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June Birthdays

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Next Hamfesters
Meeting Friday June
1, 2018 at 730 PM.

June 2018

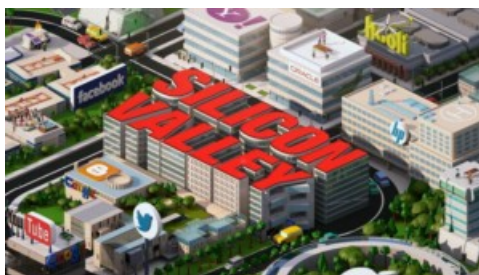


FIELD DAY

It's all about Field Day

Jim W9JPR will do a review of past Field day events.

He will wrap up with a planning session for our fulfilled and exciting events



Thanks to Steve Peters W9KXT and Kelly AC9CK for a great presentation on "The Origins of Silicon Valley". Excellent Job.
Thanks again

President's Beat

Nora Pointer, KC9MLV



Hopefully, the warm weather has arrived.

Thank you to Steve Peters, W9KXT for his presentation at last months meeting and Connie's personal knowledge and input on "The Origins of Silicon Valley, Why and How It Happened", and how Ham Radio was instrumental in its birth.

Flyers and tickets are now available for Hamfest 2018. Be sure to buy your tickets early. Going to another Hamfest? Be sure to sell some tickets and pass out flyers when you can. We need Hamfest promoted and it is up to our membership to do this.

Health and Welfare: Best wishes go out to all Hamfesters who may not be feeling well. Special wishes that Ron KB9TCX is feeling better after his fall at the last meeting.

AWARDS: Certificate of Appreciation was handed out at last month's May meeting to Dave, N9KPD for his April program on Weather Spotting. Congratulations and thank you again for all you do for our Club.

JUNE Program: That time of year again for Field Day! The presentation will be given by our own Field Day Chairman, Jim, W9JPR. This is always a fun evening of pictures, stories and remembrances. Come and see if Jim's ducks are in a row.

JULY PROGRAM: Will be our annual Pot Luck Dinner. Be sure to bring a dish to share.

EDUCATION: Hamfesters Technician license class is ongoing. Thanks again to Brian and Mel. Good Luck to our future Techs. More information go to: <https://www.hamfesters.org/main/licensing-class/>

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

Hamfesters - 85 Years young and still going strong



Don't forget Split the Pot tickets at the next meeting!

Board Meeting Minutes - de Patti, KC9LYE



Hamfesters W9AA amateur radio club board meeting April 23, 2018 at 7:30

PM

Roll: Jim W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Kurt WB9FMC, Brian W9HLQ, Steve W9KXT, Mel and NE9A, Cindy N9CAS

Club members in attendance: rich KB9NTX, Mike K9ACM

Nora KC9MLV, and Don KC9EQQ, were not here tonight, they're working.

Minutes: The board meeting March approved by Ed W9 EOL, and Cindy N9CAS.

Treasurer's report: by Ed WA9EOL, the club paid for; doughnuts, water, pop, and weather radios. The club received income from split the pot raffle. Hamfesters will open a 30 month CD from State Farm. We might have split the pot raffle at our hamfest on August 5.

Membership: by Brian W9HLQ, our club has four new members.

Publicity: Our new publicity chairman is Gregg AB9MZ. Thanks for volunteering Gregg! Kermit Carlson will attend our September club meeting, he is with the AARL.

Programs: may Silicon Valley and ham radio by Steve W9KXT, and Connie Kelly AC9CK. June field day 2017 by Jim W9JPR.

Field day 2018 lunch or dinner might be Crane's chicken nuggets.

May 5th mast practice

Education: Beginning Wednesday, May 9th, 7 PM-9 PM, 5 weeks, technician class license classes in Mokena.

The instructors Brian W9HLQ, Mel NE9A, Mike K9ACM. For more information, go to Hamfesters.org and door Southbridge church 1 PM. at Kurt's WB9FMC, house

Old business: Cindy N9CAS, needs hams to help at the Lions Club, Helen Keller run on April 29 at Richard's high school.

Hamfesters 85th anniversary special event station will take place the week before our hamfest.

New business: The print version of the Hamgab will contain fewer photos. The website will carry all photos, see Hamfester.org

Adjournment: at 8:15 PM Cindy N9CAS, and Brian W9HL

General Meeting Minutes - de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters W9AA amateur radio club meeting may 4th 2018 7:38 PM.

Roll: Nora KC9MLV, Jim W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE

Tonight there were 39 members, and 4 visitors.

