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CEDAR VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Thursday, January 11th, 2008

7:30 PM

Officer Elections, followed by a program on 30 meters

Kenwood Park United Methodist Church

175 34th St. NE

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Send items via e-mail to any board member at cvarebrd@rf.org

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146.745 MHz (alt. 145.15Ø-192.8PL)	Linn County ARES Net	7:00 p.m. Sundays
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145.39Ø MHz (-6ØØ KHz)	Jones County ARES Net	8:00 p.m. Sundays
145.23Ø MHz (-6ØØ KHz)	Benton County ARES Net	6:30 p.m. Mondays
356Ø KHz	TLCN (CW Section)	6:30 & 10:00 p.m. Daily
397Ø KHz	Iowa 75 Meter Net (SSB)	12:30 & 6:00 p.m. Mon—Sat

WWW Addresses

CVARC Web Page <http://cvarc.rf.org/>

ARES Web Page: <http://ares.rf.org>

Want ads and articles are accepted from all amateurs, members or not, at no charge! Submissions must be sent to

**CVARC
PO Box 2352
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406
Or to kcønxo@arrl.net**

Meeting place is indicated on the cover with program information.
For Club membership send, Name, Call, Address, Phone number, ARRL Status (Yearly, Life, or not a member), willing or not to be on call for Storm Watch and emergency situations and dues to CVARC PO Box
Yearly Dues, PAYABLE JAN 1: \$10 Regular or Family, \$5 under 18yrs of age,
After July 1: \$5 for all

JANUARY CVARC MEETING PREVIEW

The January CVARC meeting will be held at the Kenwood Park United Methodist Church, 175 34th St. NE, Cedar Rapids, at 7:30 p.m on Thursday, January 11th.

The first order of business will be the election of officers. As of press time, there are still vacancies in the slate for Vice President, Secretary, Public Information Director and Emergency Director. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving, please contact Al K0AL, or Dave WA0ZZG.

After the election, there will be a short program on 30 Meters.

RECEIVE NOTICE OF BANDSPREAD BY E-MAIL

Bandspread is now available in PDF format on the CVARC Website, at <http://cvarc.rf.org/Bandspread/>. Back issues for 2007 are in the 2007 subdirectory, and 2008 issues are in the 2008 subdirectory.

If you would like to get an e-mail notice of when the latest Bandspread is on the Website, please email Laura, KC0NXO at kc0nxo@arrl.net.

If you like the convenience and economy of the electronic version, and want to be removed from the mailing list for the paper version, please contact Al, K0VM, at k0vm@arrl.net.

DECEMBER 2007 CVARC BOARD MINUTES

The CVARC board did not meet prior to the annual dinner.



CVARC Members and Guests – Photo Courtesy of Dave, WA0ZZG

DECEMBER 2007 CVARC MEETING MINUTES

There was no regular December 2007 general membership meeting. Instead, per past practice, there was a holiday celebration buffet dinner held on Thursday, December 13, 2007. This event was held at the Happy Chef restaurant on 33rd Ave SW.

There were 49 members and guests in attendance.

Door prizes were won by the following: An ARRL Antenna Handbook by KB0SK, ARRL publication “Spark to Space” by N0KVV and hats courtesy of W0LBK were won by K0VEP, KC0PON, W0LBK (poetic justice), K0OKZ, and W0WLL.

Submitted by K0AL, Secretary

ARES PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 2007

The December ARES meeting was canceled due to a snow storm.

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

I hope that everyone had a very safe and happy holiday season and that each of you got to spend time with family and friends. It is still hard to believe that 2007 is now history and that we are into 2008!

As we start the new year, the first order of Business is to hold the election of officers for the year. Because this is an even numbered year, we will be electing members to serve in the offices of Vice-President, Secretary, Information Director, and Emergency Preparedness Director as well and voting on the office of President (which is elected every year). The incumbents in the offices of Vice-President, Secretary and Information Director have indicated they are not candidates for re-election.

