

# HamGab

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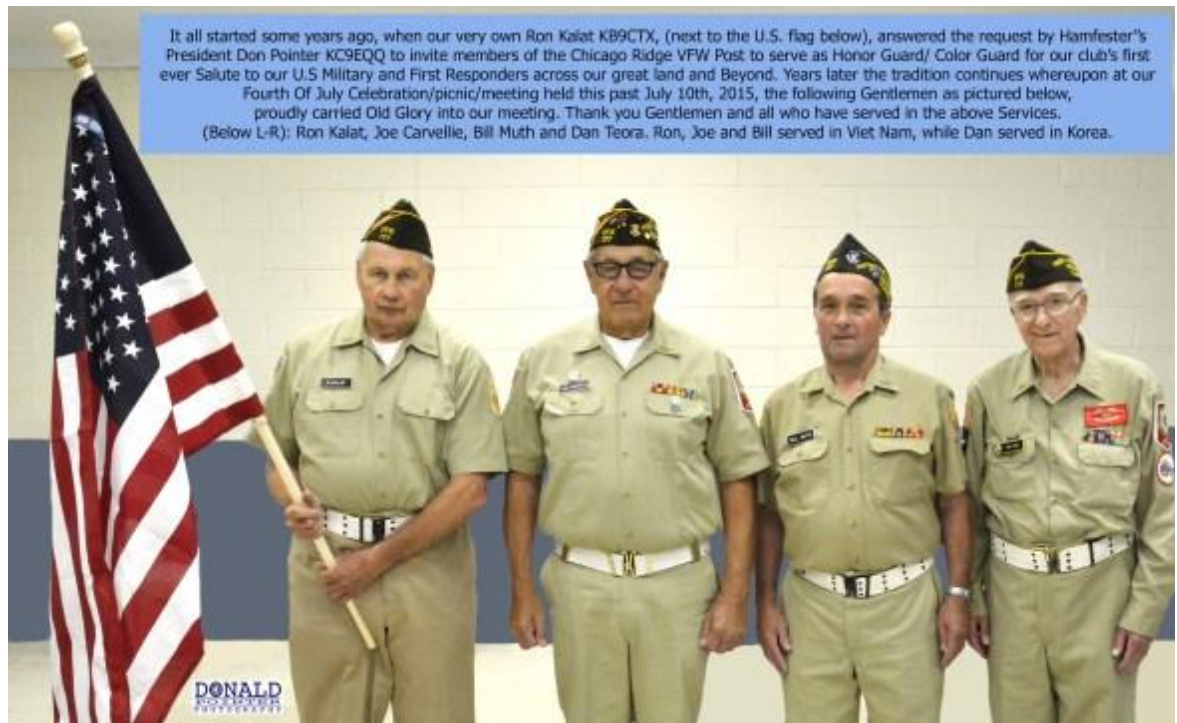


Hamfest -- Be there, or  
you'll miss the coneheads.  
'Nuff said.

## **Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Hamfest Sunday August 2, 2015 at the Will County Fairgrounds**

Gates open at 6 AM, commercial exhibit buildings open at 8 AM

Fun for the whole family! This year we will have two featured speakers. See Don's column below for more information. The Lifesource Blood Mobile will also be on hand. Giving blood is a great way to literally save a life. We need your help to make this Hamfest successful for the club. We also need your wallets. Support the vendors and buy that special something you've always been looking for. See Kurt's column on page 3 and get more information at the Hamfesters Website.



DON'T FORGET YOUR HAMFEST TICKETS AND  
SPLIT THE POT TICKETS AT THE NEXT MEETING!

**"SUMMER TIME MEANS  
HAMFEST TIME!"**

# **THE PRESIDENTS BEAT**

**DONALD POINTER KC9EQQ**  
**AUGUST 2015**

As I began to write this column, I was just informed by Eric Hennenfent, who Co-edits our Hamgab newsletter along with his father Steve, that Eric's Grandfather, (Mr. Tony Sabick), on his Mother's side passed away this morning. Tony is on the right in the photo above with his family as shown at our most recent Field Day. On behalf of our club, Nora and myself, we extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to the Hennenfent and Sabick families.

