

A "Happening" Ham Radio Club

HamGab



Bob Richter, K9RDR, sk

Next meeting April 5th
at 7:00 pm sharp! We
have lots to cover this
evening.

Next Meeting: Training Weather Spotting



Our own Dave Bukowski presents National Weather Service sanctioned training.
Those who attend will obtain a certificate for completing the course.

Please register here: <https://weather.cod.edu/spottertraining/w9aa.html>

Questions: contact Dave Bukowski, N9KPD n9kpd@arrl.net 708/252-3283

We also will feature a nice door prize for a lucky winner!

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

APRIL 2019

NORA POINTER KC9MLV ANNOUNCES SAD NEWS: OUR BOB RICHTER K9RDR IS SK

Our club has lost one of its dearest friends and members and we are all saddened and shocked by the passing of Bob Richter K9RDR. As President of our club, I realize that we have lost an individual who showed his love for Hamfesters by the many roles he held during his long time membership with our club. He was editor of Hamgab, Chairman of the Raffle and Door prize committee, Moderator and Emcee of our Hamfest Information and Door prize Command Center just to name a few. As far as his care and love for his fellow members, he was always ready to pick up those members who could not get to meetings on their own and would gladly give them a ride to many, many of our meetings.



He was a good man who had a good word for his fellow Ham Radio Operators everywhere and could be heard frequently on various nets in the Chicago Area sharing the airwaves and no doubt enjoying every minute of it too! Our club and Ham radio will never be the same without him. As President of Hamfesters, I am sure I speak for all of its members when I say our collective prayers, thoughts and sympathies are offered to Bob's family and friends. Rest in peace friend. We miss you and love you.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the March meeting. The White Elephant sale is always fun because it brings out the guys you don't see all the time.

There will be an upcoming Makers Faire in Mokena on March 30th. Details will follow on the website in case any members are interested in attending.

Health and Welfare: Best wishes go out to all Hamfesters who may not be feeling well.

NEW MEMBER: Welcome new member, **Byron Kirkwood**, KD9JFL.

APRIL MEETING: Will be our basic weather spotter class given by our very own David Bukowski, N9KPD. Please note: **START TIME WILL BE 7:00 P.M.** So get to the meeting early to register. There will also be pre-registration online. Information will be available soon on the website. After the meeting, at a future date, there will be printable certificates available. This is always a well attended and informative program. We will have two weather radio door prizes.

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. Lastly, on behalf of Don and I, we wish all of you a blessed Easter and Passover.

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



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

Hamfesters Radio Club PO Box 474 Crestwood, IL 60445-0474	
<u>April Birthdays</u> <u>Rita Wright, KC9CDL</u> <u>David Laveck, W0COP</u> <u>Norm Pestlin, N9IRO</u> <u>Michael Socha, N9KSF</u> <u>Eric Hennenfent, KC9OOM</u> <u>Bruce Murdoch, KB9USF</u> <u>George Young, N9VOK</u>	<u>Officers</u> President - Nora Pointer - KC9MLV Vice President - Jim Riley, K9JPR Secretary - Patty Gulick, KC9LYE GTreasurer - Ed Broniarczyk, WA9EOL Sgt. at Arm - Dave Laveck, W9COP Trustee - Granville Phillips, W9PNG
<u>Board Members</u> Don Pointer - KC9EQQ Steve Peters - W9KXT Kurt Palikowski - WB9FMC Cincy Schusts - N9CAS Rich Bacorn - KB9NTX	<u>HamGab Editor</u> Granville Phillips, W9PNG - Watch for something new and exciting for HamGab next month!

General Meeting Minutes - de Patti, KC9LYE



Sorry, no report this month for March

CQ Field Day de Jim Riley W9JPR

There is only one piece of news for this month. The board has named **WA9EOL** as our GOTA call in honor of our treasurer and FD breakfast provider, Ed Broniarczyk. This is a well-deserved honor. Congratulations, Ed.

Just to remind everyone, **Field Day is June 22 and 23** at Southbridge Church, one block West of Harlem on 155th St. or, if you prefer, Wheeler Drive. Setup begins at 0800 and operations run from 1800Z Saturday to 1800Z Sunday.

Speaking of setup, there is some talk of putting up our two big masts on Friday of that weekend. We'll need some help of course. I'll keep you posted.

Following is a list of participants in last year's Field Day. If your name is on the list, please let me know if you can or can't repeat. If you're not on the list, you are welcome and encouraged to become part of the best Field Day team anywhere. See me at a meeting or call at my roster number.

If you're listed as a photographer and you haven't done so, please get me your pictures ASAP for inclusion in this year's Field Day presentation at the June meeting.

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 Lacoy KD9LAW, Rollo Everett KD9JMO, Nora Pointer KC9MLV, Rich Schneider KA9HMV, Tom Gulick, Dan Haug KA9BAR

Field Day message: Al Bukowski, N9ZD

Government Negotiator: Rich Schneider KA9HMV

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

Free 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.

Maker Fest 2019

Hamfesters Radio Club has a booth at the MakerFest this March. We will be promoting amateur radio in general and of course our Radio Club. Stop by and see what the Makers phenomena is all about. Bring your younger children and grandchildren since much of the activity will appeal to the youngsters.



Time: 10am to 4pm

Location: 10850 W. 187th St.; Mokena, IL 60448
(Training Center - Chicago Pipefitters Local 597)

<http://makerfest.spacelab1.com>

There is a \$5.00 fee for adults, children under 12 are free

A Quiet Revolution is Happening

Maker Fest and **DIY**, what does this all mean?

As you can see by my links I am excited and encouraged that many people including the younger folks are "discovering" technology and then making things from it! There is a mini-revolution with interest in technology going on quietly in forums and gatherings around the world. What a great opportunity for ham radio to join forces with the makers.

