

The Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association on a monthly basis publishes the Feedback. The NEIRAA meets the second Saturday of each month (except August) in the lower level of the American Red Cross, 2530 University Ave. Waterloo. Meetings start at 7 P.M.; anyone interested in amateur radio is invited to attend. Feedback editor this month: Earl Taggart (K8YWT) E-mail k8ywt@gcmuni.net

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Area Repeaters:

* Indicates 136.5 Tone Coded Squelch

Waterloo/ Cedar Falls

WØMG: 14694 *, 444.975 *
WAØINC: 146.82*, 443.75*,
444.925* (Linked SEITS)
NØCF: 444.65*
KMØK: 146.655*
NKØT: 224.90 (-1.6)

Independence

NIØL: 145.33*

Oelwein

KFØHA: 147.345, 443.950

Waverly

NØRJ: 145.43*

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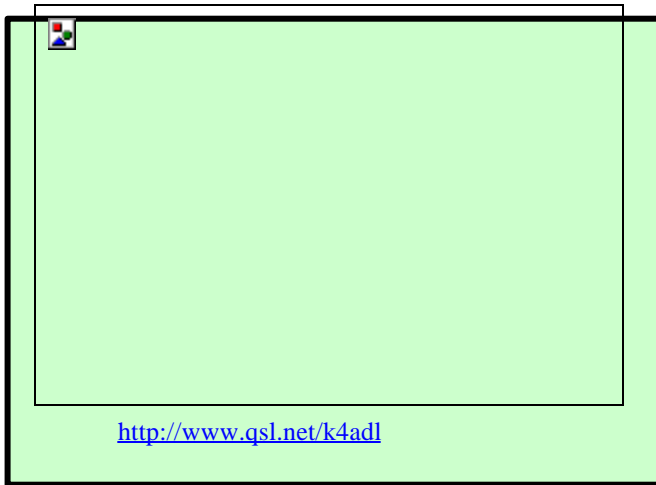
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NEIRAA TREASURERS REPORT

04-08-00
General Fund: \$883.82
Repeater Fund: \$155.78
Savings: \$25.00
VE Testing: \$37.00

FIELD DAY

June 24 & 25 Valley View Park (Ghost Town Park) Waterloo IA.



VE SESSIONS

- AMES - September 9, December 2, 9:30 AM, Fire Service Institute Extension Building, Iowa State University. (I-35 to Exit 113 (13th Street); West 4.5 miles to Haber Road, South 1.5 blocks (2nd building on west side of the road). For information, contact Ken Anderson, N0AS, (515)-291-0481. Talk in on Ames Repeater.
- DES MOINES - July 16, September 17, November 19. 1:00 PM. Saylor Township Fire Station, 211 NW 54th Ave (1/2 mile north of I-80/I-35 on 2nd Avenue). For information, contact LeRoy Koder, WD0CZO, (515) 262-2390
- WINTERSET - June 16, August 18, October 20 7:30 PM, Madison County Extension Office, east side of the courthouse square. For information, contact John Sawhill, WA0O, (515) 462-1342.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS, FLEA MARKETS & CONFERENCES

Iowa:

- SHELDAHL - June 17th. Sheldahl City Park. Talk in: 147.075+ Contact: Don Towers, N0QFK, (515) 685-3410 or n0qfk@arrl.net.
- WINTERSET - July 15th - (See above information).
- AMANA - Cedar Valley ARC. Summerfest 2000. August 13th. 8 AM to 12 PM. Amana Outdoor Exhibition Center. For information, Visit <http://cvarc.rf.org/sumfst00.htm> or email n0uts@rf.org. Testing available.
- DES MOINES - Hamfest Iowa. October 29th. 8 AM to 2 PM. Iowa State Fairgrounds 4H Building. Contact: Jim Wieder, KG0UF, (515) 276-0500 or <mailto:wiederj@netscape.net>
- West Liberty – Southeast Iowa Hamfest Oct 1 Muscatine County Fairgrounds
- Davenport – Davenport RAC Hamfest Nov 5th. Mt Joy Airport IA. National Guard Hanger

IL

- Peoria Superfest 2000. Sep 16 – 17 Peoria IL. Exposition Gardens
- Chicago FM Club – Radio Expo Sep 23 – 24. Grayslake IL. Lake County Fairgrounds

