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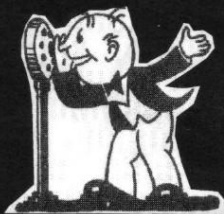
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# HAMGAB



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## AS MUCH AS THINGS CHANGE, THEY STAY THE SAME

Tim Pechtold AA9BV Editor

I am really excited about this issue of the Hamgab. After you opened up your newsletter this month, you will probably know why with out me saying a word. It's got a new look!

*Why the new look?* There's been several times I've toyed with the idea of giving the Hamgab a fresh look. I've used the same layout for the last 7 years that I've had the privilege of being the editor. But I always had put it on the back burner because of the amount of time and work it would take.

But that all changed with my last visit to drop off the newsletter at our Printers. Rich KA9BUK and his Printer, Terry, both spoke to me, telling me about the new capabilities they have where I could send the newsletter to them, via e-mail. That sounded good, but what the real clincher was that there should be a dramatic improvement with the picture quality. They've always done a great job reproducing the Hamgab, but the process of copying the copy that I dropped off, and then running that copy through their copy machine, there was a certain amount of quality that was loss that couldn't be helped. Each generation of a copy looses some quality.

With this new way that we're doing it, the Hamgab will be printed directly off a plate that they will make, so that will help make a difference with the final product. However, to do this I needed to change some of the software that I had been using, and since I was going to do that, I thought I might as well bite the bullet and redesign it again.

So here it is, our new and hopefully improved Hamgab. One of the changes I made is

I've added a little buddy to the top of the newsletter that was a piece of clip art that was used back on the Hamgab in 1940! That ties in with the title of editorial this month, "as much as things change, they stay the same."

Here we are, enjoying all the new technology that wasn't even dreamed of by members of our Club back in the 1940's. We've got digital camera's, and computers, and the information highway—the world wide web (which this newsletter will soon be headed down as soon as I finish this column). And yet the basic values that had made Hamfesters one of the best clubs around back then, still hold true today!

Before I run out of room here, there's more that I want to cover. This coming Friday Feb. 4th is our club meeting, which is going to be the Hamfesters White Elephant Sale. The White Elephant Sale is always a fun meeting, and it can be a profitable evening as well. It gives us the opportunity of turning some of the things that we might consider "trash", into "Cash". It's been said that one Hams trash is another Hams treasure! And this sale isn't just limited to Radio Equipment, you can bring down practically anything, and that's what helps make this sale so interesting. You never know what you'll find. So pack up the car, van, or semi trailer, and head down to the Hamfesters Meeting. There's plenty of room and plenty of tables to set your stuff out on. We also have a good turn out, so that means there should be a lot of buyers at the meeting too.

To entice you to come out to the meeting this Friday, I'm going to have some great prizes. Hope to see you there! 73, Tim AA9BV



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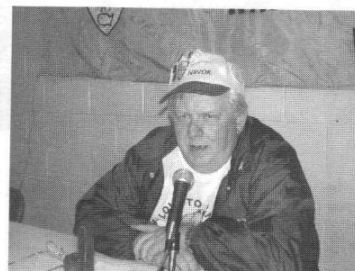
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# THE KAPITANS BRIEFING

*George Young N9VOK President*

The program for last month was to be on QSL cards and how to get better returns. As you know it had to be postponed at the last minute. I personally had some health problems during the holiday season. From what I was told, a few of the other contributors to that night had similar trouble. The program may be rescheduled at a later date. February though will go on as



scheduled because it is the first WHITE ELEPHANT meeting of the year. So start digging around for all of those boat anchors gathering dust and taking up space. Now is the time to trade and acquire different ones. Of course we all hope to find a few bargains and that elusive toy we want and maybe even need.

While I was at one of the many visits to the doctor I noticed the usual poor selection of magazines and reading material. It hit me that this would be a good way to promote Ham Radio and also to get rid of my older QST and Worldradio copies. I have since made up labels with the club address for the front cover. The clinic and doctor's office welcomed them. The copies are not only in the waiting area they are turning up in the examining rooms as well. What a concept, free magazines for the doctors office that are not 2 or 3 years old. It also helps clean out the shack. 73, George N9VOK

## HAMFESTERS WHITE ELEPHANT Sale

**1 DAY ONLY**  
This Friday Feb 4th



FREE ADMISSION—NO FEES

7 good reasons to come out to this Friday's meeting...

- FREE ADMISSION
- FREE REFRESHMENTS
- FREE DOOR PRIZES
- BARGAINS GALORE
- PLENTY OF ROOM
- PLENTY OF TABLES
- PLENTY OF PRIZES
- FUN FOR ALL

**CRESTWOOD CIVIC CENTER**  
 14025 KOSTNER AVE, CRESTWOOD, IL  
 MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM BUT COME EARLY  
 BRING A FRIEND OR TWO

# HAMFEESTERS RADIO CLUB MINUTES

*Respectfully submitted by Roberta WD9ZHZ*  
SECRETARY

## General Minutes: Jan 7, 2005



The January 7, 2005 meeting of the Hamfesters Radio Club was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Vice President Jim KB9CYL.

