

STATIC SHEET

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JUNE 2016

2016 DMRAA HAMFEST

The 2016 DMRAA Hamfest is on the books and the planning for 2017 is underway. We had fantastic weather and an enthusiastic group assembled to enjoy the fellowship and considerable bargains. George, KBØHVB was the recipient of the Grand Prize, a MFJ-225 graphical ANTENNA ANALYZER. Several other prizes were won by some very appreciative hams.

Rick Allen, NØCFL was presented with the 2016 “Bob Evans” award. Rick’s service includes many years as the coordination VE for VE testing. Also his many years in helping with ARES Events including the Des Moines Marathon. Well done Rick!

Special thanks to those who helped set-up and

tear down. Bruce, KCØZMT, Ron, KDØTTO, Scott, NØOOD, Ray, WØRAY, Bill, NUØQ, Tom, NØVPR & Heather, NØCALL. If you would like to assist in the planning and production of the 2017 DMRAA Hamfest or any DMRAA event, please contact club president, Bruce Brumm.



2016 DMRAA Field Day

Yellow Banks County Park is the location for the 2016 edition of the annual ARRL Field Day. The location this year has been changed. Due to construction of new shelters at Fort Des Moines County Park the Location has been changed to Yellow Banks County Park, shelter #1. This beautiful Polk County Park just south of Vandalia Road Drive East of Highway 65 offers a great Field Day location. All hams and families are invited to attend. Hams are also invited to help set-up and tear down as well. The event starts at 1:00 PM on Saturday June 25th and continues until 1:00 PM on the 26th. Set-up begins at 9:00 AM Saturday morning. This is a great time for the newer hams to “get involved” and learn so basics. Please contact any board member to sign-up.

2016 Bob Evans Award to NØCFL



Hamfest
pictures
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Come enjoy the fellowship

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



Upcoming Meetings

June 28th 2016

Quad Copter Demo

7:00PM

Plymouth Congregational Church

42nd & Ingersoll

Waveland Room 2nd floor

Larry, KAØFTO to give Quad-copter Demo for June Meeting



7:00 PM

Plymouth Congregational Church

42nd & Ingersoll

Waveland Room, 2nd floor

The DMRAA meetings provide an excellent opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy fellow hams. Please feel free to invite newly licensed amateurs to attend.

Future Meetings

Brad & Scott are looking for meeting ideas and presenters. Please feel free to make suggestions and offer to help with a presentation.

Brad Boeckmann KC9DMQ

brad.boeckmann@gmail.com

Scott Kirstein, NØOD

n0ood@arrl.net



You can Help?

Are you interested in helping the club? There are many ways you can help -- assisting with an event, taking a few pictures or even writing a piece for this newsletter.

Future Meetings

July Meeting TBD

July 26th, 7:00pm

Waveland Room

Plymouth Congregational

Church

42nd & Ingersoll

If you have any suggestions for future meetings, please contact Vice-President

Brad Boeckmann

KC9DMQ at

info@dmraa.com



Giving back through community service

Scott Kirstein
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Polk County ARES EC
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Polk County ARES



It seems as though we are going through the “Dog Days of Summer” in early June. The heat underscores our purpose for assisting with providing assistance one our various public service events – and also brings to mind the importance of personal preparedness.

When we are at a water station, medical tent, or riding in a sag wagon, we are providing an important service to the event organizers and participants. We put ourselves into these situations to help ensure the safety of the participants and the overall success of the event.

While we are participating, we also need to be aware of our own well-being. We need to take it

upon ourselves to make sure we have water, appropriate dress – including rain gear if needed, and your ARES vest, have sunscreen, and of course, any medications that we will need during the event.

While most of us have been doing this for a while and are aware that the day’s events can unfold differently than we think from a weather standpoint, it is still something we need to plan for.

This planning is also part of why we do these events. It’s not enough to be able to provide equipment and communications skills, in a real-world event, it is also important to be able to provide our services without becoming a burden on the agency we are assisting.

From my chair, I believe we are fairly well prepared for this aspect of emergency response, but it’s never a bad time to not only check your antennas and batteries, but also your personal “go kit” to make sure it has everything you think you will need.

