

A "Happening" Ham Radio Club

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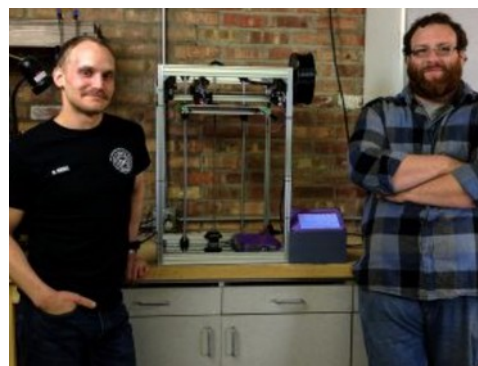
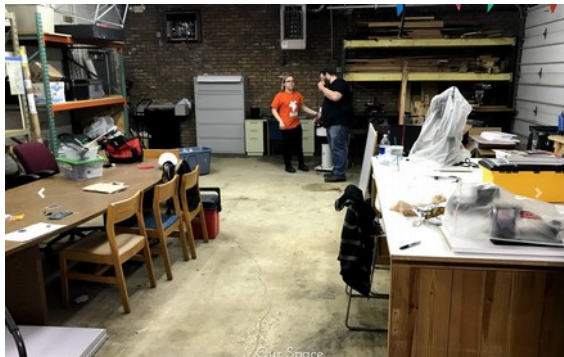
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Next Meeting is
Friday February 1
2019 at 730PM

MAKERS and HAM RADIO

February 2019

Chicago Southland Mini
Maker Faire®



Hamfesters is pleased to present Jay Margalus who is the Director of Makers Space Lab in Mokena..He will explain the Maker work Shop and how you can build your own workshop to build and repair your own radios. Come all it is a very worth while presentation.



Remember White
Elephant Sale in
March

President's Beat

Nora Pointer, KC9MLV

Thank you to everyone who came out to the January meeting. A special thank you to Tammy Sherd EA for the informative program she gave. It was good to have a nice turnout at the start of the new year.

Health and Welfare: Best wishes go out to all Hamfesters who may not be feeling well. Our condolences are sent to Robert Richter K9RDR on the loss of his daughter-in-law. Also, condolences to Kurt Pawlikowski WB9FMC on the loss of his sister-in-law.



FEBRUARY MEETING: Come on out to "Hamfesters Maker Faire". The program will be presented by Jay Margalus, who is the Director of the Maker Spacelab in Mokena. Jay will explain the Maker Movement and show the scope of the movement worldwide. This should be an interesting evening.

I had the opportunity to stop by Hamfesters VE Testing on January 12, 2019, at the Oak Forest Village Hall. There were four candidates there both for tech licensing and upgrading. Thank you to our Director of VE testing Al Bukowski N9ZD and his team for their continued efforts each month in the devotion of their time and efforts in bringing in new Hams.

Is anyone interested in getting a Hamfester T-shirt or Polo shirt? Please let Cindy know. We are trying to get an order in and need a set number to place the order.

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

General Meeting Minutes - de Patti, KC9LYE

Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club minutes Jan. 4, 2019

Roll: Nora KC9MLV, Jim W9JPR, Ed WA9EOL, Patti KC9LYE,
Welcome everyone, happy new year!
Tonight's visitors Bob KB9BTS, & KB9JFL,
Also, there were; 37 members, & 3 visitors.



Tonight's program: Tax Laws by Tammi Sherd (Cindy's N9CAS sister).
Future programs: Feb. Maker's Fair, March Meeting & White Elephant sale (setup at 6:00 pm)
Sellers are responsible for their stuff.
April Weather Spotting

Minutes: The November club minutes were approved by Don KC9EQQ,
& John KB9FQB.

Treasurer's report: by Ed WA9EOL, Hamfesters gave Crestwood a donation for the use
of this location.

When pulling our club's trailer, the driver's car insurance SHOULD cover the trailer. Please
check with your insurance BEFORE pulling the trailer.

Membership: by Brian W9HLQ, Jim N8EAT new member.

Field Day 2019: by Jim W9JPR, June 22-23 at Southbridge Church in Orland Park.

Hamgab: Articles are due by the 15th of each month.

Adjournment: @ 9:25 pm approved by Kurt WB9FMC, & Cindy N9CAS

Split the Pot Winner: Herb W9HEM

Door Prize Winners: Patti KC9LYE, Laura Lockwood, Don KC9EQQ, Jim W9JPR

CQ Field Day de Jim Riley W9JPR



It's the middle of January as I write this. It's a great time to think about warm weather and all the activities it brings. Of course that includes Field Day. Last year marked my 25th year leading our group. It wasn't the celebration I'd expected but your FD team manned (and womaned) up to make the best of a bad situation. If you're new to the club or Field Day, you can read all about it here: <https://www.hamfesters.org/main/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-8.pdf>. Scroll to page 5. This will give you an idea of why your FD team is the best anywhere.

How did we do last year? Not well. I won't bore you with the details but we made only 439 contacts and didn't place well overall, in our category, in our section, or our state. There were all kinds of reasons for this and no one is to blame. Everybody did his or her best to overcome the hand we were dealt. We plan to do better in 2019. Like we're going to have a problem beating 439 contacts.

