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Kirk Nelson Receives 2016 Winthrop Mager Award

Kirk Nelson, WL7CLI was awarded the Des Moines Radio Amateurs Association's highest award at the recent DMRAA Christmas Party. Kirk was recognized for his service to the club and service to the many ARES events he assists with, notable are the many hours setting up and managing the APRS trackers used for the IMT Des Moines Marathon. Kirk has also served the club as secretary to the DMRAA board. Well done Kirk.



Annual Skywarn Training February 28th

Please join the DMRAA for our annual Skywarn Training. Amateur Radio has a long history of helping the mission of the National Weather Service with local and timely severe weather reports.

Roger Vachalek, Senior Meteorologist with the Des Moines Weather Forecast office deliver the 2017 version of the NWS Spotter Training.

The training will be start at 7:00pm in the Recital Hall on the 3rd floor. Plymouth Congregational Church, 42nd and Ingersoll, Des Moines. After the training you may apply to become a Registered Spotter for the Des Moines NWS.

Feel free to bring family and friends, all are welcomed. There is no charge.





Come enjoy the fellowship

DMRAA

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

Upcoming Meetings

February 28th Meeting

Annual Skywarn Spotter Training Please join us. 7:00 PM Recital Hall, 3rd floor Plymouth Congregational Church 42nd & Ingersoll Des Moines, IA



DMR-MARC Linked Repeaters March 28th, 2017

7:00 PM Waveland Room, 2nd floor Plymouth Congregational Church 42nd & Ingersoll Des Moines, IA

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 <u>brad.boeckmann@gmail.com</u> Scott Kirstein, NØOOD 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.

Past Meetings

Normally this area would contain a brief description of the previous meeting. Unfortunately the editor was out of town with a family issue. We welcome spontaneous pictures and comments. Please send those to <u>info@dmraa.com</u> We're all ears!





If you have any suggestions for future meetings, please contact Vice-President Brad Boeckmann KC9DMQ at info@dmraa.com

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Giving back through community service

Scott Kirstein NØOOD Polk County ARES EC 515 490-7414 (cell) <u>n0ood@arrl.net</u>



Polk County ARES

Happy 2017!

It's official – if not surprising – that we are now into a new year. This transition happens every year around this time, and brings with it new opportunities to learn from our previous experiences, and opportunities to try new things.

Fortunately, there are some things unique to this hobby that you can feel free to try out this year. Elsewhere on this page, you will find a listing of the events we are planning on helping out with during this new year. The events themselves aren't new - in fact looking at the calendar we are "busy" enough that I would be hesitant to add any additional events.

The opportunities we each have is to try a new (to you) event, perhaps be a mentor for a newly licensed ham who hasn't had the opportunity to work any events, or maybe help out with the organizing and leadership for an event.

If you are new to the hobby,

"Welcome." I would suggest that you take a look at the events list, and find one event (or more) that fits into your schedule, and get signed up to help. ARES events are the best way to get involved with your new hobby, and meet others who share your interest (I may be showing a little bias here . . .) With all of these reasons above, I'm sure you are very anxious to get signed up to help out! Fear not. Just go the DMRAA website

(www.dmraa.com), and click

DMRAA Stainless Steel Travel Mug



up online – easy, right? Again, thanks for all you do to support Polk County ARES. Scott, NØOOD

on the ARES tab. You can sign



Don't forget to bring a spare battery and use an extended gain antenna when participating in ARES events

Hot off the presses is this Limited Edition 30-ounce DMRAA Stainless Steel Travel Mug. These will make great gifts for anyone on your lists, and at \$20.00 each, will support the DMRAA as well.

Polk County ARES Meetings Polk County EOC at

1907 Carpenter Avenue Des Moines, IA



ARES MEETINGS DATES 2017

7:00 PM

Monday, April 10th, 2017 Monday, July 17th, 2017 Monday, August 9th, 2017

Polk County Emergency Operations Center 1907 Carpenter Des Moines, IA

2017 ARES Events

Fight for Air Climb, Sunday April 9th, 2017 Drake 1/2 Marathon, April 29th, 2017 Market to Market, Saturday May 13th, 2017 Dam to Dam Half Marathon, Saturday June 3rd, 2017 ARRL Field Day, June 24th -25^{th,} 2017 Iowa State Fair Parade, August 9th, 2017 Head of the Des Moines Rowing Regatta, September 30th, 2017 Des Moines Marathon, October 15th, 2017 Living History Farms Fun Race November 18th, 2017

