

# Ham Gab

Next meeting: October 7<sup>th</sup>

October 2016



Gregg AB9MZ

Thanks again to Gregg for his informative presentation on Ham Radio emergency preparedness. He gave an overview of Ham radio equipment to have ready and organized in case of an emergency. Let's hope we never need to use them, but Gregg showed us the right way to have things organized. We were a little surprised by what he used for his carrying case. It was one of the many great ideas Gregg presented.



Next month's meeting entitled Humor in Music will be presented by Steve Cooper. Photo on the left. Anyone who has been to one of Steve's presentations before will know just how entertaining they can be. Judging by the title, this one has to be good. Don't miss it.

The Hamfesters trailer will be at several special events next month including the Highland Indiana Fire Department open house on October 8, in Orland Park for the Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) October 15, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary anniversary at Calumet Harbor on October 22. Details starting on page 5.

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

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### October Birthdays

- Wayne W9BBB
- Brian KE8CXW
- James W9JPR
- James N9HSH
- John WB9JTS
- Ronald WB9JYZ
- Stanley W9KME
- Joseph KB9TCZ
- Louis AC0X
- Tom KA9ZXN
- James Twohig (no callsign)

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SEASONS CHANGE AND  
SO MUST WE

# THE PRESIDENTS BEAT

DONALD POINTER KC9EQQ  
OCTOBER 2016

Well Fall is finally here. As I start to see the leaves trading their Summer "greens" for their Autumn "Golds", it becomes clear that a new season says hello and Summer and all it's warm days and memories are now behind us. Nora and I spent pretty much all our Summer moving from our former residence of 24 years and into new digs, new neighborhood and a new start. I believe moving has got to be one of the hardest tasks folks must endure. So many new things to get used to, and so many old things to put behind us. Rather than take a turn down Maudlin avenue, I would rather focus on what I call the trip down New Future Boulevard. And I got a great partner to do it with in my wife and Ham XYL Nora. We have faced many challenges over these past 12 months but we have survived them and come out stronger. We have been together 30 years and with that kind of longevity we can face anything. Just like a certain club called Hamfesters. Allow me to expound on this thought if you would.

We as a club have been in existence for nearly 85 years. We are the second oldest Amateur Radio club in the USA. Did you know those facts? Do you know why those facts exist? They exist because we as members have opted to work together to make this club not just great but fantastic. Not just a place to encourage folks to become Ham Radio Operators, but we have strived to encourage a better understanding within our given communities where we work, live and play that Ham Radio is not just a bunch of 10-4 good buddies, but that Ham Radio is not just some fancy radio with the latest dials, bells, and whistles, it is a community within itself that prides itself on its sense of fellowship, mentoring, brotherhood, sisterhood, family which all come from a core belief that if we respect one another, than the outside communities will see that this a vocation of which all would want to become a part of.

We are a group that embraces changes. Which is why it is necessary that all members should endeavor to step up to the plate and become involved heart and soul in this club by running for office, helping with our many committees and being ready to exchange ideas that will promote and sustain this club's place as a leader in Ham Radio, not just here in Chicago, but everywhere in this world that some operator is hunkered down in his or her Hamshack.

I am stepping aside come January as President, so that someone else can get involved on a deeper end with this club. To be President of this club is an honor that this President and no doubt all Presidents before me have not taken lightly. You come into this job like an excited Puppy and leave it like a wizened old dog. You learn the valued lessons of listening to all opinions and hope that your thoughts will be listened to in return. And if not? You continue to listen and hope someday your legacy will have made this club, your club a better place to come to and a better place to learn from. What truly is stopping you from getting involved. Afraid your opinion won't matter? Well wash those fears away. You're among friends. Friends called Hamfesters. And you KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THEM. "nuff said....."

Our September meeting was certainly most interesting wasn't it? Between the nice tributes given our recently passed Bob N9JYX and the outstanding presentation on Emergency Preparedness at home by Gregg AB9MZ you could not help but think when you went home from that night, that we have a pretty awesome group of caring and knowledgeable members. Caring in that you all know how to remember someone like Bob and openly reflect on the remembrances you have on a guy who was not afraid to speak his mind, but also when illness fell him he was still willing to help the club by towing our trailer back home after Hamfest, because he knew it had to be done. Thanks Bob for everything. May God bless you and I hope you have found peace in your eternal rest.

