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DMRAA ANNUAL CHILIFEED / AUCTION

The annual Chili Feed / Auction is nearly here. This is time for all interested hams to bring their extra equipment to sell and of course pick up some terrific bargains.

This is always a fun time with some really good bargains to be found. Last year we had a very nice selection of dual band radios. You never know what will be on the block!

Of course one of the nicest things is meeting up with fellow hams from across Central Iowa.

Chip Lawer will

again be the auctioneer. This is a real plus as he knows that some

NEW LOCATION!!!
St. Paul Presbyterian Church
6426 Merle Hay Road
Johnston, IA

items are treasures while others are necessities!

Details;

Tuesday November 24, 2009

Supper begins at 6:00pm with the auction starting at 7:00PM
Cost is \$5.00

Please note the new location. We were indeed fortunate to use the fire hall for many years, however they have moved and the facility is no longer available.



The picture above is from the 2008 auction. Plenty of goodies for the new hams



DMRAA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars! This year's Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 1st. The format will be similar to last year's event. It's a potluck at Plymouth Church, 42nd and Ingersoll, in the Waveland Hall rooms 1 and 2. The adjacent kitchen is available for those needing an oven and/or refrigerator. Please bring a hot dish and a cold dish plus your own tableware. The club will provide a smoked ham; coffee, tea, and hot cider

will also be furnished. Serving will begin at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be



followed by seasonal music played by the Plymouth Handbell Choir. The choir will go through the

food line first, so please be generous with the size of your dishes. Following the music, the Winthrop Mager Award will be presented. 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!



Come enjoy the fellowship

DMRAA meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month. Be sure and mark your calendars!



Upcoming Meetings

St. Paul Presbyterian Church
6426 Merle Hay Road
Johnston

November 24th 6:00 PM

Chili Feed / Auction

Here is the meeting you've been waiting for! Enjoy a chili supper while socializing with fellow hams. The auction will begin at 7:00PM . Bring all of your ham STUFF that needs to be relocated. Bring your MAD money and get more stuff. Cost is only \$5.00.

December 1st 7:00 PM

DMRAA Christmas dinner and awards program

Plymouth Congregational Church
Waveland Rooms 1—2
42nd & Ingersoll
Des Moines



Future Meetings

George, KK7FM is looking for meeting ideas and presenters. Please feel free to make suggestions and offer to help with a presentation.

Did you Know?



You do not need to be a member of the DMRAA to attend general meetings and events. Of course our hope is that you will see the benefits of supporting the club with your membership. Give us a try!

Recent Meetings

The October meeting discussed the threat from the H1N1 novel flu. Brenda McGraw KDØEDJ with Mercy hospital briefed the audience with information regarding symptoms and precautions. She was folled by Polk County Emergency Manager A.J. Mumm who provided a timely description of the services provided by Emergency Management and the response in the case of a wide area pandemic. November's meeting was Jon Davis, training advisor for the Des Moines Police

Department provided the club members with the FEMA IS-700A course.





Giving back through community service

Dan Miller
ACØOF
Iowa Section ARES EC
Polk County ARES EC
515 491-0186(cell)

A Special Thanks Polk County ARES received the donation of a 2500 watt Honda generator from Smitty WØJOC. This is a welcomed addition and will be used as backup and when additional power is required. Thanks Smitty!

Polk County ARES Meetings
Johnstone Supply Classroom
(2nd floor)
11000 Justin Drive
Urbandale, IA 50322



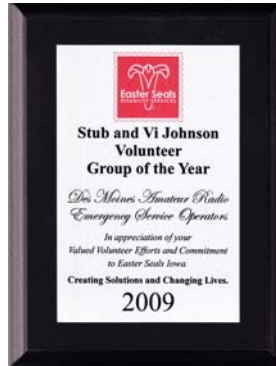
Polk County ARES



Well we are almost at the end of another year. It has been eventful to say the least! We participated in our usual public service events and drills. Most were successful, and some had to be modified in real time to make things work. That's why we do them. The last event we have is the Living History Farms Cross Country Race. We will make it work even though we are about five people short from last year. We can consolidate some positions and move some people that are at the beginning to other spots later in the race. We will complete our mission to provide this group with communications support.

