

HamGab

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March 2017

White Elephant Sale **HAMFESTERS**



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The White Elephant sale will be during the next meeting on March 3rd. There is no charge to set up your table: however, you must leave your space clean at the end of the evening. It is not permitted to use the Centers trash receptacles. Don and Nora could use some help with setup so arrive early if you can. Now's your chance. Sell your stuff and get some cash or find that piece of equipment you've been waiting for!



Thanks again to Gregg AB9MZ for last month's presentation on software in Ham Radio. Gregg gave an overview of many of the common and some not so common but useful software programs for amateur radio. He also talked about many of the available websites. There are links to some of Gregg's visuals at the top of the website and more will be added as they become available. We appreciate another job well done by Gregg.

Additional meeting note: Bob N9KWG let everyone know that the Badger trip will be on the third weekend in September.

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

THE PRESIDENTS BEAT

NORA POINTER KC9MLV

MARCH 2017

Hello everyone. First I would like to thank Gregg AB9MZ for last month's program on Software for Ham Radio. It was another very informative program and we appreciate your time and effort in preparing your recent programs for the Club. Also, congratulations to John and Laura on winning the President's special valentine raffle for couples attending Hamfesters meetings. They received a gift card to Papa Joe's in Orland Park. I would like to thank Mike of Papa Joe's for his generous donation of the gift card to our club. Please be sure to go there and tell them Hamfesters sent you. The food there is absolutely delicious.

Well it is that favorite time of year for Hams, the White Elephant Sale. Doors open at 6:30, and meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to have your own change, electric cords to test stuff and a partner to help watch over your stuff. There is to be absolutely NOTHING that should be left behind. If you brought it, you need to take it back with you. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Are you prepared for the upcoming Spring with all of its fickle weather in the way of storms, and rains and floods oh my?? If not, please join us Friday, April 7th, for our annual Basic Weather Spotters Class/Program. This is our fifth year for fellow member Dave Bukowski's presentation of this worthwhile event for the public, Ham operators and First Responders alike to refresh skills necessary to keep an eye on the sky for severe weather. Keep a look out on the website for registration for this class.



So make it a date to be there and learn some great things presented in a very informative and fun manner! That night we will start around 7pm and due to the amount of info to be had, please expect this class to conclude between 10pm and 10:30pm. We will also be raffling off some weather radios.

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

73 all!

Nora Pointer KC9MLV

Board Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters amateur radio club board meeting January 23, 2017 start time at 7:20 PM

Roll: Nora KC9MLV, Jim W9JPR, Dave W0COP, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Steve W9KXT, Gene W9PNG, Kurt WB9FMC, Brian W9HLQ, Don KC9EQQ, Cindy N9CAS, Cathy KC9NRH

Congratulations to Gene W9PNG, has become a 3rd level Mason.

Health and welfare: The March program about the SS badger has been postponed. Ed WA9EOL, wife is having treatment for spinal pain.

Treasurer's report: by Ed WA9EOL, club's bills have been paid. The board approved an annual stipend for the village of Crestwood.

Programs: February software for amateur radio by Gregg KB9MZ, March the annual white elephant sale, April weather spotting by Dave N9KPD.

Hamfest: by Don KC9EQQ, and Kurt WB9FMC, our hamfest will be held on August 6, 2017.

HRO known as ham radio outlet, might called to our hamfest. Ed WA9EOL, received the contract from the Peotone Fairgrounds.

We will be using the North room. And, after VE testing the space could be used for speakers.

Field day: by Jim W9JPR, field day will be held on June 24 and 25th 2017.

Awards: by Jim W9JPR, you can now obtain certificates on the computer.

Old business: Kurt WB9FMC, was given a stipend to contact podcasts to mention our hamfest 2017. The board approved the purchase of Jimmy Liston's N9HSH, generator.

New business: Don KC9EQQ is a board member, because he is a past president.

He will remain, until the current President steps down.

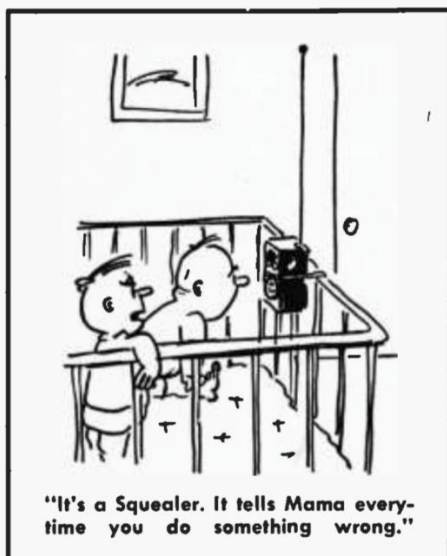
Brian W9HLQ, from 2017 foreword everyone must pay annual club dues. We need to design another QSL card for W9AA.

Dave W0COP, is Sergeant at Arms, since the death of Jimmy Liston N9HSH.

