

HamGab

Next meeting: October 6th

October 2017

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October Birthdays

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Louis AC0X
Tom KA9ZXN
James Twohig (no callsign)

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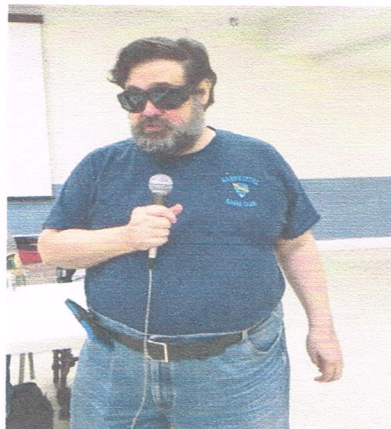
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Secretary - Patty KC9LYE
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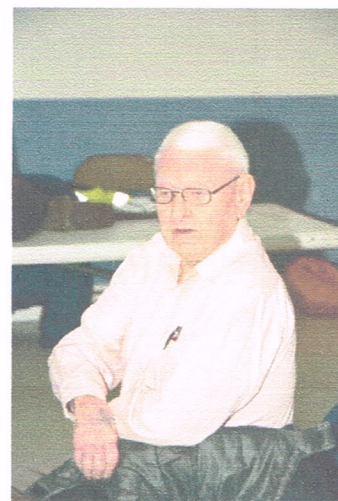
GREG AB9MZ

Thanks to Gregg for an excellent power point presentation on Emergency preparedness for ham Radios. Good Job and very knowledgeable.

Thanks again

Bob Haas, WA9BXI, passed away recently mainly due to old age. He was 93 years young. He was a member of Hamfesters for many years, but did not attend many meetings so may not be known by our membership. He was active on 160 meters and an excellent CW operator. Bob was station master for the Rock Island railroad in Tinley Park for many years. He was a real ham and kept a shortwave radio in the Rock ticket office. It was similar to a Hallicrafters SX-42...a real boat anchor.

Bob was a veteran and served in WW2 in the Pacific theater. He had six children, 3 girls and 3 boys. All three boys are currently active hams: John, N9YIY; Robert, NN9T; and Mark, KB9WLX.



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

THE PRESIDENT'S BEAT

NORA POINTER KC9MLV

OCTOBER 2017

Hello everyone. Welcome to Fall; my favorite time of the year. Thanks to Gregg, AB9MZ for last month's program.

Health and Welfare: Our best wishes go out to all Hamfesters who may not be feeling well. We recently lost two members, Pat Shaloo, KB9KRT, sk and Robert Haas, WA9BXI sk. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Congratulations to Dave Bukowski, N9KPD, on his recent wedding to Laura.

Congratulations to Bob Fleischmann, N9KWG on his recent retirement from IDOT.

OCTOBER Program: First, it is Nominations for Office for the Club. If you wish to run for office, please let us know. There is an opening for Board of Directors.

Secondly, Brian will start collecting club dues for next year. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our efforts on behalf of the Club.

Thirdly, tickets go on sale for our annual Christmas Party at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Orland Park, Illinois. Ticket price remains at \$25.00.

Our Program will be with special guest speaker, Dale Kaczmarek, Ghost Research Society, to present his program on his ghostly encounters. Helping him will be Stanley Suho, W9KME, Dale will also have his books for sale. It should be a very interesting evening. Dale is back by popular demand I might add too!

October – **SPECIAL EVENTS:** Saturday, October 14th, 2017, in Highland, Indiana, Hamfesters will once again be attending an event for Fire Prevention month which will be held at the downtown Highland Fire station. Last year over 1500 people came out to this event. Bring the family and stop by our Hamfesters COM trailer! Saturday, October 21, 2017, we will open the Communications Trailer at its home in Orland Park, to participate in JOTA.

NOVEMBER Program: First, the Election will be held for club officers and board of directors.

