

## A "Happening" Ham Radio Club

# HamGab



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### July Birthdays

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President - Nora KC9MLV

Vice President - Jim W9JPR

Secretary - Patty KC9LYE

Treasurer - ED WA9EOL

SGT at Arm - Dave W0COP

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Trustee - Granville W9PNG

### Board Members

Nora KC9MLV

Steve W9KXT

Kurt WB9FMC

Cindy N9CAS

Don KC9EQQ

Mel NE9V

Brian W9HLQ

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Next Hamfesters  
Meeting Friday  
July 6, 2018 at  
700PM

JULY 2018

July 6, 2018



We will enjoy a fun club "picnic" following a presentation of colors by the Bridgeview VFW, Thanks to Ron KB9CTX for arranging the significant show of respect to our country in observance of Independence Day.



Thanks to Jim Riley W9JPR  
for a great presentation on Field  
Day. Excellent job Jim.

**REMEMBER FIELD  
DAY JUNE 23 and 24.**  
Hope to see all there

# President's Beat

Nora Pointer, KC9MLV

Thank you to all who came out for last month's meeting. Jim W9JPR shared his memories of the 25 years he has been Field Day Chairman. Glad to have the audience participation that was there for a lot of those years too. Thank you Jim W9JPR for all your years of being at the helm for Field Day for the Club.

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 this 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.



**NEW MEMBER:** Welcome to Wayne Lacoy KD9LAW

**JULY Program: WILL BE OUR POT LUCK DINNER. We would love you to participate, by bringing a dinner dish or dessert if you could. PLEASE NOTE: The Club will not be providing any food this time.** So please make sure you bring enough to share. Please make sure all cold foods are kept on ice for food safety concerns.

**AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> is HAMFEST!** It is practically here and we are looking forward to seeing you our members, the friends you will bring with you and of course all of our sellers, vendors and guests. We need your help too, so please contact Don KC9EQQ for more info on you can help make Hamfest a great day for everyone- including you!

**SPECIAL RAFFLE:** We will have a special raffle of a beautiful handmade by U.S. Veterans wooden American Flag. After selling a set number of ticket sales, we will draw a winner

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](mailto: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 amateur radio club W9AA board meeting MAY 29th 2018 7:32 PM

**Roll:** Nora KC9MLV, Jim W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Don KC9EQQ, Kurt W9FMC, Brian W9HLQ, Steve W9KXT, Cindy N9CAS, Mel NE9A, Dave W0COP

**Visitors:** Rich KB9NTX-club member

**Health and welfare:** Ron Kalat KB9CTX, who fell at the meeting on May 4th is out of the hospital, and feeling fine.

Dave W0COP will undergo surgery

**. Minutes:** Brian W9HLQ, and Jim W9JPR, approved the minutes from the last board meeting.

**Secretaries report:** Patti KC9LYE, I will strive to ensure that the club minutes are accurate.

**Treasurer's report** by Ed WA9EOL, the club has paid for; mast (for antenna), State Farm CD, & our Peotone hamfest site

**Membership:** by Brian W9HLQ, there are; 109 paid members, 150 emails are sent out each month for Hamgab,

16 reminders for renewals of membership were emailed.

**Programs:** June field day 2017, July our annual picnic, August hamfest, September Kermit Carlson from the ARRL.

**Hamfesters hamfest** August 5, 2018; first prize \$200 cash, 2nd prize DMR radio, 3rd prize Bofang radio

**Split the pot:** by Ed WA9EOL, thanks to Mel NE9A, for giving his winnings back to the club.

**Field day** 2018: by Jim W9J PR, we need logging computers (laptops). John KB9FQB, is going to run a PSK station.

Field day menu; Raising Cane chicken lunch, pizza dinner, Sunday morning breakfast by Ed WA9EOL.

By Kurt WB9FMC, We need another mast raising practice before field day. How about Saturday, June Education: by Brian W9HLQ, 9 students are taking our technician license class. This class is taught by Brian W9HLQ, Mel NE9A, and Mike K9ACM

**Hamfest 2018:** The Lions Club will have a vision, and hearing screening test van on-site.

**New business:** Hamfesters amateur radio club has a privacy policy, see Hamfester.org

**Adjournment:** Don KC9EQQ, and Cindy N9CAS, at 8:33 PM

# General Meeting Minutes - de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters amateur radio club W9AA club meeting June 1, 201

8 7:30 PM

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

There were; 23 members, and 6 visitors here.