The Polk County ARES group was nominated and received the Governors Group Volunteer Award in July. We were nominated by Micki Sandquist from the American Lung Association. They are very strong supporters of Amateur Radio and promote it at their functions. We also received the Stub & Vi Johnson Group Volunteer Award from the Easter Seals Society in October. Easter is also a very strong supporter of our work. We have

worked hard to get to this point of recognition. It has been a group effort and you are all to be commended for your participation and dedication to providing communications for our Served Agencies. It is an honor to be a part of this fantastic group of Amateur Radio Operators!



We took possession of the ARES trailer in July. It has been outfitted with antennas and power connections for three operating positions. It has been used at the NDMS Functional Drill, the Asthma Walk, the Des Moines Rowing Regatta and the Des Moines Marathon. It will also be used at the Living History Farms Cross Country

Race. It is a tremendous asset to Polk County ARES.

We have our usual events coming up for 2010 and may even pick up some new ones. There has been some talk about using the Amateur Radio operators for some new events that are in the works. We also have the Triennial NDMS Drill coming up in 2010. We need the continued support of every one to make these events successful. Our diligence and practice will pay off in the future. When our group is put to the real test, we will be ready and provide the best communications possible.

Again, I want to take this time to thank EVERYONE for their participation. You are to be commended for your activity and dedication.

73,

Dan Miller ACØOF

Iowa ARES Section Emergency Coordinator

Polk County ARES Emergency Coordinator

ARES MEETING DATES

January 11, 2010
April 12, 2010
July 12, 2010
October 11, 2010

2009 ARES Events

Living History Farms Cross Country Race November 21

2010 Polk County ARES Public Service Events Schedule

801 Grand Power Climb
February 28
MS Walk May 8
Jordan Creek Duathlon May 8
Dam to Dam June 5
Copper Creek Triathlon June 6
Field Day June 26-27
NDMS Drill TBA
Big Creek Triathlon August 8

State Fair Parade August 11
MS150 TBA
Asthma Walk TBA
100th Birthday of Scouting September 24 – 26
Head Of Des Moines Rowing Regatta September 25
Des Moines Marathon October 17
Living History Farms Cross Country Race November 20

2008 —2009 DMRAA Calendar

DMRAA Calendar 2009

Chili Feed Auction

Chili is served at 6:00PM
Auction begins at 7:00PM
Cost \$5.00
St. Paul Presbyterian
Church
6426 Merle Hay Road
Johnston

General Meetings and Events

24 November, 2009
Chili Feed / Auction
1 December 2009 DMRAA
Christmas Party
26 January, 2010
23 February, 2010
23 March, 2010
24 April, 2010 Hamfest
25 May, 2010
22 June, 2010
27 July 2010
24 August 2010

Board Meeting Dates

December No meeting
5 January, 2010
2 February, 2010
2 March, 2010
6 March, 2010
4 May, 2010
1 June, 2010
6 July 2010
3 August 2010
1 September 2010
6 October 2010



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.

*Making a
change is*

easy.

Making a

difference,

now there is

a challenge!

The President's Soapbox

Boy, time flies when you're having fun! The preparations are well in hand for the Chilifeed and auction. Dennis KAØDOS and I will be making the chili. The auctioneer is ready and we should have another great evening. Double check the location so you don't get lost!

Scheduling conflicts have caused us to have the Christmas Party sooner, only a week after the

Chilifeed. I would encourage all members to attend as we'll be presenting the Winthrop Mager award as well as recognizing other folks that make "hamming" in Des Moines so much fun.

Special "tip o the hat" to Polk County A.R.E.S.. First the Governor's Volunteer Award and recently Easter Seals, Camp Sunnyside Stub and Vi Johnson Volunteer Group of

the year. Award.. If you haven't helped on an A.R.E.S. event you really are missing out.

Have a great Christmas and may Santa be dropping a few RF goodies in your sock.

