



# STATIC SHEET



## 2012 Holiday Meetings

The November meeting is the DMRAA Chili Feed and Auction on Monday, November 19 at the St. Paul Presbyterian Church, located at 6426 Merle Hay Road in Johnston.

Dinner starts at 6:00pm and the auction begins at 7:00pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person for admission. The general public/non-members are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend and some extra equipment you have laying around waiting to be sold!

In previous years, we've had a very good selection of used equipment including radios for HF,VHF/UHF, antennas and accessories, kits, books, scanners, computers, and other electronics.

Just two weeks after the Chili Feed, we will be back at Plymouth

Congregational Church at 42nd and Ingersoll for the annual DMRAA Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 4 in the Waveland Hall.

Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. in the Waveland Hall. It is a potluck-style



dinner, so please bring a main dish and a side dish to share. The adjacent kitchen is available for those needing an oven and/or refrigerator. The club will provide a smoked ham; coffee,

tea, and hot cider will also be furnished.

For those not familiar with Plymouth, there is a parking garage on the east side of the church in case of bad weather. Signage in the church will direct you to Waveland Hall, which is on the 2nd floor. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship!

The Winthrop M. Mager Award will also be presented at the meeting. The purpose of the Winthrop M. Mager Award is to perpetuate the memory of the Rev. Winthrop M. Mager WØMJH, and to stimulate the activity in all fields of amateur radio in the central Iowa Area.

Please join us for good food, friends, and entertainment at both of these holiday events with the DMRAA!

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# Winthrop Mager Award

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The purpose of the Winthrop Mager Award is to perpetuate the memory of the Rev. Winthrop M. Mager WØMJH, and to stimulate the activity in all fields of amateur radio in the central Iowa area. It is awarded by the Des Moines Radio Amateurs' Association. Any radio operator with any class license who is a member of the Des Moines Radio Amateurs' Association is eligible. Nominations will be submitted to the committee in writing no later than the regular November meeting.

Nominations for the Winthrop Mager Award need to be sent to the DMRAA president no later than the conclusion of the November meeting, which is the annual chili feed and auction. They must be in writing. The president will give the nominations to the committee for processing at that time. Nominees are those amateur operators that have shown outstanding support for amateur radio, promotion of the amateur radio service and have done so with the utmost respect for the community and fellow operators.

Please submit your nominations soon!

## A Special Event for the End of the World!

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N0D – Special event station celebrating the end of the world!

That's right, the end is finally near. According to one of the three Mayan Calendars, the End of the world will occur on Dec 21, 2012. To celebrate this literally once in a lifetime event, Special Event Station N0D (Now Zero Days) will be activated on 10-80 meters and on several satellite passes for three days during and after(?) the end of the world. December 20; is a celebration of the end of the world. December 21, the day of destruction, we will be on the air as long as possible. December 22nd, that is a little iffy right now.

Amateur radio stations around the crumbling globe are invited to contact N0D, who will be operating from a secret, undisclosed location. Our operating schedule may be a little erratic as destruction rains down upon us and as long as our antennas hold out. Those of you who may be looking skyward for the end of the world, N0D will be operating on several satellite passes.

You can celebrate Doomsday by contacting N0D directly on the air. Amateurs can also become an official Doomsday station by registering on our website. You will be given a registration number and the authority to identify yourself as "Official Doomsday Station" followed by your Doomsday number.

QSL with SASE to KK5W. If Doomsday actually does happen, we regret that a QSL will not be possible so hold on to your SASE until the 22nd at least. Check out our website for a preview of the N0D QSL card.

More information is available on the Official N0D website, [www.nowzerodays.com](http://www.nowzerodays.com). You can also e-mail the N0D team



# Skywarn Recognition Day

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The 14th Annual Skywarn Recognition Day (SRD) will be held at National Weather Service offices around the nation to celebrate the contributions amateur radio operators make during severe weather. The Des Moines National Weather Service (NWS) office, located at 9607 NW Beaver Drive in Johnston, will be open on Friday, November 30 from 6 p.m. until midnight and again Saturday, December 1st from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for storm spotters, amateur radio operators, and members of the interested public to visit the office, learn about the mission of the Mid-Iowa Skywarn Association (MISA) and to make radio contacts on HF and VHF/UHF. This is a way of saying “thank you” to storm spotters from the staff of the Des Moines NWS office.