Sign-up online at DMRAA.com/ARES

2016 DMRAA Calendar



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

Calendar 2017 General Meetings and Events

28 February, 2017 28 March, 2017 22 April, 2017 DMRAA Hamfest 25 April, 2017 23 May, 2017 June 24/25 2017 Field Day 27 June, 2017 25 July, 2017 22 August, 2017 26 September, 2017 24 October, 2017 28 November, 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

Another year is under our belts. It was a year like many others. We dutifully attended the club monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We had dinner with the same guys before each meeting. We attended the Hamfest, Field Day, and Skywarn Appreciation Day.

We tuned into some nets and checked in "for the count". We helped out with ARES events.

We checked exams at VE testing. We kerchunked repeaters to see if they still worked. We talked to our friends on the way into work, and again on the way home. What will you do differently in 2017? Amateur Radio affords many different aspects and opportunities. Try something new that moves you out of your routine. Dare to be different!

The last couple of years, the ARRL has sponsored some year-long operating events. Many of you participated in the ARRL Centennial and last year's National Parks on the Air. I don't know of any large scale events planned for this year. Perhaps this is an opportunity to try a new mode or aspect of the hobby. Are you a die-hard 2m fan? If appropriately licensed, get on HF! In addition to the typical voice modes, many digital modes are available and can be interfaced to your computer via the sound card. If you are soinclined and up for a challenge, try receiving weather satellite images. There are many things which can be done without extensive and expensive antenna farms.

It is important that we stay up to date and familiar with the radio equipment we use. While the weather is lousy and you're trapped indoors with cabin fever, do some spring cleaning! Reorganize that go-box or bag, charge all your batteries and update any firmware on your radios. Make sure you have the most current frequencies programmed into your rigs. The DMRAA maintains a list at the URL below. Thanks to Tom Reis, NØVPR for keeping it current. http://dmraa.com/wp-content/ uploads/2017/01/DMRAA-Freq-Guide-January-2017.pdf Another important thing to do is periodic signal checks for your radios. Make sure your antennas and radios are properly matched and can correctly communicate. Spring will soon be here, so make good use of the down time. There will soon be plenty of opportunities to participate in ARES events and exercises like Field Day. Stay busy!

Bruce Brumm KCØZMT Treat your password like your toothbrush. Don't let anybody else use it, and get a new one every six months.



Bruce Brumm KCØZMT



Don't forget to pay your 2017 DMRAA Dues

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	Sunday	147.240+		7:00pm	Story County ARES Net	
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	BOONE					
	Sunday	146.850-		8:00pm	Boone County ARES Net	
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	Sunday	45.390-t	14.8	7:00 pm	Saylorville Fellowship Net	
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	Sunday	146.610- t	114.8	8:00 pm	Central Iowa ARES Net	
	Sunday	1 46.940- 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	
ARES Nets serve	Monday	146.820 203	3.5 PL	6:30 pm	State Wide ICN Net (Mason City, Pella, Des Moines, Bedford)	
several purposes	Monday	 46.940- t	14.8	7:00 pm	DMRAA information Net	
Operator training	Wednesday	53.250-		8:30 pm	lowa 6 Meter Net 1.7mhz-	
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control operators	Thursday	1 46.940- t	114.8	7:00 pm	Polk County ARES Net	
control operators	INDIANOLA					
	Saturday	46.60-t	14.8	7:30am	Warren County ARES Net	
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	Monday—Saturd	-	2:30pm & 5:30pm	(6:00pm summer)	Iowa 75 Meter Traffic Net	
	Sunday		30pm (6:00pm su	· · /	Iowa Traffic and Emergency Net	
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Amateur Radio Testing Sessions

Boone

Des Moines 1:00pm

March 19, 2017 May 21, 2017 July 16, 2017 September 17, 2017 November 19, 2017

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

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March 8, 2017, 7:00 PM April 15, 2017, 10:00 AM

Location ISU Campus – Building and Room TBA

Contact: George Oster, NP2N 515-233-3535

9:00am

Area Nets

April 8, 2017 June 10, 2017 August 12, 2017 October 14, 2017 December 9, 2017

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

March 4th May 6th August 5th December 2nd

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

Contact: Brian Krumm, NØMXK 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