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Polk County ARES Meetings
Polk County EOC at
1907 Carpenter Avenue
Des Moines, IA



ARES MEETINGS DATES 2016

Monday, July 18
Monday, October 10
7:00 PM

Polk County Emergency
Operations Center
1907 Carpenter
Des Moines, IA

2016 ARES Events

ARRL Field Day,
June 25th -26th, 2016

Iowa State Fair Parade,
August 10th, 2016

Head of the Des Moines Rowing
Regatta,
September 24th, 2016

Des Moines Marathon,
October 16th, 2016

Living History Farms Fun Race,
November 19, 2016

2016 DMRAA Calendar



Plymouth Congregational Church
42nd & Ingersoll
Des Moines
7:00PM

Calendar 2016-17 General Meetings and Events

25 June, 2016 Field Day

28 June, 2016
26 July, 2016
23 August, 2016
27 September, 2016
25 October, 2016

22 November, 2016
ChiliFeed /Auction
6 December DMRAA
Christmas Party

5 July, 2016
2 August, 2016
6 September, 2016
4 October, 2016
1 November, 2016
3 January, 2017
7 February, 2017
7 March, 2017
4 April, 2017
2 May, 2017

Board Meeting Dates



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 Scott Kirstein
NØOOD
for details.
Dues are calendar
year

President's Soapbox

Spring has come and gone, and the thoughts of every radio-inclined person turn to Field Day. "Always the fourth full weekend in June" is the mantra issued by the ARRL. This year that hallowed weekend falls on 25-26 June.

The DMRAA partners with the Polk County EMA via ARES to coordinate a Field Day site. Due to on-going construction at our previous site, we will be hosting the event at Yellow Banks Park, shelter #1. This new-to-us site is quite similar to the previous one with respect to facilities, layout, and topography. Our 3-Alpha operation will provide plenty of opportunities for setup and operating experience. Please plan on coming for the setup activities -- you will almost certainly learn something new. Many hands make light work! It is always more fun when there are

lots old and new hands available. A Subway lunch is provided for the setup crew and the evening meal is pot-luck!

The DMRAA will again be providing water and pop. Please bring a hot or cold dish. Chips and other snacks are also welcome additions. I have also been told that there will be an active coffee pot.

Once setup is complete, operating begins in the early afternoon. When is a contest not a contest? When it's Field Day! The avid CW "fists" and phone operators will certainly be vying for the hot bands to make plenty of points for our club call, WØAK.

There is plenty of opportunity to operate. Some of our most serious operators stay overnight and catch the other night owls around the country. DX is also possible, band conditions permitting. Don't be shy -- let someone know you'd like to operate and you'll get some seat time. If you are new to the hobby, we'll be glad to talk you through the process. It's easy and fun!

Safety is always a concern. Given Iowa weather, we stand a good chance of rain and electrical storms. Our setup is centered around keeping us safe from electrical shock via generator power

and lightning strikes. We take a well-deserved Time Out when lightning is nearby. Antenna leads and control cables are disconnected and placed away from the operating shelter. We also run as much electrical wiring overhead as we can to avoid standing water issues inside the shelter. Tower and antenna safety is also a must. We account for the fall radius for towers and antennas when considering their placement, and also provide grounding. We've had a couple close calls in the past and we want to continue our zero-issue and injury streak. Please pay attention to and respect the Safety Officer's decisions. They are for our own good.

Even if you don't care to operate, please come and help supervise setup or take care of some socializing with your old and new friends. I look forward to seeing you all there!

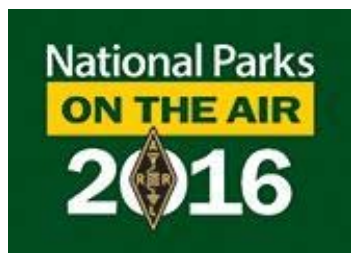
73, Bruce KCØZMT

"If you
dig it, do
it. If you
dig it a
lot, do it
twice."

Jim Croce,
WN30QW SK



Bruce Brumm
KCØZMT





Have you
checked into a
net lately? →

ARES Nets serve

several purposes

- **Operator training**
- **Training of Net control operators**

Please check in!

Area Nets

AMES

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

BOONE

Sunday	146.850-	8:00pm	Boone County ARES Net
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CRESTON

Sunday	443.400+ t 151.4	8:30pm	SW Iowa Amateur Radio Assn.
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DES MOINES