I mentioned knowledgeable in regards to another very compassionate and giving member, (and my dear friend to boot), in the guise of Gregg Rosenberg who gave a wonderful presentation on being prepared for whatever natural and/or man-made disaster might befall our community. He is a valued member of his community and let me reiterate one heckuva valued member of Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club. Thank you Gregg for all your contributions.



Don't forget that Nominations for Officers and Board members will take place at our October meeting just before Steve Cooper's program.

Our November program will be presented by the aforementioned Gregg Rosenberg and his topic will be about everything new in the field of Digital Modes in regards to Ham Radio. Please spread the word about this very topical program. That same night will also be elections should there be any run offs for Officers and Board members as previously mentioned above.

#### ***Back on the beat.....***

***Bandleader and Pop Historian Steve Cooper presents a video program of some of the funniest moments in music. Who can forget the great music and comedy of Spike Jones, Victor Borge and the "Hello Muddah" songs of Allan Sherman. Other celebrities include Liberace & Elvis (playing together!), Dean Martin and Vic Damone, big bands of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Cab Calloway and Doc Severinsen. There will also be video clips of brand new, current musical groups that even surpass the comedy of the older music legends. Steve will introduce each video clip with a humorous and fascinating "behind the scenes" story. Steve has been a staple guest presenter for our club for a number of years and told me this afternoon that he absolutely loves speaking to our group and appreciates the warm welcome we always provide him, so let's turn out in high numbers just like for Greg's program and give them both our support. Steve's program will be held on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.***

***Its Christmas time!!! Well, it's at least TIME TO BUY YOUR HAMFESTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS TIME! Enjoy a night of great food, fun, prizes and recognition, not to mention that little old thing called Fellowship! On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at Papa Joes Restaurant in Orland Park, Illinois please join your fellow members and their better halves for a wonderful night of great food and fun at an exceptionally great price per person of \$25.00***

***You can purchase the tickets through our website at Hamfesters.org or you can see Jim Riley W9JPR at our next meeting of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.***

See you all at the next meeting and thanks for everything you bring to our club!

Don Pointer KC9EQQ

President of Hamfesters- The Best darn Ham Radio club around!

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

# Board Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

## Hamfesters amateur radio club August 22, 2016 board meeting 7:40 PM

**Roll:** Don KC9EQQ, Jim W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Steve W9KXT, Gene W9PNG, Kurt WB9FMC, Cathy KC9NRH, Nora KC9MLV, Cindy N9CAS

**Silent Key:** Bob Koran N9JYX, died on August 13, 2016. Bob was President of Hamfesters 2007-2010. Bob will be remembered at our club meeting on September 9.

**Programs:** September 9 Gregg KB9MZ, emergency ready. October 7 club officers, and board members nominations. Also, that night a program by Steve Cooper.

**President's report:** by Don KC9EQQ, on Friday, September 16 Don and Nora KC9MLV, are going to the Mich/Ind hamfest. There will be a program by Gordon West via Skype. And, they're having a one-day program.

A class called fast-track, you can get your technician license all in one day.

**Hamfest 2016:** by Kurt WB9FMC, it is best to always have 2 people working on hamfest. In 2017 Don KC9EQQ, Hamfest Chairman, and Kurt WB9FMC, will be working together at hamfest.

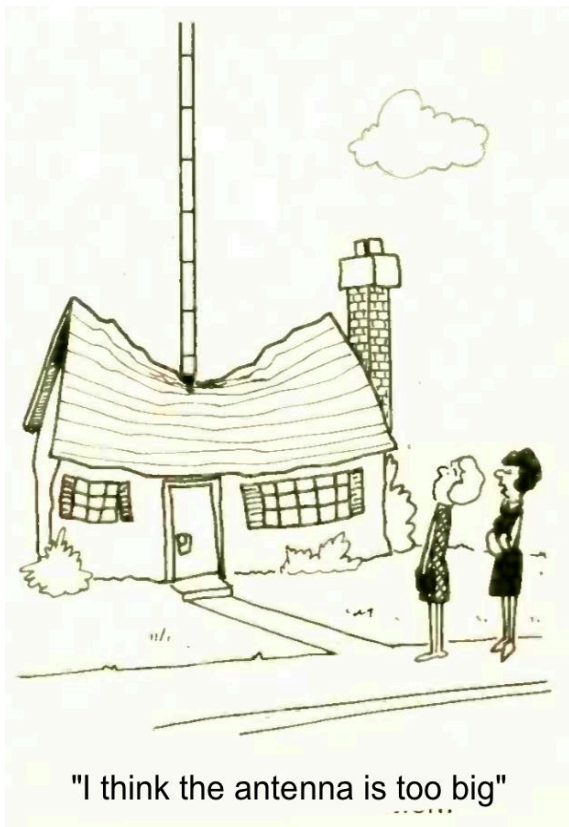
**Treasurer's report:** by Ed WA9EOL, hamfest 2016 the gates sold 494 tickets, we made a profit.