This month's program will be another special event. We will have Steve Cooper, and a couple of his musicians from the Steve Cooper Orchestra, and they will be performing for us. John Russell, from Midwest Ballroom at WDCB, 90.9 on the radio, will also be attending to tape the event. John will go around interviewing members and will use this event to broadcast on a future show and promote the club. Let's give him a warm welcome. John is also a ham radio operator and like Steve has been a recent program presenter for our club.



DECEMBER Program: Will be our Christmas party to be held at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Orland Park, Illinois. Get tickets at the meeting or by mail by contacting Jim Riley, W9JPR. We always have an excellent meal served. Hope to see everyone there. The party will be held in the evening of December 1st, 2017. Please arrive by 7pm.

Education: The General Class is going on now. Good Luck to everybody. Thanks to Brian, W9HLQ and Mel, NE9A for their expertise and time in teaching the classes.

NEW BUSINESS: Still looking for someone to help take over bringing the coffee, pop and water to the meetings. It might happen that there will be none of those items at the meeting if we don't get a volunteer.

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

Board Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting Aug. 8, 2017 start at 1935

These minutes by Jim W9JPR, Patti KC9LYE absent.

Health & Welfare: Pat Shaloo KB9KRT, is sk. Bob Haas WA9BXI, is in hospice. Kurt WB9FMC, wife Helen doing well, but in pain

Minutes: The minutes from the last board meeting were approved by WB9FMC, & WA9EOL.

Treasurer's Report: by Ed WA9EOL, reported on our hamfest 2017

Programs: by KC9EQQ, 9-8 AB9MZ, Kathy Liston stuff to sell. 10-6 Ghost Hunter. 12-1 Christmas Party.

Hamfest: by KC9EQQ, speakers & vendors happy. Don KC9EQQ, will continue as chairman of hamfest 2018.

Every table in main room full. Peotone location booked for 2018. Thanks, to Gene W9PNG, for screen. Thanks, to all who helped.

Publicity: HamNation, Facebook, NewsLine, hamfest.com

Field Day: June 23-24, 2018

Brian

Business Education: W9HLQ, via email; 8 students signed up for the General license class.

New: by Gene W9PNG, Badger trip need more people, or no trip. Jim W9JPR, Christmas party ticket on sale 9-8. ew

Business: by Gene W9PNG

W9JPR, our trailer at Stone Bridge Church on 10-21. And, on 10-14 in Highland, Ind. for Fire Prevention week.

9RDR, is our new editor Hamgab

Old Business: At the Maker's Fair talked with lots of people about ham radio

Adjournment: KC9EQQ, & W0COP 2100



General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Roll: Nora KC9MLV, Jim W9JPR, Patti KC9LYE

Tonight 38 members, & 6 visitors, welcome everyone!

Dave N9KPD, got married. Bob N9KWG, retired. Bob K9RDR, is the new Hamgab editor. Ed WA9EOL, & Rose are celebrating their anniversary. That's why Ed is absent.

Health & Welfare: Don KC9EQQ, read a poem for 911. We remembered two members who are sk; Pat Shaloo KB9KRT, & Bob Haas WA9BXI.

Programs: Christmas party tickets now on sale (deadline Nov.) \$25.00 each, see Jim W9JPR.

Tonight's program Gregg AB9MZ, emergency, Oct. club nominations, & Ghost Hunter, Nov. club elections, & Steve Cooper along with John Russell from WDCB 90.9FM. Dec. Christmas party.

Badger: Badger trip Sept. 23-24th make your reservations by Sept. 11th.

Minutes: The August club minutes were approved by; Bob N9KWG, & Tom KA9ZXN.

Old Business: College of DuPage 5K run Sept. 23rd. please arrive at 3:00 PM. contact Dave his email is N9KPD@ARRL.net, & Greg AB9MZ

Education: Brian W9HLQ, Hamgab deadline in the 15th of each month. The general class license class begins on Sept. 13 there are 14 students.

The annual membership/renewal drive begins in Oct.-Nov. \$20.00 each.