President's report: by Nora KC9MLV, the 6 meters club has given us tickets for their hamfest in June to be held on Father's Day.

Anyone who is planning on attending this hamfest and would like to use the tickets, please take them. Please take Hamfester tickets, and sell them at the 6 meters club hamfest.

Hamfesters has 2 new members; Wayne Lacy (no call) , he passes technician license last Saturday at the stars club VE session. And, Dan Haug KA9BAR. Welcome, Wayne, and Dan. There was a moment of silence for Eric Circuns WP4OXB -sk, Eric was a member of the Puerto Rico National Guard.

He was one of those killed in a plane crash.

Minutes: the April club minutes were approved by Ron KB9TCX, and John KB9FQB.

Treasurer's report: by Ed WA9EOL, the club has paid for doughnuts, club sign, and weather radios. for his annual April program on weather spotting. Thanks Dave, great program as always!

Programs: Tonight Silicon Valley and ham radio by Steve W9KXT, and Connie Kelly AC9CK
June field day 2017 by Jim W9JPR

July picnic.

August hamfest 2018

September Kermit Carlson from the ARRL

Special event: Hamfesters W9AA 85th anniversary special event on the air held the week before our hamfest.

The dates would be the last week of July to August 4, that would be Sunday to Saturday.

Field day 2018: by Kurt WB 9 FMC, tomorrow Saturday, May 5th, at 1 PM, at the Southbridge church there will be a mast raising practice. Kurt needs volunteers. The mast holds the antennas.

New business: Dave N9KPD, there's a 5K run on Saturday, October 13 at the college of DuPage, hams are needed.

Chuck N9DRT, talked about a bill concerning the burning of coal.

Adjournment: Kurt W9FMC, and John KB9FQB at 9:15 PM.

Tonight's split the pot winner was Mel NE9A, he gave the money back to the club.

Thanks, Mel

Door prize winners: Rich KA9HMY, Patti KC9LYE, Brian W9HLQ, Bruce KB9USB, Don KC9EQQ



REMEMBER FIELD DAY JUNE 23-24 2018

De Jim Riley W9JPR
CQ Field Say

Last year's June article mentioned just how bad the bands were. This year they're even worse but the new solar cycle is supposed to have started. Maybe it'll start kicking in by Field Day. We can dream can't we?

The Field (Day) of Dreams is Altman Park at 116th and Oketo, a quarter mile west of Harlem in Worth. If you're not sure where that is, just click the link: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator> and type W9AA where it asks for location or call sign. Talk-in will be on 146.43 simplex. Look for the yellow and white canopy tent when you get in the parking lot.

Operations run from 1 p.m. Saturday June 23 through 1 p.m. Sunday June 24 but setup begins at 0800 Saturday. The more help we get for setup the quicker it gets done. The quicker setup's done, the more time we can spend swapping stories of Field Days past. There are lots of them and they get better every year.

We are still in need of a digital station. If you can help, let me know at the meeting. I need to know ahead of time so everyone is on the same page as to what category we'll be running. Right now we're running 3A. W9AA is our main call and N9JYX is our GOTA call. If you're not sure of your phonetics, now would be a good time to brush up.

New to ham radio or Field Day? Don't be daunted. My Field Day Rule #1 is "Everyone who wants to operate, operates." Friendly and patient FD veterans will be at the GOTA station to help you make your first HF contact and, we hope, many more. High fives will be liberally handed out. GOTA stands for Get On The Air and it's where many new hams get their start on HF and contesting. ey W9JPR

If you know someone under the age of 18 who might be interested, bring him or her with you. We get 20 bonus points for each of the first five young men or women who make a contact. Be sure to make the June meeting where the topic will be...you guessed it: Field Day. We'll finalize our plan



This is the class of possible new technicians



Hamfesters VE Testing de AI, N9ZD

Hamfesters VE Testing Report for HamGab June 2018

AI 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. If upgrading, bring your original signed Amateur License and a photocopy we can send with the test results.

The exam sessions are held 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 at City Hall and look for the ARRL Amateur Radio testing signs for directions.

Future VE Exam dates are as follows:

June 9, 2018

July 14, 2018 Note: New Technician Exams will be in use! Candidates please study new Question pool and/or latest Technician license publications.