Hap Holly, KC9RP, Accomplished Pianist, Dedicated Ham Operator, past Lions Club President, Audio Engineer and Monitor for Horizons for the Blind, and founder and narrator of the Famous Rain Report Series heard locally here in the Chicago area on various local radio nets. His list of accomplishments, accolades and awards are numerous and impressive to say the least. I had the opportunity to speak with Hap a couple of weeks ago, and since that interview, when I mentioned to other Hams that I had spoken to him, every Ham I spoke to had so much praise for him and his constant un- ending support for practically everything Ham Radio. After my conversation with him, I too indeed came away with the impression that this man puts his all into everything he does. And I am proud to say, that he will bring his zest for life and zest for Ham Radio when he is our live and in person guest speaker at our Hamfesters next meeting on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. I am so excited to announce this news and I recommend every member of our club, spread the word any way you can to all Hams near and far to come and attend this one of a kind meeting. We will start at about 7:30 p.m., so arrive early for a good seat- and be ready to be a part of a most incredible evening!

**BACK ON THE BEAT:** Hamfest is around the corner and this promises to be the best we have had in years! Thanks to Kurt WB9FMC, our Hamfest Chairman and his committee he has added some great new features to this year's Hamfest. We will have two guest speakers who are familiar names in the Ham radio community. Starting off in the morning will be our first speaker Valerie Hotzfeld NV9L with her presentation on DXing and Contesting. She is also the Co-host of Twit TV's Ham Nation. Welcome Valerie from all of us at Hamfesters!

Our next speaker will be our very own Dave Bukowski N9KPD. He will present his program on the topic of Weather Spotting. Dave has presented this program to packed houses at our club and other venues and promises to be a great program on the afternoon of Hamfest. Thanks Dave for your many contributions to our club!

Another unique addition to this year's Hamfest will be the Lifesource Blood Mobile. When disaster or a medical emergency occurs, your contribution of blood can make all the difference in times of need. I hope this becomes an annual Hamfest Tradition.

So come out with your family and support our many vendors, sellers, blood mobile and so much more at the Hamfesters Hamfest 2015!

**BUT WAIT- THERE'S MORE!!** The night before Hamfest will be our annual one of a kind Vendor and Hamfest Volunteer Pizza night! Our third Pre-Hamfest Pizza night in as many years, this event has received great reviews as it brings vendors, sellers and members together for a night of fun, fellowship and good times and it all starts at about 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. There is no cost to you the Hamfest event volunteer, Hamfest member or to our vendors and sellers. We are bringing back the social aspect to Hamfest, and this is just one way of many we are doing just that. It is also our way of saying thanks to all for making our Hamfest one of the most successful in the Chicago area.



***Back on the beat: Where do I start? From the wonderful Presentation of Colors by the Chicago Ridge VFW, to the many of you that brought all kinds of food to go with the gone-in-a-minute Beggars Pizza, our Independence Day "Picnic" back on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 was a hit. Nearly 70 people showed up to enjoy this annual tradition of ours Honoring those in the Military and those who serve as First Responders everywhere. Our own Ron Kalat KB9TCX was a part of the four man team that comprised the Honor guard that night. To Ron, Joe Carvelli, Bill Muth and Dan Teoro, (all whom are with the VFW), I am sure I speak for the club, when I say thank you for bringing the colors in and reminding us what a great country we indeed still have!***

***Always worth saying again! Brian W9HLQ and Gene W9PNG want you to know you can now go to our website, ([www.Hamfesters.org](http://www.Hamfesters.org)) and pay with your credit card for things such as dues, Hamfest Tickets and even our Christmas Party tickets. Yes, it is secure and handled through PayPal. Contact Brian or Gene for more info. And yes, we still will take good old Cash at the meetings too for all the aforementioned purchase items!***

***LAST BUT NOT LEAST: The weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 is.....(insert big voice with echo here)....SS BADGER WEEKEND! Please contact Pete K9OWQ for more info or go to [www.ssbadger.com](http://www.ssbadger.com).***

***Hope your Summer is going great! 73***

***Don Pointer KC9EQQ***

***President of the best darn Ham Radio club there is-***

***HAMFESTERS!!***

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

## Hamfest Update de Kurt WB9FMC

# Purpose And Assignments

This is intended to be a comprehensive description of Hamfest purpose and assignments.

