

A "Happening" Ham Radio Club

HamGab



Next Meeting is
Friday October 5,
2018 at 730 PM

October 2018

What is Happening at ARRL

W9XA



Hamfesters is excited to announce our speaker will be Mr. Kermit Carlson, ARRL Central Division Director. He will discuss the status of ARRL and the new code of conduct for the staff. He will also have comments on closing of WWV/WWVH as well as VLF time signals used to set clocks.. (Atomic clocks) Come and feel free with questions and concerns of ARRL



Thanks to Gregg
AB9MZ for a great
presentation on EMP It
was very informative
Great job Gregg

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October Birthdays

Hugh Savage
Wayne Strickland W9BBB
Bryan Petkus KE8CXW
Daniel Aurenz AA9DA
Tony Cumbo N9EUR
Ronald Turner KD9FQP
James Riley W9JPR
Ronald Bellinger WB9JYZ
Stanley Suho W9KME
Joseph Syslo KB9TCZ
Louis Sica AC0X
Tom Antolak KA9ZXN
James Twohig

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

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President's Beat

Nora Pointer, KC9MLV

Thank you to Gregg, AB9MZ for his program last month on EMP'S and for his very expensive donation to the raffle prizes of the backpack. We had a good turnout. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Health and Welfare: Hope all members and their families are doing well.

EDUCATION: Thanks to Brian and Mel on their efforts and giving of their time to bring new members into our ham radio community.

OCTOBER MEETING: Our guest speaker will be, Kermit Carlson W9XA from ARRL. Topic will be about the state of the state of Ham radio. Let's have a good turnout and show our support to Kermit. This should be a very important meeting you wouldn't want to miss.



Nominations for Club officers will also be held at this meeting. Details are in a separate article by Jim W9JPR and on the website.

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. Details provided in October Hamgab and on the website.

DECEMBER MEETING: Will be our Christmas Party at Papa Joe's in Orland Park. Ticket sales are going on now. You can purchase tickets at the meeting, on our website by paypal or by mailing a check made out to Hamfesters with a stamped return envelope to Jim Riley. This is always a good evening of fellowship and yummy food. Hope to see everyone there.

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.

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

73,



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

Board Meeting Minutes - de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters amateur radio club board meeting August 27, 2018 7:36 PM.

Roll: Nora KC9MLV Jim W9J PR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Don KC9EQQ, Cindy N9CAS, Rich KB9NTX, Mel NE9A, Brian W9HLQ

visitor Brian's wife Sharon Davis.

Thanks to Brian and Sharon for the use of their home for this meeting.

Health and welfare: Rudy W9CRF, his wife's wake is tomorrow. Wayne W9DBD, is doing well

Minutes: The July board meeting minutes, were approved by Don KC9EQQ, and Ed WA9EOL.

Treasurers report: by ED WA9EOL our 2018 hamfest at Peotone, made a profit. The club's bills are paid. We've reserved the Peotone site for 2019.

This year the Lions Club brought their van to test hearing and vision, 21 people took advantage of this opportunity

Programs: September Gregg AB9MZ, emergency preparedness, October Kermit Carlson from the ARRL, also club nominations for 2019, November club elections for 2019, and special guest Steve Cooper, December Christmas party.

Hamfest 2018: by Don KC9EQQ, vendors were pleased with their sales. Thanks to the people who helped with setup on Saturday. On Saturday night there was an impromptu vendors night. The Lions Club wants to return again next year. Next year, we need the fleamarket vendors to be visible from the street. We had people coming in and commenting that they didn't think there was a hamfest because they couldn't see any vendors from the street.

Publicity: Jim W9J PR, will get publicity out for Kermit Carlson in October.

.Field day 2019: Jim W9J PR is working on organizing the club's trailer. Next year, we will place the generator under the zip line at Southbridge church. The field day 2018 stats are available at ARRL.

Education: by Brian W9HLQ, hamfesters will hold a technician class at Depaul University in September. The classes will begin on September 20 Thursday at 3 PM and will run for four weeks. The fifth week there will be VE testing, Tom KA9ZXN will be the VEC.

Secretaries report: by Patti KC9LYE, I have requested an upgrade in software Dragon NaturallySpeaking premium 13 PC disk \$87.99 from Amazon.com.

My request was approved, thank you



General Meeting Minutes - de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters Club meeting September 7th 2018

Roll: Nora KC9MLV, Jim W9JPR, Ed, WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE, Dave W0COP

Health and Welfare: Kurt WB9FMC, & wife Helen, Helen's son died today

Jim W9JPR, is selling Christmas Party tickets. Pete is selling CFMC tickets.

A motion was passed by Gregg AB9MZ and John KB9FQB to have the audit suspended till next month, this motion was approved by all prresent.

The minutes were appoved by Gregg AB9MZ and Dave W0COP.

Tresurers report: Ed WA9EOL, our hamfest 2018 made money, more money than last year. Yay!
Our club is solvent for another year!

Brian W9HLQ is taking club membership, and renewal, for \$20.00 a year.

Program: Tonight Gregg AB9MZ will be talking about emergency prepardness (lightning) EMP Electric Magnetic Pulses.

Members: Richard Renolds is a new member (no call)

.Education: Starting September 20th, weekly Tech classes will be held at DePaul University.

Next month's program: Special guest, Kermit Carlson from the ARRL will be speaking, and we will have club nominations.

Hamfest 2018: by Dave N9KPD, Pete WB9W sold 44 tickets, he sold the most. Way to go Pete!