**Visitors:** Ken WA9PVS, Ken KD9LBZ, Ron N9QOB, Cheryl KC8GMD, Limmie Batchelor. Welcome everyone!

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved by Ray NW9S, John KB9FQB.

**Treasurer's report:** by Ed WA9EOL, The club has a State Farm CD

**Health and welfare:** by Brian W9HLQ, Gregg AB9MZ, was injured while at work. Dave W0COP is having surgery.

**Education/membership:** by Brian W9HLQ, see [Hamfesters.org](http://Hamfesters.org) for the club's privacy policy.

**.Field day 2018:** Field day is on June 23 and 24 located in Worth, Illinois set up June 23 at 8 AM.

Tonight, Patti KC9LYE, took

orders for field day pins, Jim W9JPR, will order them tomorrow. The pins will be available at field day on June 23 and 24th.

A practice for setting up the antenna mast will be held at Southbridge church on June 9 at 1 PM.

Old business: The deadline for articles in Hamgab is the 15th of the month.

New business: by Dave N9KPD, hams are needed for October 13 at the college of the DuPage, a race event, arrival 3 to 3:30 PM.

There will be of Memorial service on Wednesday, June 6 for Russ AB9UE, age 41, who died suddenly from cancer.

Russ was diagnosed only 6 weeks ago. He will be missed very much!

Chuck N9PDKJ, waterways are being patrolled by drones to help monitor garbage in the water

**Adjournment:** by Bob KB9FQB, and Kurt WB9FMC, at 9:03 PM



## Editors Notes

Tech instructors –Brian---W9HLQ--Mike---K9ACM---Mel---NE9V--Thanks to all.

Mel NE9V welcome as a board member.

Error help with last months presentation was Corrine . Sorry for the error

Only a few Field Day pictures this month. The rest next month.

Thank You

## Field Day Pictures





## REMEMBER FIELD DAY JUNE 23-24 2018

Jim Riley W9JPR

De Jim Riley W9JPR  
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W9JPR

.Hamfesters will be hosting a special event station commemorating Our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Here is the information as posted with the ARRL.  
08/01/2018 Hamfesters Radio Club 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Aug 1-Aug5, 0000z-2359z. W9AA, Crestwood,IL. 60467. Request certificates for dpwnload at email address below [kb9cyl@yahoo.com](mailto:kb9cyl@yahoo.com) or [www.hamfesters.org](http://www.hamfesters.org)

Anyone can participate from his or her homestation and all bands and modes are available. They wanted four suggested frequencies but feel to operate anywarelicense priveleges allow. Just pick a frequency of the DX cluster:dx summit,dx watch. Or dx heat for example.

He purpose is two-fold to commemorate our 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to promote Hamfest.No one sure about the original founding date so we picked the week leading up to the fest.Be sure to talk it up

Acertificate is being worked on and so are the details on how to get it. If you are interested, let me know in an e mail to [kb9cyl@yahoo.com](mailto:kb9cyl@yahoo.com) and I'll keepposted. :

## Hamfesters VE Testing de Al, N9ZD



Hamfesters VE Testing Report for HamGab July 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. 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:*

July 14, 2018 Note: The 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

October 13, 2018

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](mailto:N9ZD@arrl.net).

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73's 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**