### **Purpose**

(stolen from the ARRL) Promote and advance the art, science and enjoyment of Amateur Radio.

Our Hamfest is a tool toward that end: it is both a direct appeal to the general population and a facility whereby we promote Amateur Radio. The funds generated are used to help support Amateur Radio through our club, Hamfesters Radio Club.

### **General Guidelines**

- We're here to promote Amateur Radio. We want the people participating to like us. That means we'd like each individual to consider their own appearance and demeanor. Remember, you represent yourself, the club and Amateur Radio.
- If there is a problem you're aware of, please make sure it's addressed.
- If you see a better way of doing something, let us know! There are thousands of ways to do things: We're only aware of a few!

### **Assignments**

**Security:** Manages several people who keep the peace and make sure inanimate objects don't grow legs and make up their minds to go off without their owners permission.

**Special Event's Manager:** Arranges the schedule and makes sure any presenters are notified of their presentation time and location.

**A/V Manager:** Responsible to make sure all presenters have the necessary equipment to be seen and heard.

**Announcer / MC:** In charge of the ticket barrel and the drawing and distribution of prizes. Cash prizes are normally distributed by the club treasurer. Usually works with a crew of two.

**Setup Crew:** There are as many as 100 tables and 200 chairs to be set-up and arranged for the Hamfest. Not a one person job! Generally done the morning before the main Hamfest.

**Sherpa:** Okay, you're right: I just couldn't come up with a better name! This persons job is to make sure a specific presenter has what they need during the Hamfest. They are the presenters "go-to" person.

**Gate Ticket Sales Manager:** This person is in charge of most of the money at the Hamfest. They're responsible for managing about 16 people who sell tickets at the two entry ways to the Hamfest (West and East gates). Usually they run in two hour shifts: 6-8, 8 to 10 and 10 to noon. Each gate requires two people at a time so that no one is alone. They manage the "ticket to money" transactions.

**Gate Ticket Sales:** Sells tickets at one of the gates for two hours. Please try to keep the "ticket to money" ratio consistent! Be on-time!

**Pre-Hamfest Ticket Sales:** Tracks ticket sales and manages ticket distribution before the Hamfest.

**Chairman:** The person trying to "heard all the cats" noted above.





## How to Cook Ham Or What I'm Doing for Summer Vacation

Dear Gabby,

I haven't written in a while. That's because... Well, this is the first time!

They say you have to break some eggs to make a cake... Me? Well, I've always found Jewel and Walt's had plenty, and the eggs were half-way across the store! Easy peasy! I'm happy we don't all think that way! Just ask Jim, KB9CYL! Where would our Field Day be without us "minions"!

Well, Hamfest is upon us! Most of us "minions" will be reading this "post" Hamfest, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help and participation, both physically and mentally! As I write this, there are only seven short days (and maybe a few long nights!) before H-Day, and I'm excited. I think it's going to be a great Fest!



### Sight To The Blind

It was about 18 months ago when I "saw" the Hamfest for the first time. No, I didn't have a vision, dream or out-of-body experience! Maybe "revelation" describes it best. Although I had been thinking about it for some time, it became more than a memory of the Hamfests I've been to, but an idea of what a Hamfest could be. And I realized all the parts were here, just waiting for a few well placed nudges.

### There's More to Cooking Ham than Just Getting It Hot

Anyone who's cooked knows there is a "finesse" to cooking. Sure, there are parts any old clod can do, but when it comes to truly fine food, it takes a Chef. They can take mediocre ingredients and make them a true culinary delight! And that leaves us with me! I can assure you, I am not a chef, either in the kitchen nor otherwise! But, I am a cook. A cook with some of the best ingredients on earth: You! So, for the post-Hamfest reader: Thank you again for your help! **For the pre-Hamfest reader:** There are always things that need to be done: Be part of it! Come "spice up" our Hamfest! This is going to be fun! I might even "cook" something up along the way!