Hamgab: Bob K9RDR articles are due by the 15th. of each month.

Old Business: There will be a 5K run at the College of DuPage on October 13th, please arrive by 3:00pm.

We are in need of a new board member as Brian W9HLQ, is stepping down. If you want to run, contact any officer, or board member.

New Business: Marie, KA9CAE has a transciever for sale, please see hamfesters.org for details.
Special thanks to Brian W9HLQ, and Sharon Davis for the use of their home during the August board meeting.

Hamfest Christmas Tickets

Christmas tickets are \$25.00 each. A good time guarenteed.

Come One Come All

de BOB K9RDR

Nominations and Election Procedures



New Nomination and Election Procedures

de Jim Riley W9JPR

The July board meeting included a lively debate about our election process, specifically having the secretary cast a single ballot for an unopposed slate. The only answer we could come up with was, "That's the way we've always done it." The way we've always done it is a fairly common misconception and it's **WRONG**, according to my online research.

That got me thinking about what else we might be doing wrong, so I bought a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order*. Apparently, we've been doing a lot of it wrong. Article XVI of our club's Constitution states, "*Any situation not specifically covered by this Constitution and the By-Laws shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.*"

Let's begin with nominations. We've been asking three times for nominations from the floor. The proper way is two requests, according to Robert's. Then we've asked for a motion and a second to close nominations for each office. Motions are not necessary. If there are no more nominations for a particular office, nominations are closed by the chair. This will streamline the process considerably.

If there is only one person in the running for a particular office, that person is automatically elected once nominations for that office are closed.

There will be an election only when a particular office is contested. For example, if no one runs against Nora, she remains president. No voting will be required. If someone runs against me, there will be an election for vice-president. The ballot will include other contested offices.

As of this writing, there is one spot open on the board of directors.

If you would like to run for any club office, submit your name to me via email at w9jpr2016@gmail.com or call me at 708-218-0695. You can also do it from the floor at the October meeting. Yes, anyone running for office can be a member of the nominating committee.

Nominations will be the first item on the agenda in October. The meeting begins at 1930 sharp on Friday October 5 and the nomination process should be closed by 1945. Late nominations will not be considered.

If there is to be an election in November, I will discuss procedures for that process next month.

Monthly Raffle

Monthly Raffle Prizes are Welcome. Thank you Bob Richter K9RDR
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Hamfesters VE Testing de Al, N9ZD



Hamfesters VE Testing Report for HamGab October 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:

October 13, 2018

November 10, 2018

December 9, 2018

January 13, 2019

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.

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73's Al - N9ZD

Attention Hamfesters

N9KPD is requesting ham operators, both club and non-club members, who are interested in participating doing communications at the College of DuPage "Sunset 5K". The event is on October 13th, 2018 with the 5k starting at 1630 Central Time. Those wishing to assist in communications are requested to be on site by 1530 Central for assignment. We will be operating on a UHF repeater as primary and UHF simplex for backup if failure to repeater. For those without UHF capabilities, there will be a few HTs available for loan.

Please contact N9KPD, Dave, at N9KPD@ARRL.NET to inform of your interest of attendance and for further logistical info such as parking/arrival instructions.

Thank you,
Dave / N9KPD

EDITOR'S NOTES

de Bob Richter
K9RDR



No September Hamfesters hamfest pictures due to complications. Will try as time goes on. Thanks for your patience,

Don't forget [CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS](#)

Also don't forget annual membership dues \$20.00



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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.

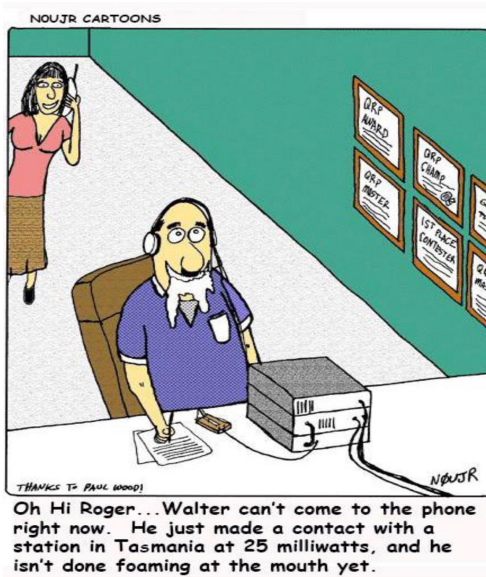
“I’ve always considered WWV and WWVH to be the heartbeat of the shortwaves here in North America — a constant, timely companion and brilliant gauge of HF propagation,” Witherspoon wrote. I assumed both stations would be some of the last to go silent on the shortwaves.”

“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.



A Thought

In Ireland an American and a Irishman applied for the same job and both applicants having the same qualifications were asked to take a test by the department manager. Upon completion of the test, both men only missed one of the questions. The manager went to Murphy and said, "Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give the American the job." Murphy asked, "And why would you be doing that? We both got nine questions correct. This being Ireland, and me being Irish I should get the job!" The manager said, "We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but rather on the question that you missed." Murphy then asked, "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?" The manager replied, "Well, the American put down on question #5, 'I don't know.' You put down, 'Neither do I.'"



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| Meetings and VE Testing | Special Activities | Nets/Contact Info |
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| <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 82nd annual Hamfest coming August 4th, 2019-Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL.</p> <p>Field Day: Join the W9AA crew for one of the best Field Days ever on June 29th & 30th 2019 contact Jim Riley for further details W9JPR</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> |