There were 57 members and 4 visitors present. Tom KA9ZXN up-graded to extra. Congratulations Tom!



John AB9JW filled in for Sgt at Arms Ralph N9KYM.

Silent Key - Robert Pazanin WD9FEN

Approval of the minutes of the November 2004 meeting was made by Bob N9JYX and seconded by Ron K9RCN. Passed.

Treasurer Lee WB9USF made his report, a motion to approve this was made by Bob N9JYX and seconded by John KB9FQB. **Passed.**

—GOODIE BREAK—

There was no program so committee reports followed:

**\*Education & Welfare** - Brian W9HLQ If there is not enough interest in classes, he will hold off until next fall.

**\*The 2005 rosters** will come out in a couple of months in order to up-date membership and e-mail addresses.

**\*Field Day Chairman** Jim KB9CYL - Keep June 25-26 open. We need a GOTA station and someone for breakfast. We are going to try a swap meet on Sunday morning.

**\*Christmas Party Chairman** Matt K9MS - Thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas Party. We had a great time. And thanks to all those who helped. We had over 100 at the party. Come again next year. Thank you all for the Hamfester of the Year Award. It was a surprise and great honor.

**\*Hamfest Chairman** Bob KB9YRE - We are going to have a ladies craft area inside - so far we have 2 tables. Give Bob a call if you know of anyone wants information about this.

February meeting will be a White Elephant Sale.

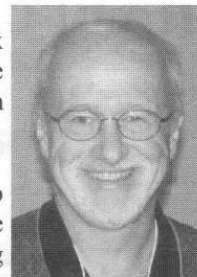
A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 P.M. by John KB9FQB and seconded by Leon WN9GUC. The motion **passed.**

**Door prize winners:** Joe KA9QAT, Ed WA9EOL, Paul WD9GEH, Ron K9RCN, Kurt WB9FMC

**Raffle prizes winners:** Bob N9JYX won 2 prizes, Matt K9MS, Kerry AA9SB, Dan W9GOB, John WD9AST, Bob KB9YXH, Joe KB9VRL, Jim KB9CYL, Ben KC9CXT, Lenny KB9OUQ.

## CQ FIELD DAY *de Jim Riley KB9CYL*

Hard to believe, but Field Day is less than six months away. As usual we'll be at Moraine Valley Community College, 111th and 86th Ave. The dates are 25 and 26 June.



At this time, we're still in need of someone to run the GOTA station. The club will provide an HF rig, antenna, generator and logging computer if you need one. You will have to provide your own setup for VHF/UHF. This is the perfect opportunity for those who don't get on the air much to get their fill of some fast-paced operating.

We also need someone to provide breakfast Sunday morning. Breakfast is usually served around 0630-0700 and is ravenously enjoyed by 12-20 cold, hungry and overly tired, but extremely appreciative, operators.

If you can help, please see me at the meeting or call 708-218-0695.

Something new we're thinking of for this year is a Field Day swap meet. No need to call me on this one. Just come on out to the site Sunday morning around 0800 and pop your trunk.

Anybody who has joined the club since in the last year is required to come out and operate. No excuses. 73, Jim KB9CYL

## HAMFEESTERS RADIO CLUB BOARD MINUTES

Editors Note: Due to the Holidays, there was no Board meeting. The Board Minutes will return in next month's Hamgab.

## HAMFEST TICKET SALES *de Jim Riley KB9CYL*

Just a quick message to let you know that Hamfest advance tickets are now available. You can buy single tickets for yourself or take a pack to sell.

### \*\*\*New this year\*\*\*

Due to some changes in my accounting, you don't have to take groups of ten any more. If five is more to your liking, no problem. Whatever you take, just get out and sell sell sell. The hamfest is what keeps the club going. See me at the meeting, or call 708-218-0695.

As usual, there will be a contest to see who can sell the most advance tickets. Ralph N9KYM is normally the ticket sales leader, but not this year. There are three tickets sold already. I won't mention any names, but the current ticket sales leader is writing this column.

73, Jim KB9CYL



# HAMFESTERS CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS



*Hamfesters VE  
Test Sessions are  
held every month  
on the 2nd Sat. at  
the Oak Forest  
High School at  
9:00 AM.*

A couple of pictures from our January VE Test Session. John and his daughter Ashley left the session with big smiles after Ashley passed her Technician exam. In the next shot the Hamfesters VE Team congratulate Ken



It was good to see John W9BNR and his XYL Diane at last month's Club meeting.