While it’s not a formal contest, stations should try to contact as many other NWS offices and other non-NWS stations as possible. The Des Moines NWS office, using the station call sign K0DMX, will be operating on the 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands as well as on the linked MISA repeater system on VHF and UHF, including D-STAR. Around 100 NWS stations are expected to participate this year.

Even if you’re not able to make it to the Des Moines NWS office to participate in the event, all amateur radio operators within the range of a repeater on the MISA linked system is encouraged to make a contact on the linked system. If you can make a contact on both a VHF repeater and UHF repeater, please do! That would count as two contacts since it was made on two different bands.

Skywarn Recognition Day was created in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) to recognize the importance that amateur radio provides during severe weather. Many NWS offices acquire real-time weather information from amateur radio operators in the field. These operators, for example, may report the position of a tornado, the height of flood waters, or damaging wind speeds during hurricanes. All of this information is critical to the mission of the NWS which is to preserve life and property. The special event celebrates this special contribution by amateur radio operators.

The 2012 Skywarn Recognition Day in Des Moines is organized jointly by the Des Moines National Weather Service staff and the Mid-Iowa



Skywarn Association. Contact information, as well as details and updates will be available on the Mid-Iowa Skywarn Association website at <http://www.midiowaskywarn.com> and on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/midiowaskywarn>.

# Polk County ARES

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## Scott Kirstein - NØOOD

As I write this article we have one event left. I'm sure the weather will cooperate and everyone will have a great time during the Living History Farms race.

During the off season, we are going to be putting together programming for the quarterly meetings as well as starting planning next year's events. Along those lines, while we are still working out the details, we are planning on at least one new event for 2013. Look for information in the coming editions of the Static Sheet.

Please take some time and program in the following "Tactical Channels" into your radios. These frequencies will be utilized for future public service events and in the event of actual activation.

ARES 1 146.490

ARES 2 146.340

ARES 3 147.420

ARES 4 446.175

ARES Repeater

K0DSM 444.100 +  
151.4 tone

Scott Kirstein  
NØOOD  
Polk County ARES EC  
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# Local Radio Gear and Supplies

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Jay Berkshire (WØIX), of US Pawn & Jewelry, is now carrying a selection of amateur radio gear and supplies at his store on East University.

You'll find adapters, connectors, and more!

More information is available at:

<http://www.uspawn.us/jayshamshack.html>



# Des Moines Marathon Expo 2012

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## Larry - KA0FTO

Well, the 2012 Des Moines Marathon Expo was here and gone. I was set up by 2:30 PM on Friday, October 19th. The folks that stopped by were mostly hams, or wanted to know about ham clubs in their town. Some had equipment that a relative had that is now for sale. Of course, all we can suggest is to check the internet for the model numbers of their equipment.

Two different groups heard about our communication coverage and wanted that in their event. My suggestion was to contact the club via the web page.

Lots of folks walked by and some even stopped to ask "Isn't amateur radio slowing down due to the Internet?"

My answer was of course there are more amateurs now than ever before and even though our numbers are getting older we welcome younger folks with open arms. I reminded them that we require no infrastructure and there is nothing between my antenna and the folks I talk to but air.

Most of the runners did not look like an amateur, meaning they were slim and trim and had most of their hair.

Ok, many of the folks in the Des Moines clubs could be runners as I was just looking at myself in the mirror. Where did that OLD TIMER come from?

Our booth was fantastic again with the carpet and very very comfortable chairs for us old folks to set in. My age is showing as I had to give up the race day participation as 3 each 8 hour days took me 2 days to rest up.