**Congratulations to the new and upgraded hams!**

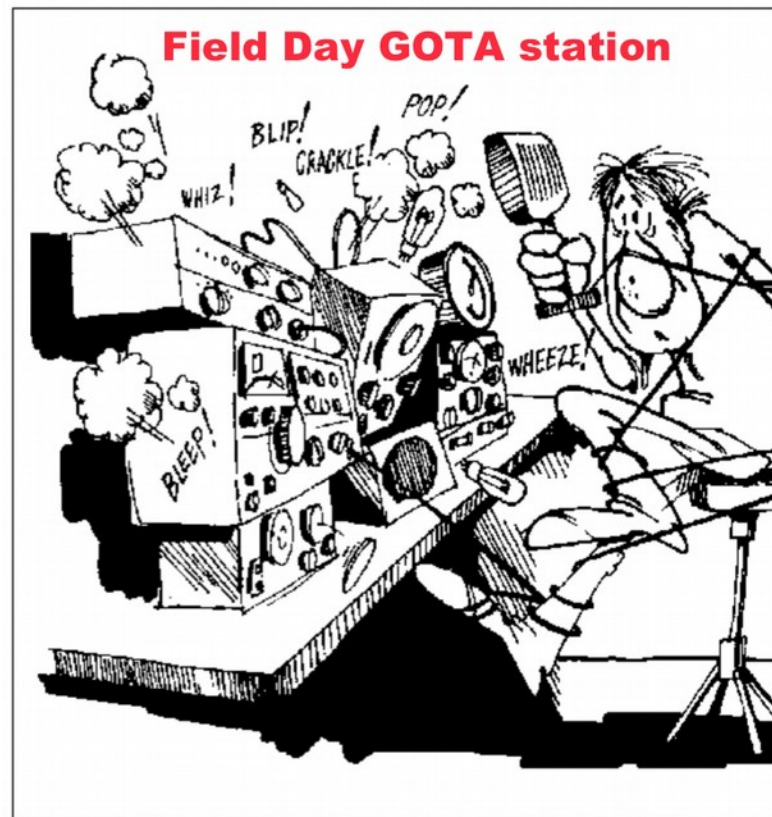
Richard Burgess	KD9LGD	General
Jacqueline Walt	KI7S JL	General
George Soto III	KD9LGE	TECH
Jay Margalus	KD9LGF	TECH
Ethan Ary	KD9LGG	TECH
Andrew Morin	KD9LGH	TECH
Aiden McGuire	KD9LGI	TECH

Hamfesters Radio Club members Mike, K9ACM, Mel, NE9A, and Brian, W9HLQ conducted a Technician training class for some members of the SpaceLab DIY Makers group in Mokena, IL. We ran a 5 week class including a VE test conducted by Al, N9ZD and his team consisting of Granville, W9PNG, Steve, W9KXT, and Mel, NE9V. We invited these new hams to come to field day and the next Hamfesters meeting. If you see them, be sure to welcome them to ham radio. I am sure they are going to need some mentoring to get started in the hobby. Look for your opportunity to offer to help them out.

73,

-=Brian, W9HLQ=-

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**Cute Ham Call Signs**

When running the FT8 mode of digital communications the operator gets to see a lot of call signs as they scroll by. I made a note of some the the interesting ones some of which must have been obtained by the vanity call sign program>

KF1SH  
 KF4OUR  
 N1ONE  
 KF0UR  
 KZ0MBI

And I heard a QSO and one of the guys was from Ham Lake, MN.





# Proclamation

Presented this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2018

*WHEREAS, amateur radio has historically played a significant role in developing world wide radio communications; and,*

*WHEREAS, amateur radio operators are instrumental in serving the United States of America and the State of Illinois, consistently providing behind-the-scenes support for emergency response and other critical needs; and,*

*WHEREAS, amateur radio provides excellent volunteer emergency communications for agencies including the National Weather Service, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Department of Public Health, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Central United States Earthquake Consortium, and others in times of natural disaster and other emergencies; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois has more than 20,000 amateur radio operators who repeatedly donate their time, equipment, and services to help their communities; and,*

*WHEREAS, by continuous learning and experimentation, amateur radio operators help to forward the science of electronics and radio-related communications; and,*

*WHEREAS, by example, teaching, and practical experience, including the opportunity to communicate with amateurs in space, amateur radio operators teach young people the opportunities available in radio and electronics; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois Radio Amateurs will continue to hone their communication skills by operating during the simulated emergency preparedness exercise known as "Field Day" on June 23-24, 2018;*

**THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby recognize June 2018 as AMATEUR RADIO MONTH in Illinois and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.**