Nora KC9MLV, asked "Can we Skype someone at our meeting?" Gene W9PNG, replied "Yes"

The board approved Kurt W9FMC, to give the church that stores our club's trailer a stipend.

Adjournment: 8:40 PM



General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters radio club club meeting February 3, 2017.

These minutes reported by Jim W9JPR.

Call to order: 3 February 17 1930

welcome event Pledge of Allegiance: Done

Announcements: Bob N9KWG, badger trip 3rd weekend September 15 and 16th (get dates).

Nora looking for prizes for raffle. Tom KA9ZXN, Nora, thanked him for net.

Visitors: Gregg KB9HOK, Orlando KC9IBJ, Jim NV9X, Rollo (no call).

Health and wealth: Patti flu

Program: AB9MZ software for ham radio.

Minutes: The minutes for the last meeting approved by Don EQQ, 2nd by Bob KWG

Treasurer's report: Our club has purchased Jimmy's N9HSH, generator. Stipend was given to the church where the trailer is stored.

Break 1932 resume 2100

Membership: 2 new members: Rollo Everette (no call), and Orlando Goodall KC9IBJ.

Program: KC9EQQ, March white elephant sale, Dave N9KPD, April weather spotting.

Publicity: N9KPD@ARRL.net for publicity.

Hamfest: KC9EQQ, looking for hamfest input.

Field day: W9JPR, needs pictures. Field day June 24 and 25th 2017 .

Awards: W9JPR, email request. If you want participation certificates.

New business: WA9ZPM, showed an SDR device, info SDRPLAY.com
KC9EQQ, demonstrated a new radio best.

Adjournment: Dave W0COP, 2nd by Bob N9KWG, time 2127

Door Prize: KA9HMV, KC9EQQ, W9JPR, K9RDR,

Split the pot: N9CAS

Hamfesters Roster News

Welcome new Hamfesters members!

Rollo Everett, (no call yet)

Lives in Worth and likes camping, shooting, and skiing. He is a chemical engineer.

Orlando Goodall, KC9IVG

Lives in South Holland and likes to fool with electronics. Orlando is retired and has time to play radio!

Be sure to look them up at the next meeting and say "Hi".

CQ Field Day 2017 de Jim Riley W9JPR

The fate of our Field Day site is in doubt! I spoke with Bob O'Shaughnessy, director of the Worth Park District and he told me he's unsure of the future of Altman Park, where we hold our event. The property is owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and is currently leased by the Village of Worth. Now the park district is trying to take over. Negotiations continue as of this writing.

How does this affect us? Other than a possible change of wording is some paperwork, it doesn't. I just wanted to get your attention. No matter who winds up holding the lease, our site is reserved for June 24th and 25th. Both the park district and the village are highly in favor of having us there. It must be because Don KC9EQQ cleans up the facilities so well.

This is the time of the year when I ask for your Field Day pictures from the previous year. If you have just a few, you can email them to me at kb9cyl@yahoo.com. If you have a lot, please put them on a disk and bring it to the meeting.



We got a few new members at last month's meeting. Let's make sure we get them on board for Field Day.

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.

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)234-0280.

73' Bob Richter K9RDR Raffle Chairman

The Real Ham

If you have a ham band antenna on all four fenders of your car, the roof, in the trunk lip, and another one clamped to the trailer hitch with an alligator clip and duct tape...you might be a "REAL HAM!"

If your wife...sorry, "XYL"...asks you to help bring in the groceries while you are chasing a rare one and you yell back, "QRX! QRX!"...you might be a "REAL HAM!"

If you can recite the numbers of every driver, modulator, and final amplifier tube in every Heathkit, Drake or Collins transmitter or amplifier ever made, and name the best idling grid current for 90% of them...you might be a "REAL HAM!"

We'll have more Real Hams in upcoming issues.

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Amateur Radio Parity ACT

On January 13, 2017, Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16) introduced the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017" into the new 115th Congress. Mr. Kinzinger was joined by Representative Joe Courtney (D-CT-02) and Representative Greg Walden, W7EQI, (R-OR-02) as original co-sponsors. The bill has been designated as HR 555, and was assigned to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which is chaired by Congressman Walden.



The wording of HR 555 is identical to the language of HR 1301, which passed the US House of Representatives by a unanimous consent vote in September 2016 during the 114th Congress, which adjourned in December. Further information on HR 555 and how ARRL members can assist in working towards its passage will be forthcoming. Watch the ARRL web site for additional details as this begins its process through the Congress.

We need to get every Amateur Radio operator and their supporting families to mail, email, and / or phone their respective senators and demand their sponsorship and support for this bill. The more co-sponsors we can get the more likely this bill will make it to the floor for a vote.

I want to thank everyone in advance for their thoughtful and timely efforts in motivating our senators to take action on H.R. 1301.

We've reprinted the response to Gregg's AB9MZ's letter to Senator Durbin below:

February 16, 2017
Mr. Gregory Rosenberg
7849 Bristol Park Drive
Tinley Park, IL 60477-4594
Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Thank you for contacting me about the Amateur Radio Parity Act (H.R. 1301). I appreciate hearing from you.