73 Larry KA0FTO



## Membership Renewal Time

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Dues are \$20.00 per person and if paid at the Chili Feed / Auction on November 19, will maintain your membership until December 31, 2013.

As always, checks payable to the DMRAA will also be accepted at the address on the renewal form (conveniently located on the back page of this Static Sheet).

Members whose dues are paid for multiple years will continue as current members until December 31 of the final year of their multi-year payment.

### Repeaters you may not know about!

Craig Rose (KC0YHU) reminds us that we have 10M and 6M repeaters in the Des Moines area.

**10M:** W0AK 29.520- Offset: .100 Tone: 103.5

**6M:** N0INX 53.250- Offset: 1.7 Tone: 110.9

See you on the air!

# Area Nets

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## Ames

Sunday	147.240+	7:00pm	Story County ARES Net
Wednesday	147.375+ t114.8	9:00pm	Cyclone Amateur Radio Club

## Boone

Sunday	146.850-	9:00pm	Boone County ARES Net
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## Des Moines

Sunday	146.610- t114.8	8:00pm	Central Iowa ARES Net
Sunday	146.940- t114.8	follows ARES	Central Iowa Technical Net
Sunday	146.610- t114.8	9:00pm	ARTS Net
Wednesday	146.610- t114.8	11:00pm	Night Owls Net
Thursday	146.940- t114.8	7:00pm	Polk County ARES Net

## Marshalltown

Sunday	147.135+ t141.3	6:00pm	CIRAS Net
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## Perry

Monday	145.190- t114.8	8:00pm	Dallas County ARES Net
Monday	145.190- t114.8	follows ARES	HARC Net

## Webster City

Monday	147.015+	7:00pm	Hamilton County Radio Club Net
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## Statewide Nets

Mon-Sat	3.970	12:30pm & 5:30pm (6:00pm summer)	Iowa 75 Meter Traffic Net
Sunday	3.970	5:30pm (6:00pm summer)	Iowa Traffic and Emergency Net
Monday	3.990.5	5:30pm (1st Monday of the month)	Iowa RACES Net
Sunday	1.973	9:30pm	Iowa 160M ARES Net

**ARES Nets serve several purposes:**

- Operator training
- Training of Net control operators
- Passing formal traffic

Please check in!

# The History of Operation Santa Claus

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In July of 1948 Des Moines was besieged by an epidemic of Polio, which filled all the hospitals, primarily with children. The Sister Kenny treatment was used involving hot water and wool blanket. The demand for blankets was so great it put them in short order. An appeal was made for donations of wool blankets of all kinds for hospital use.

This is when the members of DMRAA under the leadership of the late Bob Evans WØAUL set out to make pickups from home contributions. With their mobile units until these blanket were taken to the hospitals, Des Moines and the shortage was taken of.

At this particular time amateur radio was in its infancy in mobile operation. Almost all mobile communications were commercial conducted by the police, fire, and taxi cabs. The amateurs did have rebuilt commercial units along with home built gear built by themselves so the opportunity to be of service was very clear, and with the eager cooperation of our members it was obvious that we could be of

help with our mobile communications in the city.

During November of 1948 as Bob Evans and myself were trying to think of some activities to keep the interest of mobile communications the idea came up, how about a Christmas pickup and delivery of food and toys by our people for several unfortunate families.

Plans were made and donations were collected the Sunday before Christmas that year. These were taken to a point where late in the afternoon of December 24th, Earl Reynolds, WØBEE and myself with a large truck delivered the donations to three families, name given to us by the Polk County Welfare.

The first stop was an elderly couple much in need, the second was a family of four in the same condition. The last was a large family of a couple with twelve small children. Although Earl and myself were late getting home to our own families about nine o'clock that Christmas Eve night, it gave me a spirit of Christmas that I have never forgotten. The thought of those small children unloading the toys and food from that truck still remains on my mind. OPERATION SANTA CLAUS WAS BORN THAT NIGHT.

In 1949 we expanded our operation and put out a greater call for donations and took care of more people, picking up and delivering all we received ourselves.