Merry Christmas

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Tom, NØVPR

Member Profile: Kevin Sanders

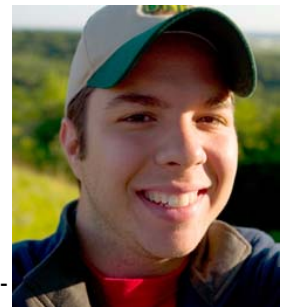
I grew up in Des Moines, not too far west of the state fairgrounds. I graduated from East High School in 2004, and then enrolled at Grand View College (now Grand View University) as a secondary education major. Half a semester in, I fell in love with photojournalism and decided to triple-major in journalism, mass communication, and photography. In 2005 I started work as a contract photojournalist, mainly for the Associated Press. In 2007 I took some time off from classes to work on the campaign trail full-time as a contract photojournalist for AP, Reuters, and several newspapers from around the world. After the caucuses finished, I returned to

classes at but continued to work in photojournalism, assigned to politics, breaking news, weather, and people. In addition to my side job as a contract photojournalist, I work for the Urbandale Community School District in the athletic office as an event supervisor. My interest in radio began at a young age. With my father's service in the Des Moines Fire Department up until a few years ago, I became very interested in police scanners at the age of 5 when I was handed an old 8-channel crystal Uniden Bearcat scanner. In my early teen- aged years, I had thought about ham radio but then it was only a passing thought until October 2008 when I decided to take the test on a whim at Iowa State. Since then, I have

been learning many things about ham radio through other hams and the internet. I am most interested in the digital modes but I'll try almost anything once! My current interests include APRS, D-STAR, and ballooning. I am also active in SKYWARN. I still scan the public safety bands, which I frequently use for my photojournalism assignments.

I serve the DMRAA vice president and serve as the club's public information coordinator.

I live in Ankeny with my stubborn dwarf rabbit, Jack, and my girlfriend, Becky, who is currently studying physical therapy at Des Moines University.



Kevin Sanders
KØKDS



Have you checked into a net lately? →

ARES Nets serve several purposes

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

Please check in!

Area Nets

AMES

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|-----------|------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| Sunday | 147.240+ | 7:00pm | Story County ARES Net |
| Wednesday | 147.375+ t 114.8 | 9:00pm | Cyclone Amateur Radio Club |

BOONE

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|--------|----------|--------|-----------------------|
| Sunday | 146.850- | 9:00pm | Boone County ARES Net |
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DES MOINES

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| Sunday | 146.940- t 114.8 | 8:00pm | Central Iowa ARES Net |
| Sunday | 146.940- t 114.8 | follows ARES net | Central Iowa technical Net |
| Sunday | 146.820- t 114.8 | 9:00pm | ARTS Net |
| Thursday | 146.940- t 114.8 | 7:00pm | Polk County ARES Net |

(note) The Des Moines Sunday night nets are available thru the Shehdahl 147.075+ t 114.8 repeater

MARSHALLTOWN

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| Sunday | 147.135+ t 141.3 | 6:00pm | CIRAS Net, |
|--------|------------------|--------|------------|

WEBSTER CITY

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| Monday | 147.015+ | 7:00pm | Hamilton County Radio Club Net |
|--------|----------|--------|--------------------------------|

STATEWIDE NETS

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|-----------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday—Saturday | 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 |

Amateur Radio Testing Sessions

Des Moines 1:00pm
 January 17
 March 21
 May 16
 July 18
 September 19
 November 21
 Registration starts at 12:30 PM (no admittance after 1pm)
 Location:
 Johnstone Supply Classroom (2nd floor)
 11000 Justin Drive
 Urbandale, IA 50322

Ames 7:00pm
 Wednesday, Nov 18, 7:00 PM
 Location:
 1304 Howe Hall, Iowa State campus
 Contact:
 George Oster, NP2N
 515-233-3535

Boone 9:00am
 December 12, February 13
 April 10, June 12
 August 14, October 9
 December 11
 Location:
 Kruck P&H Warehouse Office, 807 6th St., Boone, Iowa
 Talk-In: 146.850
 Contact:
 Steve NØNEU
 (515) 432-4006

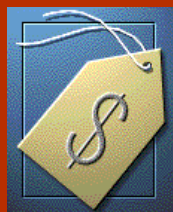
Ankeny 2:00pm
 1st Saturday of the month,
 Location:
 Ankeny Public Library
 1210 NW Prairie Ridge Dr.
 Contact:
 Joe Leto WØIW
 515-250-2108

Need to find a new home for your extra gear?

