

# HamGab

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

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**All of the Field Day ducks were in a row at this year's Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club Field Day! Despite high winds and fickle propagation, Hamfesters operators made over 600 contacts. Look for a full report sometime in the coming months!**



**Our annual July picnic will be held on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a potluck so please also bring a dish to pass if you are able (please clearly label anything with nuts). The Chicago Ridge VFW will once again be presenting the colors. Thank you Ron KB9CTX for organizing this each year. We hope to see you there!**

## Hamfest Speaker Surprise!

**Don KC9EQQ has lined up a special speaker for Hamfest. He's sure to be a hit. See details in Don's column on page 5.**

# THE PRESIDENT'S BEAT

NORA POINTER KC9MLV

JULY 2017

Hello everyone. So, my first column got eaten by the computer and was nowhere to be found. Gotta love starting from scratch.....

On a better note: Thanks to Jim W9JPR on another fine field day program. By the time this comes out, hopefully we have had another successful Field Day with lots of fun stories for next year. Thanks to Cindy for the excellent bakery donuts. And thanks to Brian for his donation of the door prizes.

**Health and Welfare:** Our best wishes go out to all Hamfesters who may not be feeling well. Prayers and well wishes go out to member Bill Vehe, W9ZJ on his recent bypass surgery.

**New Members:** Welcome to Brent Berry, K9KZR and Ronald Turner, KD9FQP. Glad to have you aboard.

**JULY Program:** Will be held on **JULY 7<sup>th</sup>**, and is our salute to Veterans and First Responders. This is a Pot Luck dinner and everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. Don and I unfortunately will be unable to attend due to a previous commitment. So, we will need extra help to set up all the tables when the doors open at 6:00 p.m.

**AUGUST HAMFEST:** Keep the first weekend of August free and volunteer, volunteer. We need you. The Friday meeting, we will discuss the weekend and make sure we have everything in place. All ticket sellers, need to bring your money in to Dave that evening. Saturday, we will need help setting up tables at the fairgrounds in Peotone. Saturday evening, we will have the Vendor dinner. And Sunday will be the Hamfest.

Don has obtained a speaker for the Hamfest. His name is Keenan Campbell, KB9ZDK, and he is the current Director of Bureau County Emergency Management Agency and the IESMA Region 2 Vice President. Mr. Campbell is the 2017 State of Illinois Emergency Manager of the Year. His program will speak to the importance of volunteers and Amateur Radio during preplanned events, incidents, and day to day operations.

**SEPTEMBER Program:** Will be on Emergency Preparedness given by Gregg AB9MZ



**Education:** If you or know a friend who are interested in a General Class, now is the time to let Brian W9HLQ know. If he gets enough people that say they will attend, he is trying to set the classes up to start in the middle of September, location still to be determined. You asked for it, and Brian is trying to make it happen.

**Food for Thought:** In the fall will be our election. If anyone is interested in serving the club, start thinking of running for the Board. One must first serve on the Board, in order to run for an officer position.

As always, we ask you to keep an eye on the website for the most current happenings in our club. Remember to Like us on our Hamfesters Page on Facebook. On behalf of myself and the Officers and Board members of Hamfesters, thank you for all you do for Hamfesters.

A very Happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July is wished to you all.

73,

Nora Pointer KC9MLV

*President of Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club of Crestwood*

## Board Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

**Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting | May 22nd 2017 | 7:32 PM**

This report is by Jim W9JPR, in the absence of Patti KC9LYE.

**Health and Welfare:** Dorothy Truhlar N9ALC passed away. Bob Haas WA9BXI is not well.

**Minutes:** Minutes approved by Don KC9EQQ and Kurt WB9FMC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Hamfesters club has funds.

### Programs:

- **June 2** – Field Day Report with W9JPR
- **July 7** – Veterans' picnic at 7 PM
- **August 4** – Hamfest Preparation
- **September** - Emergency Preparedness

**Publicity:** Steve W9KXT brought brochures to Dayton.

**New business:** Brian W9HLQ will assist with comms for the steam train on June 17 and 18th.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Don KC9EQQ and Cindy N9CAS at 8:03 pm

## Education Update de Brian, W9HLQ

If there is enough interest, at **7 pm on Wednesday September 13**, Hamfesters will begin conducting a **General level training class**. The training will be a combination of home study and class review. The home study includes watching several videos and studying the ARRL License manual. Class time will be used to reinforce your study home study and answer questions. The cost will be that of the ARRL manual (\$30.00). You may purchase your manual via Amazon or ARRL online Store. If you register with us early enough, we can order the manual for you.

