

HamGab

Next meeting: November 3

November 2017

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Special Interest Articles

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November Birthdays

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THANK YOU FOR A GREAT PROGRAM IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR ABOUT GHOSTS AND UNEXPLAINED HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA



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Hamfesters presents Steve Cooper and the Big Band

Hamfesters Amateur Radio club will host a *Salute to Veterans and the Great American Songbook*. Featuring Steve Cooper and several members of his Steve Cooper Orchestra performing live that evening starting promptly at 7:30pm. Dancing is on the agenda too! So come on out for a wonderful evening with that special someone in your life. Admission is free. Arrive early as seating is limited and is first come first serve

Presidents Beat
Nora Pointer, KC9MLV
November 2017

Hello everyone. November will be a good month. Elections are non-contested. Thanks to my Board and Officers for choosing to serve our club for another year. And welcome to Mel Marcus, NE9A as a new Board of Director. We have a great program too. Thank you to Dale Kaczmarek for last months program. Thank you to Bob Richter K9RDR, for stepping up and taking over to get our Hamgab Newsletter out to the members.

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

GOINGS ON: Brian W9HLQ is collecting club dues for next year. Thank you to everyone continuing to pay your dues and renewing your membership in Hamfesters. You can pay your dues at the meeting. We accept cash, check or credit card. Or you can send it to the club by mail.

Tickets are on sale for our annual Christmas Party at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Orland Park, Illinois. Ticket price remains at \$25.00. Please send in as soon as you can, so we can get a count as to who will be attending. Who will be named "Hamfester of the Year"?



NOVEMBER: Program: 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. Thanks to Don, KC9EQQ for arranging this special evening.

Veteran's Day Event: A heartfelt Thank You to our Veteran's who have served our country! Walmart at 102nd & Harlem in Bridgeview will be hosting a Veteran event on Friday, November 10, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Don, KC9EQQ will be the emcee and there will be entertainment and speeches. All are welcome to attend.

Giving Thanks: Happy Thanksgiving to our Hamfester friends and family. Hope your day will be blessed with love and laughter.

Special thanks go out to Pastor Dean at Southbridge Church for his generous use of his Church to hold our monthly board meetings, to store our communications trailer on the parking lot and storage of items in the garage. We sincerely appreciate it.

Recently Don, KC9EQQ, became a Shriner. Congratulations, Don. I am so proud of him and his efforts of giving back to the community.

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: Thanks to Brian, W9HLQ and Mel, NE9A for their expertise and time in teaching the recent classes for members to learn and obtain their general class license.

NEW BUSINESS: Volunteers needed! Do you love to shop and find a good clearance? If so, we need a good shopper to help Bob K9RDR out, who can pick up items at a reasonable price that would be of interest to our members that would make good door prizes.

NEW MEMBER: Welcome to new member, Russell VonDrusek, KC9FPY. Glad to have you join us.

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

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

Board Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE



Health and welfare: Hamfesters amateur radio club board meeting, September 25, 2017 start time 7:30 PM

Roll: Nora KC9MLV, Don KC9EQQ, Brian W9HLQ, Kurt W9FMC, Patti KC9LYE, Cathy KC9NRH, Steve W9KXT, Cindy N9CAS, Ed WA9EOL, Hamfesters club member Bob N9KWG, also in attendance tonight Ed W9EOL, will have eye surgery on Monday. Gregg AB9MZ, is ill, seeing Doctor tomorrow.

Minutes: Don KC9EQQ, and Cindy N9CAS, approved last months board minutes.

Programs: October, ghost hunter
November Steve Cooper and John Russell
December Christmas party. Please see Jim Riley W9JPR

Facebook, it was paid.

Our 2017 hamfest made a profit, 455 tickets were sold.

Karsfest and Treasurer's report: by Ed WA9EOL, Hamfesters club has funds. There was a fee from Hamfesters hamfest 2019 joined to become one hamfest? The board voted no.

Hamfest 2018: by Don KC9EQQ, hamfest will remain at the Peotone location.

Don is stepping down, we need a new hamfest chairman for 2018.

Education: by Brian W9HLQ, 13 students in weekly general license class.

VE testing for this class will be held on October 18, a testing location is needed.

Old business: events for Hamfesters club trailer. Saturday, October 14 in Highland, Indiana Fire Prevention Week.

Saturday, October 21 in Orland Park, Illinois Scouts on the Air at the Stonebridge church.

New business: The board voted in favor of a challenge coin for Hamfesters 85th anniversary 1933-2018 combat.bet.com.

