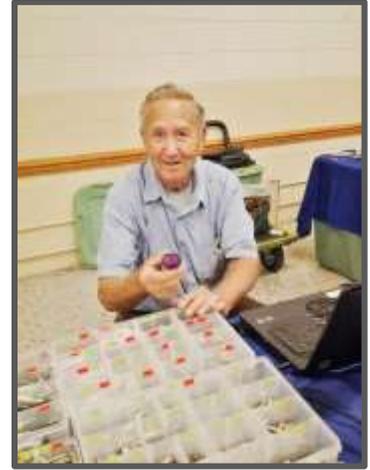


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## Meetings and VE Testing

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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the Crestwood Civic Center

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 79<sup>th</sup> annual Hamfest coming August 4, 2013-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 22 & June 23 2013 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 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](http://www.hamfesters.org) Brian W9HLQ is Webmaster

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