**Health and welfare:** Judy Riley will have her gallbladder removed on Friday. Jim Liston N9HSH, is doing well at a rehabilitation facility in Hinsdale.

**Special events:** Gene W9PNG, will bring the club's trailer to Highland, Indiana on October 15 for a fire department safety day. Also, on October 16 the trailer will take part in a national scouting event.

This scouting event takes place Friday through Sunday.

**Adjournment:** 8:45 PM



.. Why can't she buy a nice cheap 50 dollar dress like other teenagers? .."

# General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

## Hamfesters amateur radio club September 9, 2016 club meeting at 7:35 PM.

**Roll:** Don KC9EQQ, Jim W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE

At tonight's meeting there were 38 members, 13 visitors. We welcomed special guest Janet Johnn, she was a good friend of Bob Koran, N9JYX. There were members from the STARS club, and The 220 Guys club. The STARS club president Tom KA9ZXN, and the 220 Guys president Steve KB9DSQ, were also in attendance. We were there to honor the passing of our friend Bob Koran, N9JYX, past president of Hamfesters from 2007-2010. Bob Koran October 3, 1952 to August 13, 2016.

**Special events:** by Gene W9PNG, he will take the club's trailer to the Highland, Indiana fire department on October 15 for fire safety day. Also, on October 16, the trailer will be part of the national scouting event from 10 AM until 3 PM. Mike N9NNL, and Gene W9PNG, will bring our club's trailer to the Coast Guard event, special callign W9C on October 22, on Lake Michigan.

**Hamfest 2017:** by Don KC9EQQ, Don and Nora KC9MLV, attended the Mich/Ind hamfest.

They saw a program by Gordon West presented on Skype. Anyone having any ideas concerning hamfest, please contact Don by his email; dpointer65@gmail.com

**Programs:** tonight's program by Gregg KB9MZ emergency ready, October 7 club nominations for officers and board members, and then a program by Steve Cooper. Christmas party tickets will go on sale at the October club meeting.

**Health and welfare:** Gregg KB9MZ, is taking medicine that has improved his eyesight. Jim Liston N9HSH, is doing well and has been moved to the rehabilitation Inst. in Chicago.

**Treasurer's report:** by Ed WA9EOL, thanks to everyone who made hamfest 2016 a success, we made a profit. Thanks to ticket sellers; Dave N9KPD, who is ticket sales chairmen, and Jim W9JPR, who is tickets seller gates chairman.

**Club dues;** by Brian W9HLQ, annual club dues can be collected on the website and also in person at club meetings from now until November.

**Hamgab;** by Steve KC9OOL, please submit articles for Hamgab, always glad to have new submissions.

**Field day 2017;** by Jim W9JPR, June 24 and 25th, the club has been a new 80 meters antenna.

**New business;** by Mike Kiley WA9ZPM, Mike has Matthew May's N9JXR, phone number. Matthew has moved out-of-state. If you would like to contact Matthew, talk to Mike.

**Old business;** by Dave N9KPD, there's a race at the college of DuPage on September 17th. Dave could use hams to help out. Please arrive by 3:30 PM, the race starts at 5 PM.

Don KC9EQQ, and Nora KC9MLV, would like to thank all those who helped them move.

Don and Nora met on September 20, 1984, Don wanted to knowledge the importance of that date.

**Adjournment:** at 9:30 PM

**split the pot winner** Steve WF9G, **door prize winners**, Jim W9JPR, Kurt WB9FMC, Steve KB9DSQ, Mel K9ZAV, Bob N9KWG, and the guy in a red shirt, who is a member of the 220 Guys club.

## Hamfesters Dues

Hamfesters Radio club values your participation in the club. We need your dues support to keep the club running. Standard dues are \$20/yr. And \$10/yr for spouse or other family member. Current members will *remain on the mailing list* which announces the availability of HamGab and other important club news. In the early spring of the year, I remove those members who are delinquent from the list. Contact Brian, W9HLQ, if you are not getting these email announcements.

For the new members (and old members who forget!) here is a review of the dues process for Hamfesters. The final date for dues is the 31<sup>st</sup> of December which pays for the following year's dues. To facilitate the collection of dues I set up a table to make it easy for you to pay your dues. The table is set up for the October and November meetings. If you are going to pay in person I appreciate you pay your dues at either the October or November meeting. Thank you.

