

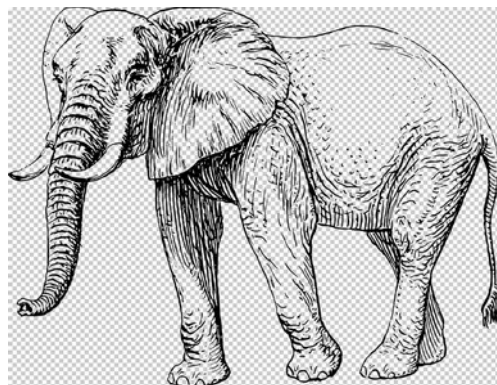


HamGab

Meeting in Crestwood, IL March, 2018



Next Hamfesters
Meeting March
2, 2018



Next Meeting on March 2 2018 is
the White Elephant Sale. Bring the
items you want to sale or get rid of
and make some bucs. Remember
what you don't sale goes Home
with you. Good Luck to all

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Special Interest Articles

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March S Birthdays

Mel Marcus NE9A
John Raiger K9DRS
Kurt Pawlikowski WB9FMC
Daniel Busta W9GOB
Matehew May N9JXR
Rich Bacorn KB9NTX
Granville(Gene) Phillips
W9PNG
Jerry Celmer K9PY

Officers

President - Nora KC9MLV
Vice President - Jim KB9CYL
Secretary - Patty KC9LYE
Treasurer - ED WA9EOL
SGT at Arm - Dave W0COP

Trustee - Granville W9PNG

Board Members

Don KC9EQQ
Steve W9KXT
Kurt WB9FMC
Cindy N9CAS
Cathy KC9NRH
Brian W9HLQ

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DON'T FORGET IN THE APRIL MEETING ON APRIL 6, 2018 THERE
IS A WEATHER SPOTTER MEETING WITH SPOTTER CERTIFICATES
INCLUDED. COME ONE AND ALL AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS MORE
INFO TO COME

Presidents Beat Nora Pointer, KC9MLV

March, 2018



Thank you to Gregg, AB9MZ for his program last month. As always, Gregg does a great job. Also, thank you for your generous raffle prize donation.

Health and Welfare: Best wishes go out to all Hamfesters who may not be feeling well. Special get well wishes go out to Jim W9JPR wife, Judy and Cathy KC9NRH, on their recent surgeries and on their roads to recovery. Condolences to Lenny, KB9OUQ, in the loss of his father.

MARCH Program: Its White Elephant sale time! So dust off those radios, Walwarts and good stuff like that for our annual sale. If you have the stuff we have the tables! If you come to sell please remember these important rules: Bring change, we provide none; bring extension cords for testing items; watch your tables, as we are not responsible for lost or stolen items; any items, especially anything electronic needs to be taken home and not left behind. You are responsible for all your own items whether you are selling them or buying them. Thank you for your understanding. And don't forget to bring a friend or two!

APRIL Program: This is it! Our biggest program of the year for the last five or six years is here as fellow member Dave Bukowski once again presents his outstanding Severe weather spotters Program. **This meeting will have an early start time at 7:00 p.m.** Closer to the event date, you will be able to pre-register for the class, which you are strongly encouraged to do. Please anticipate the program concluding between 9:30pm and 10pm., so please plan on your attendance accordingly. Last year close to 100 people showed up, so pass the word and arrive early for good seating at this free event. To all my fellow Hams/ weather spotters you know how important this program is so invite your family and friends to go with you to this event. After all, the more eyes to the skies when severe weather hits, the better it is for everyone.

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.

Hard to believe our club is 85 Years young and still going strong thanks to all of you my fellow Hamfesters!

THANK YOU!

73 and Happy St. Patricks day to everyone too!

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

Call to Order 22 January 2018 1930 hours

Notes taken by vice president Jim Riley W9JPR in the absence of the secretary.

President's Report: Nora KC9MLV thanked everyone for their condolences on the passing of her mother.

Health & Welfare: W9JPR reported that his wife, Judy, would be having surgery in the morning, WB9FMC said that his wife, Helen, was doing fine after her surgery.

A motion to approve the minutes of last board meeting was made by N9CAS and seconded by W9HLQ. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ed WA9EOL reported that our big expenses since the last board meeting were for the Christmas party, January meeting, and repairing the antenna tuner in the trailer.

Secretary's Report: No secretary, no report

Standing Committees

Membership: Brian W9HLQ reported three new members.

Program: Don KC9EQQ said that February would be loop antennas by Gregg AB9MZ, March is the White Elephant Sale, and April is weather spotting by Dave N9KPD. Brian W9HLQ reported that a web survey on the White Elephant Sale was inconclusive.

Publicity:

Hamfest: There is still no chairman. Kurt WB9FMC will get our fest in QST. Jim W9JPR will order 2000 tickets and 500 flyers. This year's color will be black on white.

W9JPR Field Day: reminded everyone of the date.

Awards: KC9MLV said that a certificate a month will be given to a deserving member in honor of our 85th anniversary. Mel NE9A suggested that any member winning any kind of radio award, let the club know.

Education: Al N9ZD and Mel NE9A helped with VE testing at the WCRA hamfest.

Special Committees

Old Business: W9JPR said the special event station for the club's anniversary will be moved back to August to coincide with the hamfest.

New Business: NE9A suggested that the club participate in next year's Winter Field Day.

Motion to Adjourn WA9EOL Second N9CAS 2021 hours

Board Meeting Minutes – de Patti, KC9LYE

General Meeting Minutes – de Platti, KC9LYE

In the absence of the secretary, the vice president took the minutes.