Bruce Rauner  
Governor, State of Illinois

From our governor, See More

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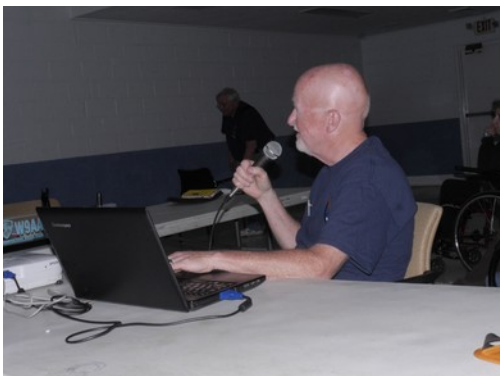
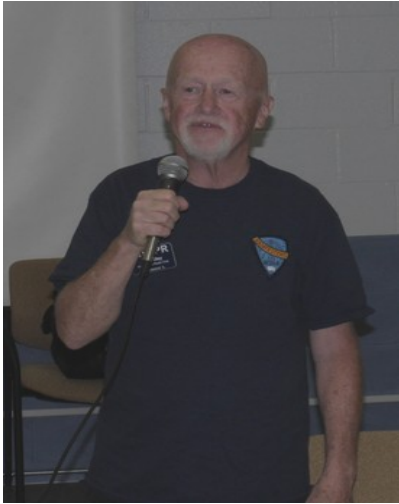
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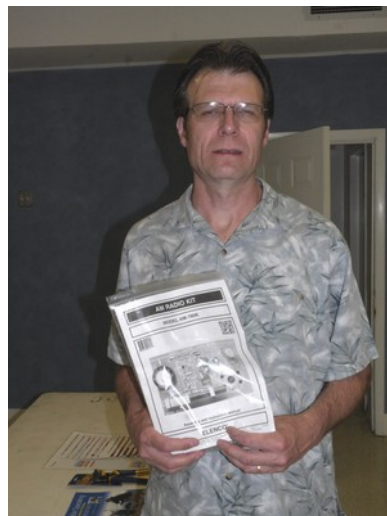
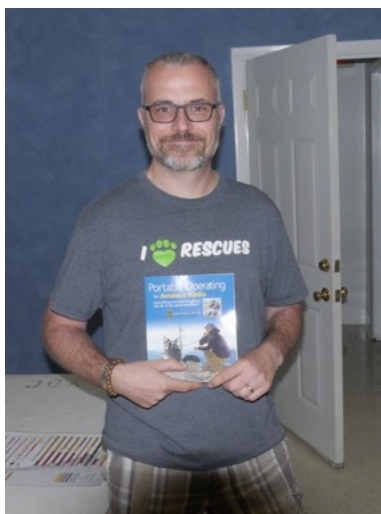
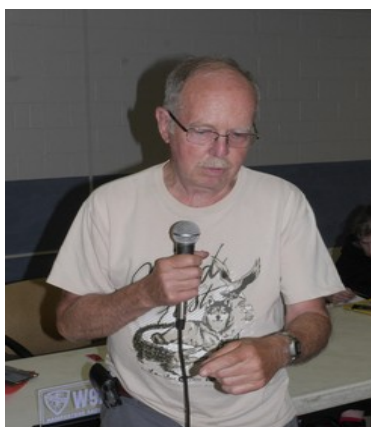
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# Hamfesters Radio Club

<b>Meetings and VE Testing</b>	<b>Special Activities</b>	<b>Nets/Contact Info</b>
<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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the SouthBridge Community Church:15500 S.73rd. Orland Park, IL</p> <p><b>VE TESTING:</b> Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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><b>Hamfesters Big Peotone Hamfest:</b> Our 81<sup>st</sup> annual Hamfest coming August 5th, 2018-Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL.</p> <p><b>Field Day:</b> Join the W9AA crew for one of the best Field Days ever on June 23rd &amp; 24 2018 at 115<sup>th</sup> and Oketo Avenue, Worth, IL. Jim W9JPR Field Day Chairman</p> <p><b>MAKERS:</b> we participate in the annual Southwest Chicago Makers Faire held in August</p> <p><b>Community Service:</b> we support local communities by providing radio communication for parades and marathons / walk-a-thons.</p>	<p><b>10 METER NET:</b> Every Sunday Evening at 8:00 PM on 28.410. Tom KA9ZXN is Net Control</p> <p><b>2 METER NET:</b> Every Monday Evening at 9:00 PM on 146.640. Tom KA9ZXN is Net Control</p> <p><b>WEB SITE:</b> <a href="http://www.hamfesters.org">www.hamfesters.org</a> Webmaster Granville, W9PNG &amp; Brian ,W9HLQ</p> <p><b>Club's address:</b> Hamfesters Radio Club P.O. Box 474 Crestwood, IL 60445 Attn: Patti KC9LYE Sec</p>







## Some Pictures of Field Day