Adjournment: 8:05 PM, Ed WA9EOL, and Patti KC9LYE

General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters amateur radio club meeting October 6, 2017 7:35 PM

Roll: Nora KC9MLV, Patti KC9LYE, Ed WA9EOL

Tonight there were 36 members, and 3 visitors. There was a moment of silence for the victims of the Las Vegas shooting.

President's report: by Nora KC9MLV, new ham, and new club member; Eric Parsous AC9RJ, extra class license. Welcome everyone!

Don KC9EQQ, is no longer hamfest chairman. We need someone to fill this position for 2018. Please contact Don if you have any questions.

Thanks, to Bob K9RDR, for his work as our new Hamgab editor. Deadline for submission to Hamgab is the 15th of every month

Health and welfare: Gregg AB9MZ, is ill might have broken feet.

Badger 2017: by Pete W9OWQ, we had 18 people on our trip may contacts and have a lot of fun. 2018 club nominations officiated by Kurt WB9FMC

Board member, Cathy KC9NRH, is stepping down. Mel Marous NE9A, will accept the position of board member.

Thank you, Cathy for your service.

All other officers, and board members are unopposed. At our November 2017 club meeting

Secretary Patti KC9LYE, will cast a single vote to approve the 2018 officers, and board member roster.

Programs: tonight's program by Dale Kaczmarek, ghost hunter. Dale was introduced by his friend Stan W9KME.

November 3rd Steve Cooper and John Russell

Special events: by Don KC9EQQ, there will be an event honoring veterans in the morning of Friday, November 3rd,

at a Walmart store in Bridgeview. Please contact Don for details.

Publicity: by Dave N9KPD, help is needed at various runs 5K by hams. Please contact Dave if you can help.

We just held a 5K run on September 23 at the college of DuPage 13 hams were there to help. It was a very hot day, we had 2 medical emergencies.

Future dates: October 14 Saturday 5K run, October 15 Sunday 1:30 PM in Downers Grove.

October 28 Saturday Iron Dog in Oak Lawn, contact Tom KA9ZXN, also Hamfesters club website.

November 23, that's Thanksgiving day 5K run 7 AM Downers Grove

Field day by Jim WQ1DR June 23-24 2018

Old business: events for our club's trailer, thanks Gene W9PNG, for pulling the trailer to these events.

Saturday, October 14 in Highland, Indiana fire prevention week 11 AM to 3 PM

Saturday, October 21, 10 AM to 3 PM Orland Park, Illinois Scouts on the Air at Stonebridge church (Wheeler **New business** Don and Nora Pointer

KC9MLV, and KC9EQQ, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Happy birthday Jim Riley W9JPR.

Adjournment: John KB9FQB, and Kurt WB9FMC, at 9:42 PM

split the pot winner: Cindy N9CAS.

Door prize winners: Paul Batchelar, John KB9FQB, Mel NE9A, Gregg KD9HOK, Peggy K9QLM, Ed WA9EOL

Avenue).

Special halloween raffle prize winner: Laura Lockwood



REMEMBER FIELD DAY JUNE 23-24 2018

Monthly Raffle

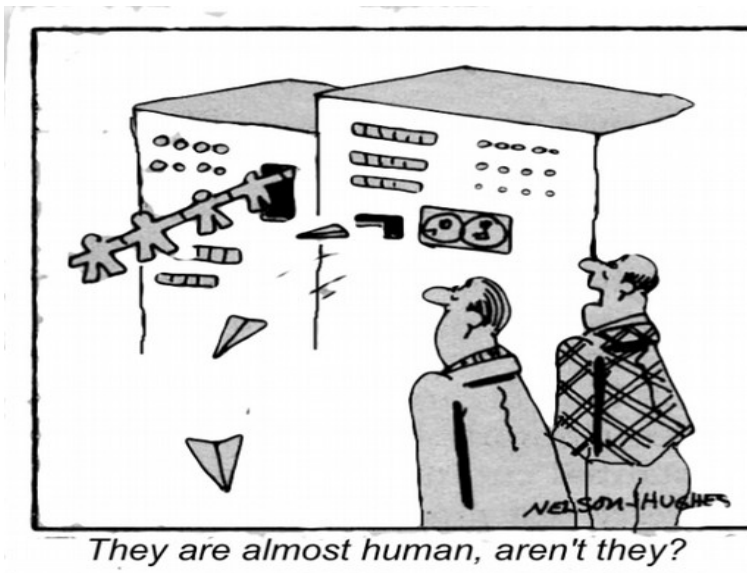
We try to do the best we can for prizes for the monthly Hamfest meetings. We however have a limited budget we can work from. We would encourage all members to contribute an item for the monthly raffle. It might be something that would be useful to others, but is no longer of use to you. It could also 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



Russell Vondrasek, KC9FPY Tech licensed now

Russ lives in Crown Point, Indiana...so he has a trip to get to our meetings. Make sure he feels welcome and knows what to do next.... Christmas Party for starters. He is a retired computer tech....so he is a good guy to know when your computer acts up.

