

## A "Happening" Ham Radio Club

# HamGab



PO Box 474  
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Next Meeting is  
August 3, 2018 at  
7:30PM

### August Birthdays

Susan Strickland W9ARH  
Carl Rosczybiuk WB9AVW  
Barbara Steffen KA9BAG  
Charles Krezwick WV9C  
Russel Vondrasek KC9FPY  
Orlando Goodall KC9IVG  
Rob Dunauant KD9JBT  
Nora Pointer KC9MLV  
Lenny McKain KB9OUQ  
Donald Sachnoff KX9Q  
Robert Harris N9RAT  
Bill Vehe W9ZJ



### Officers

President - Nora KC9MLV  
Vice President – Jim W9JPR  
Secretary - Patty KC9LYE  
Treasurer - ED WA9EOL  
SGT at Arm - Dave W0COP  
Trustee Granville W9PNG

Come Join us at the HAMFESTERS HAMFEST at Peotone Illinois. We are at the Will County Fairgrounds 710 West Street, Peotone Illinois.. There are lots of gifts, prizes and radio equipment and gadgets to find and Food. Hope to see all there. August 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 Sunday. Early Tickets \$8.00. At the Door \$10.00

### Board Members

Nora KC9MLV  
Steve W9KXT  
Kurt WB9FMC  
Cindy N9CAS  
Don KC9EQQ  
Mel NE9V  
Brian W9HLQ

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Thank to all and Jim Riley W9JPR for a great Field Day. Even though things did not work out as planned. All pitched in and made it a success. Thanks again

# President's Beat

Nora Pointer, KC9MLV

Thank you to all who came out for last month's meeting. We had a lot of good food and camaraderie.

Field Day Chairman; and to Ron Kalat, KB9TCX, for his service to the Club. Congratulations, Gentlemen.

Thank yo **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:** Were presented to Jim W9JPR, for his service to the Club and his 25 years as u for all you do.

**Health and Welfare:** Best wishes go out to all Hamfesters who may not be feeling well. Dave, W0COP, it was nice to see you visit us at the last meeting. Prayers for your continued healing. Get well wishes go out to Gregg, AB9MZ for your recent health issues.



**AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> is HAMFEST!** It is 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 continue to sell tickets at the August meeting and at Hamfest for the 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.

**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:** Will be presented by Gregg, AB9MZ, on emergency preparedness. Due to Gregg's health concerns, if he is unable to do the program, we will have a movie backup.

**OCTOBER MEETING:** Mark your calendars, Kermit Carlson W9XA from ARRL will be our guest speaker. Topic will be about the state of the state of Ham radio. Nominations for Club officers will also be held at this meeting.

**NOVEMBER MEETING:** Will be presented by Steve Cooper. He always provides us with an interesting program. Election for club officers will also be held at this meeting.

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 board meeting June 25, 2018 7:35 PM

**Roll:** Nora KC9MLV, Jim W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti  
i KC9LYE, Brian W9HLQ, Mel NE9A, Steve W9KXT, Kurt WB9FMC,  
Don KC9EQQ, Cindy N9CAS  
Club Member Rich KB9NTX

Thanks to Jim W9JPR, and Kurt WB9FMC, for their work during field day weekend. On Saturday morning we had to find another field day site. Our Worth location was overbooked. Southbridge church in Orland Park granted permission for us to set up field day there. Gregg AB9MZ, had a Tinley Park location for field day in case we needed it.

Mel NE9A, will research a way for our cell phones to receive group text.

Future field days sites 2019; Worth 2010-2017 we'd like to return there. Tinley Park train station Gregg AB9MZ site.

A motion was made and approved by the board. The motion was made by Don KC9EQQ, Our club will give a certificate and a donation to Southbridge church for giving us permission to hold field day 2018 on their property. The board voted this one time donation of \$500 to Southbridge church. Kurt WB9MC, abstained because he is a member of the church.

Ed WA9EOL, voted no. The motion was passed.

Jim W9JPR will write a letter to the village of Worth concerning the overbooking of the site. At field day 2018 a grand total of 441 contacts were made. Don KC9EQQ, thanked Laura for her work on field day Saturday lunch and dinner. Gino delivered pizza to the field day site.

Health and welfare: Dave W0COP, is recovering from surgery. Gregg AB9MZ, is recovering, he was injured at work.