August 11, 2018

September 8, 2018

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

SIDE NOTE: As of June 2018 Hamfesters Radio Club VE's has tested and passed New and upgraded Candidates. Chart below indicates yearly totals.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Technician	6	16	35	17	21
General	6	9	14	15	4
Extra	5	8	3	4	3

Hamfesters & Makers join for Technician class

EDUCATION ARTICLE

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Hamfesters & Makers join for Technician class



The Hamfesters Radio Club is pleased to be partnered with the Chicago Southland Makers of Mokena to help their members obtain their Technician license. The teach team consisting of Mike, K9ACM, Mel, NE9A, and Brian, W9HLQ designed a special 4 session class. Class location is at the Makers facility they call the “SpaceLab”, located in Mokena. The training will be followed by an in-house VE testing session provided by Al, N9ZD and his VE team.

About the Chicago Southland Makers:

Spacelab’s mission is to build a community of learning in the Chicago Southland that promotes education through making. Put simply: Spacelab is a place for curious and creative people to come together to build and share knowledge, teach others about their crafts, and make things with their hands. Our non-profit organization, run and funded by our membership base, has pursued this vision for the last five years in our home of downtown Mokena. More information about SpaceLab visit: <http://spacelab1.com>

The Maker Movement:

With the launch of MAKE Magazine in 2005, Dale Dougherty and his team provided the catalyst for a tech-influenced Do It Yourself (DIY) community that has come to be identified as the Maker Movement.

As the movement has gathered increasing momentum, makers have created their own market ecosystem, developing new products and services. The combination of ingenious makers and innovative technologies such as the Arduino micro-controller and personal 3D printing are driving innovation in manufacturing, engineering, industrial design, hardware technology and education. Over the years, the MAKE division has become synonymous with the Maker Movement and is the recognized leader of this growing community of makers.

Many makers are hobbyists, enthusiasts or students (amateurs!)—but they are also a wellspring of innovation, creating new products and producing value in the community. Some makers do become entrepreneurs and start companies. The Movement is now world wide with Maker Faire in Europe and Asia as well as all major cities in the US and Canada. More info about the makers: <https://makermedia.com>

It is comforting to know that as amateur radio operators we were the first “makers”. Since the early 1900’s hams have been building and tinkering with their gear, power supplies, and antennas making and learning.

Brian W9HLQ



K9RDR Bob EDITOR

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.

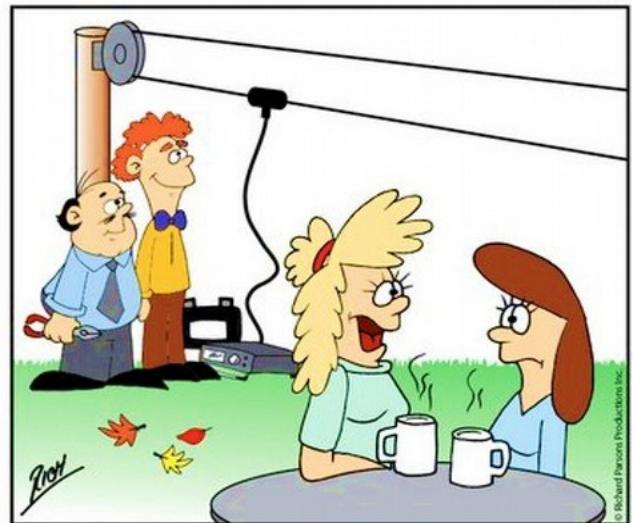
Your prize doesn't have to be electronic in nature; it can be anything even if it doesn't deal with ham radio. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of making a prize donation and hope to hear from you very soon.

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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Stan & Cliff have been working all day on installing my clothesline, Mary.

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Meetings and VE Testing	Special Activities	Nets/Contact Info
<p>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.</p> <p><i>Board Meetings:</i> 7:30 PM on the 4th Monday of each month at the SouthBridge Community Church: 15500 S. 73rd. Orland Park, IL</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Hamfesters Big Peotone Hamfest: Our 81st annual Hamfest coming August 5th, 2018-Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL.</p> <p>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 W9JPR Field Day Chairman</p> <p>MAKERS: we participate in the annual Southwest Chicago Makers Faire held in August</p> <p>Community Service: we support local communities by providing radio communication for parades and marathons / walk-a-thons.</p>	<p>10 METER NET: Every Sunday Evening at 8:00 PM on 28.410. Tom KA9ZXN is Net Control</p> <p>2 METER NET: Every Monday Evening at 9:00 PM on 146.640. Tom KA9ZXN is Net Control</p> <p>WEB SITE: www.hamfesters.org Webmaster Granville, W9PNG & Brian, W9HLQ</p> <p>Club's address: Hamfesters Radio Club P.O. Box 474 Crestwood, IL 60445 Attn: Patti KC9LYE Sec</p>