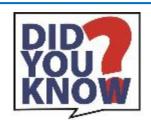


Buy / Sell

Ham Shack for Sale

Icom IC-746 HF radio MFJ-9994B Automatic Tuner Amplifier 600-800 watts (made by Jim Gates) Astron RS-35 power supply Radio Shack HTX-202 2meter HT 5 amp Power Supply, 6 Amp Power Supply Dosy SWR Meter and Power Meter Kenwood TM-241 2 Meter Mobile Astron SS-25 Astron Power Supply Electronic Keyer Marathon ARB 704 Amplifier to Transceiver interface MFJ SWR analyzer MFJ J2-297 Des Mike Field Strength and SWR Meter Other items too numerous to list Shack Desk, set-up and ready to use!

These items are FOR SALE as a package only. Serious inquires only please. Contact Ernie, KØEJJ at (641) 792-7859



The DMRAA.COM website sees on average 150 unique visitors a week. There are 190 visits and they perform over 650 actions per week. These visitors spend approximately 4 minutes enjoying the information available for and about the DMRAA. Check us out at **DMRAA.COM**

Are you checking the website?

Timely news and notices are posted on the DMRAA website. <u>dmraa.com</u>

DES MOINES RADIO AMATEURS' ASSOCIATION

Hungry and looking to meet local hams? On Fridays 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 (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.

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Strays





DMRAA to offer Technician Class, May 5th & 6th More details available at <u>dmraa.com</u> or contact

ARRL Entry Level License Committee wants Suggestions

The ARRL has developed an Entry Level License Committee charged with suggesting changes to the current license system. These changes could give beginners experience with more bands and modes in an effort to encourage on-air activity, retention, and upgrades. The committee is also looking for ways to increase youth licensing. Please give your input to the committee by completing the survey at the link below.