**New members:** Wayne KD9LAW, and Dan KA9BAR, they were big help at field day.

**Programs:** July 6 annual veterans picnic; potluck, and pizza honor guard from the VFW Chicago Ridge. Our own Ron

Kalat KB9CTX, color guard.

August 5 Hamfesters annual hamfest Peotone, Illinois

September Kermit Carlson from the ARRL (tell other clubs)

October club nominations, and a program on emergency preparedness by Gregg AB9MZ

November club elections, program by Steve Cooper



December Christmas party at Papa John's in Orland Park

January 2019 program on tax law by Cindy N9CAS sister

February 2019 makers fair

March 2019 white elephant sale

April 2019 annual basic weather spotters program

May 2019 ARRES program by Mel NE9A friend Debbie

**Education:** by Brian W9HLQ, thanks to the VE's who tested the technician class on June 6.

There might be a general class in the future. Mike K9ACM, was one of the instructors in the technician class.

Mike's son

Aiden age 13 passed technician exam.

Mel NE9A, Ham Test Online if the club registers than club members receive a discount to use this program.

Hamfest 2018: by Don KC9EQQ, the LuLaRue clothing line might come back to our hamfest.

Silver needles, the hat people might also return. The Lions Club will be at our hamfest doing hearing and vision screening.

Don KC9EQQ, and Nora KC9MLV, will be out of town on July 10-22.

**Publicity:** Jim W9JPR, will handle publicity.

**New business:** Don KC9EQQ, told Ron Kalat KB9CTX, to contact Crestwood Village Hall concerning Ron's fall at the club meeting.

Leon Harris came to our board meeting tonight, he read about it online. Leon is interested in becoming a ham.

**Adjournment:** 9 PM by Patti KC9LYE, and Steve W9KXT

## General Meeting Minutes - de Patti, KC9LYE

### Hamfesters amateur radio club meeting July 6, 2018 7:15 PM

Tonight there were; 36 members, and 3 visitors.

This was our annual veterans picnic. Our regular meeting was suspended, Ed WA9EOL, made the motion and it was approved.

Ron Kalat KB9TCX, and Jim Riley W9JPR, each received a Hamfesters appreciation certificate for their service to the club.

Hamfest 2018: August 4 setup, and the hamfest on the 5th we need volunteers

.Hamfesters (club members) can have indoor space at our hamfest for \$15.00.

The Lions Club will be at the hamfest they will provide vision and hearing screening.

At this year's hamfest we will have split the pot raffle.

Tomorrow July 7 is Ed's WA9EOL, 85th Birthday! Happy birthday Ed, many more.

Programs:

Kermit Carlson from the ARRL will attend our Oct. club meeting. He will talk about exciting changes for ham radio.

**October program** on emergency preparedness by Gregg AB9MZ

**Tonight's split the pot winner was Mel NE9A**

**Door prize winners:** Don KC9EQQ, Rich KB9NTY, JIM W9JPR, John KB9FQB, Ben Norkus,



## Editors Notes



Error last months Hamgab A typo in Jim W9JPR Report and Patti KC9LYE Picture missing. Sorry and Thank you.

Remember Hamfest August 5<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Thanks to Don KC9EQQ for Photos

## CQ Field Day 2018

De Jim Riley W9JPR



Field Day is said to be many things. Some say it's a contest. Others say it's a social event and some call it an emergency drill. This year's Field Day turned into an emergency and it wasn't a drill.

The Friday before FD, I'd gone to the Worth village hall to pick up the rest room key and stopped by the field to see how the rain had affected it. We had close to five inches that week including the deluge that was happening while I was there. Also, there was a fence that I hadn't known about bisecting the property. I immediately called the village to make sure we still had use of the field and was assured we did.

Saturday morning, I arrived at the field to see Kurt Pawlikowski WB9MFC setting up in a far corner along the fence. Bob Fleischmann N9KWG was also there. As I was walking out to offer some help to Kurt, a Worth Park District truck pulled up and out jumped a crazed man with a braided goatee yelling for Kurt to get off "his" field. We were supposedly ruining it with our tire tracks and stakes. There were thousands of people coming for soccer, etc.