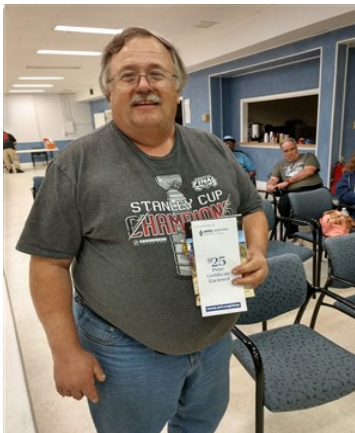
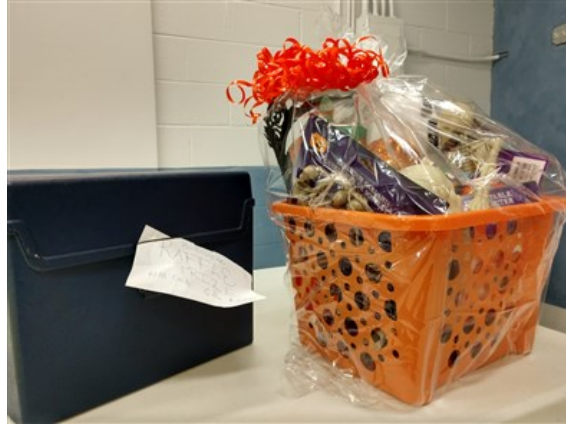
YOU **K N O W** IT'S GOING TO BE A BAD DAY WHEN:

1. YOU CALL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND THEY PUT YOU ON "HOLD".
2. YOU NOTICE THE SWR ON YOUR FAVORITE BAND IS WAY TOO HIGH
3. YOU HEAR A LOUD HUM FROM POWER SUPPLY AND YOU NOTICE A CURL OF SMOKE
4. YOU TURN ON THE NEWS AND THEY ARE DISPLAYING EMERGENCY ROUTES OUT OF THE CITY.
5. YOU PULL AN ENVELOPE FROM YOUR MAILBOX WITH RETURN ADDRESS OF "FCC"
6. YOUR CAR HORN GOES OFF ACCIDENTALLY AND REMAINS STUCK AS YOU FOLLOW A GROUP OF "HELL'S ANGELS" DOWN THE FREEWAY.
7. YOUR NEIGHBOR RINGS YOUR DOOR BELL AND HANDS YOU PIECES OF ALUMINUM TUBING
8. YOU STAGGER TO THE BATHROOM AND YOU REALIZE TOO LATE THAT YOU LEFT THE LID DOWN.
9. THE FCC SENDS YOU A GET WELL CARD!

Pardon our dust..... We are still under construction for
HamGab.

We are getting better..... yes?

Bob, K9RDR



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.



Al Bukowski N9ZD - VE coordinator

Hamfesters VE Testing de Al, N9ZD

Hamfester's Radio Club VE's team assembled on October 14, 2017 to administer Amateur Radio exams. We had Seven candidates who passed the Technician exam. One Candidate passes the Tech and General Exam. And one Upgrade from General to Extra. Congratulations to All! Thank you to all the VE's who assist me.

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.

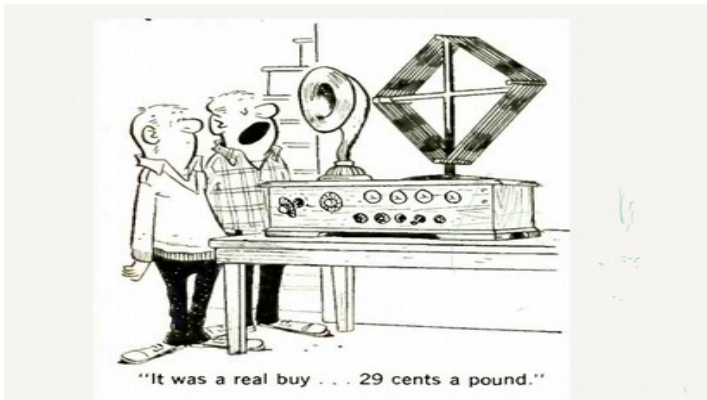
Location and Time of the next Hamfester's VE administered Radio Exams:

The next exam session will be held on November 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 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. 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 5th, 2018-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 23rd & 24 2018 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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