

HamGab

Next meeting February 2 February 2018

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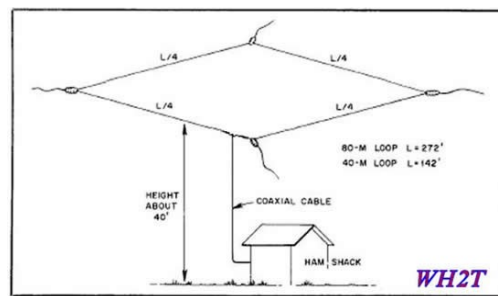
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The Loop is erected horizontal to the earth.

Gregg, AB9MZ, presents a review of various loop antennas. He discusses the types of loop antennas and why we might be interested in trying one. Loop types are Direction Finding (DF), transmitting and receiving loops at our meeting on Feb. 2



It is with sadness we share the news that Nora Pointer's, mother, passed away Friday, Jan 5, 2018. Both Don and Nora were with her in her final moments

“A link to the video we showed last meeting can be found on our link and resources page <https://www.hamfesters.org/main/meeting/meeting-follow-up-data-files/>

Thanks to Jim Riley W9JPR –Vice President-- for filling in to conduct the meeting for January. Excellent job. iAlso thanks to Brian W9HLQ for his presentation on Canceling Radio Interference. Here are pictures of the piece of the equipment which will help in canceling RFI. See Brian W9HLQ for more info.



Presidents Beat
Nora Pointer, KC9MLV
February 2018



First, I would like to apologize for not having a column last month. I have lost three close family members in the last month, including my mother last week. This has all been very hard. Thank you to those who sent their condolence messages. It was appreciated. Thank you to Jim W9JPR for running the meeting and all who helped cover last months meeting.

Congratulations to ED, WA9EOL as being named Hamfester of the Year. A well deserved honor. Thank you Ed for the past ten years of service as our Clubs Treasurer and all that you do for us

. Happy New Year! Welcome to another year of Hamfesters. We will be celebrating our 85th Year as a Club this year, which is pretty impressive. Thank you to our membership for all the years of support. Where's my party planners? I'm looking for ideas on how to celebrate our clubs anniversary year.

Health and Welfare: Best wishes go out to all Hamfesters who may not be feeling well. Special Prayers go out to Dave, W9COP, fighting his health issues. Best wishes to Kurt's wife, Helen, who is in rehab from knee surgery.

FEBRUARY Program: Gregg, AB9MZ, presents a review of various loop antennas. He will discuss the types of loop antennas and why we might be interested in trying one.

NEW MEMBERS: Rob Dunavant, KD9JBT; John Nagle, KD9JVJ and Larry Schwab, KB9REV. Welcome gentlemen and thanks for joining our club.

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

Hamfesters amateur radio club W9AA board meeting at 7:42 PM, November 26, 2017.

Roll: Nora KC9MLV, Jim W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Don KC9EQQ, Steve W9KXT, Kurt WB9FMC, Brian W9HLQ, Mel NE9A visitor Bob N9KWG.

Health and welfare: Nora KC9MLV, and Don KC9EQQ, uncle in California has died.

Kelly Harris KB9ZRM is a silent key on November 6, 201 hundred and 7.

Gregg AB9MZ, will be at the Christmas party on December 1.

Minutes: the October minutes were approved by Ed WA9EOL, and Jim W9JPR.

Treasurer's report: by Ed WA9EOL, the club has paid for the following; a stipend for the Crestwood community center,

Brian W9HLQ, for challenge coins, Cooper doughnuts, club insurance for 2018, Kelly's flowers.

Money due from club dues, and Christmas party.

Membership: by Brian W9HLQ, Laura Lockwood, Nora's cousin is a member of Hamfesters.

Christmas party:. There will be drawings for; one Bofang radio, and (2) \$50 cash prizes.

Programs: There will be a Veterans Day program on veteran's day at Walmart.

The January 2018 program will be presented by Brian W9HLQ, and Mel and NE9A. In January at the club meeting

we will ask the club members if they want to have the white elephant sale in March.

And, if they want the sale. Ask them to bring the things for sale.

Special event station celebrate club's 80th anniversary.

Field day 2017: by Jim W9JPR, field day 2017 Hamfesters was in the top 25%.

Education: by Brian W9HLQ, 6 new general class hams at the VE session.

Hamgab: Bob K9RDR , is using new software to publish Hamgab. Thanks, Bob!

New business: Brian W9HLQ, the club's tuner is being fixed at MFJ.

Steve W9KXT, will invite Kathy Liston to the Christmas party on December 1.

Our thanks to Cathy KC9NRH, for her service as a Hamfesters board member.

Adjournment: by Bob N9KWG, at 8:40 PM.



