

HamGab

Next meeting: September 8th

September 2017

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September 23 & 24 will be this year's SS Badger trip. The SS Badger is the only Coal Fired ship left in the U.S. and it's one excellent ground plane. Go to SSbadger.com or call 1-800-badger for reservations. Ask for the Ham Radio Cruise pricing. See the website for more details.



Next month's meeting is on **September 8th** due to the flower show. Gregg AB9MZ will be talking about emergency preparedness. Gregg knows radio and he know emergency preparedness. It's sure to be an informative talk which will help keep you and your family safe. Don't miss it.

Thanks to Don KC9EQQ for chairing this year's Hamfest and making it so successful. The speakers were well received which was a great addition to the Hamfest. Attendance was brisk. A big thank you also goes out to all of the Hamfesters who helped out.



We were sad to learn that Hamfester Pat Schallo recently passed away. Eric and I took our Technician class with Pat many years ago. Pat was always good natured and smiling. Our sympathies go out to his family.

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

THE PRESIDENT'S BEAT

NORA POINTER KC9MLV

AUGUST 2017

Hello everyone. So fall is right around the corner. My favorite time of the year.

Health and Welfare: Our best wishes go out to all Hamfesters who may not be feeling well.

AUGUST HAMFEST: Thank you to everyone who came out for Hamfest. The weather held up and we had a good day. See you all next year. Thanks to our Vendors, our club members who worked long hours, and all who donated door prizes. A special thank you to our speakers, Keenan Campbell, KB9ZDK and Mark Thompson, W9QZB.

SEPTEMBER Program: Will be on Emergency Preparedness and Amateur radio given by Gregg AB9MZ. He promises to have a few surprises for us. Gregg always does a nice job. This looks like it will be an interesting evening.

OCTOBER MEETING: Still working on it. But just reminding everyone in October will be the club nominations and we will be looking for a new Board Member. Club dues will start being collected for the upcoming year. Also, Christmas Party tickets will start being sold that evening too.

NOVEMBER MEETING: A musical extravaganza will take place at the November meeting as our club's old friend Steve Cooper and part of his orchestra will be performing that night for us along with interesting back stories told by Steve about the very songs he and his colleagues will be playing that night. Bring the spouse as this will be truly a special night to sit back and enjoy together!

EDUCATION: Hamfesters will be giving a General Class starting in September. Please check the website for all details. The classes will be held at the Worth Public Library. A big thank you goes out to Mel Marcus, NE9A and Brian Davis, W9HLQ, for being the instructors for this class. You can't find anyone better than these Ham guys to get you to the next level. You do need to register.

HAMGAB DETAILS: Hamgab will be going through some transitions with Steve and Eric resigning due to their work and school schedules. Thank you for your years of dedication and making our newsletter one of the best out there.



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.

73,

Nora Pointer KC9MLV

President of Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club of Crestwood

P.S: If you need to reach me, please email me at: npointer92@gmail.com

Board Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters amateur radio club. July 24, 2017 board meeting 1940

Minutes by Jim W9JPR, Patti KC9LYE not here.

Jim's finger in a splint.

Roll: KC9MLV, W9JPR, KC9EQQ, W9PNG, W0COP, N9CAS, WA9EOL.

Health and welfare: W9GOB, Danny Busta is doing okay after stroke. WB9FMC,-XYL knee replacement surgery.

Minutes: June board meeting minutes approved by EOL and CAS.

Programs: KC9EQQ, August hamfest, September AB9MZ, October nominations and ghost hunters, November elections, and Steve Cooper.

Publicity: Gene W9PNG, Facebook promotion to promote hamfest attendance for August 6, 2017. Men ages 18 to 65+, promotion ran for 7 days, budget for promotion \$100, people reached 6,309, engagements 191, event responses 108, page likes 12, comments 8, shares 31.

Hamfest: KC9EQQ, looking for volunteers, 2 speakers, vendors night Saturday, August 5, box of two \$100 gift certificate, needs volunteers to help with security.

Field day: W9J PR, 54 participants, 900+ contacts, 2,856 points, 1,291 bonus points.

Education: 5 people have signed up for the general class venue to be announced.

New business: Don thanked all for July meeting.

