



Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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WARC 2013 HOLIDAY PARTY



Please join us on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at The Timbers
The party will begin at 6:00 PM with a social hour.
Dinner orders will be taken at 6:30 PM.



The meal choices are:

Batterfried Cod @ \$10.95 or Tenderloin Tips @ \$11.95 (special prices).

Meal includes beverages (except alcoholic), salad bar, and strawberry shortcake dessert.

Other choices are available from the regular menu. There is also a kids menu.

(Prices do not include tax or gratuity.)

As in the past, we will accept donations for prizes.

The club will be providing additional prizes.

Program:

Travelogue by Jodi & Erik Brom –2012 Trip to Ireland and England.

WARC 2013 BOARD OFFICERS

Congratulations to the WARC Board officers elected Monday evening:

President - Paul Schumacher K0ZYV

Vice-President - Lance Tagliapietra KB0YJU

Secretary - Syed Faruque AC0VA

Treasurer - Matt Burt KF0Q

Other Board Members:

Erik Brom WB0NIU (W0NE Station Custodian)

Harro Hohenner KG6RLM

Bob Seaquist KC9IWE

Complete minutes of the January board meeting appear later in this month's issue of the Hamgram

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Winter Holiday Party – Thursday, January 17.
- MN QSO Party – Saturday, February 2.
- Monthly Program (New Location) – February 21—More info [here](#).

Winona Amateur Radio Club is Now on

Facebook

Thanks to the work of Matt KF0Q, The Winona ARC is now available on Facebook. This capability allows us more flexibility to keep in touch with each other and to communicate better with people who are not (yet) licensed amateur radio operators or members of the club.

According to Matt, “The [Winona Amateur Radio Club - WONE Facebook page](#) was created on December 12. So far the response has been positive. A benefit to users is that new information and changes can be made rapidly and remotely.

“One of the objectives was to gain exposure to a more youthful audience. I believe this goal has been met based on the response from users knowing that at least three of the pages ?likes? came from those under age 50. Followers have been from as far away as Indonesia!

“Facebook has robust photo handling and editing allowing a history line to quickly be created. From one user: ?I really like the way that FB handles photos. I can quickly post new photos on the page with comments. The tools are easy to use...?”

“Social media provides another avenue to update those interested in club activities and other news. One example of this occurred the night of the last big snow storm in December. Within minutes a posted question about the monthly meeting ?Is the meeting canceled?? was answered assisting users with planning their evening. This interactive communication is one example where social media has an edge over a traditional web page. The intent of the Facebook page is to support the club web page and I will continue to work toward that goal.”

Thanks Matt, for taking the initiative on this improvement for the club.



**Minutes of WARC Board Meeting held on December 7, 2013 at Watkins Hall,
Winona State University.**

Present: Paul (K0ZYV), Lance (KB0YZU), Bob (KC9IWE), Tom (W0MK), Matt (KF0Q), Syed (AC0VA).

Call to order by Paul at around 7 PM.

Agenda

1. Selection of Officers
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Treasurer Report
4. Committee Reports
5. Other Items

Selection of Officers

The following officers were elected for the current year:

President: Paul Schumacher

Vice President: Lance Tagliapietra

Secretary: Syed Faruque

Treasurer: Matt Burt

Treasurer Reports

Outgoing treasurer Clare gave a file with information to incoming treasurer Matt. Matt will look into the files. Lance and Matt's name will be added to Bank Account so both of them can write checks.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of Last Meeting was adopted with voice vote.

Committee Reports

Matt went over the Operating Committee Report he submitted. Matt requested that dates for Great River Shakespeare Festival be confirmed as soon as possible. After discussion Board approved July 13th and 14th as the dates for GRSF event.

Matt brought up issue of expenses for the Field Day (June 22/23) and UHF Contest (August 4th). Board approved \$ 300.00 for the two events.

Lance and Matt will discuss details of upcoming MN QSO Party.

Bob and Matt need to be added to Reflector. Lance will look into that.

Matt mentioned Club is now part of Facebook.

Syed provided an update on upcoming Holiday Party on January 17th at Timbers Restaurant. Social hour starts at 6:00 PM and dinner orders will be taken starting 6:30 PM. Everybody (members, non-members, family) are encouraged to join. Matt inquired about the door prizes and Syed answered there will be door prizes from Timbers and

McDonalds.

Lance mentioned 835 Repeater is having issues and not working properly. Lance is planning a trip (coming Saturday weather permitting) to the site and explore what is happening. Matt expressed his interest also to visit the site with Lance.

Matt inquired if the 835 site will be suited for WI QSO party. Lance replied the Farmer's area near the site might be a possibility but not the site itself. Matt will inquire about the \$75.00 fee club is supposed to pay the farmer for rental of APRS site.

Board next discussed Club Meeting location. As Dan has emailed, Club can have room in County Extension Building. February Club General Meeting will be held at the Extension Building. Lance tried the county room previously but could not get approval. Paul will send a letter to VFW thanking for offering the space for Club Meetings.

Other Items

Paul mentioned there is interest to work with Winona Senior High School and WARC. Dr. El Hindi, Winona School Board Member is very interested in Amateur Radio and in support of introducing Ham Radio to students.

Lance mentioned now that we are in Facebook, WSU students might get interested to get the license.

Bob talked in detail about benefits of cram sessions at LaCrosse Club. LaCrosse Club held a show and tell session with hand held radios with new Hams and that was very successful.

Meeting was adjourned at around 8 PM

DID YOU KNOW????

That the Winona ARC is “affiliated” with the American radio Relay League?

What does this mean? Once we became affiliated, the club’s relationship with ARRL offered a number of benefits—**over 15 listed benefits** including mailing lists, new amateur reports, new member commissions; discounts on QST club ads, ARRL group insurance programs, and others. Check the link above (in red) for the details.

What does it take to be an affiliated ARRL club? Initially, the Winona club submitted an affiliation application package including the club constitution and other organizing documents, a membership roster with evidence that 51% or more of club members were ARRL members, officer and contact information, and other data (such as items on the ARRL website). Once the club became affiliated, affiliation has continued indefinitely. All that is required to remain active is to annually submit a brief report with a summary of officer information, contact information and club statistics.

The Winona Amateur Radio Club is proud to be an ARRL-affiliated club.

Please Pay Your 2013 Dues Promptly

The Winona ARC annual dues continue to be \$25 per individual, \$30 per family, and \$5 for youth through high school age or age 18. Please bring your dues to the Treasurer, Matt Burt KF0Q, at a club event this month or mail to WARC, ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 1264, Winona, MN 55987. Thanks for your membership and support of club activities.

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Executive Board

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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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