

While there are many origins on what H.A.M. in Ham Radio stands for, here are some possible variations on that. See how many of these you can relate to!!

Variations On What H.A.M. Stands For

- Have Another Meal or Have A Muffin – two things hams love to do are talk and eat...and if you eat ham, you're cannibalistic (hi hi).
- Haven't Any Money – considering the prices of hardware, software, accessories, etc., as well as meals at restaurants, this certainly holds true!!
- Haven't Any Memory – when you can't remember what day of the week it is, what net you're supposed to run or check into, where you put your shack items, what your license expiration date is, what your license class privileges are, when you forget to power on the rig, set the right frequency or reflector, test the audio beforehand, hook the antenna back up, etc.
- Have A Mess – a cluttered shack is a sign of genius – don't straighten it up, or you'll goof up my system, as I'm going for the "Bad Shackkeeping Award" (hi hi).
- Have A Mattress – eat, ham, sleep, repeat.
- Have A Marriage – when you ham, take radio, to be your lawfully wedded spouse (hi hi).
- Have A Meeting – when you have an eyeball QSO at a restaurant, hamfest, test session, etc.
- Have A Minute – usually a very rare occurrence, when you're so busy with the hobby (hi hi).
- Have A Malfunction – when part or all of your shack gear "does the smoke test" or quits working.
- Have A Motormouth – for a ham who constantly does a soapbox monologue, and seems to not want or need to "come up for air". Some repeaters/nodes, etc. have 1 minute timeouts because of this.