Link: http://www.arrl.org/license-1

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 <u>n0vpr@arrl.net</u>

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

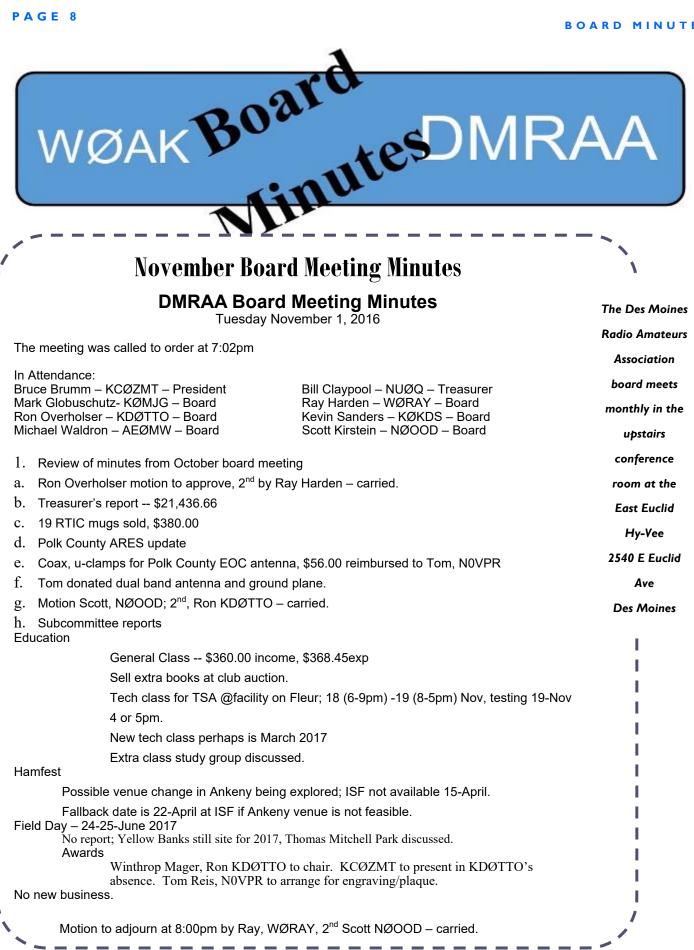




Static Sheet Deadlines

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

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January Bo	ard Meeting Minutes	- `,
	ard Meeting Minutes lay January 3, 2017	The Des Moines Radio Amateurs
Called to order: 7:02pm		Association
In attendance: Bruce Brumm – KCØZMT – President Lisa Payton KNØWME – Secretary	Brad Boeckmann - KC9DMQ – VP	board meets monthly in the upstairs
Ray Harden – WØRAY – Board Michael Waldron – AEØMW – Board	Mark Globuschutz- KØMJG – Board Scott Kirstein – NØOOD – Board	conference room at the
Review of minutes from Novembe	r board meeting	East Euclid
Ray made motion to approve, 2 nd	by Mark	Hy-Vee 2540 E Euclid
	led to the lowa State Fair with the contract for will be held April 22.	Ave Des Moines
All Christmas fe	ees have been paid	I.
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Unfinished/New business – none		i
 Polk County ARES update 2017 events and meeting schedul The next meeti All 2017 dates 		
been complete	been contacted and the contract with the ISF has d. The entrance fee will be \$7.00 this year, and ffered at the venue.	

	Field Day – 24-June-2017 – Reservations will be made at Yellow Banks again for this year. Per ARRL "Always the fourth full weekend in June"				
	Repeaters &	aters & Packet Fusion machine is running, but is not in place.			
	Education	ducation There is a technician class scheduled for February 10 & 11 at Edgewater Retirement Co munity. 3 hours on Friday evening, the remainder on Saturday. Registration cut off is Ja ary 31.			
	All of the extra books and Baofeng radios were sold at the chili feed/auction.				
	Programmin	ng January – History of the DMRAA – Bob Jimmerson KD0ØMM February 28 – Weather Service Training March 28 April 25 May 23 Elections			
c.	Communica	tions & Public Relations			
d.	Membership	Bill and Bruce are still working on the membership roster			
e.	Awards – no	o discussion			
f.	New busine	ss Mike reported that Hobby Haven on 86 th and Hickman is considering carrying Ham Radio stuff. They are asking for materials, fliers etc. to post in their store. No permis- sion is needed, and it would be a good idea to get them the fliers for upcoming techni- cian classes.			
Motion to adjourn at 7:49pm by Mark, 2 nd by Ray. Motion carried					
all that's missing is U.					

KAØFTO Toys!

Quad Copter OR Quad Copters?

By Larry KAØFTO

OK so how many do you see in the included photos? I seemed to be hooked on another hobby! The latest small red one in the middle of the second photo is a Proto-N Nano Series. It is labeled as WORLDS SMALLEST DRONE!

You actually store it in a window on the Remote Control. It is less than 2" across and on the box it says 22mm X 22mm X 19nn tall.

The two photos I have included shows it on a \$20. bill by a dime and on top of my DJI Phantom 3 in the second photo. There is no camera and normally is flown inside only. The controls are extremely quick for this old Geezer and must continually correct it just to hover. Flight time is less than 5 minutes and has bright LED's so easy to find when you lose it under furniture. I am sure young folks that play video games would have no trouble with their reflexes. My first 3 flights averaged about 15 seconds each. The price is \$35.00. It comes with a spare set of Props as well. One down side is the unit is so small the battery is not replaceable. You charge it via a USB port on your PC or one of the USB units you might have for your cell phone or tablet. Recharge time is less than 30 minutes.

It is a riot to fly and you do not dare take your eyes away from it. The WebPages on the internet have folks flying them and they make it look very easy. Obviously you do not have to register it with the FAA because it is far less than .55lbs. See attached photos and the second photo, of course, is the one with 2 Quad Copters.

I have actually put my large one to bed so to speak until we have warmer weather. The battery life is much shorter in cold weather so my 20-25 minutes could actually be 10-12.5 minutes. I am very cautious.

73 Larry KAØFTO.



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Technician Class



2016 DMRAA Christmas Party







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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.



Can you hear me now?

DMRAA Membership Application

Des Moine	es Radio Amateurs Asso	ociation
Name:		
Address:		
City:	, State:Z	ip:
Phone Number: ()	Email:	
Call Sign:	Class: (E) (A) (G) (Г)
ARRL Member:? Y / N What are your primary interests in amate What are you interested in learning abou How would you like to volunteer with the	t?	
Dues \$20 Single \$60 3 Years		THE LIMIT
NOTE: Dues are for calendar year.	Mail Application and payment DMRAA P.O. Box 88 Des Moines, IA 50301	to With AMATEUR RADIO