If you or if you know of anyone who is interested in filling one of these positions, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Al Culbert , K0AL, or Dave Maley, WA0ZZG or if all else fails you can contact me and we will get your name on the ballot. If you are nominating another member, please make sure that member is willing to serve in the position for which they are being nominated. Nominations will also be taken from the floor on the night of the elections as well. Please make every effort to attend this meeting, as this is when each member has a say in who will lead the club for the upcoming year.

It has been my privilege to serve in the office of President for the past 3 years and hopefully I have done a good job in moving the club in the direction you, the membership, wished it to go. While I have agreed to have my name placed on the ballot, I have a firm belief that in any volunteer organization, it is not healthy for a person to hold the same office for a prolonged period of time. Each of us has different ideas and personalities that we use to achieve goals and to make things happen. Having a person with new ideas and/or a different personality at the helm helps to keep the organization alive and to ensure the leadership is truly reflecting the wishes of the membership. This same philosophy holds true for all of the other club offices.

If you are willing to serve and to inject some new ideas, I encourage you to run for one of the open offices. Any club member may serve in any of the club officer positions, with the only stipulation being that in order to hold the office of President, you must have previously held another officer position for a period of one year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on the 10th!

73, WA6GFD, Steve

**FROM ERIC WATSON,
COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**

Welcome to 2008. I would like to again thank all the hams that participated in 2007. We had a busy year and excepting a few hiccups things went very well. This year will start out slow as usual. Our first event isn't until 19 April so we have some time to plan.

As I did last year I want to make sure that EVERY ham, REGARDLESS of experience has the opportunity to participate and hone their skills. The biggest perceived barrier to event participation is not having the right equipment. Loaner radios of various types are available during events.

Public service events are a great way to learn and gain experience with your radios and equipment. The events are usually low key and fun. When the Big Event happens at 3 AM some Wednesday you'll be glad you worked the bugs out during a noon weekend 5k Fun Walk. The free t-shirts aren't bad either.

We have a new tool for this year thanks to the District 6 West Emergency Coordinator, Ron, KC0OX. He has created a webpage with an events calendar. Tune your web browser to

<http://my.calendars.net/iowad6w>. The events are highlighted in an exciting pink. Some of the calendar entries have URL links to be sure to check each one.

Last year we added several events to the calendar. I've received word that this year the Multiple Sclerosis Society may have a 150 mile course to Marshalltown and back. They really appreciated our help last year and are looking forward to our participation in 2008.

I'm looking for suggestions to increase interest and participation at our various events. Other clubs will have a cookout or picnic after an event. If anyone has any ideas, please send me an email.

I'm also looking for suggestions on Field Day. Should we move the location to somewhere more observable to the public? Should we do something different? Please let me know what you think via email. I didn't start the planning early enough last year and I don't want to repeat that mistake. This year we definitely need more operators, Darryl, WA0KHH is getting on in years and I don't think he wants to spend the whole night by himself again. Be sure to mark Field Day on your calendar and let me know when you want to operate.

As covered in the December Bandspread, CVARC is subsidizing the purchase of magnetic signs to put on your car during events. Each sign will be about \$22. The club is buying 10 signs for loan during events. If you want to buy a sign the club will purchase your second sign. I will have a mock up of the signs for the January meeting. I should have the exact price at that time. I will order the signs 25 January so you will have 2 weeks to decide and submit your funds.

As of this writing the Events Calendar for 2008 is:

- Saturday 19 April: Multiple Sclerosis Walk
- Saturday 17 May: Marion Arts Festival 5k Run/Walk
- Sunday 1 June: Pigman Sprint Triathlon
- Saturday 28 June: Dragon Boat Races
- Saturday and Sunday 28, 29 June: Field Day
- Saturday 12 July: Linn County Fair Parade
- Sunday 17 August: Pigman Long course Triathlon
- Saturday and Sunday 23, 24 August: Multiple Sclerosis Cycle for the Cure. Overnight stop in Marshalltown.
- Saturday 20 September: Alzheimer's Walk
- Sunday 26 October: Devil's Dash 5k/15k Run/Walk

Watch the Bandspread and the CVARC webpage

for more events.