Adjournment: W9JPR, seconded by WA9EOL, 2048

Amateur Radio General Class Training

On Wednesday September 13, at 7 pm, Hamfesters will begin conducting a **General** level training class. The training will be a combination of home study and class review. The required home study includes watching selected YouTube videos and studying the ARRL License Manual (Eighth Edition). Access to the internet to watch topic background videos is required. Class time will be used to reinforce your home study and answer questions. Class length is 5 consecutive weeks.

Training location is the Worth Library, 6917 W. 111th St., Worth, IL 60452

Cost will be that of the ARRL manual (\$30.00). You may purchase your manual via Amazon or the ARRL online store. If you register with us early enough, we can order the manual for you. If you have a manual, there is no cost for the training.

You do not have to be a member of any club to take the class - just a real commitment to obtain your General ham license.

Contact Brian Davis, W9HLQ to register: w9hlq@hamfesters.org 708/532-5833

Please contact me ASAP to register in order to give me time to order books.

The instructors are Mel Marcus, NE9A and Brian Davis, W9HLQ

Watch the Hamfesters Web site for late breaking news and course changes at the address below:

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

73,

Brian Davis, W9HLQ



General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters amateur radio club meeting, August 4, 2017 began at 7:40 p.m. members attending 33, and 2 visitors.

Please note: The next club meeting will be held on **Friday September 8**, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Health and welfare: Kurt's WB9FMC, wife Helen is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Bob WA9BXI, is in hospice. Gregg AB9MZ, is recovering from neck and back pain, and is here with us tonight.

Programs: tonight, hamfest August 6, 2017 by Don KC9EQQ, September 8 (2nd Friday in September), emergency power by Gregg AB9MZ, November Steve Cooper and his orchestra, December Christmas party

Bob W9KWG, talked about the September badger trip.

Jim W9JPR, along with Steve W9KXT, and Gregg AB9MZ, there will be a makers fair in September in Mokena, Illinois.

Minutes: the July minutes were approved by Gregg AB9MZ, and John KB9FQB.

Treasurer's report: Ed WA9EOL, discussed the money spent by the club.

New members: by Brian W9HLO, new member Larry KB9REV.

Education: Brian W9HLO, general license class in September. Check the website Hamfesters.com for details.

Publicity: Dave N9KPD, twitter and instagram #hamfesters

Field Day: by Jim W9J PR, field day 2017, see report at Hamfesters.com.

Hamgab: Eric KC9OOM, and Steve KC9OOL, are stepping down as Hamgab editors in September.

VE testing: Al N9ZD, needs VE's (volunteer examiners) for the hamfest on August 6 hamfest in Peotone, and, there's also a need for (volunteer examiners) VE's at the regular testing sessions on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

If you can help please contact Al.

Hamfest: by Don KC9EQQ, our annual Hamfesters hamfest is being held in Peotone, Illinois on August 6, 2017.

Kathy Liston, wife of Jimmy Liston N9HSH, sk will have a table at the hamfest selling Jimmy's ham equipment.

There will be two guest speakers at the hamfest. There will be a women's clothing vendor.

146.43 call in the frequency, Saturday set up 3:30- 4:00 PM, Saturday vendors picnic 6:30 PM.

There is no charge for electricity. All vendors selling electronics take the home, don't throw them away!

New business: Dave N9KPD, the college of DuPage 5K run September 23rd, the race starts at 5 PM. Volunteers please arrive at 3:30 PM. Contact Dave at N9KPD@ARRL.net

Election: Nora KC9MLV, announced that Cathy KC9NRH, is stepping down as board member. Club nominations are held in October, elections in November.

Adjournment: Gregg AB9MZ, seconded by John KB9FQB at 9:45 PM split the pot winner Dave N9KPD.

Door Prize Winners: Peggy K9QLM, Ed WA9EOL, Ron KB9TCX, Gregg KD9HOK, Don KC9EQQ

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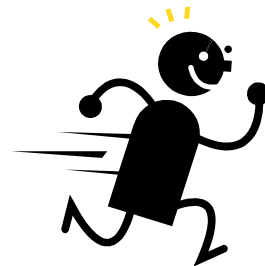
COLLEGE OF DUPAGE Laps with the Chaps 5k Run/Walk Saturday, September 23

On Saturday, September 23 the College of DuPage will be hosting a 5k run/walk as a fundraiser for the scholarship programs at the college. Dave N(KPD is looking for help with radio coverage.