If you can't attend either of these meetings, feel free to mail in your dues; payable to "Hamfesters Radio Club". Send to Brian Davis, W9HLQ. When paying in person, we are equipped to accept your Visa or Master card if you don't have cash handy. Also you can **pay anytime online** at our web site found here: <https://www.hamfesters.org/main/club-information/> You can check your dues status by going to the Hamfesters web site and clicking on the "Members Only" link on the left side of the page. The years that you have paid for are shown as a two digit number for the years you have paid. You will need a password to access this information. If you are a paid member, contact any Hamfester officer to get the passcode.

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## Highland Indiana Fire Department Open House

Highland IN Fire Dept has invited Hamfester's Radio club to attend their Open House on October 8, 2016.

Planning the event today (Sept 9) was Don Pointer, (KC9EQQ), Don Scheidt (Logistics & Planning Chief), Mike Burdett (N9AFU), Jim Riley (W9JPR), and Granville Phillips (W9PNG).

Hamfester's trailer will be there and we will set up our field day station. Everyone is welcome.

The open house is on October 8, 2016 at the Highland In Fire Dept, 2901 Highway Ave, Highland, Indiana 46322 (use the southbound Kennedy Ave exit off I80/94)



## Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air

Hamfester's Radio Club is going to activate their W9AA station in support of the Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) October 15, in Orland Park, Illinois. The trailer will be at the South Bridge Church, 15500 S. 73rd Ave, Orland Park 60462. The operating site will be in a large field behind the church.

All Hamfester's members are invited to stop by and see the station in operation. We hope to be testing our new antenna so it is ready for field day next year. The club's Flex 5000 will also be operating along with some VHF gear.



## Christmas Party Tickets

It's hard to believe, but yes Christmas is coming. Don't forget to get you tickets. This year's celebration will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Papa Joe's in Orland Park. Tickets are \$25 per person. It's always a great time and is a highlight of any Hamfester's year. You can purchase the tickets through our website at [Hamfester.org](http://Hamfester.org) or you can see Jim Riley W9JPR at our next meeting on October 7th, 2016.



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DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY

**United States  
Coast Guard  
Auxiliary**



**US Coast Guard Auxiliary  
National Response Directorate  
Telecommunications Division**

## **U.S.C.G. Auxiliary calling all amateur radio operators !**

***Announcing an amateur radio special event  
commemorating***

### ***The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary***

All U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members, who are amateur radio operators, (and our amateur radio operator guests, especially from Hamfesters ARC) are invited to operate a "special event radio station" on Saturday October 22, 2016. Our official call sign is W9C. We will operate on amateur H.F. frequencies to commemorate the 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This annual event provides an opportunity to exercise our capabilities while demonstrating our skills to a wide and diverse audience.



U.S. Coast Guard Station  
Calumet Harbor

***Our amateur operators will set up and operate a special event radio station, using high frequency. We will operate out of the US Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor. Official USCG Aux. special event amateur radio stations will be operating "on the air" all day with special 1 X 1 call signs, contacting amateur radio operators and other U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary stations. Voice and digital modes are permitted. Stations are permitted to operate Friday, Saturday and Sunday if they desire.***



U.S. Coast Guard Auxillary Patrol  
Boat (Pisar)

***Our official special event station will send out free commemorative QSL's. Last year over 50 USCG Aux. special event stations contacted thousands of other amateurs, and USCG Auxiliary members, to commemorate the USCG Auxiliary Anniversary.***

## Hamgab, October 2016 RFI Sleuthing

There are times when we get interference on the ham bands that we know should not be present. In recent years most of it is man made. Of course this summer with numerous thunderstorms also added to the cacophony we hear. Just about any electrical device using line power can be a source of RFI. Here is a story that occurred recently in August, 2016.

Following is a summary of an event of my ham friend, Ken, W9IE, who has been plagued with serious RFI spurs on all bands 20 meters and above. It bothered him for several years. It made some frequencies on two meters unusable including 146.94 FM. It varied in frequency in that it slowly drifted across the FM repeater channel effectively blocking it.

Ken has a FlexRadio 6700 whose display is an effective spectrum analyzer. He could clearly see the noise spikes across the spectrum. Without the spectrum analyzer Ken may not have realized how wide spread the RFI was. Nor was he dealing with a single spur on 146.94 MHz. It was time to go on a hunt; he started by pulling the main circuit breaker for his house. There was no change in the noise. So the noise source was outside his house.

