

# A "Happening" Ham Radio Club

# HamGab



PO Box 474  
Crestwood, IL  
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Next Meeting is  
Friday September  
7, 2018 at 730PM

## September Birthdays

Martin Linke WD9ABG

James Byrnes KA2DRQ

Gary Kole W9GUN

John Midkiff KD9JN1

John Derkacy KC9OOO

John Rowland AB9SI

Charles Zee NB9U

## Officers

President - Nora KC9MLV

Vice President - Jim W9JPR

Secretary - Patty KC9LYE

Treasurer - ED WA9EOL

SGT at Arm - Dave W0COP

Trustee Granville W9PNG

## Board Members

Nora KC9MLV

Steve W9KXT

Kurt WB9FMC

Cindy N9CAS

Don KC9EQQ

Mel NE9A

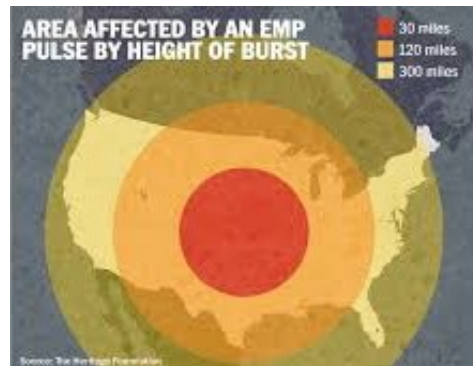
Brian W9HLQ

## Hamgab Editors

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K9RDR

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Gregg AB9MZ discusses many issues for the home in emergency preparation in event of effects of Electro -Magnetic Impulse. Gregg will discuss this and other issues. Looking forward to his presentation.



Thanks to all who visited and helped with a successful Hamfest. And a special thanks for Aidan KD9LGI for help with announcements and prizes. Awesome job Aidan

# President's Beat

Nora Pointer, KC9MLV

Thank you to all who came out for the Hamfest last month and to our chairman, Don Pointer, KC9EQQ for pulling out another good Hamfest. Thank you to those members who came out to help, especially Cindy N9CAS and Rich KB9NTX for their twenty four hours they spent there; and for our Vendors and flea market sellers. We had a good weather day. Also thanks to the Frankfort Lions Club for bringing out their hearing test van. Also big thanks to Kermit Carlson W9XA from ARRL for attending Hamfest.

**Health and Welfare:** Our Club's sincere condolences go out to Paul Batchelor and his wife on the loss of his mother; and to Ron Kalat KB9TCX on the loss of his wife.

**EDUCATION:** Another Tech Class is coming up at the end of September. Thanks to Brian and Mel on their efforts and giving of their time to bring new members into our ham radio community. Details should be provided by Brian.

**SPECIAL RAFFLE:** Last chance to get your raffle tickets. We will pull the number on the special raffle of a beautiful handmade by U.S. Veterans wooden American Flag.

**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.

Ticket sales start for our Christmas party in December. See Jim, W9JPR for your ticket. Ticket prices will remain at \$25.00. Next years dues will start to be collected by Brian, W9HLQ,

**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.

**DECEMBER MEETING:** Will be our Christmas Party at Papa Joe's in Orland Park. Ticket sales start with our September meeting. This is always a good evening of fellowship and yummy food. Hope you can make it

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 minutes July 27, 2018

outdoor meeting began at 7:42 pm

**Roll:** Nora KC9MLV, Jim W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Don KC9EQQ, Brian W9HLQ, Gene W9PNG, Mel NE9A, Cindy N9CAS, Club member Rich KB9NTX

**Minutes:** Board minutes were approved by Ed WA9EOL, & Don KC9EQQ.

**Treasures Report:** by ED WA9EOL, expenses for field day & the July picnic paid.

**Programs:** Aug. Hamfest, Sept. Emergency, are you ready? By Gregg AB9MZ, Oct. Kermit Carlson from the AARL, Nov. Steve Cooper music program,

**Hamfest** 2018 by Don KC9EQQ, 29 tables sold for indoors, split the pot raffle, you don't need to be present to win.

**Field Day:** by Jim W9JPR, our score 2,462 pts. The Worth FD site is gone, we received our deposit.

**Education:** by Brian W9HLQ, Hamfesters will be holding a class for Technician license starting Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> Thurs. (four weeks) 3:00 pm at DePaul University. There are 20 students.

**Special Event:** W9AA on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, call CQ and tell them about Hamfesters.

**New Business:** Brian W9HLQ, is stepping down as a board member effective Jan. 1, 2019. There were questions concerning our club's constitution; Are we a 501-C? Brian W9HLQ, will research. Questions concerning club election ballots.

**Old Business:** Gene W9PNG is Hamfesters Trustee, Dave W0COP. Is our Sargent at Arms.

**Adjournment:** 8:35 pm.



## General Meeting Minutes - de Patti, KC9LYE

**Health & Welfare:** Ron Kalat KB9TCX, wife passed away. Paul Bachlelor's Mom passed away. We are sorry for your loss. Please let us know if we can help.