**Don't miss this Friday's  
White Elephant Sale. It's  
going to be a good meeting!**



## OOOPS!!!

In last month's issue, I missed a few of the "Elves" that gave Matt K9MS a hand with the set up at our Christmas Banquet. So here's the complete list: Emil AB9DD, Bob KB9YRE, his XYL Jackie, Brother Roy K2VSP, Rich KA9HMY, John AB9JW & his son Mathew, Rocco KD9UB, Ron KC9TCX, and Joe KA9KBU.

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GIFT**

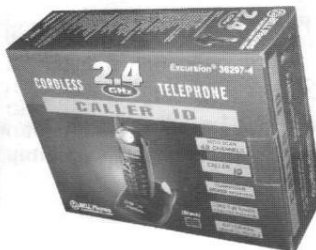
**With every  
\$5.00 worth of tickets**

## HAMFESTERS RAFFLE-MANIA

This is just a sample of prizes that will be in this Friday's Raffle! Starting off with Visioneer One Touch USB flat bed color scanner. It scans items fast and quiet, 48 bit color, 1200 x 4800 dpi, and is compatible with Windows 98, 2000, ME, and XP. Slim size, doesn't take up a lot of room and comes with some great software. Next is a 2.4 GHz cordless phone with caller ID by Bell Phones. And you'll enjoy a close shave with this Braun rechargeable razor with twin control. Has hair trimmer too. These are just a few of the prizes I have for Friday's meeting. And receive a FREE GIFT with every 5.00 worth of tickets. Good luck!

**MORE PRIZES = MORE FUN!**

**STOP BY THE PRIZE TABLE AND CHECK THEM OUT!**



### TICKET PRICES

**\$1.00 ... 1 TICKET  
\$2.00 ... 3 TICKETS  
\$3.00 ... 7 TICKETS  
\$4.00 ... 10 TICKETS  
\$5.00 ... 15 TICKETS!!!**

And a FREE Gift!



## ROSTER CHANGES

Brian Davis W9HLQ  
Membership Charman



### NEW MEMBER:

James Twohig  
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### NEW MEMBER:

Jerry Dagenais K9PMV  
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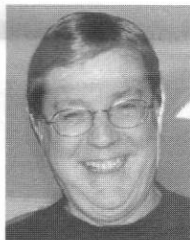
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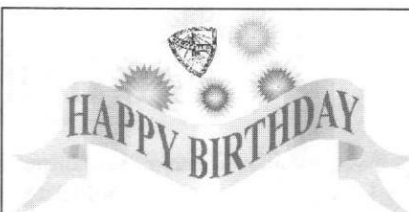
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**It's easy to join...**



You can down load the Hamfesters Membership application off the internet at: [www.hamfesters.org](http://www.hamfesters.org) \* Come to our next Club meeting and fill in an ap \* Or give Brian W9HLQ our Membership Chairman a call at: (708) 532-5833. What ever way you decide to join, you'll begin enjoying the benefits of belonging to one of Chicagoland's oldest and respected Amateur Radio Clubs at just a little over a dollar a month! Don't delay—join today!

**Inquire about our reduced Associate Membership Fee for additional family members.**



**Chuck K9AGY**  
**Bob W9AVB**  
**John KA9BUM**  
**Joe KB9KBU**  
**Todd K9MDJ**  
**Clarence KA9URG**  
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**Rudy KA9EXP**  
**Sy WK9ARF**  
**Ron N9STU**  
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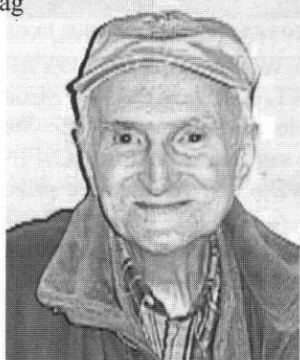
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**73, Dot N9ALC**



## Robert Pazanin WD9FEN—SK

Last month we were sorry to learn that Bob WD9FEN had become a Silent Key. He had been an active Hamfester member attending most of the meetings, Hamfests, Submarines On The Air events, Field Day, as well as serving on the VE Team. Bob also enjoyed chasing DX and working special event stations especially the IOTA and Light House on the Air stations. But he also enjoyed rag

