

The **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

WOMG: 146.94*, 444.975*

WA0INC: 146.82*, 443.75*, 444.975* (linked SEITS)

NOCF: 444.65*

KN0K: 146.655*

NK0T: 224.90

Independence – NI0L: 145.33*

Oelwein – KF0HA: 147.345

Waverly – N0RJJ: 145.43*

Hamfest Calendar

Aug 14, 99 – 3rd Annual Rice Creek Hamfest, Forest Lake MN. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hwy 97 ½ mile east of Hwy 61, Messiah Lutheran Church. Talk in on 145.17 repeater. For more info, contact Ron, K0QS, 612-785-6051.

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 NOCF.

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 Items, (W) = Wanted Items, (G) = Give away Items.

- (S) Heathkit Model HW-16 CW Transceiver, Heathkit Model HG-10 VFO, both with manuals. Contact Raynard Engel, WA0EEY, 319-234-0756.
- (G) Miscellaneous computer equipment, AS-IS, was given to the club. Available to any member on a first come first serve basis. Contact Earl Taggart, K8YWT, 515-345-2033.

December Meeting Minutes

President Earl Taggart called the December meeting on order at 7 p.m. The Secretary report was approved. The Treasurer reported: General Fund \$1,330.52, Repeater Fund \$281.13, Savings \$25.00, VE Testing, \$25.00, Cash \$5.00.

We have Certificates of Membership for the following members: WA0LYB Fred Kercheval, WBOQHH George Harlan, WORZ Ralph Hadland, WA0EEY Raynard Engel, WA0NEJ Gardner Phelps, WB0ESP Ralph Wilson.

Our membership drive has started and we had several renew for the next year. Please help support your club. It is through your donations and memberships that allow us to keep the repeaters operational and keep the fellowship and friendships via amateur radio alive.

The following members volunteered for the monthly entertainment/speakers:

Jan: Earl Taggart – Guest speaker on Ham Radio and Cable TV
Feb: Randy McClain KB0RSW
Mar: Jay Nabholz KC0AKJ
Apr: Curt Wilson NK0T
May: John
Jun: Chris Conklin N0CF
Jul: Ryan Westendorf KC0BSN
Aug: No Meeting
Sep: Wendell Wagner N0RXB
Oct: Scott Irwin KB0RST
Nov: Christmas Party
Dec: Dennis Orona

Please let us know your e-mail address. We are going to run a trial sending out of the newsletter via e-mail in addition to regular mail for a month or two. If this works as well as it should we will utilize the e-mail and save the postage where the members elect to receive their newsletter electronically. The benefits to receiving the newsletter via e-mail are faster receipt, lower cost, less work for the Newsletter Editor. There was some discussion as to the format to send the newsletter and the PDF format was discussed as being very universal and reduces the file size. It can be read by anyone with the PDF reader which will be made available for the first time user. There was some discussion

about having the newsletter available on the BBS W0MG. It will be in a text format and we will have to see if the editor can accomplish this.

We voted on continuing the \$5.00 door prize for the next year.

KB0MGH said the T-shirts are in and please get in touch with him to arrange pick-up before the next meeting.

Emergency Management is planning a move on the 16th of January and could use help packing. Get in touch with Larry Tisor (KB0SZV) to volunteer.

January Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of NIRAA is Saturday January 9, 1999 at the Red Cross Headquarters on University Ave, in Waterloo at 7 p.m.

From The President

Friendship is the bond of affection which exists between two individuals, or among more than two individuals; the state of being emotionally close with another or others, the sharing of common interests with another or others, "a sharing of spirits" (William Penn); 'a ship big enough to carry two in fair weather, but only one in foul" (Ambrose Bierce). One of the best thoughts I have found is from Ralph Waldo Emerson "The only way to have a friend is to be one". So friends, I will be looking forward to the next meeting.

Earl Taggart, K8YWT

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