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Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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DECEMBER PROGRAM - DEC. 19

WHAT: November Club Program: 2013 in Review – Planning for Next Year.

Here is your opportunity to look back over 2013's activities and help the Executive Board and committee chairs plan for 2014. The program will feature a program prepared by Matt, KF0Q, and presented by Len, KC0RSX, reviewing the many activities of the club over the past year and opening up the floor for discussion regarding members' desires for the coming year. Be sure to attend to have a voice in your club! There will be a social period after the program.

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

DATE: Thursday, December 19, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

WHERE: Conference Room B, Winona County Office Building, 202 West 2nd Street, Winona, MN. Doors will be unlocked from 6:45 to 7:15 PM. If you are late, please try the 146.640 repeater to have someone let you in.

[Like Us on Facebook](#) (click text).



Get Ready for the 2013/2014

Holiday Party

Syed, AC0VA, with help from Ken, N0JP, have been putting together plans for another great holiday party for the club. Mark your calendar and plan to bring the family!

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014

Time: 6:00 Social Time, 6:30 Order Dinner (Reduced prices on several dinners)

Location: The Timbers Restaurant

Program: "From Moscow to St. Petersburg by Water"

Who: All WARC members and others interested in amateur radio and families.

Look for full details in the January Hamgram and on Sunday night nets.

► *November Election Results* ◀

Elections for the three 2014 openings for the Executive Board resulted in re-election of Paul Schumacher, K0ZYV, Syed Faruque, AC0VA, and Harro Hohenner, KG6RLM. Board members elected in 2012 whose terms expire at the end of 2014 are Lance Tagliapietra, KB0YJU, Bob Seaquist, KC9IWE, and Matt Burt, KF0Q. Erik Brom, WB0NIU, continues to serve on the board by virtue of his position as trustee for the club call sign.

Officers for the coming year will be determined by the board at the January board meeting. The date, time and location of the board meeting will be announced on Sunday night net and by other means. Board meetings are open to all club participants.

146.640 REPEATER UPDATE

Repairs to the 146.640 repeater system are underway. Some items have been removed from the site for professional repair. In the mean time, temporary components have been installed with the result that the repeater has lower output power than normal. Please bear with the situation for awhile. The 146.835 repeater is up and running fine at this time.

ARCADIA BRUTE BICYCLE DATE

Saturday, May 17, is the date for the 2014 Arcadia bicycle race. While a formal request has not been received from the race organizers asking the Winona ARC to provide support again, we believe it will come in time.
Mark your calendars!

WONE Facebook – One Year Later

By Matt – KF0Q

Just over a year ago the club gave me a green light to create a presence on Facebook (FB). I confess that I am a very casual Facebook user but do see that social media can be a great way to spread the word and promote our hobby. My original thought was that FB could bring in some younger folks interested in Amateur Radio and provide another venue for communication and interaction with these different groups in hopes that our club could continue to grow.

I reasoned that FB was to be somewhat of an experiment and that the negative impact to our group would be minimal and could only see the positive side of the endeavor. December 12th was our first year anniversary for the Facebook page. I have to say that I had no idea how many folks would stop by and look at what our club was up to both at present and in the past.

To date people from all over the globe have checked out our FB page. Some causally; others have indicated the universal thumbs up and have “liked” our page. These folks look forward to updates and do often times provide feedback.

Just to give you an idea of the cross section of our FB fans here are some interesting if not amazing statistics:

Sixteen percent of our fans are women with the majority from age 35-44 years old. And while 84% of our fans are male it is worth noting that 6% are from ages 18-24, 15% from 25-34, 16% are from 35-44 with the remainder ages 45 years on up.

I think these statistics do support our hope that younger folks will be engaged with our FB page.



It is (for me) mind numbing to see the list of countries that our fans are from; not limited to but including: Indonesia, France, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, Italy, Hungary, Argentina, Thailand, and the United Kingdom! Stateside we have had visits from at least 11 different states so far.

So how do people find us? From the data available I have seen a good number of folks have clicked on the FB link found at WONE.org and found us that way. Other times Google, QRZ, and other search engines have routed folks to our page. Many others

have found us based on posts provided by others including the three FB administrators, and posts by our fans – truly a social media success!

So check it out for yourself - Come to our FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/WinonaARC> If you would like to share any photos with the Facebook audience you can send the material to kf0q@hbc.com. Please include FB in the subject line.

73, Matt

Want to Share Your Enthusiasm for Ham Radio?

Let your friends, relatives and co-workers know of the fun and sense of contribution which you find in amateur radio. Here are a few tips about how to use the Facebook connection to good advantage:

- Invite Facebook Friends to view the WONE Facebook page.
- Include the Facebook page address or link in emails (see address in last paragraph above).
- Put a WONE Facebook link on your QRZ.com page (and the www.WONE.org webpage also).

DUES ARE DUE!

Membership dues for 2014 will continue to be \$25 per individual, \$30 for family, and \$5 for students up to the age of 18 years.

Please support your club and ensure your privilege to vote on club matters by paying promptly.

Cash or check, please.

- *Club breakfasts through December.*
 - *Club monthly program, or*
 - *Check by mail to Winona ARC, ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 1264, Winona, MN 55987.*
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W0NE FINISHES 2nd IN MULTI-OPERATOR CATEGORY IN ARRL AUGUST UHF CONTEST



Congratulations to the W0NE UHF contest team for the great finish in this year's ARRL August UHF contest—2nd nationally and first in the Dakota Division.

See the full results [here](#).

Minutes of the December WARC Board meeting were not available at the time the Hamgram was published.

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Dues: \$25.00 per calendar year per license holder.
\$30.00 per calendar year for all licensed members of the same family within the same household.
Dues should be sent to: Matt Burt, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1264, Winona, MN 55987

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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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