Adjournment: @ 9:10 PM Don KC9ERQQ amfest: Aug. 5, 2018 Peotone location booked

Field Day: June 23-24, 2018

Split the Pot winner Steve W9KXT

Door Prize winners; Patti KC9LYE, Aidan McGuire, Ray NW9S, Rich KB9NTX

JOTA

Hamfesters is again planning on setting up our radio station in the trailer on the campus of the SouthBridge Community Church in Orland Park, IL. This is for the "Scouting Jamboree on the Air" nationwide event. We hope you can stop by and join us for a chat on the air. We will be operational on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 am until 2 or 3 pm.



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.

With the number of new members (and old members who forget!) here is a review of the dues process for Hamfesters. The final date for dues is the 31st 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. I set up the table for the October and November meetings. I appreciate if you are going to pay in person, to pay your dues at either the October or November meeting. Thank you.

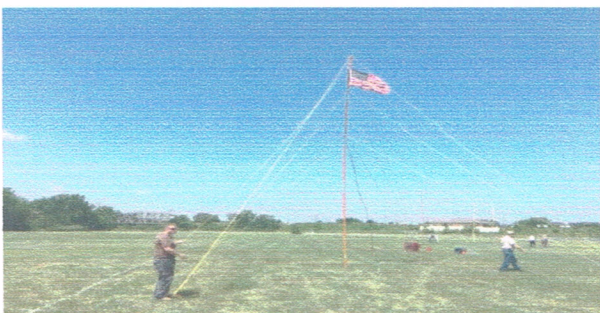
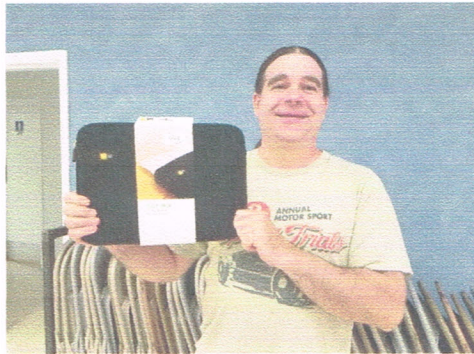
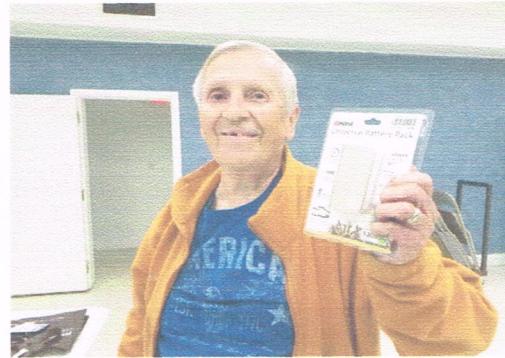
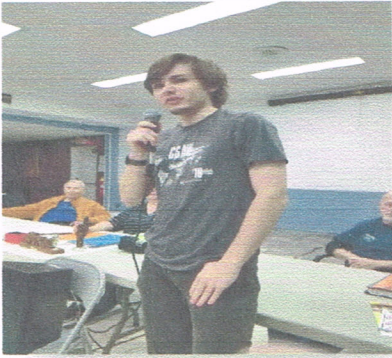
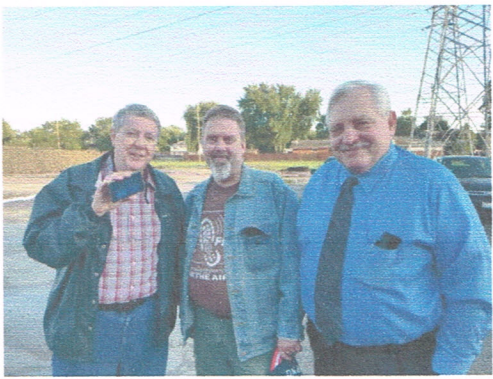
If you can't attend either of these meetings, feel free to mail in your dues; payable to "Hamfesters Radio Club". Send to Brian Davis, W9HLQ. When paying in person, we are equipped to accept your Visa or Master card if you don't have cash handy.

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 Hamfesters officer to get the passcode.

CQ Field Day de Jim, W9JPR



REMMEMBER FIELD DAY JUNE 23-24 2018



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



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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. Al 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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