

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

W0MG: 146.94*, 444.975*

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

N0CF: 444.65*

KN0K: 146.655*

NK0T: 224.90

Independence – NI0L: 145.33*

Oelwein – KF0HA: 147.345

Waverly – N0RJJ: 145.43*

Hamfest Calendar

Feb 14, 99 - Quad Cities Hamfest. Rock Island Convention Center. Doors open at 9 a.m.

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

(S) Yaesu FT-50R 2m/440 handheld, NC-50 rapid charger, 1800mah NiMH battery, ADMS Windows programming software. \$325.00, contact N0CF, Chris Conklin 266-2761.

January Meeting Minutes

President Earl Taggart called the December meeting or order at 7 p.m. The Secretary report was approved. The Treasurer reported: General Fund \$ 905.81, Repeater Fund \$216.23, Savings \$25.00, VE Testing, \$25.00, Cash \$0.00.

Old Business: New receiver crystals on order for 440 repeater. Assistance is still needed for work on the repeater.

Still gathering email addresses for those who wish to have the Feedback sent to them via email, to help keep down the cost of mailing.

Emergency Management will be moving at the end of January. Any assistance that can be given in moving the repeater cabinet, radios and other club equipment would be appreciated..

Our membership drive is still continuing. 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 are providing the meeting program for the upcoming months.

Feb: Randy McClain KB0RSW, tour of National Guard Comm Facility and a closeup look at one of the helicopters.

Mar: Jay Nabholz KC0AKJ

Apr: Curt Wilson NK0T

May: John Walton, KA0DBI

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

The business portion of the meeting was closed and followed by a program provided by Eugene Purdy (WBOZIM) on Cable TV and Ham Radio. Gene gave an excellent presentation on TCI Cable and how we could help to identify cable leaks and interference. The big thing in helping TCI clean up any cable leaks is 1. An accurate location of the leak (Address or street intersection) an idea of how strong the leak is (s9 or greater on the s-meter on the handheld), and if monitoring Chuck's UHF repeater freq, be sure the interfering audio is from the Disney Channel. If it is the Outdoor Channel audio the problem belongs to CFU in Cedar Falls. Call 232-8800 (TCI) and ID yourself as an amateur radio operator and name and phone number. Pass the information about

the interference and have them refer the problem to either Earl Taggart (Tech Ops Manager) or Eugene Purdy (Head End Tech). We will get back with you and let you know when it is fixed or if we need any additional information. Like Eugene emphasized during the meeting, we need to work together in solving the interference problems.

February Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of NIRAA is Saturday February 13, 1999 at the Iowa Army National Guard Base, Facility #2 at 2245 Big Woods Rd (same place as Weather spotting has been held) at 7 p.m.

On the Lighter Side

Only in America...

- ...do we buy hot dogs in packs of 10 and buns in packs of 8.
- ...do we use the word politics to describe the process so well. In Latin "poli" means "Many" and "tics" means "Blood sucking creatures".
- ...do we leave cars worth thousands outside and useless things in box's in the garage.
- ...do Banks leave the doors open and chain the pens to the counters.
- ...do we drive on Parkways and park on driveways.

From The President

The club received notice that W0SCK, Preston Smith is a silent key, our condolences go to his family.

We have our membership drive still on. Please see Dave and get signed up for the New Year. We will be reviewing the membership list and deleting all the names from it that have not renewed to reduce the number of Feedback's going out every month. The feedback will be mailed to all our current members and be available electronically on our WEB site: <http://w0mg.nexcommtech.com>. Information will be available on how to access the Feedback from the WOMG BBS once we have it up on the packet BBS.

Earl Taggart, K8YWT

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