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HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL

Presidents Beat
Nora Pointer, KC9MLV
November 2017

HAVE A GREAT NEW YEARS



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

Board Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

ENJOY THE NEW YEAR



HAPPY NEW YEAR



General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE





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



RADIO ROOM CLOCKS

The sinking of the Titanic resulted in the Radio Act of 1912, requiring a 24-hour radio watch at sea. The disaster also led to this clock design, which features two 3-minute periods marked in red, indicating Morse Code silence periods when only distress, urgent, and safety signals could be transmitted. Two green markings, likewise, designate silent periods on voice transmissions, where one would listen for or transmit distress signals. All ships and coastal stations kept a mandatory listening watch for such signals.

After the loss of the Titanic, the radio frequency of 500 kHz became an international calling and distress frequency for Morse code maritime communication. For most of its history, the international distress frequency was referred to by its equivalent wavelength, 600 metres or, using the earlier frequency unit name, 500 kilocycles per second or 500 kc.

2182kHz was added later and transmissions on 2182 kHz commonly use single sideband modulation upper sideband only. However, amplitude modulation (AM) was often used in some parts of the world.

Maritime coastal stations used to maintain a 24 hour watch on these frequencies, staffed by highly-skilled radio operators. As a reminder, a ship's radio room clock would have the 500kHz silence periods marked by shading the sectors between h+15 to h+18 and h+45 to h+48 in RED. Similar sectors between h+00 to H+03 and h+30 to h+33 were marked in GREEN, which is the corresponding silence period for 2182 kHz.

Anyone breaking the rules would soon hear "QRT SP" in Morse Code, meaning "STOP SENDING - SILENT PERIOD!"

There has been a resurgence in the popularity of radio room clocks through nostalgia and by radio amateurs world-wide and this has led to a wide range of these being available on the net. The modern versions have quartz movements and are identical in appearance to the original models. Such a radio room clock appears on the front page.

Cost is around \$45 and it would make any radio shack wall look smart. With Christmas only a month away tell your XYL!







Al Bukowski N9ZD - VE coordinator

Hamfesters VE Testing de Al, N9ZD

In 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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Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club

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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

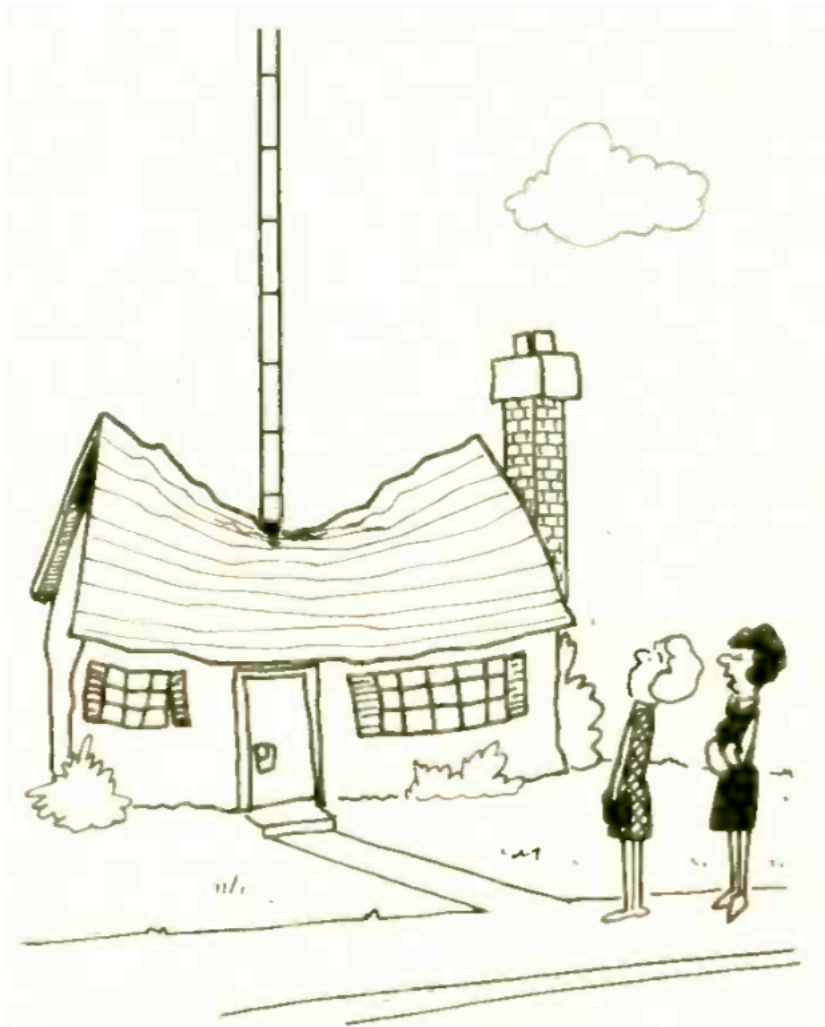
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No Reports this month that is why some empty spaces. Probably due to christmas and New Years.



"I think the antenna is too big"