This Buy, Sell & Trade page may be your answer. This service is offered to DMRAA members.

Contact

Tom, NØVPR
n0vpr@arrl.net



Time to Eat?

DMRAA CHILIFEED / AUCTION

The annual Chili feed / Auction is our next meeting. The location is new this year.

St. Paul Presbyterian Church

64256 Merle Hay Road

Johnston, IA

Chili 6:00Pm

Auction 7:00PM

Cost for the event is \$5.00

While this is a club function all are welcomed and encouraged to attend and bring your excess gear to auction. The auction commission is 10% with a \$.50 minimum. You may buy back your item for \$.50.

We also have some items from a silent key that have been donated to the club, these items are listed below.

- TenTec Argosy 2
- TenTec Power Supply
- Bencher BY-1 paddle
- Trac Electronic keyer
- Harvey Wells T-90 transmitter
- Mobile pack power supply
- Heathkit Small engine tune-up meter
- Heathkit timing light
- Heathkit Ultra Pro HD-8999

Summary of the DMRAA auction rules:

Generally, there is a 10% commission that goes to DMRAA. There is also a 50 cent minimum commission. For items selling for \$5 or more, DMRAA keeps 10% of the price. For items less than \$5, DMRAA keeps 50 cents.

There is no minimum bid. If you don't want your item to sell because the bid is too low, you must bid to buy the item back yourself. If your bid wins, that's called a buyback. There is a 50 cent charge for the buyback regardless of the amount of the bid.

Items will not be sold for less than \$1. If nobody bids on an item, it may be combined into one lot with other items of the seller.

Ultimately, if nobody bids, the lot will be added to 'the pile'. At the end of the auction, the pile will be auctioned. If it doesn't sell, the items will be discarded.

GENERAL STUDY CLASS

General Classes will be held at the Johnstone Supply Classroom, 11000 Justin Drive, Des Moines, Ia. on Wednesday nights starting January 13th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Contact Bill Schemmel at 515-865-1066 or wiliam.schemmel@sprint.com for more information and to register for the class.

Books must be purchased from ARRL prior to class.

Full schedule:

January 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17

Testing will be on March 21st at the same location.

Hungry and looking to meet local hams? Friday's at the Buffet City 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.

Caution! Considerable amount of amateur radio topics will be discussed.

2 Meter Elements Broken? Fix or Replace!

So now you noticed you have broken elements on your favorite 2 Meter beam. What do you do now? You could order new elements or try to fix it yourself.

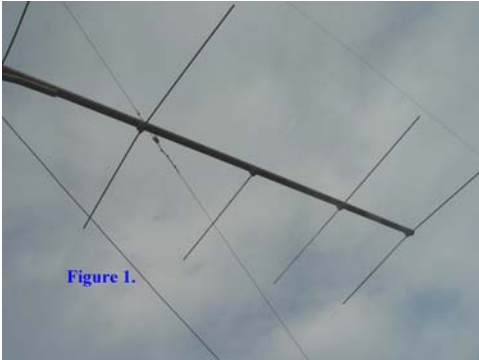


Figure 1.

If you look closely the 3rd element from the right is broken in figure 1!

I replaced the element with an aluminum welding rod 3/16 in size. That seems to be the size for all of the elements on this 2Meter 3219. The second element from the right has already been replaced. I used thin aluminum sheet and cut a strip about 1 inch wide and folded it around the center of the element then drilled a hole down through the u shaped aluminum strip and then reused the original stainless steel bolt to clamp it.

The 3/16 Aluminum Welding rod I purchased from R&R welding. I am not sure where or if there are other places you can find it.