Contact Brian Davis, W9HLQ, to register:

[w9hlq@hamfesters.org](mailto:w9hlq@hamfesters.org)  
(708) 532-5833

Please contact me as soon as possible so I know whether we have enough interest to run a class.

Watch our web site for the training location. (Hopefully in the Crestwood area)

<https://www.hamfesters.org/main/licensing-class/>

# General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club Meeting | June 2, 2017 | 7:30 PM

**Roll:** Nora KC9MLV, Jim W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Dave W0COP

At tonight's meeting there were 38 members, and 2 visitors. Welcome everyone!

**President's report - Nora KC9MLV:** June is ham radio month. Dave N9KPD has emailed weather spotter certificates for the April 2017 program.

Paul Batchelar (no call), will be responsible for bringing coffee and doughnuts to the club meetings beginning in September. Thank you very much, Paul!

**Raffle Prizes, Education, & Membership - Brian W9HLQ:** Brian brought the door prizes for tonight's raffle. Thanks, Brian!

There might be a general license class given by Hamfesters in the near future. Please contact Brian if you're interested, or if you know someone who might be.

We have 2 new Hamfester members; Brent Berry K9KZR, & Ron Turner KD9FPQ. Welcome!

## Programs:

- Tonight – Field Day 2017 by Jim W9JPR
- July 7 – Veterans' Day Picnic
- August – Hamfest 2017 Preparation
- September – Emergency Preparedness by Gregg AB9MZ
- October – Nominations for club officers and board members
- November – Club elections.
- December – Christmas Party

**Minutes:** The May minutes were approved by Tom KA9ZNX and Dave W0COP

**Treasurer's report - Ed WA9EOL:** the club paid for; doughnuts, hamfest fliers, and a stipend for Patrick KB9ANL, for his digital radio program in the month of May. We brought in money by club dues, and split the pot raffle.

**Hamfest - Don KC9EQQ:** the night before our hamfest is the vendors pizza dinner. Please volunteer to work the hamfest.

**New business:** Stan Soho W9KME is a Hamfesters member, and has been a ham for 60 years. Congratulations Stan; thank you for all you do for the club and for ham radio.

Nora KC9MLV would like to put together a group to go see a thunderbolts baseball game. Please contact her if you're interested.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Tom KA9ZNX and John KB9FQB at 9:10 PM.

**Split the pot winner:** Herb W9HEM.

# Hamfesters Roster News de Brian, W9HLQ

## New Members

- 1) **Brent Berry, K9KZR** lives in Markham and is a HVAC technician. He is an extra class licensee. He likes electronics, running and hiking. Operates on 2 meters so far....in his ham career
- 2) **Ronald Turner, KD9FQP** lives in Chicago and is retired military and Chicago police. He is a General class licensee and operates on 2 meters mainly.

## For Sale

### Ameritron AL-811 Amplifier -- \$400

600 Watts PEP, 160 thru 10 Meters  
Operates in Class AB2 for SSB and CW tuned input  
circuitry

Efficiency: Typically 65%

Manual included

Interested? Please Contact AI - N9ZD ([n9zd@arrl.net](mailto:n9zd@arrl.net))

### LDG AT-1000ProII Automatic Antenna Tuner -- \$400

Freq range 1.8 to 30 Mhz SSB: 1000 watts CW: 750 watts

6 Meters: 250 watts (any Mode)

Includes LDG M-1000 External (analog) Meter

Built in 2-port antenna switch with 2000 memories.

Can be used in auto mode or manual mode.

Manuals included

Interested? Please Contact AI - N9ZD ([n9zd@arrl.net](mailto:n9zd@arrl.net))

## Hamfest Speaker Update de Don, KC9EQQ

### EMA and Amateur Radio

Running a successful Emergency Management Agency realizes on a large cadre of volunteers. During this program, Keenan will speak to the importance of volunteers and Amateur Radio during preplanned events, incidents, and day to day operations. Ham groups are vitally important to all EMA's, and what better way to recruit volunteers than by meeting with the Amateur Radio Clubs? Keenan is proud to say that all members of the Bureau County EMA Communications Unit are amateur radio operators, and all Bureau County EMA assets have dedicated stations with 2M, 70CM, and HF capabilities.



