



Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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

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ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC - JULY 18

WHAT: Annual Family Picnic— Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass, your own meat, and eating utensils. The club will furnish soft drinks, grills, and cooking utensils.

WHO: All amateur radio operators and other interested persons are encouraged to attend. The summer picnic is a family affair and guests are welcome!

DATE: Thursday, July 18, 2013

TIME: 6:00 PM

WHERE: Michael LaCanne Memorial Park, 6280 Highway 61, Goodview, MN.



UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Great River Shakespeare Festival – Special Event Station, N2B – July 13-14.
- Club Picnic – Thursday, July 18.
- ARRL UHF Contest – Aug 3-4.
- Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge -- Special Event Station, K9P -- Saturday, Oct 19.
- Jamboree on the Air – Saturday, Oct 19.
- ARRL Sweepstakes (phone) – November 16-17.

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Riverland ARC Swapfest

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The RARC is again holding a swapfest for regional hams.

- Saturday, August 10
- 8:00 AM to Noon
- Onalaska Community Center (515 Quincy Street)
- Bring your “stuff” to swap and some \$\$\$ to take something really nice home with you!

Item for Sale:

- **2 meter glass mount antenna**
- **Similar to MFJ #1738**
- **New in package**
- **\$30.00**
- **Contact Ken, N0JP**

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June 9, 2013





Minutes of WARC Board Meeting held on Monday, July 8, 2013 at Watkins Hall, Winona State University were not available at the time the Hamgram went to print. They will be published in a later edition of the newsletter.

Repeater Updates (June 29):

Syed and I visited the KAGE 146.64, 444.225 repeater site this morning.

Although the squelch control on the 64's receiver is mostly ineffective, we did find that it made some difference in the pulsing that's been happening recently. With the squelch as tight as it would go, the pulsing seems to have gone away. Hopefully it won't affect the sensitivity much. We will be doing additional work on this as soon as the 835 repeater projects are complete.

For about the last couple weeks, the transmitter on the 444.225 has been coming up with no audio, when there is no other activity. Fortunately, it did it while we were there, and we tracked it down to a problem in the Ritron repeater, not the external controller. We brought the whole setup down for work, so that repeater is off the air. Les or anyone - is there documentation on that? I don't know if I have much.

The Bionics Tiny Tracker 4 that provides telemetry from the site has been locking up, we suspect due to the high RF field there. I brought that setup home as well, and will do some RF proofing on it. When we put it back in, we will also add ferrite filters to the output cables--and move it to an outside antenna (RG8).

I'm hoping we can make a return trip to the site next weekend to complete the work.

Erik

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Dues: \$25.00 per calendar year per license holder.
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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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