Some 440MHZ antennas have the same element diameter so you might use this same method to repair those elements as well.

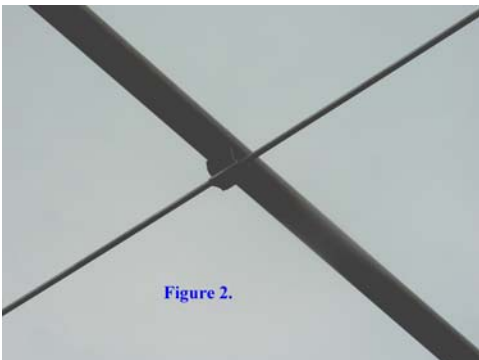


Figure 2.

If you look close, in figure 2, you can just barely make out the aluminum strap wrapped around the element with the open end of the U away from us or to the bottom right.

“ALWAYS MEASURE TWICE AND CUT ONCE!” I REPEAT “ALWAYS MEASURE TWICE AND CUT ONCE!” The very first element I was going to replace after marking it with a permanent marker, I checked it once again and would have cut it a full 1 inch to short! How could that have happened? Needless to say I actually measured 3 times then cut once after that.

Since just 1/2 of the element was broken off and the last element was longer than my 3/16 aluminum welding rod I chose to replace just half. The elements are actually in two pieces and are clamped in the middle with a sleeve (aluminum pipe) and then there is a mounting hole in the middle that a single stainless steel bolt holds it to the mast. See figure 3 below.

I decided to save the mounting sleeve with its mounting hole and the other half of the element. I clamped it in

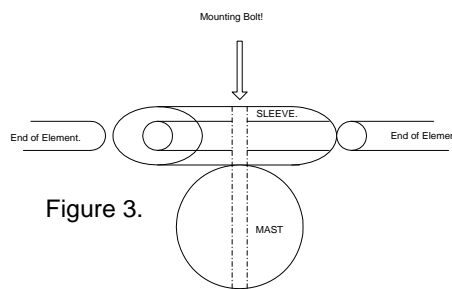


Figure 3.



Figure 4.

a small vice and proceeded to drill out



Figure 5.

the broken half with a 1/164 bit. This would be smaller than the 3/16" element but could always sand/grind down the end of the 1/2 element that would be inserted.

See Figure 4 for the element before starting to drill and Figure 5 after I drilled out the broken piece.

Once I ground or sanded down the end of the new 1/2 element I was



Figure 6.

able to drive it down inside of the mounting sleeve then I clamped the end of the sleeve with the new 1/2 element with the vice.

The final figure 6 is the repaired longest element in the 3219 antenna and you can barely make out that the right half of the element is brighter than the older original left half. Does it work, well unfortunately the antenna is still being stored about 15 feet off of the ground on my tower until I place it back on the top. HMMM! I hope I don't break anymore elements reinstalling it on the top of the tower.

73 de KA0FTO Larry.



Board Meeting Minutes

October

check on obtaining a PA system suitable for the event.
 Award for W0DAY/N0INX: Tom provided an artist's rendering of a proposed plaque for Dale and Russ. Ron motioned to approve the award with minor changes to correct the phrasing of Des Moines Radio Amateurs Association and other minor wording. Bruce seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New business

Winthrop Mager Award: The Winthrop Mager Award is looking for nominations. Nominations must be sent to Tom by the end of the November meeting. The nomination committee must be comprised of at least two past recipients of the award, and any past recipient who has an e-mail address on record has been contacted.

Christmas Party: The board agreed that a spiral-cut ham will be provided by the club. The ham will be procured by Dennis.

Club logo wear: Tom received DMRAA-branded merchandise from HamCallWear.com. The website will provide various products to any DMRAA member for a fee with an undefined amount of the proceeds benefiting the club. Purchases are not required.

Treasurer's report: \$6,053.48 in the bank. Bill distributed an income/expense handout.