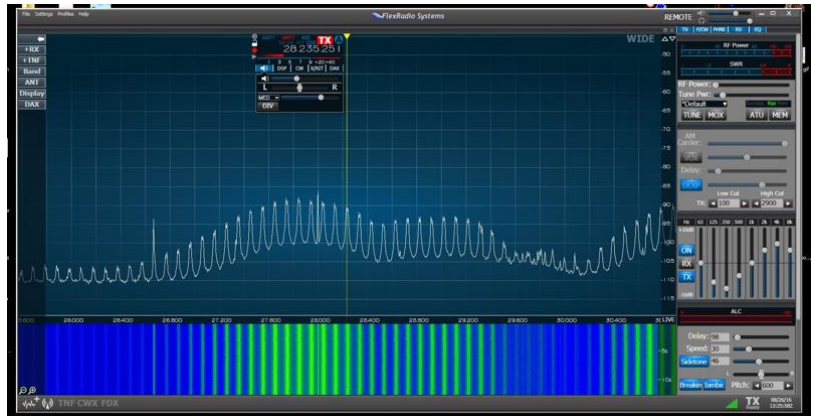
Since the RFI source was determined to be outside his house Ken grabbed a portable receiver and headed outside. Next suspect was the Comcast distribution amplifier high on a pole outside his house. The noise increased as he approached the pole. For some reason he followed the cable drops radiating from the pole in each direction using his radio to track the noise. One path took him to the next door neighbor where the noise got quite loud. Ah ha...he says. It was time to screw up his courage and knock on the door.

Hitachi1



This is the culprit. It radiated strong spurs from 14 MHz thru 148 MHz. 24 hours a day. It truly is a nasty device!

RFI 10 meters :



This is the spectrum as seen on the Flex6700 screen. The viewing range is from 28.0 to 30.0 Mhz. There is a strong spur about every 100 kHz.

The neighbor was very cooperative and they systematically opened breakers in the power panel of his home. When they got to the family room breaker the noise in the portable radio stopped. Trouble was, there was little in the family room except reading lights. On a hunch Ken asked what was on the other side of the wall. It turned out to be the garage which was powered by the same circuit. A quick survey revealed a Hitachi 7.2 to 14 volt Ni-Cad/Ni-MH (model UC-14VFA) cordless drill battery charger that was plugged in all the time. Testing showed RFI anytime the charger was plugged in, battery or not caused serious RFI. Ken took his neighbor to a local big box store and bought him a new Dewalt cordless drill system. Ken joked he was glad that the noise did not come from a washing machine or flat screen TV. Neighbor was nicely rewarded for being cooperative and Ken's problem was solved!

73, Brian W9HLQ

**Hamgab, October 2016**  
**Hamfesters Club Trailer Update**

With the help and assistance of Granville, W9PNG, Steve, W9KXT and Brian, W9HLQ the club trailer has been inspected and repaired. It is good for many years of service in the future. We had the wiring updated and replaced with new connectors installed. Brake light fixed. The wheel bearings were pulled and bearing races replaced and re-packed with grease. When the bearings were pulled, water ran out, which most will consider not good. The repairs were very timely or certainly the bearings would have failed in the near future. The tires were checked and all in good shape. We have a new more secure trailer hitch lock.

The trailer is going to see a lot of use this fall with our scheduled service events: Highland Fire Department visit, the Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), and our support of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. You are cordially invited to come help the club with these events and see your re-furbished trailer! Visit our web site for more information on dates and places: [www.w9aa.org](http://www.w9aa.org)

**Editor's note:** Apparently, there was quite a saga with the lock. See pictures below. We want to thank all of the members who helped in getting the trailer repaired.



**Super lock pick person, Steve.**



**Why finesse with lock picking when you have an angle grinder?**



**This lock is only good as a weapon. Maybe good for show-and-tell at a meeting?**



**Lock clasp ready to be removed as soon as it cools down - it was hot!**



## Hamfesters VE Testing de Al Bukowski N9ZD VE Coordinator

### Hamfesters VE Testing Report for October 2016

Hamfester's Radio Club VE's team assembled to administered Amateur Radio exams on September 10, 2016 at Oak Forest City Hall. However there were no candidates for this test session. Thank's to all VE's helping me at the test sessions.