The DIY (Do It Yourself) and home experimenting with technical ideas is alive and well. The DIY concept for home maintenance has been around for years, since the days of Builders Square, Home Depot, ACE Hardware, and other sources such as handbooks and repair manuals. But we are talking about the idea of experimenting and making things yourself either to learn or solve a problem around the house. Perhaps the idea is

frivolous, but the idea is that the builder had to solve some knotty technical problems. For example, how about the video (included in the list below) where a chap build a rolling La-Z-Boy chair with electric motors, wheels, and steering. He uses it to relax and scoot around a local Maker Faire show looking at the entries in comfort. Or learning to program a micro computer to flash some lights, or release a camera shutter on a timed basis. As you look around you will be amazed at the creativity and broad scope of ideas people are working on. Many are doing it as a part of a club project while others are simply "playing" with ideas and then showing them at a gathering such as Maker Faire.

Today this curiosity and investigation is certainly more organized than when I was a kid playing with Erector Sets and balky Lionel trains. Here are some links to find out more about the DIY and Maker phenomenon going on world wide. This includes electronic devices as well as crafts and other hobbies. Many companies have sprung up to supply the needs of these hobbyists. Even Radio Shack is trying to get involved.

Follow some of these links and learn more. Links to Maker Fairs (Faire) and DIY tech stuff:

<http://makerfairechicagonorthside.com>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maker_Faire read this! check out the gatherings all over the world. This must create a lot of techies. Too bad more schools are not plugged into this.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DIY> not so informative in current form

<http://de.amiando.com/makerfaire2013.html> German offering with 3D printer and a robot

<http://makerfaire.com> seems to be the "big one"

<http://www.youtube.com/user/MakerFaireVideo> watch these videos. Truly amazing what people are doing.

<http://www.diypartssupply.com> parts for your project

<http://www.bgmicro.com> more parts

<http://www.adafruit.com> popular parts source started by a MIT graduate who saw the need for parts

I find all of this very exciting.... get on the internet, snoop around, and find out what is going on! Don't forget to visit our booth on Saturday March 30 in Mokena.

73,

-=Brian, W9HLQ=-

Reprinted from earlier HamGab issue

Hamfesters VE Testing de Al, N9ZD

Hamfesters VE Testing Report for HamGab April 2019

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.

If you need information on how to print your FCC License, please go to this url for information. <http://www.arrl.org/obtain-license-copy>

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:

April 13, 2019

May 11, 2019

June 8, 2019

July 13, 2019 ***** See Below Note on New General Class Exam

******The new version of the General Class License Exams will be used after July 1, 2019. If you plan to take the General Exam after this date, you will need to study the new General Class Question pool found here. >>> <http://www.ncvec.org/downloads/2019-2023GeneralClassQuestionPool.pdf>*

Please, 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.

A Special 'Thank You' to All the VE's volunteering there Saturday morning to assist me at the Exam sessions.

Hamfesters White Elephant Sale

Photos by Don Pointer,
KA9EQQ



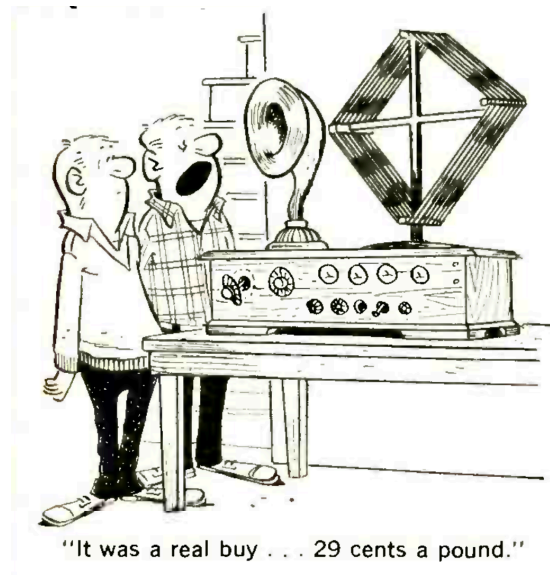
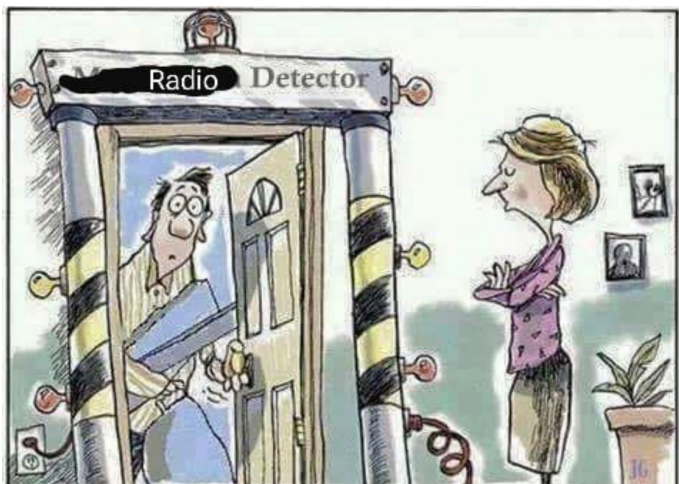
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Meetings and VE Testing	Special Activities	Nets/Contact Info
<p>Club meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at the Crestwood Civic Center, 14025 Kostner Ave. in Crestwood, IL. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. September meetings may vary if 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>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 81st annual Hamfest coming August 5th, 2018-Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL.</p> <p>Field Day: Join the W9AA crew for one of the best Field Days ever on June 23rd & 24 2018 at 115th and Oketo Avenue, Worth, IL. Jim W9JPR Field Day Chairman</p> <p>MAKERS: we participate in the annual Southwest Chicago Makers Faire</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>