Call to Order Date 2-2- 34 Members signed the log18 Time 1930

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements: President Nora Pointer thanked everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and condolences on the passing of her mother. She also offered condolences to Lenny McCain KB9OUQ on the passing of his father in December.

Visitors: There were no visitors.

Health & Welfare: Cathy Fleischmann KC9NRH is doing fine after emergency surgery. It was good to see Dave Laveck W0COP back after his surgery. W9JPR's xyl, Judy, is recovering nicely from her surgery.

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting was made by Ed WAEOL. Seconding was John KB9FQB. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ed WA9EOL gave the treasurer's report.

Program: Gregg Rosenberg AB9MZ presented a program on loop antenna

Standing Committees

Membership: No report

Education: No report

Program: Don KC9EQQ reminded everyone that March is the White Elephant Sale. Doors open at 1800. If it you don't sell it, DO NOT leave it behind. April will be our annual weather spotting training.

Publicity: No report.

Hamfest: We are still in need of a chairman. W9JPR reported that tickets are ordered pending review of proofs and will be available at the March meeting. KC9EQQ reported that there will be no vendor night at the hamfest.

Field Day: W9JPR announced that the Field Day site is booked pending paperwork.

Awards: KC9MLV announced that starting next month, one member will be recognized each month for services rendered to the club.

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

Specialmittees

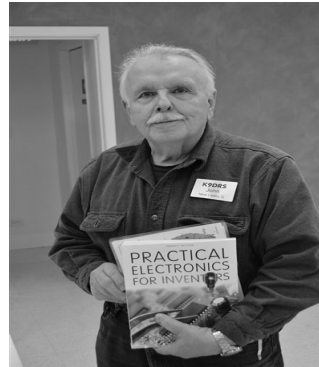
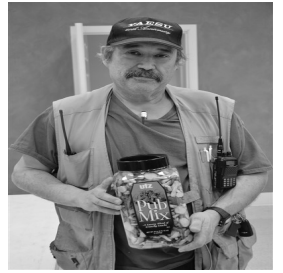
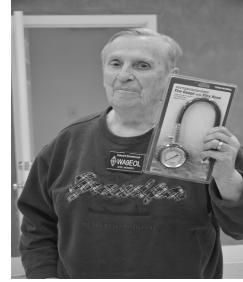
Old Business: W9JPR reported that the special event for the club's 85th anniversary will be the week preceding the hamfest.

New Business: There was no new business.

Motion to Adjourn Kurt WB9FMC Second Bob N9KWG Time 2107.

Split the pot was won by Mike McGuire K9ACM

Door prize winners: John K9DRS, Lenny KB9OUQ, Ed WA9EOL, Ron KB9TCX, Bruce KB9USV, and Bob N9KWG.



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.

The Field Day site is booked for this year. After some confusion as to who is in charge of the park, I made the arrangements with the Village of Worth and we're good to go. The other good news is that Mike Vannier N9NNL will be bringing the trailer. Thanks to Mike for jumping in to help. Finally, I have it on good authority that the 18 inches of snow on the ground as I write this, will be melted by Field Day.

Field Day is June 23 and 24 at Altman Park in Worth. Setup begins at 0800 Saturday. Operations start at 1300 and run to 1300 Sunday. Altman Park is by the boat launch ramp and is about a quarter mile west of Harlem on 115th St.

Everyone is welcome. It doesn't matter if you're a newbie or an old hand. Your experience level doesn't matter either.

Field Day is the biggest operating event of the year. Over 40,000 people take part all across North America. Come on out and join the fun

CHAPTER 1

Need For Better Sound Reproduction

To me, 99% of the electronic sound reproduction I hear is disgusting. Aside from actual clipping and other distortion of the sound wave form (thankfully rare in this day and age), most consumer electronics has a prominent resonant peak in its response at anywhere from 150Hz to 300Hz, with almost no response below the resonant frequency. It may be this way purposely to give the untrained listener (probably 99.5% of people) the illusion of more low frequency response than is actually present, or it may just be the natural response from a cheap, small loudspeaker in a flimsy, poorly damped enclosure. Either way, this typically sounds like the speaker is inside a drum; hollow, and unnatural. To me, having to hear this is like watching a TV or other video display where the the picture is distorted out of shape or the colors are way off. Granted, there is no perfect sound reproducing system, and those which come closest to it are probably too large, costly, and complex for most of us. However, some standard of sound quality decency needs to be developed, and products made more available and affordable to everyone which will provide this as simply and economically as possible. Clear, natural rendition of the human voice is the most important objective, because this is the most common sound to be heard. At the very least, I suggest a reasonably flat response from 80Hz to 12kHz. Distortion figures are highly controversial; this should be low enough that even a highly trained listener would not find it objectionable when hearing it blindly. Tone controls and other means to purposely alter the tonal response are not all bad, but a flat response should be attainable and what control settings which will provide this be indicated. If one wishes to deviate from this, the user should be able to know in what way and by how much. While stereo and multichannel sound adds much to the listening experience, basic frequency response and distortion qualities should be met first. In cases where constraints of size, cost, or priorities of visual aesthetics (See my comments on speaker size in the next paragraph.) make it difficult to have one good speaker of sound, let alone more than one, one decent monophonic channel is better than multiple substandard sound outlets.

Mike Kiley WA9ZPM This is part one and Part 2 nest Month



Yes, Sir!
I have been a ham for fourty years.

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

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 anything 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

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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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