Subcommittee reports

Program: Schedule for 2010 meetings coming together. January: Dean on software-defined radio (possibly), February: Skywarn, March DX (possibly). Those with

ideas should contact George.
 Christmas Party: Bell choir is confirmed to perform, and will be given a \$50 donation.
 Education: George updated us on the situation with the new Science Center of Iowa CEO. Hams will again try to build a relationship with him to bring the radio station back to SCL.

Repeater/Packet: Tom reported the Truro repeater is either off or low power, and will be investigated further.

Other items: Dennis motioned to donate \$200 to Plymouth for the use of the church for general meetings. The amount will cover one year. Ron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

The Des Moines Radio Amateurs Association board meets monthly in the community room at Dahl's 33rd & Hubbell

November

The meeting began at 7:02 p.m. with all elected officers and board members in attendance with the exception of Tre Critelli, KA0FRW, and Dean Madsen, N0XR. There were no guests in attendance.

The minutes were unavailable, and therefore could not be approved at this board meeting.

Old business

Field Day 2010: Ron and Tom are still working to meet with the manager of Jordan Creek. Living History Farms is no longer a possibility.

Auction & Chili Feed: The Auction & Chili Feed has been relocated to the Fellowship Hall of the church. Tom and Dennis will bring the pots of chili. Tom will be in touch to hire the auctioneer, and will also

SKYWARN Appreciation Day

December 4th

All interested ham radio operators and SKYWARN spotters will want to mark the first weekend in December on your calendar. The 11th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held at National Weather Service Forecast Offices, Regional Headquarters, and National Centers (e.g. the National Hurricane Center), including the central Iowa office in Johnston, from 6 p.m. Friday, December 4, 2009 to 6 p.m. Saturday, December 5, 2009. This is our way of saying "Thank You" to the numerous amateur radio operators that provide severe storm reports and emergency communications to the office and to the network control operators that handle all the traffic.



National Weather Service
9607 NW Beaver Drive
Johnston, IA 50131

Thankfully, this year's severe weather season was much less active than last year's, but that doesn't diminish the usefulness or effectiveness of severe weather reports received via amateur radio. The Service continues to be a major part of severe and other hazardous weather operations at NWS offices around the country.

Additional information will be posted as necessary on the internet at <http://hamradio.noaa.gov>. We hope to see you at our office!

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Shane Searcy

CW entries on the rise, despite dropping code requirement on testing

The ARRL released information this November showing that CW contest entries have risen since 2004, despite dropping mandatory Morse code testing.

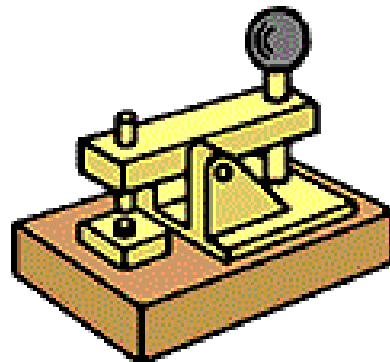
"There is a definite 'upward trend' in CW participation over the last 5 years, at least in the contesting world." Sean Kutzko, KX9X, the ARRL Contest Branch Manager, said in an e-mail to the Des Moines Radio Amateurs' Association.

Among the statistics:

CW Sweepstakes entries have increased

from 1,230 submitted logs in 2004 to 1,417 in 2008.

The ARRL DX CW Contest entries have



risen from 2,567 in 2005 to 3,133 in 2009.

Field Day CW activity has gone from 503,205 CW QSOs in 2005 to 556,525 in 2009.

