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Stuff that matters to Wayne

The End of Geek

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A friend of mine sent out an email to people he knew and respected about how he was invited to speak at a well known event with the word 'geek' in the title. It was apparently an honour. The reply-all response to the email by a gentleman whom I respect greatly caught me off guard and really got me thinking - something hard to do at 3am before my first coffee. He sent a link to [this article](#) and suggested that one ought not be proud of the word geek nor allow it to be attached to us as people. I was most intrigued so I did what few do and clicked the link and was most pleasantly surprised. I hope that you will do the same. Allow me to present you [another hyperlink to the article](#) essentially doubling the chances of you reading the article. I agree with the author. Here is a list of things that I'm absolutely interested in that might be considered 'geeky' by those people who line up for mobile phones with fruit logos on them:

- ham/amateur radio
- VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol)
- Privacy and Security
- Programming (even though I can't even do it)
- DIY projects like when I recently built an HD antenna for my TV
- ...and there are probably many more....

Don't call me a geek. You have no idea how cool these things are because you simply aren't into them. I personally don't understand gamers. I can't see dedicating any part of my life to playing video games. I can more easily relate to board games but even those... yet there are [actual cafes](#) dedicated to them! And I always drive by those places where you can get all those medieval board games and clothes... I simply don't share the same interests - yet. Whose to say that I won't one day get into board games or gaming? So don't call me a geek and stop calling yourself one. I'm a ham radio enthusiast. I'm into ham radio. I'm part of the ham radio community.

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