The next year all the donations we received went to the Polk County Welfare as we again were unable to do both services. We knew that it would take care of many families who would not be able to have a good Christmas, but we missed the actual seeing of the people receiving the benefits of our work.

The next year we lined up with the Bidwell community which was located on the south east side to handle our distribution. But again we had grown so much they were unable to take care of all of it.

We then solicited the help of the Volunteers of America, a relief organization and for the next few years until they ceased their operations operation in Des Moines we concentrated on picking up all the donations and they took over distribution to the needy. They really had all the facilities to get this done and even our antennas, equipment and dispatching was handled from their warehouse and they did a fine job.

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## The History of Operation Santa Claus

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After Volunteers of America left Des Moines we contacted several radio stations in the city, finally tying up with the KRNT Radio. This continued for many years and we received and enjoyed great cooperation from KRNT and their people. In those days we would start Operation Santa Claus at nine in the morning and continuing on until eleven that night. Our mobiles being in the greater Des Moines area from fifteen to seventeen hours as the station continued to call us for donations all that time. We again attempted the redistribution by ourselves but were convinced that we could not do both so we asked St Vincent de Paul to take over the distribution of the food, toys, clothing, and money which they did and we were very grateful to them.

Little by little KRNT brought in the service of KRNT-TV which gave us added publicity before and during our operation.

Finally with the sale of KRNT Radio we stayed with their TV facilities their call letters were changed to KCCI-TV and they gave us more on the air time the day of our operation, which continued to make us grow. We have also been joined by other fine companies and they along

with the Iowa National Guard have assisted greatly.

It has been my good fortune to be with Operation Santa Claus these thirty eight years since its start, and I served as General Chairman for twenty six years before present Chairman Carmi Smith, WØJOC took over. It has been a personal satisfaction for myself and Bob Evans if he was still here to have established this operation and We are extremely grateful to all the Radio Amateurs who have kept it going.

So on behalf of Bob Evans and myself we say:

YOU PEOPLE ARE THE  
GREATEST

July 28, 1986

You now have the option of paying for up to 3 years when renewing your membership in the DMRAA:

1 Year = \$20  
2 Years = \$40  
3 Years = \$60

See Bill Claypool NØUQ for details.



# 2012 DMRAA Calendar

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## General Meetings and Events

19 November, 2012 - Chili Feed and Auction

4 December, 2012 - Christmas Party

### **Hungry and looking to meet local hams?**

Friday's at the City Buffet on University (next to Toys R Us) a group of hams meet for lunch.

This is an informal meeting and provides an excellent opportunity to pass information while enjoying a nice selection of Chinese cuisine. The group usually arrives around 11:45 and breaks up at about 1:00. All are welcome, including family members.



## Testing Sessions

**12/08/2012**

Boone

Boone Amateur Radio Klub

Kruck P&H Warehouse Classroom

9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**12/15/2012**

Marshalltown

Central Iowa Radio Amateur Society

RACOM Corporation (1st floor meeting room)

10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

## What is it? #4

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### **Larry - KA0FTO**

What is in this photo? Most of you have never seen one of these. If you are under 50 years of age you probably have no idea what this is.

This one is at least 50 years old and probably 60+. These work very well for some present day devices you may build! No it is not a Templeton Rye bottle.

If you are under 50 years old and know what this is let me know at [kzlzimmer@msn.com](mailto:kzlzimmer@msn.com).



# October Board Meeting Minutes

## DMRAA Board Meeting

October 2, 2012

Convened at 7:03 P.M.