**Programs:** Sept. Gregg AB9MZ, topic Emergency, Oct. Kermit Carlson from the ARRL, Nov. Steve Cooper, Dec. Christmas party at Papa Joe's Orland Park, tickets \$25.00 each.

**Minutes:** Last months club minutes approved by John KB9FQB, & Tom KA9ZXN

**Treasurer's Report:** by ED WA9EOL, Paid field day, & July picnic expenses.

**Education:** by Mel NE9A, Technician license class in Sept. at DePaul University 247 So. State Street

**Field Day 2018:** by Jim W9JPR, We won't be returning to the Worth FD site. Points were down, the bands were awful. But who cares? We had fun. Our thanks to South Bridge church in Orland Park for providing us with a FD site.

**Hamgab:** by Bob K9RDR, submissions by the 15th of the month.

**Hamfest 2018:** by Don KC9EQQ, our annual hamfest is this Sunday at the Will County fair grounds in Peotone, ILL. Opens at 6:00 am until 1:00 pm. Gate price \$10:00 each, children under 12 yrs, free.

There will be VE testing 8 until 10 am.

Indoors we've sold tables to 40 vendors.

Lions Club will have a vision & hearing van, free testing (east gate)

Here are some indoor vendors: Dit & Dash, Gene W9PNG, wife Paula will have a craft table,

Silver needles hats & shirts, Kermit Carlson from the ARRL, Crazy Crafty, Used Gear, Tee Shirts,

Steve Peters W9KXT, radios, Makers Fair Space lab, toy seller Toys R Us, Amateur Accessories, Vintage Radio Parts,

We don't have any speakers this year.

Rich KB9NTX, Hamfest talk in 440 442.450 pl 114 STARS 146.430 and simplex. We're selling split the pot raffle at the hamfest. You don't need to be present to win,

At Peotone don't throw away electronics. Take it with you.

Hamfest prizes: First Prize \$200.00 cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes Bofang radio.

This year tomorrow NO Vendors pizza. Setup on Saturday at Peotone at 3 pm, volunteers needed.

**Old Business:** by Dave N9KPD, 5K run Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at the College of DuPage arrive at 3:00 pm.

**Adjournment:** Tom KA9ZXN, & John KB9FQB at 8:51 pm.

**Split the pot** raffle prize winner Mike Grad Jr. (no call

**Door prize winners:** Jim W9JPR, Nora KC9MLV, Stan W9KME

## Hamfesters VE Testing de AI, N9ZD



Hamfesters VE Testing Report for HamGab September 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:

September 8, 2018

October 13, 2018

November 10, 2018

December 9, 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



Hope we got call sign corrected this month, Mel. NE9A Sorry  
Dont forget to get Christmas Party Tickets  
Due to complications no photos this month. All photos will be  
printed in next month Hamgab. Thank you for your patience.

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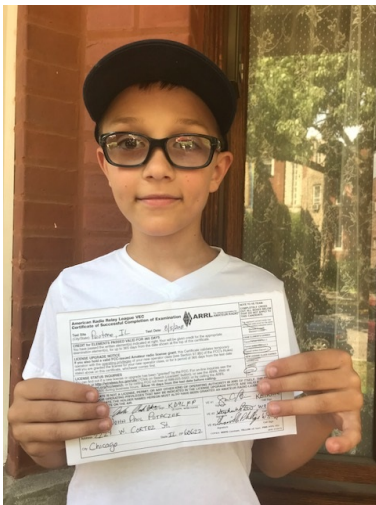
# Christmas Party Tickets

## De Jim Riley W9JPR



Even though it's three months to our annual Christmas party, tickets will go on sale at the September meeting and will be sold at the October and November meetings as well. As in years past, the party will be on our regular meeting night but will be at Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant, [14459 LaGrange Rd.](#) in Orland Park. The date is December 7 and doors open at 6 pm.

**Tickets are \$25 each and include an excellent family-style meal, good fellowship, and a lot of fun. Be sure to see me at the meeting**



John Paul Poaczek KD9LFP-----

After he passed his EXTRA at 9 years old.

Congradulations John. Hope to hear you on the bands.

### Monthly Raffle

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

## From Westlakes Amature Radio Club Inc Australia

### FUNNY CALL SIGNS

–Remember, amateur radio call sign suffixes are letters not words. Bearing that in mind,

we can safely report there is only one Ausralian BUM and he is VK2BUM. Likewise, there is one lonely TIT in the country and he is in Victoria - VK3TIT.

There are no PISs or WEEs which could be unfortunate however, a solitary PIG resides in Western Australia in the form of VK6PIG. VK4RAT is the only one in the country probably because there are three cats - VK2CAT, VK3CAT, and VK4CAT.

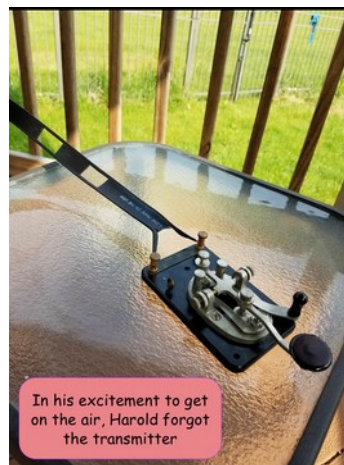
As we all know, there is but one GOD and he lives in New South Wales namely, VK2GOD. I wonder if that's why NSW won the Origin Series? *VK2CW*

Do Lipton tea employees take coffee breaks?