A native of central Illinois, Keenan Campbell lives and breathes emergency management. He is currently the Director of Bureau County Emergency Management Agency and the IESMA Region 2 Vice President. His vast background in technology has helped small underfunded Emergency Management Agencies build state of the art EMA programs utilizing emerging technologies and private partnerships. Mr. Campbell believes that technology is a necessity during an incident to ensure the development of solid situational awareness and lead to a better common operating picture. He is the 2017 State of Illinois Emergency Manager of the Year. He is a motivational speaker and emergency manager. For more information please visit: [www.kdcampbell.com](http://www.kdcampbell.com)



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# Hamfesters VE Testing de AL, N9ZD

**Hamfesters Radio Club VE team assembled on the morning of June 10, 2017 at Oak Forest City Hall to administer Amateur Radio exams. We had two candidates who earned their Tech license and one candidate upgraded to Extra. To the VE's who assist me at the exam sessions. Thank You!**

## Information to Read before attending any Amateur Radio VE Test Session:

Hamfesters 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. If you fail any exam, it will be up to the discretion of the examiners to retake a different version of that element for an additional \$15.00 dollar fee.

## Requirements:

A fee of \$15 dollars is charged for the examination. Payment is Cash ONLY -- no credit cards or checks. Also, please bring a government-issued photo ID; (one ID could be a driver's license). For Technician candidates. If you would prefer not use your Social Security Number on your FCC 605 application, we suggest obtaining a Federal Registration Number (FRN) from the FCC website. Licensed amateurs upgrading will always use the FRN number printed on their current amateur license in place of the SSN.

## 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 your paperwork.

## Are You a New Licensee or an Upgrade?

Candidates who had a passing grade, Congratulations. It may take the FCC 5 to 10 business days (average 6 days) before your new or upgraded Amateur License is posted. Please check often 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 access the FCC ULS License Manager System <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>. Read the instructions to 'Download the Electronic Authorization' to print your official license. On the 'Download Authorizations' page the license holder will add your call sign to the 'Authorizations to Download' and then click download. A PDF of the license can be saved on your computer and/or printed immediately on any paper stock you desire.

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

The next exam session will be held on July 8 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 ARRL Amateur Radio testing exam signs for directions.

If you have any other questions regarding our test sessions or wish to per-register, please contact N9ZD via e-mail at: [N9ZD@arrl.net](mailto:N9ZD@arrl.net). Last minute Walk-ins are always welcome.

73's de AL – N9ZD

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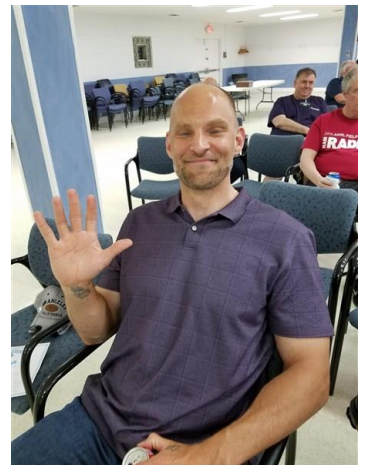
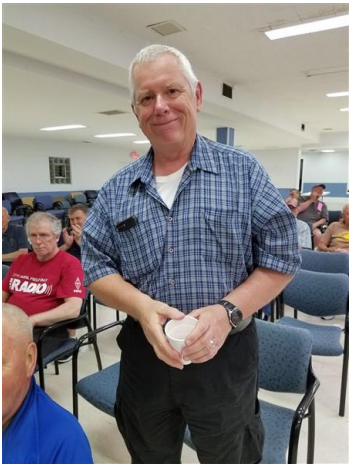
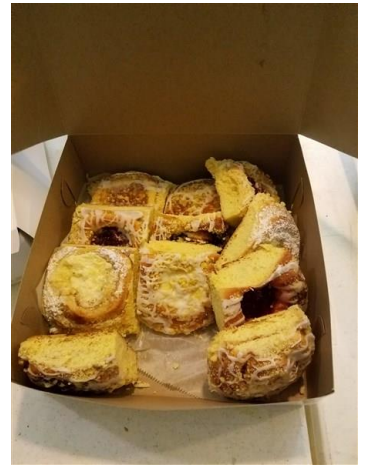


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### Hamfesters Monthly Raffle

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



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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. AI N9ZD VE Team Chairman

## Special Activities

Hamfesters Big Peotone Hamfest: Our 81<sup>st</sup> annual Hamfest coming August 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.*