Kurt

WB9FMC  
2015 Hamfesters Hamfest Chairman  
Looking for my replacement since 2014!  
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**Editors note:** As many of you may have heard, our Grandpa Tony passed away this week. That's why the HamGab is a little short this time around. I wrote this article a couple of months ago so we thought we'd run it now as a tribute to Tony.

## Editor's Rambles

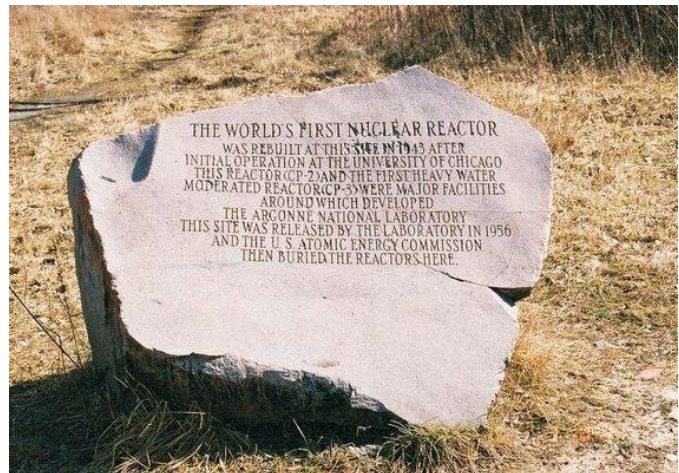
### Site A

Some of you know my father-in-law Tony who is 87 years old this year. One day we were driving with Tony down Archer Avenue just west of Willow Springs when he pointed to the South side of the road and mentioned there used to be a golf course there before World War II. My wife Judy, being the skeptical daughter, looked somewhat incredulous as there isn't anything there now but a bunch of trees.

We did some research and sure enough it was the original site of the Palos Park Golf Course. During World War II, the area became known as the infamous Site A. Many of you are familiar with the story of Enrico Fermi leading the team that created the first sustained nuclear fission reaction in history using a reactor built under the bleachers at Stagg field on the University of Chicago campus. Obviously, the center of Hyde Park in Chicago is not a safe or very secretive place to conduct nuclear research so the reactor was taken down and reassembled at the more secluded Site A. A second reactor was built on the site which was the first ever water cooled nuclear reactor.

The materials produced at Site A were not used in nuclear weapons, but Site A became the major research facility for learning about nuclear fission during World War II. The knowledge gained there was integral in the making of the first nuclear bombs. Tests were also done on laboratory animals to learn about the effects of radiation on living organisms. Unfortunately some of the effects of radiation on humans were also discovered due to accidents at the facility.

After the war the running of the facility was taken over by Argonne National Labs. Eventually Argonne moved to its current location in DuPage County. Site A had outlived its usefulness and the site was closed in 1955. The radioactive fuel was removed and transported to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Other contaminated material was buried in concrete. Between 1995 and 1997 areas of soil with low levels of radiation were removed and the area is now thought to be completely safe with radiation levels the same as the expected background levels.



As many of you have probably figured out, Site A is now known as Red Gate Woods. It is a very nice place for a picnic and a little stroll through the woods at an historical site. There is a parking lot and a picnic area which is right off Archer Avenue a couple of miles east of Route 83. There are several trails through the site. It's special for us since Eric found his first geocache on one of the trails. It was a pretty cool cache, but I don't think it exists anymore. A stone marker back on the trails marks the spot as the site of the world's first nuclear reactor. There are also prominent warning signs not to dig in the area. I would say this time the federal government is giving out some excellent advice. Enjoy if you ever do decide to go there.

