



# Hamgram

*Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.*

*-- When All Else Fails...AMATEUR RADIO --*

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## April Program - April 17

WHAT: April Club Program: As of the release of this month's Hamgram, the program topic had not been finalized. We'll try to get the topic and information disseminated as soon as it is available—via Sunday's WEPnet, the W0NE reflector, and other means. There will be a social period following the program.

DATE & Time: Thursday, April 17, 2014 -- 7:00 PM

WHO: All amateur radio operators and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

WHERE: Conference Room B, Winona County Office Building, 202 West 3rd Street, Winona, MN. Doors will be unlocked from 6:45 to 7:15 PM. If you are late, please try the 146.835 repeater to have someone let you in.



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## UPCOMING PLANNED WARC ACTIVITIES

- **Trinona – June 8**
- **Field Day 2014 – June 28-29**
- **GRSF Special Event Station – July 12-13**
- **ARRL September VHF Contest – Sep 14-15**
- **Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge Special Event – Mid-Oct (date TBD)**
- **BSA Jamboree on the Air – Oct 18**
- **ARRL Sweepstakes (Phone) – Nov 15-16**

***Mark your calendar for some ham radio fun!***

**>>>>> ONE MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR NWS 2014 SKYWARN TRAINING <<<<<<**

The La Crosse office of the National Weather Service is trying some on line webinars for SKYWARN training this year. In case you missed one of the local training sessions, the last webinar is coming up on Tuesday, April 29, at 1:00 PM. Contact [todd.shea@noaa.gov](mailto:todd.shea@noaa.gov) for registration information.

## Ham Radio Op for 50 years!!

Congratulation Ken, N0JP, on completing 50 years in the licensed Amateur Radio Service on “some day in March” 2014. Thanks, Ken, for your service and leadership.



(KEN is the one on the right!)

## *The Public Service Communications Committee is BUSY!*

*Here are some topics from the recent Public Service Communications Committee working meeting:*

- Winona County portable amateur repeater—functional but needs controller programming improvements.
- Motorola repeaters update—waiting for documentation from Motorola.
- SKYWARN/emergency notification—considering an email/texting notification system to strengthen call ups.
- Tower update—working with Winona County on Witoka tower usage agreement.
- Public information officer—working toward real-time media coverage of club activities during emergency events.
- APRS at the LEC—APRS is now functional on both the radio and Internet at the Winona Cnty LEC.
- Club Equipment Strategy—need to develop a long-term strategy and plan for services to be provided and resources needed to accomplish the same.

*Anyone wanting to assist with this committee on emergency communications, please contact the committee chair, Dan WKOW.*

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**Minutes of WARC Board Meeting held on Monday April 7, 2014 at Watkins Hall, Winona State University.**

**Present: Bob (KC9IWE), John (K2OPT), Harro( KG6RLM),Syed (AC0VA), , Paul (K0ZYV), Matt (KF0Q), Tom (W0MK)**

**Call to order by Paul at around 7 PM.**

<b>Agenda</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Minutes</b></li><li><b>2. Treasurer Report</b></li><li><b>3. Committee Reports</b></li><li><b>4. picnic</b></li><li><b>5. Other</b></li></ul> <p><b>Paul called the Meeting around 7 PM.</b></p>
<b>Minutes of Last meeting</b>
<p>Minutes of Last Meeting were approved. Syed mentioned Minutes were sent out for reviews.</p>
<b>Treasurer Reports</b>
<p>Matt was present to discuss the treasurer report. One of the big expenses last month was ARRL Club insurance through 5/1/2015. Board also approved \$ 50.00 for July club picnic to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of July at Goodview. Board also approved to pay for the flowers and card for club member Clarence Crum who went silent key recently. Matt will take care of the expenses. Treasurer report was approved.</p>

## Committee Reports

**Operating Activity Committee Report** was next from Matt. Matt summarized detail report that was submitted. Matt sent out an email for help. Below are the few of the activities planned for this year:

### Field Day 2013 – June 28-29, 2014.

Basically in same general area as last year. Matt shared a letter that was sent to Winona requesting use of the site. But this year the expectation is that grass will be mowed. Matt will need lot of help for field day. John volunteered to attend Port Authority Board Meeting this Thursday at 4 PM where decisions will be made. Matt mentioned it is very helpful if a club representative attends the meeting. An approval is expected. A poll was conducted for field day activities in WONE.org and the Matt shared some of the poll outcome. Jim Brown helped setup the poll. People wanted food or bar-b-que on field day and Matt mentioned that will happen. And for modes of operation, satellite, kite supported Antenna; Balloons were all mentioned in the poll. Other suggestions were HF stations (both more of it or less of it).