### In Attendance:

Kevin Sanders K0KDS – Pres  
Bruce Brumm K0ZMT – Board  
Bill Claypool NU0Q – Treas  
Dennis O'Brian KA0DOS – Board  
Mark Globuschutz K0MJG – Sect  
Craig rose K0YHU – Board  
George Noble KK7FM – VP  
Scott Kirstein N0OOD – Board  
Ron Hobbs N0XWI – Board  
Ben Sinclair K0ZMX – Board

### 1. Review of the minutes from September.

It was agreed that the minutes could be approved after identifying that the start time was actually

7:08P.M. in stead of the 8:07P.M. recorded on the minutes. Motion to approve = Bruce;  
Seconded

= Scott, motion carried

### 2. Treasurer's Report = \$ 10,700.30

### 3. Unfinished Business

a. Chili Feed – The following agreed to bring one roster each of Chili (approx 20 Quart size)

- i. Scott K
- ii. Mark G
- iii. Dennis O'B
- iv. Ben S

b. Supplies and cheese will be covered by Kevin

### 4. New Business

- a. Reimburse Mark G. for freq. charts and mailing expenses for info from ARRL. Motion = Ron,, seconded = Dennis; motion carried
- b. Reimburse Kevin for flowers for Mr. Brehmer \$47.45. Motion = Scott; seconded = Bruce; motion carried
- c. Scott K requested that Tom Reis be removed as the trustee of the D-STAR Call Sign and have Mike Waldren made trustee. Kevin signed the paper-work to finalize it.
- d. Ron's Masonic Lodge has requested that some operators demonstrate at their picnic this coming Sunday, 10/7. The picnic will be held at Beaverdale Park (at the dead end of Adams road; at approx 30<sup>th</sup> and Adams.) The picnic will start at 12:30 and will last for a few hours. Ron is requesting that anyone interested would be very welcome so we have a good show of participants.
- e. The Board Meeting will need to relocate due to our loss of the use of the conference room. Kevin will be looking into an alternate spot, possibly the new Ankeny Pizza Ranch that is opening in October.
- f. ARTS / HARC Antenna picnic was sparsely attended. George was asking if it might be better to hold the event earlier in the spring when people are not so busy. This might encourage better attendance.
- g. Dennis identified that it is time to make our donation to the church for our meeting space. It has been \$ 300 a year in the past and suggested we do the

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same this year. Motion = Dennis O'B;  
Second = Ron; motion carried.

5. Polk county ARES update

6. Just completed the rowing regatta; were 3 people short on what was needed.

- a. Asthma walk is Oct 13
- b. Oct 15 – Next ARES meeting
- c. DM Marathon Oct 21
- d. Living History Farms race Nov 17

7. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Ham Fest – none
- b. Field Day – none
- c. Repeaters & Packet – none
- d. Education – currently have 9 students in the Tech. class and are in the 3 week of classes.
- e. Programming
  - i. Oct – Molpelo Island DXpedition 2012 video
  - ii. Nov – Chili Feed
  - iii. Dec – Christmas Party – 1<sup>st</sup> Tues in December, Dec. 4.
- f. Communications & Public Relations
- g. Membership
  - i. Scott may announce at the Chili feed that dues paid at this point will be paid up until Jan 1, 2014. This will initiate the change in having the dues due in Jan. of each year.

h. Awards

i. Nominations are due at the end of the Chili Feed

i. Chili Feed & Auction – Nov 19 at the same church we held it at last year.

j. Christmas Party

k. Questions, Comments, Additions??

8. Adjournment – Motion = Scott, seconded Ron; motion carried.



# DES MOINES RADIO AMATEURS ASSOCIATION

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The Static sheet is bi-monthly (six per year) publication of the Des Moines Radio Amateurs Association. It is provided via email to the membership of the DMRAA. Please feel free to forward to prospective club members and interested Amateur Radio Operators.

The DMRAA is affiliated with the ARRL,

The national association for Amateur Radio.

Des Moines Radio Amateurs Assn.

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## Membership Application

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: (E) (A) (G) (T)

ARRL Member?    Y / N

What are your primary interests in amateur radio? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you interested in learning about? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to volunteer with the club? \_\_\_\_\_

Dues:

\$20 Single

\$40 2 years

\$60 3 years

Mail application and payment to:

DMRAA

P.O. Box 88

Des Moines, IA 50301

Email: [info@dmraa.com](mailto:info@dmraa.com)