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Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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OCTOBER PROGRAM - OCT. 17

WHAT: September Club Program: Samuel Morse - more than the Morse code.

Many Americans - artists, authors, sculptors, physicians and creative people of all kinds journeyed to Paris in the 1830's and later. Paris and other places in Europe served as an idea germinator for these people and so it seems to have been for Morse. This program, presented by Dick Lindner, WORIF, promises to be informative, interesting, and fun. There will be a brief social time after the program.

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

DATE: Thursday, October 17, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

WHERE: Conference Room B, Winona County Office Building (formerly "Annex"), 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.



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UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge -- Special Event Station, K9P -- Saturday, Oct 19. (status TBD, depending on Federal Government operation.)
- Jamboree on the Air – Saturday, Oct 19.
- ARRL Sweepstakes (phone) – November 16-17.

November Club Meeting Thursday, Nov. 21

Review of 2013 club activities, election of members to open Executive Board positions, planning for 2014.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Paul K0ZYV or Lance KB0YJU.

Item for Sale:

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

Recognition for Local Amateur Radio Public Service

Congratulations to Roger Wise, KI0F, for his role in planning and coordinating the amateur radio effort for the 2013 Wabasha Nuclear Drill on August 15. The accompanying photo shows Roger receiving a plaque from Brenda Wodele, the Wabasha County Emergency Management coordinator acknowledging his effort and dedication in setting up the Wabasha County E.C.O. with amateur radio communications. The plaque goes on to recognize Roger's leadership skills in coordinating amateur radio operators to make the drill a success.

Roger extends his thanks to all the regional ham radio operators who participated in the drill and who supported the overall effort.



Good job everyone, and thanks, Roger, for not only your work on this drill but also for strengthening the amateur radio emergency communications capability in the region.

Kolter Math & Science Center Now Open at Winona Senior High School



The Kolter Math & Science Center opened at Winona Senior High School this autumn. The center, named after Dick Kolter, NOVV, and funded with money left to the school by Dick for the purpose of improving science and math teaching, is a 23,000 square foot renovation within the high school. The center contains over twelve classroom spaces set up with high tech capabilities and also contains break-out areas for small group work.

The overall intent of the renovation was to help students get the most out of their math and science classes, and it appears that the more flexible layout and 21st century educational aids will contribute. According to a recent Winona Daily News article, finishing touches (decorations) are needed to make the center complete. (Any amateur radio items to donate, anyone?)



Photos courtesy of the Winona Daily News.

OCTOBER 19, 2013 JAMBOREE ON THE AIR & TREMPEALEAU SPECIAL EVENT STATION, K9P

Here is a quick status report on the two club activities planned for on Saturday, October 19—the Trempealeau National Wildlife Center special event station, K9P, and the Jamboree-on-the-Air station in Lake Park.

The K9P station status is up in the air at the time of the writing of this Hamgram. The Federal government partial shut down has affected national wildlife refuges to the extent that National Wildlife Refuge Week—October 13-19—has not been the event it had been in recent years. On the amateur radio side of the week, many special event stations planned in support of the event have been cancelled by the sponsoring clubs. At this time, the Riverland ARC board is meeting Tuesday evening and one item on their agenda is the status of K9P at the Trempealeau refuge. The outcome will be communicated via the La Crosse Hams and the WONE reflectors.

The JOTA station sponsored in Winona by the WARC is on for Saturday. Operating hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Lake Park picnic shelter at 946 Parks Drive (west of Unity Park, behind Winona Health). There seems to be a lot of competition for the time of scout again this year, and commitments for participation by troops or scouts are still being sought. If you know of a scout or scouts (boy or girl—of all ages) who might be interested, please have them contact Len Litvan (KCORSX@arrl.net) with information about the time of arrival and number of participants so that proper preparations are in place. Some hands to help with set up after breakfast at the Timbers would be welcome. Thanks.

**Minutes of WARC Board Meeting held on October 7, 2013 at Watkins Hall, Winona State University.
Present: Matt(KF0Q), Bob (KC9IWE), Erik(WB0NIU), Lance (KB0YJU) , Syed (AC0VA), , Paul (K0ZYV)
Call to order by Lance at around 7 PM.**

Agenda
0. Minutes of Last Meeting 1. Treasurer Report 2. Committee Reports 3. Funding Requests 4. Other items
Minutes of Last meeting
Minutes of Last Meeting were adopted. A copy was not available but Syed mentioned pre-release copies were sent to board member and then Hamgram contains the minutes.
Treasurer Reports
Treasurer Matt was present during this Meeting and Treasurer report was approved.
Committee Reports
Board discussed LaCrosse Chapter's upcoming Special Event Station K9P at Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. Because of Government Shutdown, Refuge is closed. Bob mentioned club should find an alternate place anyway. Lance mentioned he and Cathy are available for K9P program help. Matt mentioned for JOTA (Jamboree on the Air), he need two more volunteers. Matt mentioned we have a bit of time for planning November sweepstakes. Lance read Dan's report on Emergency Services Committee. Emergency Services Committee has identified items

they wish to address and Board discussed those items. Board has had high appreciation for Dan and his work. Board congratulated Dan for getting JOE STRUB MEMORIAL AWARD. This is indeed a great reflection of Dan's hard work, communication and dedication to cause of emergency services. Paul had a question on how many people are there in Emergency Services Committee. Erik (being a member of the committee) mentioned the name of the persons that make that committee.

Erik also mentioned Roger (KI0F) received a plaque for helping the Emergency Drill in Wabasha. Winona club was also participant in that drill.

Matt mentioned work on transmitter of 835 is completed. Matt checked the transmitter parameter and that looks good. Matt suggested that club purchase a permanent attenuator for 835 Repeater. Matt mentioned already approved funds might cover the cost of Attenuator. What is left , is combining transmitter and receiver functions. Lance plans to visit 640 site to check on telemetry and other stuff. Erik might join Lance in his trip to 640 site possibly on Saturday.

Board discussed if any classes will be offered for licensing in Fall. Paul mentioned education committee is responsible for arranging classes. Board then discussed makeup of education committee.

Lance mentioned this Month's club meeting presentation will be on Morse Code. Dick Lindner will present on Samuel Morse and Morse Code. Lance is looking for ideas for November program. November meeting is also the time elections are held. Board discussed some possibility of November program like each committee chair presents the accomplishment of the year.

Paul mentioned he and Melanie are planning to offer Licensing Classes only for Winona State Students. Matt had few questions on Paul's plan like if Certified Hams would be able to help for those classes.

Paul mentioned Club's Annual Renewal Reminder has been received from Minnesota Secretary of State. Syed took the notice and Syed will take care of the Renewal.

Meeting adjourned at around 8 PM

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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.

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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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