



Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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

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WARC Annual Picnic- July 16

WARC Annual Family Picnic:

Bring your family and friends, grandkids, a dish to pass, your own meat, and eating utensils. The club will provide charcoal grills, soft drinks, and cooking utensils.

DATE & Time:

Thursday, July 16, 2015 -- 6:00 PM

WHO:

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

WHERE (New Location):

Lions Shelter (aka Gebner Pavilion), 525 Lake Park Drive (near foot of Hamilton St.), Winona, MN



W0NE -- FIELD DAY 2015

Field Day 2015 was kind of different for W0NE this year—no violent storms! Even though, the 30 plus ham radio participants had plenty of challenges and fun to boot.



Thanks to continuing development of MESH, there was wi-fi- Internet availability at the site this year including live video of site activity. It was very satisfying to see that the hard work in developing MESH capability was demonstrated in the field



And this year's GOTA station had some interesting action what with visitors Case (age 10) and Sadie (7) from Traverse City, MI and two of our new hams, Krishna KE0DXL and Dale KE0EKD, making their initial HF QSOs.

The photos tell the rest of the story....



GRSF Special Event—N2B



N2B was back at the WSU gazebo this year, and the site turned out to be a very good location. This year the club was able to stash the station equipment at the Education Department office Saturday night, making the minor tear down and Sunday set up easier than ever. WSU Facilities Staff stopped by on Saturday morning and was very hospitable to us and offered to support us in any way necessary.

There were about 100 QSOs this year. Propagation was up and down (down mostly) and competition for frequencies with IARU contesters was tough, but the operating crew did a good job.



N2B had about 170 QRZ.com lookups from Friday night through Monday AM. Here's hoping the station helped get visibility of GRSF out to folks.



There are lots of stories to tell about N2B this year—including John and Dale working on the antenna until 7:00 PM Friday to guest operator Katie from the GFRSF staff (her 1st ham radio QSO). Good tales to tell at the picnic Thursday evening.

There is still more to go on GRSF 2015. QSL certificate designs are yet to be completed & approved. Then the QSL responses themselves will need to go out later in the year.

Minutes of the June WARC Board Meeting are below. Minutes of the July were not available at the time the Hamgram was released. They will be included in next Month's issue.

**Minutes of WARC Board Meeting held on June 2, 2015 at Watkins Hall, Winona State University.
Present: Lance (KB0YJU), Syed (AC0VA), Dan (WK0W), Les (K0BAD), Harro(KG6RLM)
Call to order by Lance at around 7 PM.**

Minutes
Board first discussed Minutes of May meeting. Lance stated we all received our Minutes several Weeks ago. Copy of the Minutes was available and board member took time to go through the Minutes again. Lance mentioned many items of May meeting will be updated today. Minutes was then approved.
Treasurer Reports
Treasurer Report was on hand to discuss. Treasurer report was approved and subsequently discussions were held on Treasurer Report. Dan mentioned he received the bill for Witoka Tower work. Dan also mentioned there will be amendment to the bill. Lance mentioned work on the Witoka Tower was already approved. Les mentioned he does not have the bill with him but will email the bill to treasurer later. Les mentioned county is planning more work on the tower next Summer. Syed asked if light was working on top of the tower and Dan answered he saw light was working on the tower.
Summer Picnic
Lance motioned to allocate up to \$ 100.00 and also to authorize Picnic Committee to find a location for Summer Picnic (to be held on 3 rd Thursday of July). Les mentioned he will not be in town for the Summer Picnic. Syed asked Paul if he gets any discount when he books the Lions Shelter by Winona Lake (Paul being a Lions member). Paul answered that being a Lion member does not give discounted price. Paul mentioned he used to get free bookings but no more. Syed will look more and also will talk to Ken and then finalize a place for Summer Picnic. All will be duly notified. Lance's motion was approved with one opposed (Les).
Public Service Committee Report
Dan had a report available for board. The committee has been busy. Several of our members have been trained to operate the SOAR van communication and logging computer. There was "process of vetting" for the people that can have access to these computers. Vetting process also involves background check. Also club participated in cold case murder search with SOAR team in Wabasha. Eleven of the club members participated in that search. Regarding Witoka Tower project, Dan stated , it is moving along and everything happening very fast. Dan had a list of items that his committee is dealing. Also Public Service Committee has established sub-committees to deal with different issues going on right now. Sub-committees are Tower use Policies and Procedures (Les , Paul, Bob), Remote HF Station (Mike, Clare, Paul) , Emergency Power (Erik, Les, Dan), Digital Mode Implementation (Erik, Les).

Dan also mentioned that our APRS showcase exercise with Dive Rescue has been postponed. Les provided a list of equipment that were purchased for Witoka Tower and relevant cost of each item. Board approved the expenses incurred on the Tower Project. Also Les mentioned generous donation of Jim Jarvis, Dan, Les of items for the project. Lance suggested Public Service Committee provide a detailed list of what was done on the Witoka Tower. Lance would like to see what was installed on the tower. This would be good information for all club members in general who might have questions. Les said, he and Dan already talked about preparing an article for QST for this project. Dan will also work on providing a report on all the work done in Witoka Tower. Lance and Syed mentioned that would be part of transparency to provide general membership on all details of the Witoka Project and how the club money was spent.

Operating Activity Committee

Lance updated on upcoming activities. Lance talked to Trinona for financial support for our club and we have been asked to provide Tax ID Form as non-profit. Les will see if he has the information and then he will send to Lance. Lance mentioned preparation for Trinona going very well. Lance did elaborate to Trinona organization about Ham radio and what we do. Trinona had us marked as four volunteers only. Lance changed that to include more volunteers. Trinona will be same operation as done last few years. Trinona did change the route on the bottom of Garvin Heights to accommodate cross traffic going up the hill. Lance mentioned next on his agenda is Field Day. He is setting the wheels in motion. Claire is helping Lance with this year's field day. Lance has plans to secure the site with Port Authority. Lance will find out when is the next Meeting of Port Authority and plan to attend there. Dan mentioned Tower will be available. Also will be available Trailer from sheriff. Lance also brought up the idea of alternate site for Field Day. He inquired if anyone has any suggestion for alternate site for Field Day. Dan mentioned Lance has authority to look for alternate site and make a decision. Board then discussed some alternate sites like Wincrest Park, Gun Club.

Board approved up to \$100.00 for Field Day expenses. Meeting was then adjourned.

GOT TONE FOR 146.640 INTO YOUR

2-METER MEMORIES YET?

Tone of 100.0 Hz is now required.

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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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Winona ARC Repeaters:

146.640 (100.0 Hz) *

146.835 (131.8 Hz) **

444.225 (No Tone) Currently out of service

* Sunday Night Net—8:30 PM Local Time.

** SKYWARN Net When Activated.



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