## A "Happening" Ham Radio Club

# HamGab

PO Box 474 Crestwood, IL 60445-0474

October Birthdays Herb Majer W9HEM Bill Wright KC9HRB Rollo Everett KD9JMO Patricia Gulick KC9LYE Ronald Kalat KB9TCX Matthew Medlen Sr. N9YBK

#### **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

<u>Hamgab Editors</u> Bob Richter K9RDR <u>Kb9yxh@gmail.com</u> Next Meeting is Friday November 2 2018 at 730 PM

Don't miss STEVE Cooper for a new presentation at out next meeting. It will be enjoyable Come one come all



Don't for get our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY at Papa Joe's 14459 S. Lagrange Rd. Orland park Il. Doors open at 600 and Dinner about 7 on December 7 Friday



Thanks to Mr. Kermit Carlson W9XA for a Great presentation. It was very informative, Answered a lot of our questions. Thanks again excellent presentation



November 2018







## Nora Pointer, KC9MLV

Thank you to all who came out for last month's meeting. A special thank you to Kermit Carlson W9XA from ARRL who was our guest speaker.

President's Beat <

**Health and Welfare:** Our Club's condolences go out to Bob Richter K9RDR on the loss of his twin brother, Bill; and the hospitalization of his brother-in-law. Best wishes go out to all Hamfesters who may not be feeling well.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!** Connie Kelly AC9CK. It'sGreat to have you aboard.

**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. His program will take a look back at the Music and entertainment styles of the World War II era, complete with Steve performing some of those tunes on his trumpet!



Steve and his wife Mary really enjoy putting on this show for you the great members of Hamfesters, so let's show him a BIG turn-out! And remember bring your friends and family to our November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 meeting which will start at 7:30 promptly.

December is Christmas Party time. Hope you are all coming out to Papa Joe's in Orland Park, for a great evening of camaraderie and great food. November will be the last meeting to purchase your tickets. Tickets are only \$25.00. See Jim W9JPR to purchase your tickets. You may also purchase them online through our website.

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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.

On behalf of Don and I, we wish to say to all of you to please have a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving and to also ask that you all keep our Military and First Responders in your prayers on that special day. Without them we would not have the freedoms to enjoy these special days in such a great country such as ours. Thank you.

Lastly again, Order up those Christmas Dinner Tickets while they are still available! See you there!

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 str



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

## General Meeting Minutes - de Patti, KC9LYE

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

At tonight's meeting there were; 34 members, and 4 visitors. Welcome everyone!

health and welfare: Bob Richter K9RDR, his brother passed away, and his brother-in-law is in the hospital.

Bob we're very sorry for your loss please let us know if there's anything you need

Tonight Marty KD9BGA, and Ron N9QOB presented John Paul Potaczek KD9ALFP (Age 9) extra class license ham with amateur radio gear; a 2 meter radio, antenna,

and other useful stuff for his ham shack. John Paul passed his extra class test in August. Also in attendance was Jo.

hn Paul's dad Joe.

Programs: tonight's program was presented by Kermit Carlson W9XA, he is director of the central division of the ARRL.

November program will be by Steve Cooper music from World War II.

New business: November 9 Walmart in Bridgeview 9 AM salute to veterans.

The visiting Vietnam wall is in Oak Forest Illinois until Sunday, October 7.

Our club's trailer needs repairs trailer company will give us an estimate the board has approved \$200. Treasurers report: by Ed WA9EOL, club insurance payment is due, and we are also going to give a donation as we do every year to Crestwood for the use of the Civic Center

field day: by Jim W9JPR, Field day 2019 is the last weekend in June

Minutes: the September club minutes were approved by Don KC9EQQ, and Cindy N9CAS.

Old business: by Dave N9KPD, October 13 the 5K run at the college of DuPage please arrive between 3 o'clock to 3:30 PM. Contact Dave at N9KPD@ARRL.net

Cindy N9CAS, if anyone would like hamfesters clothing; hats, T-shirts, polo shirts, jackets. Please contact Cindy.

Tonight was nominations for club officers and board members for 2019. The nominations were conducted by Jim W9J PR.

With the exception of two board members who are stepping down Mel NE9A and Brian W9HLQ, everyone else ran unopposed.

Thank you, Brian and Mel for your time on our board, your contributions are very much appreciated. Rich KB9NTX, will be our newest board member next year. Welcome Rich!