## CQ Field Day de Jim Riley KB9CYL

Field Day 2015 was sunny but not especially hot, kind of like the way the rest of the summer went, but without the rain. It had its usual share of glitches, but nothing we couldn't overcome in true Hamfester fashion.

The biggest issue was the field. It was damp in most places, soaked in others, and covered in standing water in yet more places. On the plus side, putting tent and mast stakes in the ground was a piece of cake. Thankfully, it never stormed or even drizzled. Still, our shoes were wet from our first steps onto the field until we took them off at home. Someone was talking about how well this field drains but even it couldn't handle the downpours earlier in the month.



It got chilly at night. Cold air and wet feet are not a good combination but your 2015 Field Day persisted through it all. Some of us in the GOTA tent lit citronella buckets under our chair in an effort to generate some warmth. No, it didn't work.

In the end, we made a lot more contacts than we did in 2014 and had a good time doing it. We had our usual abundance of good food and great fellowship. The bands cooperated, for the most part, and we had a good ten meter opening to the southeast on Sunday morning.

As in the last few years we ran 4A with stations running 20 meter CW; 40 meter Phone and CW; 80, 15, and 10 meter phone in the trailer; and 20 meter digital. The GOTA station ran 80, 40, and 20 meter phone, and we had another station running just about everything above 30 MHz. Alas, there were no satellite contacts this year. To see who did what, check out the cast of characters below.

I apologize for the brevity of this article but I'm already four days past the Hamgab deadline. Thanks to everyone for a great 2015. Peggy, Field Day 2016 is June 25 and 26.

Here are the results as reported to the ARRL:

**Call Used: W9AA   GOTA Station Call: K9MS   ARRL/RAC Section: IL   Class: 4A**

**Participants: 68   Club/Group Name: Hamfesters Radio Club**

**Power Source(s): Generator, Solar**

**Power Multiplier: 2X**

### **Bonus Points:**

100% Emergency power	400
Media Publicity	100
Set-up in Public Place	100
Information Booth	100
W1AW Field Day Message	100
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Site Visit by invited served agency official	100
Youth participation	100
Youth operators=5	
Youth participants=12	
GOTA Bonus	160
Submitted via the Web	50
Educational activity	100
<b>Total Bonus Points</b>	<b>1,410</b>

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### Score Summary:

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total	
Total QSOs	647	115	928		
Total Points	1294	230	928	2452	Claimed Score = 4,904

### Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

Band/Mode	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr (W)	QSOs	Pwr (W)	QSOs	Pwr (W)
160m						
80m			12	10	284	100
40m	186	100	67	10	206	100
20m	461	100	36	10	59	100
15m					96	100
10m					57	100
6m					17	100
2m					17	50
1.25					2	50
Other					4	50
Satellite						
GOTA					186	100
TOTAL	647		115		928	

### GOTA Bonus: No GOTA Coach

Name/Call	QSOs	Bonus Points
Brian Davis, W9HLQ	40	40
Steve Peters, W9KXT	22	20
Nick Jennings, (NONE)	1	0
Mark Jennings, (NONE)	1	0
Granville Phillips, W9PNG	22	20
Bob Fleischmann, N9KWG	22	20
Julius Gambino, KD9JJG	2	0
Matt Steffen, KA9BBQ	12	0
Nora Pointer, KC9MLV	23	20
Jim Riley, KB9CYL	40	40