The bill, introduced by Representative Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, would have directed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications to private land use restrictions. Specifically, it would have required the FCC to extend the PBR-1 federal pre-emption policy to homeowners' association regulations and deed restrictions, which is often referred to as covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs).

Currently, PRB-1 coverage only extends to state and local zoning laws, and it does not cover CC&Rs. CC&Rs are common interest developments, including condominiums and homeowners associations, in which the purchaser must abide by certain restrictions associated with the use of the land.

Opponents of the bill argued their neighborhoods should be able to address amateur radio installations at the local level without federal intervention. Supporters of the bill argued that zoning ordinances often unreasonably restrict amateur radio antennas in residential areas.

The Amateur Radio Parity Act (H.R. 1301) passed the House on September 12, 2016. The bill was received in the Senate and was not considered before the end of the Congress. Should the Amateur Radio Parity Act be considered in the 115th Congress, I will keep your support in mind.

Thank you again for contacting me. Please feel free to stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

Hamfesters VE Testing de Al Bukowski N9ZD VE Coordinator

Hamfesters VE Testing Report for HamGab March 2017

Hamfester's Radio Club VE's team assembled the morning of February 11, 2017 at Oak Forest City Hall to administered Amateur Radio exams. We had one candidate who passed the General. Thank You to the VE's who help me at the test sessions.

Information to Read before attending any Amateur Radio VE Test Session

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 that can be found on the internet, through ARRL publications or Gordon West books.

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 upgrading can use the FRN number on their amateur license in place of the SSN.

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.

Upgrade Examinations:

Important: 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.

New License or Upgrade!

Candidates, Congratulations on passing your Exam(s). It may take the FCC 5 to 10 business days (average 6 days) before your new or upgraded Amateur License is posted on the FCC website. Please check often the FCC Website for your license info. <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

FCC 'Paperless' Amateur Radio License Policy Now In Effect:

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/>. The FCC site will present a FRN number and request a password when you search your full name and address. Read the instructions to 'Download the Electronic Authorization' for 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. A PDF of the license can be saved to your computer and/or printed immediately on any paper you desire.

Location's and Time of the next Hamfesters VE administered Radio Exams:

We start a New Year for the next exam, March 11, 2017 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 marked Police door entrance and look for the Amateur Radio testing exam signs for directions.

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

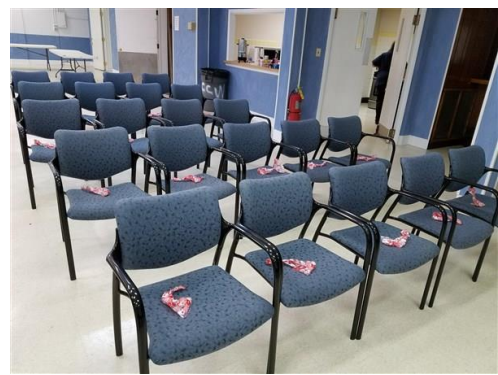
N9ZD@arri.net.

Walk-ins are welcome and the test fee for 2017 remains at \$15.00 (cash only -- no credit cards or checks).

73's de AL - N9ZD



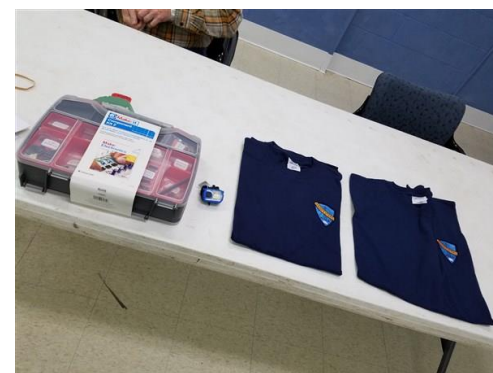
February 2017 meeting pictures courtesy of Don KC9EQQ





"So What is Your Favorite Software"
??? Questions ???





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Happy St Patrick's Day



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Meetings and VE Testing

Club meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at the Crestwood Civic Center, 14025 Kostner Ave. in Crestwood, IL.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. September meetings may vary if our meeting date conflicts with the Crestwood Flower show.

Board Meetings: 7:30 PM on the 4th Monday of each month at the Crestwood Civic Center

VE TESTING: Every 2nd Saturday of the Month at the Oak Forest City Hall, 15440 S. Central Ave.

Testing begins at 9:00 AM but we ask that you arrive 10 minutes early. Exam fee is now \$15.00. AI N9ZD VE Team Chairman

Special Activities

Hamfesters Big Peotone Hamfest: Our 81st annual Hamfest coming August 6th, 2017-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 115th and Oketo Avenue, Worth, IL.

Jim KB9CYL Field Day Chairman

WAHM: Worked all Hamfester Members-work 10 Current members for a beautiful award certificate. Matt KC9JXC Awards

Nets/Contact Info

10 METER NET: Every Sunday Evening at 8:00 PM on 28.410. 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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Patti KC9LYE Secretary

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