The first part of that plan is not to get booted from our location. We'll be at Southbridge Church in Orland Park, just west of Harlem on 155th St. (Wheeler Drive). Compared to Worth, which was almost perfect, there are a few drawbacks: it's small, there are nearby high-power lines, and there are residences just off the edge of the property. On the plus side it has a paved parking lot, great public access, covered dining area, indoor restrooms, and a basement for shelter in case the weather gets really bad. But we all know the weather never, ever gets bad on Field Day. The biggest plus is they want us there.

The next part of the plan is to set it up better than it was. Last year we just threw everything together and there were problems, mostly with the trailer. The generator was right outside the back door and it was difficult to impossible to hear anything.

Finally, we had difficulties tuning the trailer antennas. The problem could be old coax, old antennas, or old operators. We'll be looking into this and replacing coax or antennas as necessary. The old operators are here to stay.

So much for the problems. As we move toward spring and summer, we'll be addressing all these issues at board meetings and Saturdays spent testing everything and going over placement of all the operating positions.

Despite all the issues last year, the most important goal of Field Day was achieved. We had a good time. There were plenty of stories told, lies swapped, and laughs, lots of laughs. Most importantly, the food was as good and plentiful as it always is.

In future articles, we won't dwell on the past but look forward to a great Field Day in 2019. For the record, Field Day is June 22 and 23. Setup begins at 0800.

De Al, N9ZDHamfesters VE Testing

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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:

January 12, 2019

February 9, 2019

March 9, 2019

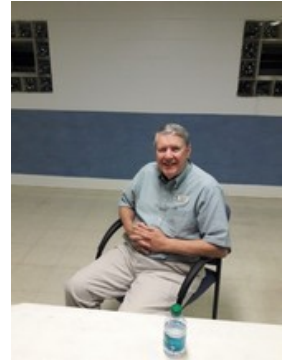
April 13, 2019

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



**Get your HAM
Radio License**

Take Me to Your Leader (a mini book review)



Do you have children or grandchildren that you would like to interest in ham radio? I know there are times when we take the youngsters to our ham shack and show them our radio gear. Perhaps in the eyes of these young people, they glaze over when looking at all the radio gear and accessories. Another approach we can try to create interest is via an interesting kid-related book. Some kids are good readers. A nice way to introduce them to ham radio is to show them why they would like the hobby.

That brings me to a recommended book for your first through sixth-grade grandkids to read: “Take Me to Your Leader” by Emily Calandrelli, KD8PKR. Published by Simon and Schuster, this book is an 81-page un-imposing paperback book that a kid would be eager to read.

Ada Lace has her ham license and balky ham equipment in her room. She also built a simple robot, George, that helps and sometimes annoys her. Mr. Peebles, her school science teacher, is Ada’s “Elmer”. He helps her with radio problems and leads the school class to the local museum and planetarium where they learn about stars and planets. Mr. Peebles installs a small repeater so Ada and her friend Nina talk to each other from their homes. And he helps Ada make contact with the ISS as it passes over.

The boy, Milton, across the street is also a ham. He likes to play tricks (“Take me to your leader”) on the girls which gets one of the girls a little spooked.

This 81-page paperback book is fast moving and a satisfying read for a youngster.

Every chapter has some technical or scientific emphasis. It has a small glossary of terms in the back. I can see it triggering an interest in ham radio for the reader.

Get the kid away from the cell phone or iPad and let them read this book.

by Brian, W9HLQ

For Sale

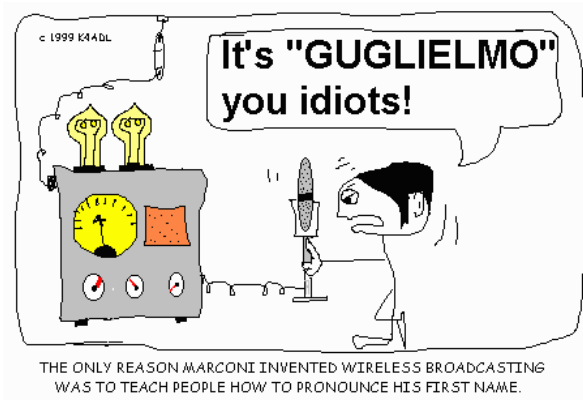
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 Portable antennas.....HF/VHF/UHF
 Desk stand for FT-817ND
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Editors Notes
Bob Richter K9RDR



I want to thanks all for well wishes and condolences on the passing of my daughter in law. They were heart felt and warm. Thank you again.



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Meetings and VE Testing

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.

Board Meetings: 7:30 PM on the 4th Monday of each month at the SouthBridge Community Church: 15500 S. 73rd. Orland Park, IL

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

Special Activities

Hamfesters Big Peotone Hamfest: Our 81st annual Hamfest coming August 5th, 2018-Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL.

Field Day: Join the W9AA crew for one of the best Field Days ever on June 23rd & 24th 2018 at 115th and Oketo Avenue, Worth, IL. Jim W9JPR Field Day Chairman

MAKERS: we participate in the annual Southwest Chicago Makers Faire held in August

Community Service: we support local communities by providing radio communication for parades and marathons / walk-a-thons.

Nets/Contact Info

10 METER NET: Every Sunday Evening at 8:00 PM on 28.410. Tom KA9ZXN is Net Control

2 METER NET: Every Monday Evening at 9:00 PM on 146.640. Tom KA9ZXN is Net Control

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