Contact for further information is through David Bukowski N9KPD.

Email address: **n9kpd@arrl.net**

phone number: **708.252.3283**



Hamfesters Roster News de Brian, W9HLQ

Information for Wayne Palmquist: past president of Hamfesters
Nancy and I retired at end of April. We now live in Phoenix, Az.

New address is

237 W. Canterbury Lane, Phoenix, Az. 85023

73,

Wayne. KC9IC

Hamfest Raffle Winners

1. BIRD WATT METER
BRUCE WD9GHK
 2. 200 CASH
ED K9EW
 3. 100 DX ENGINEERING CERTIFICATE
DAN DUDOVITZ
 4. 100 DX ENGINEERING CERTIFICATE
DALE W9KHX
 5. BAFUNG RADIO KIT
DAVE KD9EUJ
 6. BAFUNG RADIO KIT
ED WA9EOL
- HAVE A GREAT DAY
ED WA9EOL 73

Hamfesters Invade Maker World De Jim Riley

On August 19, four intrepid Hamfesters entered the world of makers at the Chicago Southland Mini Makers Faire at the Pipefitters Local 597 Training Facility in Mokena. Led by Brian Davis W9HLQ who got the ball rolling, Cindy Shlaustas N9CAS, Gregg Rosenberg AB9MZ, and Jim Riley W9JPR set up two tables full of photos, flyers, signboards, and DIY radio gear to present ham radio to visitors as the original makers hobby.

For those who don't know, the maker culture is described as a technology-based extension of Do It Yourself culture. It stresses new and unique applications of technologies, and encourages invention and prototyping.



Gregg, Jim, Brian, and Cindy with their display.



Jim assembles Morse code kit under Cindy's watchful eye

Surrounded by robots, racecars, light-up legos, and other kits and hand-made items, Hamfesters presented Amateur Radio to an interested audience of attendees, young and old. Some already had an interest in Amateur Radio but didn't know how to go about getting into it. For others, it was their first exposure and they were fascinated. They never knew all the things hams can do.

In the spirit of a makers fair, Jim assembled a Morse code oscillator kit with Cindy's help. That got a lot of attention as people were drawn to solder smoke. Yes, it worked thanks to

a friendly pointer from Linas Matonis KC9PCP.

Brian said, "It was a fantastic day for me. The time flew by. We had a constant stream of folks to talk to with varied interests. We had the right mix of show-and-tell goodies. A lot of handouts were passed out."

Gregg was more succinct, "The Mini Maker Fair was an absolute success."

Based on their reception at their first makers fair, Hamfesters will be attending more maker shows in the future. Lessons learned will lead to better displays and improved talking points.

Gregg and Jim explain ham radio to an interested mother and son



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Editors Note

This will be the last issue of HamGab edited by Eric KC9OOL and Steve KC9OOM. Eric is back at school and my work obligations have increased significantly. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed over the years. We must extend a special Thank You to Brian W9HLQ. There would not have been a HamGab without his contributions and he was always able to find a cartoon to make the HamGab a little more enjoyable. Bob Richter K9RDR has graciously agreed to take over the HamGab responsibilities. We are sure he will do a wonderful job. Thanks Bob.

Hamfesters VE Testing de AL, N9ZD

Hamfesters VE Testing Report for HamGab September 2017

Hamfester's Radio Club VE's team assembled on August 6, 2017 at the Hamfester's Hamfest to administer Amateur Radio exams. Out of four candidates we had only one who earned his Tech license that morning. Then the following weekend August 12, Hamfester's VE's assembled again at Oak Forest City Hall. We had three candidates who wanted to take the Extra and to our surprise all three passed. Congratulations to all who passed their exams. VE's who assist me at the exam sessions. Thank You!

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. 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 you 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>

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

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 Hamfester's VE administered Radio Exams:

The next exam session will be held on September 9, 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 pre-register, please contact N9ZD via e-mail at: N9ZD@arrl.net. Last minute Walk-ins are always welcome.

73's de AL - N9ZD



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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

WEB SITE: www.hamfesters.org Webmaster Granville, W9PNG & Brian, W9HLQ

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Patti KC9LYE Secretary

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