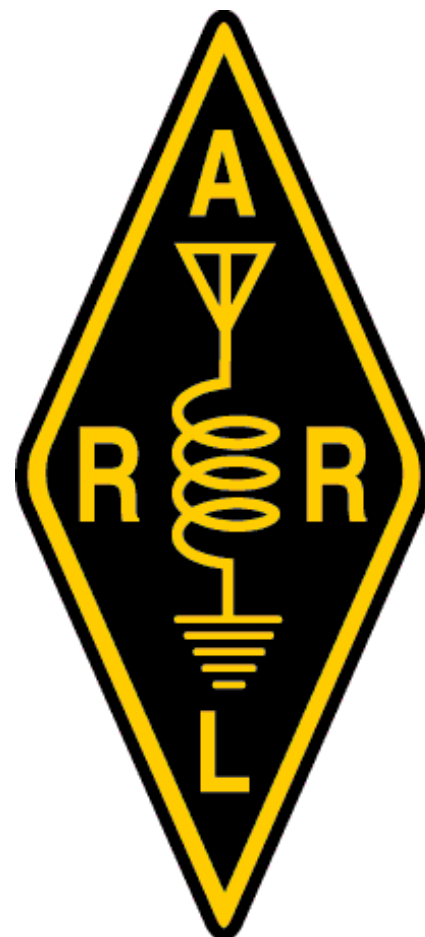
Several amateur radio operators have theorized that poor band conditions are behind the increase of CW activity. Contesters may also be more comfortable submitting logs electronically than they have in the past.

Regardless, the slight uptick in CW contest entries counter the notion that CW operation is a dying skill being practiced among the HF bands, despite Morse code no longer being required to obtain an

Winthrop Mager Award

The purpose of the Winthrop Mager Award is to perpetuate the memory of the Reverend 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 Amateur Association, Des Moines, Iowa. Any radio operator with any class license who is a member of the Des Moines Radio Amateur Association is eligible. Nominations should be submitted to the committee in writing no later than the regular November meeting.

Nominations for the Annual Winthrop Mager Award need to be sent to the DMRAA no later than the November meeting. Nominations must be in writing. The President will give the nominations to the Committee for selection 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.



Winthrop Mager Past Recipients

| | | | | | | | | |
|------|------------------|--------|------|----------------------|--------|------|----------------|--------|
| 1964 | John Moffet | WØSVD | 1979 | Carmi Smith | WAØJOC | 1994 | Leroy Koder | WDØCZO |
| 1965 | Lee J. Roy | WØVUDO | 1980 | Gary Liljegren | WØSH | 1996 | Bill Claypool | NUØQ |
| 1966 | R.W. Denniston | WØDX | 1981 | Charles Corcoran | KD9UD | 1997 | Duane Bower | WDØUCY |
| 1967 | Robert M. Evans | WØAUL | 1982 | Robert McCaffrey | KØCY | | Melanie Bower | KBØJSD |
| 1968 | Kenneth Woody | KØSWE | 1983 | Ronald Kinton | WBØMBZ | 1998 | Jim Case | KIØIP |
| 1969 | Warren Huffman | KØCVT | 1984 | Harris "Mike" Golden | KØGHD | 1999 | Maggie Harmon | KBØZBL |
| 1970 | A.W. "Red" Kruse | WØLCX | 1985 | Bob Heitman | WDØDOK | 2000 | Dave Johnson | NØLVA |
| 1971 | Thomas R. Fergus | KØQXT | | Marsha Heitman | KAØJZF | 2001 | Ron Hobbs | NØXWI |
| 1972 | Dale White | KØQXL | 1986 | Jim Snapp | NAØR | 2002 | JoAnn Deaton? | KCØBTV |
| 1973 | Richard Witt | KØIDJ | 1987 | Bob Jimmerson | KAØOMM | 2003 | Don Whitmer | KCØWJ |
| 1974 | Wayland Osborn | WØRRG | 1988 | John Sawhill | WAØO | 2004 | Mike Greenwood | KC4VG |
| 1975 | Harold Rosenberg | WØIYW | 1989 | Al Peterson | KCØKZ | 2005 | Dan Miller | KCØFRL |
| 1976 | Bryon W. Mann | WØSEJ | 1990 | Don Boyvey | KDØBG | 2006 | Kim England | KCØTHB |
| 1977 | Warren Bensley | WAØITC | 1991 | Harold Ober | NØHZK | 2007 | Tom Reis | NØVPR |
| 1978 | Ray Stanley | K5RRS | 1992 | Don Schmidt | WØANZ | 2008 | Lowell Abarr | KB6SDI |
| | | | 1993 | LaRue "Irish" Olson | WAØATI | | | |

