

Feedback is published by the Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association on a monthly basis.

The **NIRAA** meets the second Saturday of each month (**except August**) in the lower level of the Hawkeye Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2530 University Avenue, Waterloo. Meetings start at 7 p.m.; anyone interested in amateur radio is invited to attend.

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Area Repeaters, *indicates 136.5 PL required

Waterloo/Cedar Falls

W0MG: 146.94*, 444.975*

WA0INC: 146.82*, 443.75*, 444.925* (linked SEITS)

N0CF: 444.65*

KM0K: 146.655*

NK0T: 224.90

Independence – NI0L: 145.33*

Oelwein – KF0HA: 147.345

Waverly – N0RJJ: 145.43*

Hamfest Calendar

Oct 4 – Southeast Iowa Hamfest, Muscatine Co Fairgrounds,
West Liberty IA. Contact KB0BVT, 319-724-3506.

Nov 1 – Hamfest IA, Iowa State Fairgrounds 4-H Building,
Des Moines IA. Talk-in, 146.82 Repeater

Internet Access

The official club web page on the Internet is located at:
<http://w0mg.nexcommtech.com>

If anyone in the club is interested in designing web pages or has information of use to club members, please contact N0CF.

ITEMS FOR SALE:

[Paid members may advertise any radio related items for sale in this newsletter. Contact the Feedback editor with your listings at least two weeks prior to the club meeting. Listings will run for only one month, to re-list an advertisement the editor must be contacted again.] (S) = For Sale, (W) = Wanted, (G) = Give Away.

Estate Sale: I was sent a list of various test equipment available. If desiring a list, please contact N0FHL for complete list.

July Meeting Minutes

July 11, 1998

Meeting called to order at: 7:04 p.m. by president Larry Tisor

Members present: 17

Guests: 2

Sec Report: Read and approved

Treas. Report: Read and approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Earl (K8YWT) brought in information on the MFJ antenna analysers. After discussion, it was decided to look at other manufacturers before making a final decision.

Field Day results. Joe (N0FHL) reported point totals of 1180 points in 220 total contacts.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is a possibility of bicyclists asking for information on 146.52 during RAGBRAI. We are encouraged to monitor 52 during the 23rd and 24th in case any bikers or support teams are asking for information. We will be having a booth set up in the event any of the riders wish to send written traffic back to their home locations. This booth will be set up at Holmes Jr High in Cedar Falls.

Curt (NK0T) has items from Ralph Wilson's estate that he is wishing to move out of his garage. If interested contact Curt.

A reminder was put out that there would be no meeting in August.

The formal meeting closed at 7:40 pm followed by the program.

Program: Charile (WA0INC) talked about and showed a 440 repeater and Curt (NK0T) demonstrated repeater cavity tuning.

September Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of NEIRAA is Saturday September 12, 1998

QSLing

Having been on the other side of Dxing in recent years, I learned some tricks for confirming contacts. Now that 6 meters has been open, I thought I'd provide some information on ways to get your confirmation quicker. If you've never sent QSL's before, here are some tips that will be helpful for both DX and 6/2 meter contacts:

1. Make sure correct date, time (Zulu), frequency and Grid Square (6 meter) are on the card.
2. If you want immediate response, provide a SASE along with your card. (Most operators will return the cards the same way they are received).
3. If it was a DX'pedition, allow time for the group to return from the location and to go through the tons of cards they will be getting.
4. QSL via the route the operator provides. Lot's of developing countries use QSL managers (Not necessary for a state-side 6 meter contact).
5. Most important; be patient.

President's Corner

By Larry Tisor

Where has the summer gone! Seems like the kids just got out of school and now their back again.

At least there is still time for some antenna and other outdoor work.

I would like to talk to the members about what direction this club is going. Most of the club members seem to do little or nothing. There are repeaters that need repair and very few who volunteer to help repair them. Its always someone else who has always done it so why should I do it. Or I juts can't find the time. I'm just as guilty as anyone else. But folks IT IS GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE or we won't have any repeaters to talk on. This club cannot rely on just one or two people to do the job any more.

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There are a number of projects that need to be done and all most any of the members can do them. Just ask and I'm sure you'll find out what they are.

Now I have one last question for the members. Do you want a social club, a repeater users group, a public service group, or a combination of any of them? Come to the meeting and tell me.

Don't forget our Sunday Night net at 9:00 pm local time.