Sunday	145.390- t 114.8	7:00 pm	Saylorville Fellowship Net
Sunday	29.670- t 103.5	7:30 pm	Iowa Ten Meter Net
Sunday	146.610- t 114.8	8:00 pm	Central Iowa ARES Net
Sunday	146.940- t 114.8	follows ARES net	Central Iowa Technical Net
Sunday	443.400 t 151.4	8:30 pm	SW Iowa Amateur Radio Assn Net
Monday	146.820 203.5 PL	6:30 pm	State Wide ICN Net (Mason City, Pella, Des Moines, Bedford)
Monday	146.940- t 114.8	7:00 pm	DMRAA information Net
Wednesday	53.250-	8:30 pm	Iowa 6 Meter Net 1.7mhz-
Wednesday	146.610- t 114.8	11:00 pm	Night Owl Net
Thursday	146.940- t 114.8	7:00 pm	Polk County ARES Net

INDIANOLA

Saturday	147.195- t 114.8	7:30am	Warren County ARES Net
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PERRY

Monday	145.190- t 114.8	8:00pm	Dallas County ARES Net
Monday	145.190- t 114.8	follows ARES net	HARC Net

STATEWIDE NETS

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



Amateur Radio Testing Sessions



Des Moines 1:00pm

July 17, 2016
September 18, 2016
November 20 2016

Registration starts at 12:30 PM
(no admittance after 1pm)
Location: Johnstone Supply
Classroom (2nd floor)
11000 Justin Drive
Urbandale, IA 50322

Contact: Rick Allen NØCFL
(515) 795-2162
n0cfl@arrl.net

Ames

Sat. Oct. 1 – 10:00 AM
Wed. Nov. 9 – 7:00 PM
Sat. Dec. 3 – 10:00 AM

Location ISU Campus –
Building and Room TBA

Contact: George Oster,
NP2N
515-233-3535

Boone 9:00am

August 13, 2016
October 8, 2016
December 10, 2016

Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Conference room
behind the cafeteria at the Boone
County Hospital, 1015 Union St,
Boone, Iowa
Contact: Steve NØNEU
(515) 432-4006

Marshalltown 9:00am

August 6, 2016
December 3, 2016

Check-In: 9:30 AM
Exam Starts: 10:00AM
Location: RACOM Corporation
201 West State Street
Marshalltown, IA

Contact:
Brian Krumm, NØMXX
n0mxk@arrl.net
641-752-9658

Time 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
info@DMRAA.com

Looking for something?
We'd be happy to help



Time to
Eat?

Buy / Sell

Go-Box for Sale



I have a homemade go box for sale.
It consists of a Yaesu ftm-100dr fusion mobile
radio with a 14ah battery pack
I am asking \$275.00

Kevin, NØIWT (515-266-1738)

Icom IC-229H includes HM-12
Mic, mobile mount and power cable,
tested 65 watts,
\$50

Johnston, IA (local pick-up only)
Contact Tom, NØVPR
n0vpr@arrl.net or (515) 314-5666



Keyboard Tip

On Windows based computers
you can make a Ø (slash zero)
with a keyboard short cut.
While holding the alt key down
type 0216. This will give you
the familiar Ø in your call sign.
Note: this only works with a
desktop keyboard. On a laptop
you will need to insert a symbol.

Are you checking the website?

Keep up to date with local amateur radio news. The club
website is a great resource.

[Go to dmraa.org](http://dmraa.org)



Hungry and looking to
meet local hams? On Fri-
days at the Buffet City on
University (next to Toys R
Us) a group of hams meet
for lunch. This is an infor-
mal meeting and provides
an excellent opportunity

to pass information while
enjoying a nice selection of
Chinese cuisine. The
group (around 20) 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.



Why Join the 160,000+ Members of ARRL?



To Join or Renew

Contact the ARRL

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860-594-0200
1-888-277-5289

Email:
membership@arrl.org



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- Continuing Education
- ARRL as an Advocate
- Regulatory Information Branch
- Public Relations for Amateur Radio
- ARRL Field Organization
- ARRL-sponsored contests
- Operating Awards
- Local Clubs
- Amateur Radio Emergency Service
- Hamfests and Conventions
- Volunteer Examiner Coordinator Program

ARES Reflective Vests

Polk County ARES now has several Class 3 Level 2 Safety Vests available for purchase. These are better quality surveyor type vests with sleeves and several pockets in sizes m thru 3XL. They have the words "RADIO COMMUNICATIONS" on the back.

Cost is \$20.

Contact Tom, NØVPR
n0vpr@arrl.net

Note: You need not be a Polk County ARES or DMRAA member to purchase a vest.