## Field Day Cast of Characters 2015

### (From Participant Sign-in Log)

**HHIC:** Jim Riley KB9CYL

**Trailer Hauler & Friend of the**

**Working Girl:** Jim Liston N9HSH

**10,000 watt generator:** Jim Liston N9HSH

**Lunch and supper:** Bob N9KWG and Cathy KC9NRH Fleischmann

**Breakfast:** Ed Broniarczyk WA9EOL

**Setup:** Tom Gulick, Ron Kalat KB9TCX, Mike Kiley WA9ZPM, and a host of others mentioned elsewhere

**Field Day message:** Al Bukowski, N9ZD

**Sign-in sheets and Field Day pins:** Patti Gulick KC9LYE

**20-meter CW station:** Kurt

Pawlikowski WB9FMC, Ron

Carlson KB9ZBN

**20-meter Digital station:** Al

Bukowski N9ZD, Dave Bukowski N9KPD

**40-meter CW/Phone station:** Ray Paschke NW9S, Wayne Strickland W9BBB, Sue Strickland W9ARH

**Mobile 40-meter shelter:** George N9PNO

**Trailer station:** Eric Hennenfent KC9OOM, Steve Hennenfent KC9OOL

**GOTA station:** Brian Davis W9HLQ, Steve Peters W9KXT, Bob Richter KB9YXH, Nora Pointer KC9MLV, Ed Egan WB9STB, Granville Phillips

W9PNG

**Free VHF/UHF station:** Linas

Matonis KC9PCP, Tim Szymanski KC9POS, Jake Fields KC9WOX, Ben Fields KC9WOS

**Defender of the Faith:** Cindy Schlaustas N9CAS

**Solar Panels:** Linas Matonis KC9PCP

**Photographer:** Don Pointer KC9EQQ, Cindy Shlaustas N9CAS, Brian Davis W9HLQ, Steve Hennenfent KC9OOL, Jim Riley KB9CYL, Paul Batchelor

**Teardown:** everyone who was still around

# General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

## W9AA Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club meeting - July 10, 2015, 8:25 PM.

**Roll:** Don KC9EQQ, Jim KB9CYL, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Jim N9HSH

- Today was our annual picnic; afterwards there was a short meeting. The official headcount was 65; the sign in sheet recorded 35 members, and 3 visitors.
- Thanks to Jim KB9CYL, and Judy Riley for bringing George N9VOK, to be with us tonight.
- Tonight our club welcomes new members:
  - Charles and Ann Sullivan
  - Marie KD9CAE
  - Jim W9JUG.
- The color guard from the Chicago Ridge VFW Hall presented the colors tonight, along with our own.
- Ron Kalat KB9TCX.
- Cindy N9CAS, won split the pot tonight!



**Badger trip:** Pete K9OWQ, talked about the badger trip on September 12, & 13, 2015.

**Program:** August 7<sup>th</sup> - Hap Holly KC9RP - The Rain Report

**Hamfest 2015:** by Kurt KB9FMC, he needs help on August 1<sup>st</sup> for setup and the vendors' picnic. He also needs help August 2, the actual hamfest date. There will be a hamfest meeting on July 12 at 2 PM at the Denny's restaurant in Orland Park.

**Field day 2015:** Jim KB9CYL - Field day was a success; many thanks to all that helped out.

**Treasurer's report:** Ed WA9EOL - The club's bills have been paid.

**Our next club meeting will be on July 7.**

**Adjournment:** 9 PM

**FCC Goes Paperless:** In order to streamline procedures and save money, the FCC stopped routinely printing and mailing licenses in February 2015. For information on how to obtain a copy of your FCC license, please see Al's column.



## Hamfesters VE Testing de Al Bukowski N9ZD VE Coordinator

### Hamfesters VE Testing Report for July 2015

On July 11, 2015, Hamfester's Radio Club VE's team assembled to administered Amateur Radio exams at the Oak Forest City Hall. We had one Candidate who earned a Technician ticket. Congratulations to the candidates. VE's who assisted me were Tim AA9BV and Ron WB9JYZ.

Thank You to all the VE's for your dedicated time.



### Amateur Radio Exams INFO:

Hamfester's Radio Club VE's offer License Testing for those who want to get their first ham license, or those who want to upgrade to a higher class license. Examination sessions are available on the second Saturday of each month. We will assist you with completion of all necessary paperwork prior to taking your exam.

### Requirements - What to Bring to an Exam Session:

A fee of \$15 dollars is charged for the examination. Payment is Cash ONLY. Please bring a government-issued ID; (one ID could be a driver's license). If you would prefer to not use your Social Security Number on your application, we suggest obtaining a Federal Registration Number (FRN) from the FCC website - otherwise you'll need to use your Social Security Number.