For 2019 Hamfesters officers and board members are;

President Nora KC9MLV, Vice President Jim W9JPR, treasurer Ed WA9EOL, secretary Patti KC9LYE, Sgt. at arms Dave W0COP, trustee Gene W9PNG

Board members; Rich KB9NTX, Steve W9KXT, Cindy N9CAS Kurt WB9FMC, Don KC9EQQ, (Don is

former club Pres. and automatically has a seat on the board).

There will be no election next month.

adjournment: Bob N9KWG, John KB9FQB at 9:45 PM

split the pot winner Ed WA9EOL

door prize winners Don KC9EQQ, John KB9FQB, Bob K9RDR, Linas KC9PCP, Laura (no call).



## CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS



de Jim Riley W9JPR

Christmas Party Tickets de Jim Riley

This is your final call for tickets to our annual Christmas party. You can purchase your tickets at the November meeting with cash, check, or credit card. Please see Brian first if paying with a credit card. You can also order with a credit card or Pay Pal via our secure website. Your tickets will be available at the meeting.

Can't make it to the meeting? You can order tickets through the website and I'll have them for you at the party. The last, final, ultimate cutoff is December 3.

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.

De Al, N9ZDHamfesters VE Testing



Hamfesters VE Testing Report for HamGab November 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 <u>second Saturday of each month</u>. 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, II 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 AI, N9ZD via e-mail at: <u>N9ZD@arrl.net</u>.

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#### 73's AI - N9ZD

#### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

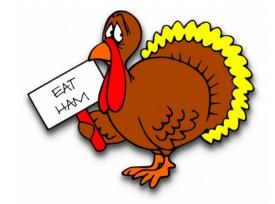
Bob Richter K9RDR

Sorry about no pictures again. But due to complications they are not available at this time

DON'T FORGET Christmas Party Tickets

Thanks to all for comments on Hamgab

WISHING ALL A HAPPY THANKSGIVING





After realizing the seemingly diminishing number of younger people getting their amateur radio license I decided to do something pro-active about it. I learned about a some younger people who were part of the "Makers" group. They use their interest in doing and making things as a hobby and learning exercise.

Many of them are into electronics and robotics. I found a Makers group in Mokena, Illinois where they meet in a building called "Space Lab" founded and managed by Jay Margalus, KD9LGF. ( http://spacelab1.com) I stopped by and introduced myself to some of the members. We developed a relationship that ended up with Hamfesters having an interesting table set up at the Makers Faire in Mokena in August, 2017

( https://chicagosouthland.makerfaire.com )Jim, W9JPR, was seen burning his fingers while soldering a kit together with the help of Cindy, N9CAS. Gregg, AB9MZ, did an excellent job chatting with those who stopped by our exhibit.

Subsequently Hamfesters was invited to teach a class at the Maker Makers groups facility in Mokena. Mel, NE9A Mike, K9ACM and I taught a Technician class to about 7 persons. Al, N9ZD and his VE team then administered the test and we got about 5 or 6 new hams including Jay Margalus, KD9LGF, the coordinator at the MokenaMakers group.

#### Background

Hamfesters Education Teaches at DePaul University

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#### DePaul

It turns out that Jay is a professor and administrator at DePaul University Chicago

campuses. He runs the "Idea Realization Lab" where students can use shop tools and equipment for any project they wish. Projects include woodworking, electronics, 3-d printing, and sewing among many other disciplines.

Since Jay got his ham ticket, he wanted of offer a Tech class at DePaul for students and staff. MeI and I started in late September with 7 students and recently finished with a VE test. Several dropped out but we ended up with 3 new hams. Thanks to the VEs that trekked downtown Chicago to administer the test: MeI, NE9A, Cincy N9CAS, and Tom, KA9ZXN. MeI and I enjoyed our weekly commute to the loop riding along with all the important people of Chicago.





Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments, projects.

Hamfesters has a good relationship with the Makers and the DePaul staff. We plan to continue our activities together. Some of the DePaul staff are already talking about installing a ham station in their

Loop campus. Perhaps Hamfesters can assist in that project. In early March, 2019 Hamfesters will participate in their South Chicago Makers Faire once again to promote awareness of amateur radio.