#### Amateur Radio Exams INFO:

Hamfester's Amateur 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 taking your exam. You may bring your Calculator if you choose, however the volunteer examiners must check it prior the exam that all memories are clear. For the Technician Exam there are 35 multiple choice questions. If you are successful passing the Technician exam, you may take the General Class Exam which also has 35 multiple choice questions. If you are successful passing the General exam, you may take the Extra Class Exam which has 50 multiple choice questions. Please make sure you are studying the latest question pool.

#### Requirements:

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). For Technician candidates. If you would prefer not use your Social Security Number on your application, we suggest obtaining a Federal Registration Number (FRN) from the FCC website - otherwise please bring your Social Security Number. This is a requirement on the FCC form. Licensed amateurs can find their FRN number on their present amateur license.

#### Upgrade Examinations:

If you are already licensed and are taking an upgrade examination: Please bring your printed *and signed Current Amateur Radio License*, and a copy of your current license that we can send with your paperwork. 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 the CSCE* that we can send with you paperwork.

#### Retaking a Exam:

If you almost passed the 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.

#### New License or Upgrade!

Candidates, Congratulations on passing your Exam(s). It may take the FCC 5 to 10 business days before your new or upgraded Amateur License is posted on the FCC website. Please check the FCC Website for your license info. <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

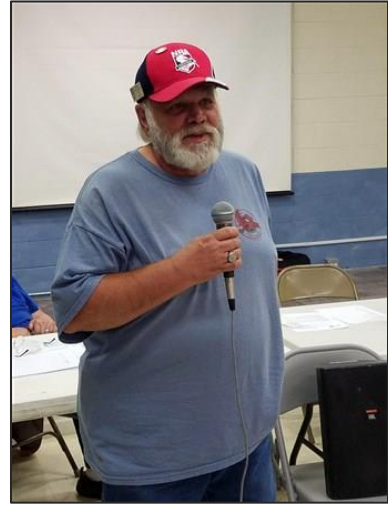
#### How to Print your Official FCC License:

**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.

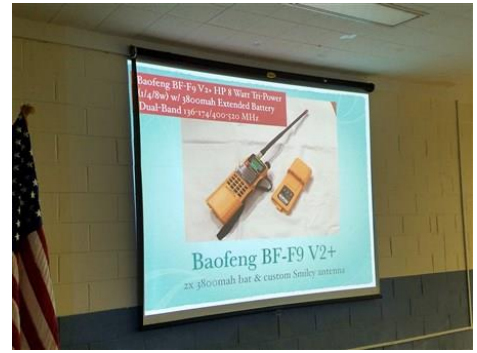
**Location's and Time of the next Hamfesters VE administered Radio Exams:** Our next exam date is October 8, 2016 at the Oak Forest City Hall 15440 S. Central Ave. Oak Forest, IL 60452. Please arrive by 9:00 AM. We begin testing promptly at 9:15 AM. Enter through the Police door entrance and look for 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](mailto:N9ZD@arrl.net). Walk-ins are welcome and the test fee remains at \$15.00 (cash only -- no credit cards or checks).

73's de AL - N9ZD

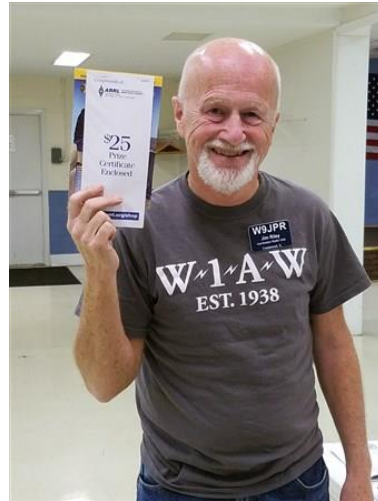
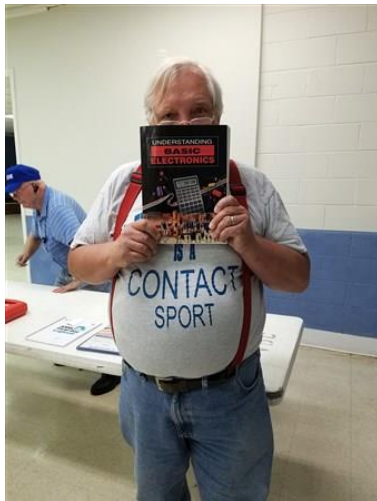
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# Hamfesters Radio Club



### 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. AI N9ZD VE Team Chairman

### Special Activities

Hamfesters Big Peotone Hamfest: Our 80<sup>th</sup> annual Hamfest coming August 7, 2016-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 24 & June 25 2017 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

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