General Meeting Minutes de Patti, KC9LYE

HAMFESTERS RADIO CLUB General Meeting

In the absence of the secretary, the vice president, who was in charge of the meeting due to the absence of the president, took the minutes. Yes, he really can do it all.

Call to Order Date 1-5-18 Time 1930

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements: Jim W9JPR gave a shout out to Paul Batchelor who brought refreshments to the meeting despite having to change a flat tire in the single-digit temperatures.

Moment of Silence (if necessary): Nora Pointer's mother

Visitors: Steve Bennett K9SGB, John Nagle KC9SUS, Tony Dignipiro, Dan Murphy, David Rack KC9MV

Health & Welfare: Jim W9JPR announced arrangements for Nora's mother and that his wife Judy started the ball rolling on what he hopes will be her last surgery for a while. Kurt WB9FMC reported that his wife Helen is scheduled for surgery on her other knee

Program: Brian Davis showed a video on noise suppression and gave a tour of the club's website.

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting was made by John KC9OOO. Seconding was Granville W9PNG

Treasurer's Report: Ed WA9EOL reported that we spent funds for a net expense of \$2832.12.

Awards:

Hamgab the Pot was \$58.00 and won by Dave N9KPD

Secretary's Report:

Standing Committees

Membership: Brian W9HLQ reported three new members: John Nagle KD9JVJ, Rob Dunavant KD9JBT, and Larry Schwab KB9REV.

Education:

Program:

:Publicity

Hamfest: We are still in need of a chairman.

Field Day: Jim W9JPR announced that Field Day will be June 23 and 24, 2018.

: Bob K9RDR reminded everyone that the Hamgab deadline is the 15th of the month.

Special Committees

Old Business:

New Business: W9JPR reported that we're having a special event station for our 85th Anniversary. Details to be announced.

There was a discussion on the future of the White Elephant Sale. A show of hands showed the members present evenly split on whether to have it or not. Brian W9HLQ offered to send an internet survey to the membership.

Motion to Adjourn Kurt WB9FMC Second Bob N9KWG Time 2107.

Door prize winners: Jim W9JPR, David KC9WUV, Rollo KD9JMO, Bob N9KWG, Tony no call

Flex Software Defined Radio available for loan

Hamfesters Radio Club has a Flex 5000A SDR that is available for member's use. We loan it out for one or two months at a time so you can get familiar with it. It runs SSB of course, and is an excellent CW rig also. You will need a 12 DC power source for the rig and room on your bench for keyboard, mouse and video monitor. It is a fun and impressive rig to use.

Contact Brian, W9HLQ to schedule a time to borrow the rig



"A letter from Hamfesters Radio Club and it says you didn't make the Amateur Station of the Year award"





REMEMBER FIELD DAY JUNE 23-24 2018

CQ Field Day 2018 De Jim Riley W9JPR

This year's Field Day will be June 23 and 24. I hope to have the location secured by the time you read this. We will be at the boat launch ramp at Altman Park in Worth. More details as we get closer.

Gene Phillips W9PNG has notified me that he will be unable to pull the trailer this year as he is otherwise occupied. If you are able to perform this very important duty, please let me know. Also, if you have a vehicle big enough to handle some sections of 10-foot masting, I need your help. We have a bunch of unused mast sections clogging up the trailer floor. I have a place for them in my garage but my car is too small to move them.

Gene also informed me that one of his logging laptops will be unavailable this year. Let me know if you have one we can borrow for 24 hours.

We have plenty of new members since last Field Day. We want you to join us. It doesn't matter if you're a rank newbie or a tried and true world-class operator, Hamfesters Field Day welcomes everyone with open arms. Our friendly and patient GOTA crew will guide you through your first contact and you'll be on your way.

_ Be sure to go ahead a few calendar pages and circle the 23rd and 24th of June in red. Tell the XYL not to make any plans for those two days. Better yet, bring her along.

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



Hamfesters VE Testing de Al, N9ZD

Hamfesters VE Testing Report for HamGab February 2018
Al Bukowski N9ZD - VE coordinator

Hamfester's Amateur Radio Club VE's offer Amateur Radio License Testing for those who want to get their first ham license, or Amateur Hams 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 all necessary paperwork prior taking your exam. Please make sure you are studying the latest question pool that can be found on the internet, through ARRL publications or Gordon West books. The Exam fee is \$15.00 (*CASH ONLY - Please NO Checks or Credit Cards.*) Also please bring a photo ID with you to the exam.

The next exam session will be held on February 10, 2018 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. Please enter through the marked Police door entrance of City Hall and look for the ARRL Amateur Radio testing signs for directions

It would help the VE Team to pre-register and/or if you have any other questions regarding our test sessions, please contact Al, N9ZD via e-mail at: N9ZD@arrl.net.

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. Al 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. Tom KA9ZXN 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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