### Upgrade Examinations:

If you are already licensed and are taking an upgrade examination: Please bring your printed *original* license, and a copy of your current license that we can keep. Also, If you have recently taken an examination that has not been processed by the FCC, Please bring your *latest CSCE* and a *Copy of that CSCE* that we can keep.

### Retaking the Exam:

If you almost passed an exam on your first try, and would like to try again, you may retake a different version of the exam for an additional \$15 fee.

### Morse Code Not Required!

Morse Code is no longer required for any level of amateur radio license. All Morse Code testing requirements for the Amateur Radio Service in the USA were eliminated on February 23, 2007.

### Location and Time of Hamfesters VE administered Radio Exams:

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 Police door entrance and look for the Amateur Radio testing exam signs for directions.

If you have any questions regarding our test session or about upgrading, please contact N9ZD via e-mail at: N9ZD@arrl.net.

Our next test session will be held on Sunday August 2, 2015. (0800 - 1000 hrs) at the Hamfesters Radio Club Hamfest, Peotone, IL. Then Again, the following Saturday August 8, 2015. (0900hrs @ Oak Forest City Hall 15440 S. Central Ave. Oak Forest, IL 60452.

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

### ***How to Obtain an Official FCC License Copy***

There are a number of ways a license holder can obtain an official copy of their license. The official license will display the FCC logo and the watermark "Official Copy" will be printed across each page of an official authorization from FCC.

**1. Download and Print License:** The licensee can log into the FCC ULS License Manager System <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> with their FRN and password to 'Download the Electronic Authorization' of the official license. On the 'Download Authorizations' page the license holder will add their call sign to the 'Authorizations to Download' and then click download. The PDF of the license can be saved to a computer and printed later or the file can be opened and printed immediately.

**2. Login and Set Paper Preferences:** The licensee can log into the FCC ULS License Manager System <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> with their FRN and password and set their own paper authorization preferences for future mailings. This option determines whether a user will receive paper authorizations (printed license and FRN information) from the FCC. The license holder would select either YES or NO and then click SAVE. By selecting YES, you will continue to receive paper authorizations printed and mailed by the FCC. By selecting NO, you will not receive authorizations printed and mailed from the FCC. This preference will affect all granted authorizations on this FRN.

**3. Receive License via email:** When modifying, renewing or requesting a duplicate copy of the license, a licensee who already has an FCC Registration Number (FRN) and provides a valid e-mail address under "Applicant Information" while logged in to the ULS system will receive an official ULS-generated electronic authorization via e-mail.

The action of adding a valid e-mail address into the FCC system can also be performed by a VEC filing new, upgraded, modified or renewed licenses on behalf of applicants.

**4. Contact FCC:** Licensees may contact FCC Support via the web, by telephone (1-888 225-5322) or by mail to request paper licenses. Please note that FCC recently stopped using distinctive paper stock to produce hard copy licenses and has been printing these on "standard, white recycled paper." The Bureau noted that the distinctive paper stock it had used was six times more expensive than the plain recycled paper it now uses.

#### **Additional Information**

An unofficial "reference copy" can always be printed from the FCC's ULS License database <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>.

New licensees may choose to register their SSN (social security number) with the FCC and receive a FRN before the exam date to make retrieving a copy of their new license after the session much easier.

VE Teams may accept photocopies or printouts of licenses from the follow sources: the official license or reference license printed from the FCC website, and license data printed out from the ARRL website or QRZ website. This information can be found on the ARRL web page [what to bring to an exam session](#)



## July meeting pictures



Our very own George N9VOK, (A proud Veteran), extends a Salute to our flag during it's Presentation.















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# Hamfesters Radio Club



## 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 2, 2015-Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. Kurt WB9FMC Hamfest Chairman.

Field Day: Join the W9AA crew for one of the best Field Days ever on June 27 & June 28 2015 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. Jim N9HSH is Net Control

2 METER NET: Every Monday Evening at 9:00 PM on 146.640. Tom KA9ZXN is 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) Webmaster Granville, W9PNG & Brian, W9HLQ

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