Please contact me at k0ecw.ericwatson@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

K-12 CORNER

This month we will just take up a corner of the newsletter, with a few quick items to put on your calendars.

As we have mentioned before, there are a number of college scholarships for which young amateurs can apply. It's a little confusing in that some of these scholarships are awarded by the ARRL Foundation, and some are awarded by the Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc. (FAR). The two foundations manage different scholarships that have different applications and different deadlines for applying.

The ARRL Foundation scholarship current application period is from 1 October 2007 to 1 February 2008. More information about these 60 or so scholarships is at <http://www.arrl.org/programs/scholarship>.

The Foundation for Amateur Radio scholarship application deadline is 1 May 2008. FAR administers 55 scholarships; more information at <http://www.amateurradio-far.org/scholarships/index.php>.

Our best wishes to any student ham who is applying for any of these scholarships for this fall.

Next month brings the first School Club Roundup contest of 2008, from 11 February Monday at 1300 UTC 15 February Friday at 2400 UTC.

Suggested frequencies (in KHz) for CW: 1800-1810, 3530-3540, 7030-7040, 14,030-14,040, 21,130-21,140, 28,130-28,140. Phone frequencies are 1855-1865, 3850-3880, 7225-7255, 14,250-14,280, 21,300-21,330, 28,440-28,460. More info on the School Club Roundup is at <http://www.arrl.org/SCR/>.

The first Kid's Day of 2008 was this past Saturday, 6 January. The next one is Saturday, 21 June.

As always, if you have tips, success stories or questions about working with K-12 students, we'd like to hear about them. If you have upgraded your license or received a radio award, such as WorkedAll States, we'd like to share that good news. Please contact us at kc0nrxn@arrl.net

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QUESTIONS ABOUT NEWSLETTER?

Please let us know if there are any errors or omissions that we can correct. If there's something you'd like to see, please also let us know. Is there something that you think you can contribute?

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About CVARC:

The Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club is a regional group promoting amateur radio activities in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa area. CVARC is a non-profit corporation registered in the state of Iowa. CVARC meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Kenwood Park Methodist Church at 7:30 PM, Central Time. The meeting consists of club business and a program. The programs tend to be Amateur oriented but we occasionally host a general interest topic. Watch the website at cvarc.rf.org or the Bandspread newsletter for the topic.

All are welcome at these meetings, neither membership nor amateur radio license is required.

CVARC affiliations:

- Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL)
- Linn County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
- Linn County Emergency Management Agency

CVARC Activities:

- Sponsor and present the premier Hamfest of eastern Iowa, in August
- Participation in the Annual ARRL Field Day Event
- Publish a monthly newsletter known as the Bandspread
- Participate in a number of Public Service Activities in the Cedar Rapids area
- Support and Participate in the Storm Watch Net operated by the Linn county ARES organization
- Hold social functions during the year, including the annual Holiday Party and Picnic
- Sponsor a complete ham station at Linn County Emergency Management HQ.
- Conduct classes for Technician and higher licenses each year
- Sponsor VE testing three times a year
- Maintain the 146.745 MHz repeater in Cedar Rapids

Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club

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Call and License Class _____ Name _____ Date _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS _____ Please Print

Would you like to be added to the CVARC E-mail reflector? Yes () No ()

ARRL Member? Yes () No () VE Check if yes ARRL VE () W5YI VE ()

Are you interested in participating in Public Service Events? ()Yes ()No

Help with ham fest? Many job types available. () Yes () No

Dues Regular or Family: _____ \$10/year; Under 18 years of age: _____ \$5/year; Half year after July 1: _____ \$5

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