73, Brian W9HLQ www.w9aa.com



#### ARISS Joins with NASA on the Air (NOTA) for SSTV Special Event

#### 10/22/2018

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) has scheduled a slow-scan television (SSTV) event to begin on Saturday, October 27, at about 1000 UTC. NASA's Space Communications and Navigation (SCaN) Department will support the event. SCaN manages NASA's three most important communications networks — The Space Network (SN), Near-Earth Network (NEN), and the Deep Space Network (DSN). Participants in the SSTV event can qualify for a special endorsement for NASA on the Air (NOTA), celebrating the space agency's 60th anniversary.

As during past ARISS SSTV events, 12 images will be transmitted. Six will feature SCaN educational activities, while the other six images will commemorate major NASA anniversaries, including the establishment of NASA and the moon landing. Transmissions are expected to take place on 145.800 MHz using PD-120 SSTV mode. Received images can be posted and viewed online. The event is dependent on other ISS activities, schedules, and crew responsibilities, and the schedule is subject to change at any time.

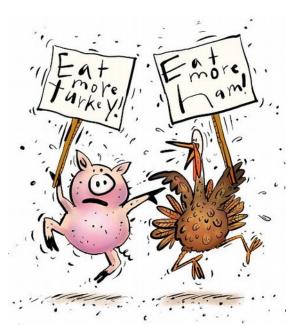
More information be posted to the AMSAT and ARISS websites as well as to the ARISS-BB, to the ARISS Facebook page, and via Twitter (@ARISS\_status).

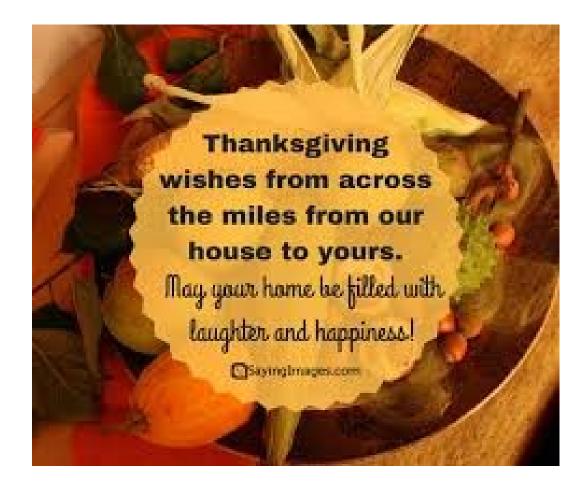
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#### Thanks to ARRL News









## Thoughts

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What did the grape say when it fell on the concrete? Nothing. It just gave a little wine If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted,

. cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed

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Hamfesters Radio Club

Meetings and VE	Special Activities	Nets/Contact Info
Testing		
	Hamfesters Big Peotone Hamfest:	10 METER NET: Every Sunday
Club meetings are held on the first Fri-	Our 82nd annual Hamfest coming Au-	Evening at 8:00 PM on 28.410.
day of every month at the Crestwood	gust 4th, 2019-Will County Fair-	Tom KA9ZXN is Net Control
Civic Center, 14025 Kostner Ave. in	grounds, Peotone, IL.	
Crestwood, IL. Meetings begin at 7:30		2 METER NET: Every Monday
PM. September meetings may vary if our	<b>Field Day:</b> Join the W9AA crew for	Evening at 9:00 PM on 146.640.
meeting date conflicts with the Crest-	one of the best Field Days ever on	Tom KA9ZXN is Net Control
wood Flower show.	June 29th & 30th 2019 contact Jim	
	Riley for further details W9JPR	WEB SITE: www.hamfesters.org
Board Meetings: 7:30 PM on the 4th		Webmaster Granville, W9PNG &
Monday of each month at the South-	<b>MAKERS:</b> we participate in the an-	Brian ,W9HLQ
Bridge Community Church:15500	nual Southwest Chicago Makers Faire	
S.73rd. Orland Park, IL	held in August	Club's address:
		Hamfesters Radio Club
<b>VE TESTING:</b> Every 2nd Saturday of	<b>Community Service:</b> we support lo-	P.O. Box 474 Crestwood, IL 60445
the Month at the Oak Forest City Hall,	cal communites by providing radio	Attn: Patti
15440 S. Central Ave. Testing begins at	communication for parades and	
9:00 AM but we ask that you arrive 10	marathons / walk-a-thons.	
minutes early. Exam fee is now \$15.00.		
Al N9ZD VE Team Chairman		