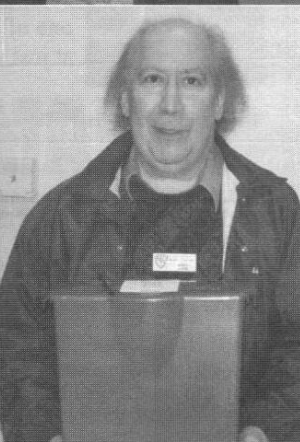
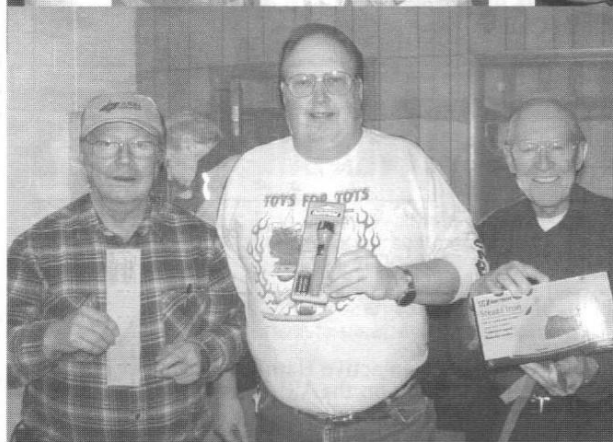
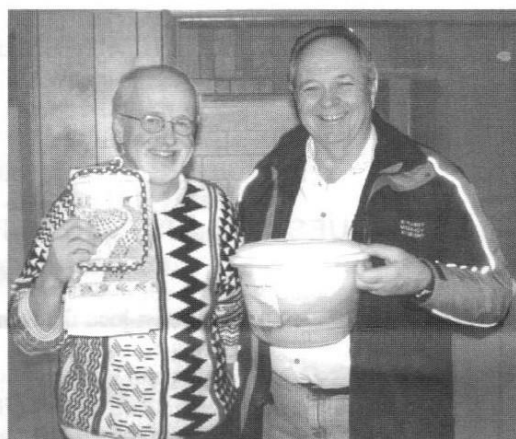
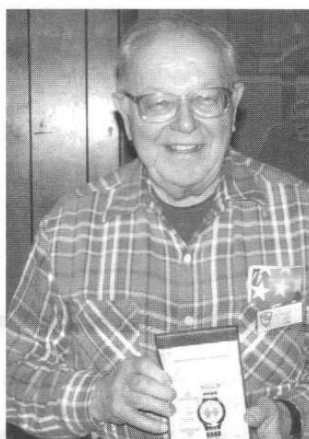
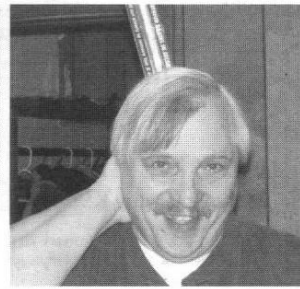
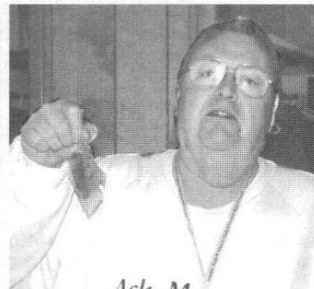
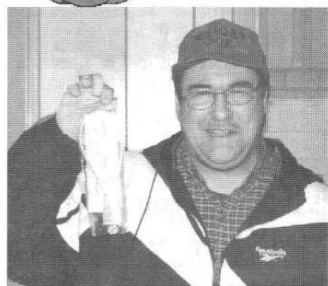


chewing with his friends locally. Anyone who knew Bob knew that he could be a character at times, and I mean that in a good way. I've heard from several of our Club members that have known him for awhile, that he had an uncanny ability to get through pile ups and get the contact. He had excellent timing. Bob also volunteered his time operating at the Folks On Spokes bike rides and also was a member of Metro DX Club. He had many friends, not only in Hamfesters, but in Amateur Radio and he will truly be missed.



# The Hamgab Hamcam de Tim Pechtold AA9BV

Here's some of our lucky winners from last month's meeting. We'll start off with the Door Prize Winners. Everyone attending the meeting receive their FREE Door Prize tickets when they sign in. Don't forget, you get an additional Door Prize ticket for wearing your Hamfester Badge or Hamfester Jacket. Our January Door Prize Winners were: Joe KA9QAT, Ed WA9EOL, Paul WD9GEH, Ron K9RCN, and Kurt WB9FMC.



Our lucky Raffle Prize Winners were: Bob N9JYX (won 2 prizes!), Matt K9MS, Kerry AA9SB, Dan W9GOB, John WD9AST, Bob KB9YXH, Joe KB9VRL, Jim KB9CYL, Ben KC9CXT, Lenny KB9OUQ. Congratulations to all our winners! And thanks to all the members for your support to our Club's Raffle. I want to also say thanks to Jon KC9FIN, Brian W9HLQ, Bernie W9SCT, and Paul WD9GEH for the nice prizes that were donated by them and used in this raffle. This Friday's Raffle should be a good one. A Visioneer One Touch USB port flat bed scanner will be one of the prizes. Good luck! 73, Tim AA9BV



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10 METER NET: Every Sunday Evening on 28.410. Bob W9TOE is Net Control

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