



Club News

April 2010



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New Look of Website and Newsletter

As we continue to 'tweak' the look of the new club newsletter and website, your input is welcomed and sought. Some of our vision is:

- A new club logo to project a more modern look and is fairly simple to embroider on clothing. Characteristics of the new logo are:
 - Predominantly red, white, and blue to signify love of country.
 - Red and white waves fill the state outline to signify love of state.
 - A white star on the blue field to show love of the Cedar Valley area.

A new, more modern looking, website is under construction by Rich Jones, (WBØQAV) and Tom Bicket (AEØTB). Rich is the webmaster and Tom is hosting the site on one of his servers. The website is intended to contain all of the static information a current or prospective member might be looking for such as links to the current and past newsletters, repeater information, meeting times and locations, photos, listing of club officers, links of general interest. It is continuing to be worked on, so please check often for the latest updates. The website can be found at www.wømg.net.

BREAKFAST

Don't forget the weekly breakfast, 9:00 AM at University Avenue HyVee.

Newsletter and Website Submissions

Please keep in mind that our website and newsletter are only as good as the submissions sent to us for publication. Please keep me updated with your news and requests. Allow some time for them to get published.
(Dick, KDØJOA@arrl.net)

New Location for April Meeting

The April NIRA meeting will be moved to the EOC office, 1925 Newell Street, Waterloo.

Activities for Members Only

We are soliciting suggestions for activities and perks the club can provide for its members in good standing. This is intended to encourage our members to get their dues paid up. Some suggestions that have been offered are:

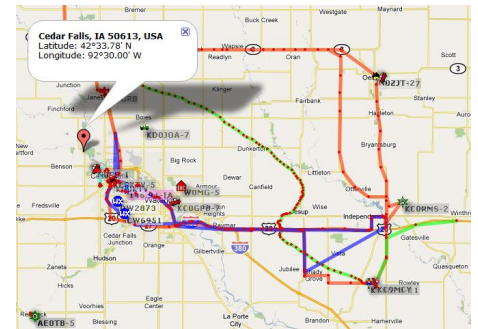
- Members Only Swap Meet
- Ham of the Month with special recognition in the newsletter.
- Membership Certificate suitable for framing.
- QSO / QSL Competition
- Want Ads

New Members from U.K.

Thanks to Dave (WØDDW) we have two new members from the U.K. We welcome Merfyn and Jenni Jones, MØHWA / MØHZT, who Dave met during an EchoLink QSO. In addition to EchoLink and CQ100, they enjoy DX'ing on HF, 20 Meters especially. Visit them on QRZ and perhaps you can work them in the near future. They introduced Dave and me to eQSL, CQ100, and LogCQ.
(Dick, KDØJOA)

March Club Meeting

Our thanks to Stan (WØSJ) for the follow-up presentation on baluns (and ununs) that was given at the March club meeting. We learned much new information on these devices and Stan is always ready to assist any club member with answers to their balun problems.



April Club Meeting Presentation

Tom Bicket will be doing a presentation on APRS which should be very exciting. Due to other commitments that evening, the presentation will begin at 7:00 pm. Don't be late if you want to catch it all.

The APRS created map, above, shows the path of one of Pete Lilja's helium filled balloons and Pete chasing it. He will tentatively be doing our May club presentation.

Weather Spotter Training

The club had an excellent turn out at the 2010 training held on the Hawkeye Community College campus for weather spotters on March 2. ID cards for those taking the training may be obtained at the April club meeting at the EOC.



WANT ADS

FOR SALE: TOMBSTONE.

Standard gray. A good buy for someone named Grady. 508-375-xxxx.

FOR SALE: CHINA CABINET, buffet, hutch solid pine, 6.5 tall x 4.5 wide, lighted windows, few cat scratches but cat has been killed. \$700. Call 435-xxxx.

WANTED: Somebody to go back in time with me. This is not a joke. P.O. Box xxx, Oakview, CA 93022. You'll get paid after we get back. Must bring your own weapons. Safety not guaranteed. I have only done this once before.

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ADMISSION
ADULTS: \$6.00
12 & UNDER:
FREE

- Talk-in: 146.940
tone 114.8
- Free Parking
- Handicap Accessible
- Snacks and Drinks
- Convenient Restrooms

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Radio Amateurs
Association is
pleased to sponsor
our annual Hamfest.

Browse the wares of
the featured vendors.

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gear for extra cash!

Find that perfect
addition for your rig.

NO TAILGATING

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HAMFEST 2010

Iowa State Fairgrounds
Walnut Center Building
April 24th, 2010 8:00am-1:00pm



Featured Vendors



D & L Antennas

Flea Market

Tables: \$20.00, 1"
\$10.00 ea additional
Contact Tom Reis, NOVPR,
for advanced reservations
NOVPR@arrl.net

VE Testing

Testing will be held in the
adjacent FFA building.

Technician, General, & Extra
exams will be offered
Testing Fee is \$15.00

Registration: 9:00am-11:45am
Testing: 9:30am-11:45am

No one admitted for testing
after 9:30am

Door Prize

1st ticket included with paid admission
\$6.00ea additional



Icom ID-880H D-Star Mobile
2M,440 & Wideband Receiver
50W VHF/UHF
1052 memory channels,
Free programming software

Suggested Routes to the Iowa State Fairgrounds



More Info: <http://www.dmraa.com/hamfest> http://www.iowastatefair.com/services/fair_msp.pdf