I showed him our paperwork and he called the lady who'd set it up something inappropriate, then he phoned the mayor and yelled at her. I phoned the police to calm things down. The two young officers were very professional but there wasn't much they could do. Even Rich Schneider KA9HNV, a man who could sell sand to the Saudis, talked to the mayor and got nowhere.

Bottom line: we had use of the pavilion but nothing else. He wouldn't let us set up on any of the grass thereby making the site useless to us. That was indeed an emergency.

Kurt called his pastor who allowed us to use the church's property, so we moved five miles south to Southbridge Church which is a block west of Harlem on 155<sup>th</sup> St in Orland Park. It was bad enough that Kurt set up. was well into setting up when all this happened. It would have been a disaster had we been completely .set up

Just before heading out, I put up a crude sign letting everyone know about the move. I'm sure it was ripped down within seconds of our leaving.

The church property is smaller than Altman Park and is closer to residences but offers paved parking, indoor plumbing, and a garage where we were able to set up food and dining.

If anybody should ask why I love this club, I will point to this event. While originally bummed, everyone happily made the move and got to setting up a real emergency Field Day station. Mike Vannier N9NNL did yeoman's work getting the trailer back to its exact original spot.

Despite the move, we were up and running, for the most part, by the 1 p.m. (or 1800Z) starting time. What normally took us four hours to accomplish we did in two. The bands were uncooperative but everyone did the best they could under trying circumstances.

The GOTA station, headed by Steve Peters W9KXT and Brian Davis W9HLQ made a steady tally of phone contacts through the day and night on 40 meters as it was operated by Mike McGuire K9ACM, Bob Richter K9RDR, Aidan McGuire KD9LGI, Gregg Rosenbert AB9MZ, Ed Egan WB9STB, Bob Fleischmann N9KWG, Ron Kalat KB9TCX, Dan Haug KA9BAR, President Nora Pointer KC9MLV, and myself. There were also some guest operators who made their first HF contacts and two kids who earned the club 20 bonus points each.

Kurt was our top CW op. Of course, he was our only CW op.

John Swanson KB9FQB garnered some digital QSOs. And Linas Matonas KC9PCP added some VHF/UHF contacts to the mix.

So how did the trailer do in all this? Not well. The lousy bands didn't help but we had an awful time trying to tune the V and 80-meter dipole antennas. Part of it was not understanding how the new MFJ auto tuner works. It's not intuitive. We couldn't tune with the old manual tuner either. We will be meeting at the trailer in the Fall to look at the antennas and coax to learn where the problem is.

But enough with the technical stuff, how did we do with food? Very well, thank you. Nora and her cousin, Laura Lockwood, did a terrific job setting up tables in the garage with an epic spread for both lunch and supper. Don Pointer KC9EQQ got us chicken tenders from Raising Cane's to go along with all Laura's sides for lunch. Helen Pawlikowski's meatballs were their usual big hit, too. Don also pulled some strings with Grassano's to deliver pizzas out of their normal area for supper. Laura brought a sheet cake and other goodies for dessert.

There were just a few leftovers. Ed Broniarczyk WA9EOL did his usual great work with breakfast Sunday morning. A crowd of hungry overnight operators happily gobbled it all up.

At least the weather cooperated. The field was damp but there was no additional rain. The nearly five inches we'd had during the week apparently was enough. It wasn't too hot by day nor did it get too cold overnight.

So, a Field Day that could have been a total bust turned into a pretty darn good event. Sure, we couldn't use our regular spot and the bands were in the dumper, but the best damn Field Day team anywhere made the best of it. There was good food, great company, and excellent teamwork. Who could ask for more? Here's how weFree VHF/UHF station: Linas Matonis KC9PCP, Tim Szymanski KC9POS, Bob Fleischmann N9KWG

Photographers: Don Pointer KC9EQQ, Brian Davis W9HLQ, Jim Riley W9JPR, John Raiger K9DRS, Dave Bukowski N9KPD, Paul Batchelor

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W9AA Total Contacts byBand				CW	Power	Dig	Power	Phone	Power	Total	%
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40	0		0		7		7	2			
20	159		66		0		225	71			
15	0		0		16		16	5			

10	0	0	1	1	0	Band and Mode:
2	0	0	5	5	2	
1.25	0	0	1	1	0	
70	0	0	4	4	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>100--</b>	<b>-----</b>

GOTA station N9JYX added another 122 contacts. That gives us a total score, with bonus points, of 2462. This was a press time and is subject to change.

I have received a letter from the mayor of Worth with a lukewarm apology and an unclear message for the future of Altman Park as it applies to us. It looks like we'll be on the move again but this time we have almost a year to plan instead of five minutes. Wherever we go, I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

Here's a list, based on the operators' log and my memory, of everyone who made Field Day 2018 possible.

### Cast of Characters

#### From my memory and the sign-in sheets

HHIC: Jim Riley W9JPR

Trailer Hauling: Mike Vannier N9NNL

Lunch: Nora Pointer KC9MLV, Laura Lockwood, Helen Pawlikowski

Dinner: Strings pulled by Don Pointer KC9EQQ

Breakfast: Ed Broniarczyk WA9EOL

Setup and/or teardown: Ed Egan WB9STB, Mike Kiley WA9ZPM, Bob Fleischmann N9KWG, Ron Kalat KB9TCX, Paul Skita KA9WYM, Cathy Fleischmann KC9NRH, Mike McGuire K9ACM, Aidan McGuire KD9LGI, Wayne Lacey WD9LAW, Rollo Everett KD9JMO, Nora Pointer KC9MLV, Rich Schneider KA9HMY, Tom Gulick, Dan Haug KA9BAR

Field Day message: Al Bukowski, N9ZD

Government Negotiator: Rich Schneider KA9HMY

Sign-in sheets and Field Day pins: Patti Gulick KC9LYE

Sign-in sheet enforcement: Dave Bukowski N9KPD

20-meter CW station: Kurt Pawlikowski WB9FMC,

20-meter Digital station: John Swanson KB9FQB

Trailer station: Jim Riley W9JPR, Al Bukowski, N9ZD, Ron Schmalz N9QOB

GOTA station: Brian Davis W9HLQ, Steve Peters W9KXT, Bob Richter K9RDR, Nora Pointer KC9MLV, Ed Egan WB9STB, Gregg Rosenberg AB9MZ, Peggy Peters K9QLM, Marty Linke WD9ABG, Connie Kelly AC9CK

## Hamfesters VE Testing de AI, N9ZD

Hamfesters VE Testing Report for HamGab August 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:

Note: The New Technician Exams are now in use! Candidates please study new Question pool and/or latest Technician license publications.

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September 8, 2018

October 13, 2018

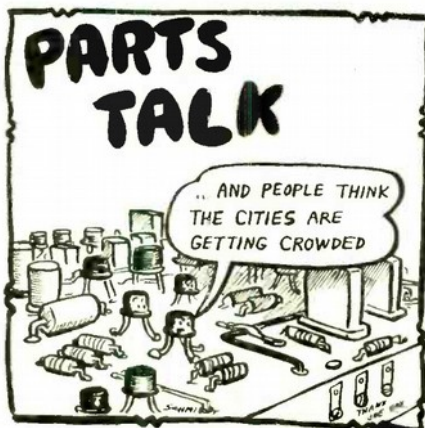
November 10, 2018

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](mailto:N9ZD@arrl.net).

73's AI - N9ZD

### Monthly Raffle

Anyone wishing to contribute to monthly raffle prizes are welcome  
Thanks Bob Richter K9RDR







## XYL IS ENTREPRENEUR

A Minnesota ham radio operator is facing a significant barrier to getting on the air, and it involves his wife.

Wendy Johansson, a self-described entrepreneur, has turned her husband's hobby into an income generator. She drives a new car, wears expensive furs, and takes exotic vacations.

Johansson was reached by satellite phone while on a cruise of the River Nile in Egypt. "I had hoped to help moderate his time in his radio room, but instead it became a significant wealth-driver for the family. I've been able to send the kids to college and buy some nice purses," she said.

The source of the wealth? A coin-operated pay-as-you-go device that requires payment before allowing the radio to turn on. "I didn't realize how much time I was spending on the radio," says Luther Johansson, the amateur radio operator.

"At this point, I've cleaned up all loose change in the couch cushions and under the car seat, and gone through every pair of pants in my closet. It's becoming increasingly difficult to resist my five-year-old's piggy bank," he said.

Johansson plans to start a Kickstarter account to fund his involvement in the phone portion of Sweepstakes. "But, this weekend is the trader's net! I have no idea how I'm going to pay for that air time," he said.