From the Archives

HONEST JOHN

Static Sheet February 1987

The first meeting of the DMRAA in 1987 started off in it's usual good fashion, the program was interesting and well attended, the coffee was good, the doughnuts fresh and unpinched, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

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I was a little disappointed in the subdued boogie I recieved at our personal introductions, Gee fellows, can't I get a decent one anymore? Please try harder if you care. I thank Dan, WBOQAM, and whoever have helped on working on the repeater. I would have liked to have heard a thank you given to Warren, HOWL, and Jerry, WOAI, for their work in the past and future. Without their help, interest, and the use of the finest equipment money can buy, which they have given freely, we would be in bad shape. So a big thanks to all who keep the WOAK repeater going.

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Easy Ed, WBOIFF, was in a bad mood yesterday. He was taking his monthly bath and his wife Evelyn came in and sank his little boats.

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Nick, KOPCG, went to law school on an athletic scholarship, he excelled in the 100 yard

ambulance chase.

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Jon, NOHJQ, might not be at the next club meeting. After a recent date he was taken to the hospital to the intensive hickey unit.

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Harris, KOGHD, is developing a smoke detector for the elderly, it goes off a day early.

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Ron, WBOMBZ, and myself were in the restaurant the other day talking about the past and Ron said "A year ago today my uncle Elmo died while trying to milk an alligator".

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Smokey, WOZZM, is strange, he says for Valentine he's going to run around Norwalk naked, shooting people with his little bow and arrow.

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Seeing Leroy, WDOCZO, at club meeting was the first time since he took his wife to the drive-in to see "closed for the season".

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It is rumored that Steve, WBOUGO, thought of entering a monastic order which is devoted to having nothing to do with soap. Steve is back walking again, he has a good Doctor who gave him limping lessons.

Irish, WAOATI, stopped at his favorite meat market to get a fancy steak, only to find later it still had marks where the jockey hit it.

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Yesterday Bob, KOCY, the Pres. walked under a tree and got a close encounter of the bird kind.

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Jack, WOPRF, doesn't worry about the State doing away with the three martini lunch, he never gets past the first coffee break.

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I asked Jim, NAOB, if he was doing any new cooking and he says he is learning how to sherry and fricassee a rubber chicken.

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Jeff's, WBOBZR, girlfriend had her feelings hurt. She was taking a shower and discovered a peeping tom painting her window over.

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Dale, KOQXL, and a hundred other weird people in his home-town saw a UFO land in their backyard. Dale said they just waited around for the crew to come out.

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Hugh, WOAIX, the big apple man, that farms in Mingo recently

crossed a Cocker Spanial with a pig. He got an animal that fetches garbage.

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A dollar bill is a five with the taxes taken out.

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REMEMBER WHEN-???

When we all engaged in Amateur Radio without gripeing or bitching about the repeater, field days Operation Santa Claus, or the way the other guy uses his radio.

When we went to club to see some of the fellows we talked to over the air and followed some of the ARRL Amateur Code which stresses,

#1- The amateur is gentlemanly.
#4- The amateur is friendly, giving help to beginners and other hams.

#5- The amateur is balanced. When we were basically all learning about our great hobby and not a bunch of electronic geniuses.

PLEASE, will the man upstairs that controls the world and our airwaves, bring back the old days??

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Jims, KAQQLQ, girlfriend is so ugly I recently went over to her house to cure my hiccups.

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Pete, KCOKZ, says he has always

had an ambition to run for President of the Bermuda Triangle.

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I don't believe it but somebody says its true-- before Jerry, KBOVT, got into his present racket he was a G String tuner at a burlesque house.

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Bill, KAONNS, tells me of a funeral parlor that has a no-frills rate, if you go between Tuesday and Friday and book three days in advance.

Also a super low rate of \$75 if you allow advertising on your coffin.

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Chas, KD9UD, has been trying to convince me he talked to Mars on 20 Meters. He says there are giant artichokes living there. Charley has blown a transistor in his final.

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Not responsible for the above-living or dead.

HONEST JOHN, WOSVD





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