I was thinking how people read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me. They are cramming for their final exam.

Is it true that we are here to help others; then what exactly are the others here for?

### LIFE IS SIMPLE



## RadioShack® IS BACK

*RadioShack is planning to open “express stores”s.*

within HobbyTown USA locationAccording to the New York Post, The nearly century-old, twice-bankrupt retailer has signed a deal with HobbyTown USA to put a mini-RadioShack outlet in some 50 HobbyTown USA stores across the country that would sell items that might appeal to radio amateurs and experimenters. Those locations will be identified with RadioShack signage. RadioShack shut all of its company-owned retail outlets. Its last unsuccessful effort to bail itself out of debt involved a deal with cellular provider Sprint. HobbyTown USA has 140 retail outlets, and, according to the Post article, RadioShack eventually could carve out a presence in all of them.

“HobbyTown is purchasing the RadioShack merchandise and offering it to its hobbyist customers who need the tools, wires, and other accessories that RadioShack makes,” the Post article said.

The article quoted Steve Moroneso, chief executive of General Wireless Operations, an affiliate of hedge fund Standard General which acquired RadioShack in 2015, as saying that RadioShack’s strategy now is not to own brick-and-mortar stores.

RadioShack came out of bankruptcy in January with 400 dealers, an online retail presence, and a distribution centre. General Wireless acquired the 1,743 retail outlets that survived RadioShack’s 2015 bankruptcy.

Moroneso also told the Post that there is “plenty of interest from dealers who want to open a full-line Radio Shack.”

***From ARRL News***

## WWV and WWVH being Shut Down?

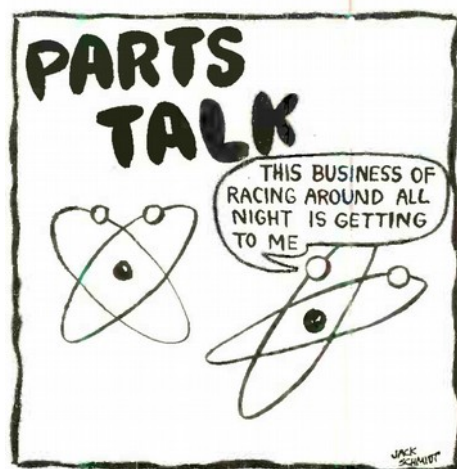
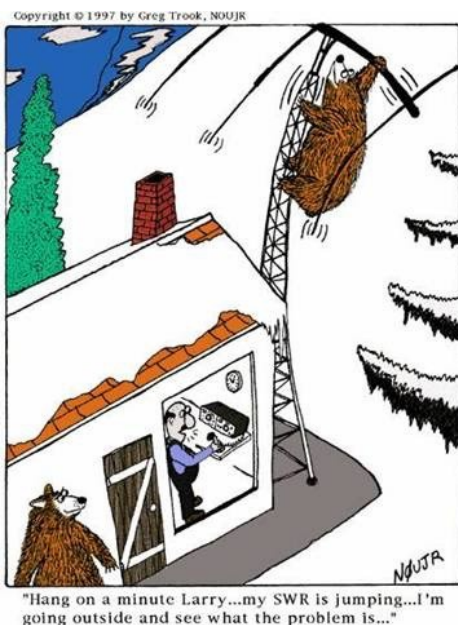
ARRL Newsletter 08/11/2018

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (**NIST**) FY 2019 budget request includes shutting down “NIST radio stations in Colorado and Hawaii” — in other words, WWV and WWVH. Radio amateurs, HF listeners, and others around the world routinely make use of the time and frequency standard signals, which also include propagation information. NIST said eliminating funding currently “supporting fundamental measurement dissemination” would include putting WWV and WWVH off the air for a saving of \$6.3 million. The NIST FY 2019 budget request for efforts related to Fundamental Measurement, Quantum Science and Measurement Dissemination is \$127 million, which, the agency said, is a net decrease of \$49 million from FY 2018 levels. The Administration's overall NIST budget request is more than \$629 million.

The FY 2019 proposed budget cuts developed earlier this year came to light via Tom Witherspoon, K4SWL, who maintains *The SWLing Post* website, after a number of viewers called it to his attention. He posted an article on his blog.

“I’ve always considered WWV and WWVH to be the heartbeat of the shortwaves here in North America — a constant, timely companion and brilliant gauge of HF propagation,” Witherspoon wrote. I assumed both stations would be some of the last to go silent on the shortwaves.”

“I find this budget request very disappointing,” Witherspoon said with respect to the proposed elimination of WWV and WWVH. “Let’s hope, somehow, this does not come to fruition.” He said *The SWLing Post* would be tracking and posting any new developments.



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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 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>