CENTRAL IOWA AMATEUR RADIO NETS

- Sunday - 7:45 AM to 8:30 AM, 3900 Club Slow Speed CW Net, 3.560
- Sunday, 9:00 AM, 3900 Club Net (Voice), 3.896
- Sunday - 5:30 PM - Iowa Traffic & Emergency Net (ITEN), 3.970
- Sunday - 6:00 PM - Central Iowa Radio Amateur Society Net (Marshalltown), 147.135+ (CTCSS 141.3)-

- Sunday - 7:00 PM - Story County ARES Net (Ames), 147.240+
- Sunday - 7:00 P.M. - Central Iowa Ragchewers Net (Mingo), 146.67-
- Sunday - 8:00 PM - Central Iowa ARES Net (Des Moines), 146.940- (Simulcast on many other repeaters)
- Sunday, 8:30 PM (or following ARES Net) - Central Iowa Packet Net (Des Moines) - 146.940- (simulcast on many other repeaters)
- Sunday - 9:00 PM - North East Iowa ARES Net (Waterloo), 146.94
- Sunday - 9:00 PM - Boone County ARES Net (Boone), 146.850-; 443.900+ UHF net follows
- Monday - Saturday, 12:30 PM & 5:30 PM, Iowa Section Net (Voice), 3.970
- Monday - Saturday, 6:30 PM & 10:00 PM, Iowa Section Net (Tallcorn Net) (CW), 3.560
- Monday, 7:00 PM, Southwest Iowa CW Net, 3.691
- Wednesday, 7:00 PM, Iowa QRP Club Net, 7.113
- Wednesday, 8:00 PM, Eastern Iowa/Western Illinois 10 Meter net, 28.313
- Wednesday, 9:00 PM, Cyclone Amateur Radio Club (Iowa State University) net (Ames), 147.375+/443.375+
- Wednesday (2nd & 3rd of each month) 9:00 PM, Slow Scan TV Net, 147.075+
- Thursday, 7:00 PM, Polk County ARES Net (Des Moines), 146.940-

WANTED

Rohn 25 tower sections

Rotor - Tail Twister or larger for turning big quad.

K8YWT, Earl Taggart 319-345-6488

FOR SALE

Please submit any Amateur Radio related equipment for sale to k8ywt@gcmuni.net or send me a list at "Earl Taggart, 1041 L ave., Reinbeck, IA. 50669"

The following items are from K8YWT, Earl Taggart 319-345-6488

- Dentron Clipperton L HF amplifier 1000W output. 872B Tubes (4) are a little soft and the output is approx. 800 watts. \$350.00.
- JRC JST-100 Transceiver 160-10meters all solid-state 100 watts. \$350.00
- Drake MN-2000 Antenna tuner 2000watt 80-10 meters \$125.00.
- Butternut Butterfly 20-10 meter 2 ele. Quad Beam. Rated for 400 watts. Great for hams with limited space to put up an antenna. A little bigger than a TV antenna. \$150.00.
- Alinco 2 meter Linear Amplifier, 3w in 30w out. SSB or FM. \$50.00
- I.C.E. Model 421 Low Pass Filter. DC - 30 Mhz. 50 ohm, 80db attenuation above 32Mhz. \$50.00.
- Radio Shack DSP40 CW & SSB noise reduction digital signal processor. \$45.00

The following is from Don W0DT at 277-6031

- Kenwood TS-50S with 500hz CW filter and optional mount. \$515.00 with original cartons.

The following are for sale from Raynard Engel WA0EEY 319 234-0756

- Heathkit model HW 16 transceiver and Heathkit HG 10 VFO. With manuals. Excellent beginners combo. \$50.00
- Kenwood PC-1 Phone Patch Controller. \$ 10.00

SOME "RESTRUCTURING" LICENSE GRANTS TAKING LONGER

Patience is the byword from ARRL-VEC, which now says it could be another two weeks or more before some new and upgrade amateur license applications from

April 15 VE sessions are filed with the FCC. The ARRL-VEC had been estimating up to four weeks between test session and license grant. Now, it's revised that estimate upward.

Depending in large part on how fast the session paperwork arrived at RRL-VEC, grants from April 15 applications could show up "tomorrow or

possibly two weeks from now," said ARRL-VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ. As of Wednesday, the ARRL-VEC staff was working on applications received April 19, most from April 15 VE sessions.