### GRSF – July 12-13, 2014:

Will be operated out of Winona Visitor Center Gazebo. QST, QRZ will have this special event mentioned in their publications.

### JOTA – October 18, 2014.

Boy Scout of America JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) was discussed next. (KC0RSX) has already started the communication with Boy Scout. K2BSA/portable zero call sign might be used for this special event. Matt mentioned Girl Scouts might also be interested in this event. Matt looking for a place to host this event. Matt does not want to do it outside as there was snow during this event last year. It has to be public site preferably without fee. John mentioned Lutheran Church. Paul has connection to Lutheran Church. Paul will provide his connection info to Matt. Board approved \$ 75.00 for JOTA event.

Next discussed was the Emergency Committee Report:

**Public Service Communication Committee** held a long meeting to discuss all the issues including tower in Witoka. Eric and Bob attended the Meeting. Paul mentioned he made a trip to the Witoka tower site recently and found out that FAA lights are out and there is no electricity to the tower. Bob mentioned major concerns for the tower are who is paying for the site /who will maintain the site. John talked about double lights on the tower. Bob mentioned there are two Antennas and feed line. Bob could not get to shelter. Dan also planning to visit the site with county emergency personnel. Bob hoped there is possibility that this site will become communication hub for the club. On inquiry, Paul stated this site is not ideally suited Field Day. Bob mentioned we want to become user of the tower but not operator. Jim Jarvis has volunteered to climb the tower and repair the tower with what is needed.

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Bob make special mention of Len and Len's work on Hamgram. Bob mentioned it takes quite bit of work to publish Hamgram and Len does an excellent job. Board also appreciated Len's work as PIO (Public Information Officer).

Paul asked if anyone knows "what is big yellow box?" That is a portable repeater. There are some issues with the controller. Paul suggested club fix the portable repeater and there were plans for county to buy D710 radio to work as repeater (cross band repeat). Dan is working on the issues.

Next discussed was fund raising options. Club is already spending without much money coming in. Paul has idea of package of emergency communication and makes businesses to be patrons of emergency support. John mentioned we can make a map with name of business names. These were all rough ideas that need to be explored more. Bob knows someone who is professional fund raiser and Bob thinks he will be willing to talk to our group.

Other fund raising options were also discussed. Paul suggested a sub-committee for Fund Raising with members being Erik, Lance and Syed. Board approved formulation of this committee. This committee will work with Public Service Committee.

John mentioned WDOHAD repeater is up for sale. John discussed information he has about this repeater. John mentioned repeater might be available very cheap if there is no other buyer found. John also brought an ARRL Handbook and pitched for the ARRL Hand Book.

Next Matt brought up IRS filing issue of our club. Matt mentioned Les has been filing on behalf of club to IRS. There was no filing for 2012 [?] but Matt did do the filing for 2012. Syed mentioned he did the State filing. Matt mentioned it is easy to file for IRS filing (as long as we have less than \$ 50,000). Matt will also do the 2013 filing which is due in May. John found out if we do advertising, it becomes complicated as regards to IRS filing.

Matt mentioned if we do fundraising, we should focus on equipment we have and what we need. Most of the equipment now used are from members. Club also possesses few equipment, antennas and other stuff. Storage of these equipments is also discussed. Syed mentioned climate control storage is available in Winona for about \$ 40.00 a Month. Matt has the storage of field day stuff.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8 PM.

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\$30.00 per calendar year for all licensed members of the same family within the same household.  
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Board meetings are announced in advance (WEPNet).

Monthly club programs are held on the third Thursday. The submission deadline for the **Hamgram** is Wednesday of the week *prior* to that of the club programs.

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