Mrs. Johansson says she plans to manufacture more of the devices and sell them to other radio wives in nearby clubs. Club members are looking into FCC rules regarding this matter. So far, it appears the law says nothing about an XYL having pecuniary interest in amateur radio

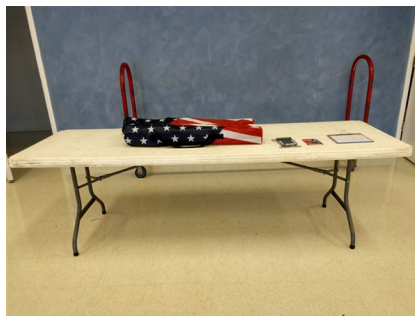
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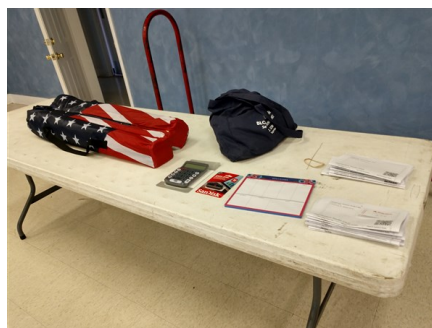
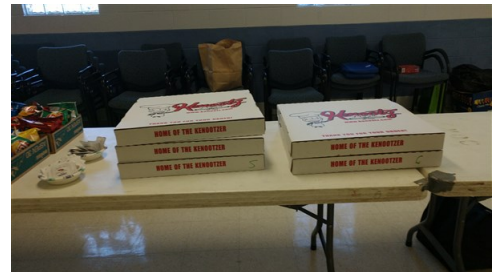
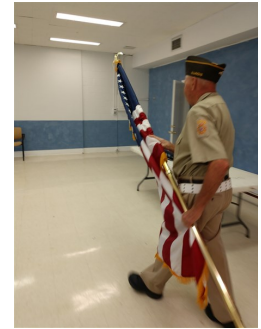
## Hamfesters Radio Club

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><b>VE TESTING:</b> 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><b>Hamfesters Big Peotone Hamfest:</b> Our 81st 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 115th 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>

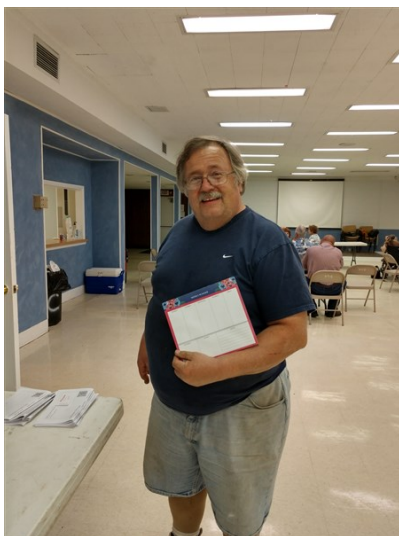
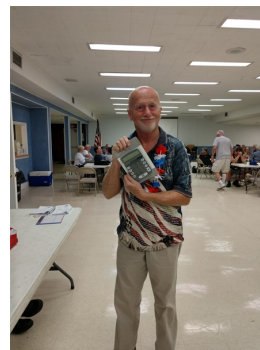






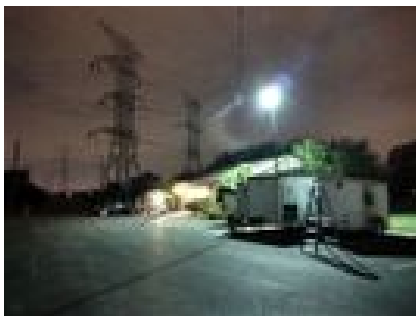
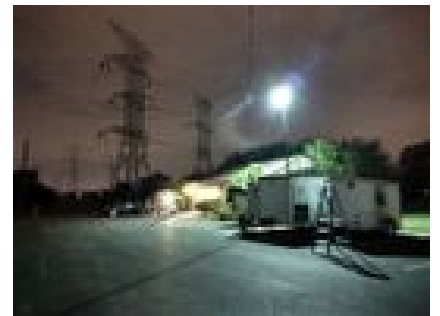








## Field Day Pictures



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