Static Sheet Deadlines

Item submission deadline	Publish Date (Email sent)	Web edition posted
February 1 st	February 15 th	February 20 th
April 1 st	April 15 th	April 20 th
June 1 st	June 15 th	June 20 th
August 1 st	August 15 th	August 20 th
October 1 st	October 15 th	October 20 th
December 1 st	December 15 th	December 20 th

WØAK Board Minutes DMRAA

April Board Meeting Minutes

DMRAA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 5-April, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm

In Attendance:

Bruce Brumm – KCØZMT – President
Mark Globuscutz- K0MJG – Board
Ron Overholser – KDØTTO – Board
Michael Waldron – AEØMW – Board

Bill Claypool – NUØQ - Treasurer
Ray Harden – WØRAY – Board
Kevin Sanders – KØKDS – Board
Scott Kirstein – NØOOD – Board

1. Review March minutes: Motion to approve pending the omission of the last sentence of the item 3a ("It is the weekend following the fight for air climb and preceding Hamfest.") by Scott K, 2nd by Ron O. Motion Passed
2. Treasurer's report \$20,224.93
3. Unfinished business
 - a. Tom R. had submitted a bill for \$72.58 for replacement tiles in the ARES trailer (previously approved)
 - b. Brad Boeckmann will be on the Radio Scouting Board of the JOTA. This involves planning and organizing activities for the scouts in the communications area.
4. Polk County ARES update
 - a No changes from last month.
 - b ARES meeting will be next Monday, April 11, at 7:00 at 1907 Carpenter Ave.
5. Subcommittee reports
 - a. Hamfest – 16-April-2016 –
 - b. Radio City has confirmed attendance
 - c. MFJ analyzer for the door prize has been ordered from Radio City
 - d. Vendors confirmed exc. Radio City; Bruce will contact via phone & order prize.
- b. Field Day – 25-June-2016 -- nothing new to

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*The Des Moines
Radio Amateurs
Association
board meets
monthly in the
upstairs
conference
room at the
East Euclid
Hy-Vee
2540 E Euclid
Ave
Des Moines*

April Board Meeting Minutes, cont.

report "Always the fourth full weekend in June"

- c. Repeaters & Packet -- nothing new to report
- d. Education
 - a. The remain G. West Technician books will be made available to the membership for \$ 20.00 ea. at the next club meeting.
 - b. The next class will likely be a General class in the fall using Gordon West materials. More information to come.
- e. Programming
 - Jan: 26-January, "HT Roundup", KC9DMQ, Brad Boeckmann
 - Feb: 23-February, "HF & You" – NU0Q, Bill Claypool
 - Mar: 22-March, APRS (WL7CLI/K0SXY)
 - Apr: 26-April, NWS/Storm Spotter Training
 - Recital Hall reservation confirmed with Dennis, KAØDOS
 - May: 24-May, Dayton Show & Tell/Elections
 - June: Field Day primer
- f. Communications & Public Relations; Nothing new to Report
- g. Membership – An updated membership sheet for paid members in 2016 is needed with e-mail addresses.
- h. Awards
 - a. A motion was made by Scott K to close the nominations for the Bob Evans award and vote on the current nominees. This was 2nd. By Kevin S. The vote was taken and an un-named individual was selected. Motion to elect the un-named individual was made by Mark G, 2nd by All present. The un-named individual was elected. (the individual name is being withheld until the Ham Fest)

6. New Business

- a. Chris Charron, a Past President, has become silent key. Past Board member Don Boyvey's XYL, Ruth, has passed away. Motion was made by Mike W. to send sympathy cards to the families. 2nd by All.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Kirstein, 2nd by Kevin S. motion carried at 8:03pm.

***Did you know that the DMRAA
board meetings are open to all
club members. Your input is always
welcomed.***

WØAK Board Minutes DMRAA

May Board Meeting Minutes

DMRAA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm in the HyVee dining area. The regular meeting room was unavailable. Due to space and noise levels, the agenda was held to bare minimum.

In Attendance:

Bruce Brumm – KCØZMT – President

Brad Boeckmann – KC9DMQ - VP

Ron Overholser – KDØTTO – Board

Dean Madsen – NØXR – Guest

Bill Claypool – NUØQ - Treasurer

Mark Globuschutz- K0MJG – Board

Scott Kirstein – NØOOD – Board

1. Review of minutes from April board meeting
 - a. Kevin Sanders motion to approve, 2nd by Ron Overholser
 - b. Treasurer's report -- \$22,787.30
 - c. Paid \$50.75 to Dean Madsen, NØXR for repairs to club beam (DX Engineering).
 - d. Unfinished/New business – none
 - e. Polk County ARES update
 - f. 2016 events and meeting schedule – Market to Market on 7-May
 - g. Subcommittee reports
 - Hamfest – 15-April-2017 – confirm reservation, insurance, etc., door prize authorization
 - Financial Report about \$1000.00 net from Hamfest.
 - Fixes for next year (small PA for curtain wall area?) AE0MW can provide from work
 - Prizes (KCØZMT) to send out those not picked up) Perhaps Must be Present to Win except for grand prize.
 - Field Day – 25-June-2016 -- nothing to report (site being cleared for construction)
 - Yellow banks, Moffitt Reservoir, Jester Park, Camp Dodge all potential sites; KCØZMT and NØOOD will investigate.
- Per ARRL -- “Always the fourth full weekend in June”
 - c. Repeaters & Packet – not addressed
 - d. Education – not addressed

Programming
 May: 24-May, Dayton Show & Tell/Elections (cookies, doughnuts, coffee, etc)?

June: Drones (Larry Zimmer or other)

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May Board Meeting Minutes, cont.

KCØZMT to discuss site with Larry.

Off-site tends to negatively impact attendance.

July: TBD; can't do Field day Primer in June due to meeting falling on a date after Field Day.

- f. Communications & Public Relations -- not addressed
 - g. Membership – need current spreadsheet (KCØZMT) to update mailing lists – not addressed
 - h. Awards – not addressed
- New business – none addressed

Motion to adjourn at 7:40pm by Mike Waldron, 2nd by Scott Kirstein. Motion carried

*Questions about or to DMRAA leadership
may be sent to info@dmraa.com*



The Iowa Repeater Council held a forum during the DMRAA Hamfest. Several topics were discussed with some “lively discussion” The club apologizes for the lack of a public address system.



SKYWARN thoughts

I found this article is a the latest FEMA DEC newsletter that I receive every two weeks. It brings up and interesting aspect to repeater use during severe weather events.

Ham Radio Operators Hash out Rules for Emergency Situations

May 17, 2016

Wichita County officials met with local members of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and Texas Amateur Radio Emergency Service (TARES) to hash out some regulations about control of radio networks during emergency weather situations. County Judge Woody Gossom said ARRL regional members decided to realign the system to have SKYWARN be the parent network of a controlled network rather than a closed one. Local ARRL member Charlie Byars said in a previous article that a repeater is normally open to all ham radios, but is closed to unauthorized users during severe weather events. He explained that they would take a emergency report, such as a tornado sighting, and refer the information to the National Weather Service. The issue arose earlier this spring when a HAM operator who was not a member of the group tried to talk on its repeater during a severe weather event. In April, Matthew Morris, section emergency coordinator for the ARRL North Texas area, set into policy that local ARES cannot prohibit participation of any license ARES user in the network. The newly codified policy states: Section 1.02 Closed Nets Prohibited - (a) All ARES nets shall be open for participation by any licensed amateur. No net control station or ARES leadership acting in an official capacity shall prohibit the good faith participation of any licensed amateur. (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the establishment of minimum reporting criteria by a net control station or ARES leadership as appropriate to the situation at hand, so long as these criteria are not established intentionally or knowingly to prevent the participation of an amateur or group of amateurs.

Generally in Central Iowa, during severe weather the Skywarn operator will declare a "Skywarn Emergency Net" when the net control needs to receive and provide emergency traffic. To that end the operators in Iowa have always been respectful of the need for a directed net during severe weather. A reminder to always listen to the net before calling in your report. This will help you decide if your "light rain" report is more important than the "rotating wall cloud" report from the previous operator. So far the Weather Season has been kind. This too will change, it always does! Thanks for all your reports.

73

Tom, NØVPR

Amateur Radio Skywarn Coordinator

National Weather Service, Des Moines

A word about repeater use

It is good practice to wait about a 1 second after pressing the PTT switch before you begin speaking. This allows the repeater to lock on to your signal and prevent clipping the first letter of your call sign. Equally important is to wait until you hear the repeater stop transmitting before keying up. This allows the linked repeaters to drop, thus preventing them from timing out.



2016 DMRAA Hamfest



2016 ARES Events (May & June)



Market to Market Relay Race



2016 Dam to Dam Half Marathon





Des Moines Radio Amateurs Assn.
P.O. Box 88
Des Moines, IA 50301
DMRAA.org or DMRAA.com

E-mail: info@dmraa.com

Can you hear me now?

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.



DMRAA Membership Application

Des Moines Radio Amateurs Association

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
\$60 3 Years

NOTE: Dues are for calendar year.

Mail Application and payment to
DMRAA
P.O. Box 88
Des Moines, IA 50301