Jahnke says the ARRL-VEC has electronically filed with the FCC 2,000 of the approximately 10,000 applications from April 15. He says seven fulltime staff members plus three temporary employees continue to plow through the

rest of the backlog. "At the rate we're going now, it could take up to 16 more work days," Jahnke predicted. The ARRL-VEC is handling up to 500 applications a day right now, but that number varies. Staff members have been putting in overtime and working weekends in an effort to keep up with the applications. Arriving paperwork is scrutinized carefully, session results are recorded, and individual applications keyed in and sent on electronically to the FCC. Typically, the FCC grants most applications overnight, although it can take another day or so. The ARRL-VEC is now posting the status of test session processing at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/status.html>. Jahnke says that dealing with telephone inquiries has become part of the challenge of handling the huge workload, and he urged applicants to avoid calling to check on the progress of an application. "Every three to five minute phone inquiry means 10 to 15 license applications that don't get processed," he explained, adding that the people best equipped to answer callers' questions also happen to be best equipped to process applications. Jahnke says the ARRL-VEC has added temporary help as the workload has increased, but he points out a drawback to piling on more bodies at this point. "Adding more personnel will mean diverting experienced staff members from processing applications to training inexperienced workers," he said. It's estimated that more than 13,000 new Generals and more than 10,000 new Extra class hams have or will be hitting the airwaves as a result of restructuring.

FCC AFFIRMS \$8000 FINES FOR TWO TEXAS AMATEURS

The FCC has affirmed \$8000 fines levied on two Texas hams for allegedly causing malicious interference with communications on a local repeater and with failing to identify. General licensee Paul E. Holcombe, K4TOF, and Technician licensee Robert L. Meyers, N5WLY, both of Houston, each received a Forfeiture Order earlier this month from the FCC's Houston office. The fines followed an FCC investigation last year that involved the use of direction-finding equipment.

The FCC has said the interference "was allegedly caused by stations transmitting unidentified tones, inflammatory or derogatory remarks, and unmodulated signals, none of which were identified with an FCC-assigned call sign."

Last year, the FCC had sent first a Notice of Violation and then a Notice of Apparent Liability to each licensee. Each responded both times by denying the allegations. The FCC was unconvinced by their assertions, and said their denials were contradicted by the observations of the FCC agent. The FCC noted that an FCC agent on separate occasions used direction-finding equipment to track interfering signals to Holcombe's and Meyers' vehicles.

The agent surreptitiously observed each vehicle while the Memorial Emergency Repeater Association's 145.47 machine in Houston was being interfered with. In its Forfeiture Order to Meyers, the FCC indicated that Holcombe and Meyers had acted in concert to interfere with the MERA repeater.

Both men were given 30 days from the May 3 release of each Order to pay.

FOX HUNT RESULTS

1st place

Jerry Joens KI0IH

Jeanne Joens

2nd place

Dave Berry KB0OCI

Dave Huff KC0GFO

Honorable Mention

Ryan Westendorf KC0BSN

Jay Nabholz KC0AKJ

The event took over 1.5 hours and Jay provided some interesting problems for the teams to overcome.

ULS registration can protect your license record:

Registering now on the FCC's Universal Licensing System can be a big benefit even if you don't have any plans to file an application anytime soon. The FCC's Steve Linn, N4CAK, told those on hand for the Dayton FCC Forum that ULS

registration "protects your call sign within the system" and could prevent it from inadvertently being deleted or reissued due to a filing error. He also pointed out that amateurs wishing to make a change of address should file an "administrative update" (AU) and not request a "modification." The ULS will not renew an amateur's license unless it is within the 90-day window of expiration (or within the two-year grace period after expiration). The same applies for those upgrading their tickets under restructuring. Linn said the FCC continues to work out the bugs in the ULS. He said that support for the Mac platform and other browsers, such as Internet Explorer, would be coming along soon. The FCC in late April opened the ULS to Web filing. Linn advised filers to use the on-line system whenever possible, since it helps users to avoid errors that will not get trapped when filing on paper and could lead to delays or errors in your FCC record. Visit www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls for more information or to access the ULS.

LINKS

ARRL Hamfest Listing

www.arrl.org/hamfests.html

T- Hunting

Links to sites that have info on Hidden Transmitter Hunting.

www.qsl.net/n6bg/thunt/links.html

General Ham Info

www.qsl.net/ham-www/

www.cvarc.rf.org/vendor.htm

Newsline

www.arnewline.org

Organizations

ARRL www.arrl.org

FCC ULS Registration: www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls

