



Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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

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AUGUST PROGRAM - AUG.15

WHAT: August Club Program: Melanie, KD0NTM, will review the successful WSU College for Kits camps which focused on Amateur Radio in mid July. The two one-week camps for kids age 9 through 13 were fun and introduced 18 young people to ham radio.

Matt, KF0Q, may also give a rundown on the club's UHF contest station and results in the ARRL UHF contest held August 3 & 4.

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

DATE: Thursday, August 15, 2013

TIME: 6:00 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.



UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

- 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 >> THIS SATURDAY <<

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The RARC Swapfest is this Saturday.
Don't miss it..

- 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!
- Door prizes—must be present to
win.



[WARC is on Facebook](#), ya know.

Item for Sale:

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

More on Field Day 2013

Here is a summary of Field Day 2013 report from Matt, KF0Q, Chair of the Operating Activities Committee:



The somewhat ambitious ARRL Field Day 2013 effort is finally over. While the event was a success; i.e. great turnout, no injuries, damage or lost gear the results fell far below expectations. While some may get hung up on the lower score this year I have to say that the number of folks that showed up for both setup and tear-down was awesome. In addition the number of guests that stopped by was equally impressive. As a group

we did many things right and should be proud of that.

While I did not have enough time to evaluate the APRS educational demo I thought the exposure was quite good. Any time you have a MN State Senator taking the time to look at the icons on your screen it is a good day for amateur radio.

Room for improvement:

The Get on the Air Station (GOTA) activity really surprised me. While there were a few folks that stopped by to operate very few contacts were made and in fact the minimum number required for credit of the GOTA station (KE0XI) were not met this year. While the new software (N1MM) did work it was not without problems. Several times throughout the weekend the transceiver

control was lost and needed to be re-installed. In addition there were no digital QSO's attempted.

The log this year was entered via the b4h Web form on June 30th. The balance of supporting documentation was finally accepted on July 8th due to mail server issues at the league that resulted in the documents having to be sent in no less than five times.

W0NE FD 2013 Score summary:

2013 was one of the few (if any) years that we did not have any 80M or 10M phone contacts! I find this rather disturbing as we should have had a decent signal on those bands. Six meter contacts were also much lower than is typical for our setup.

For comparison the last five years:

2013	W0NE	1,942	2A	373	2	MN	24
2012	W0NE	2,280	2A	439	2	MN	30
2011	W0NE	2,472	2A	548	2	MN	14
2010	W0NE	1,584	2A	217	2	MN	25
2009	W0NE	1,382	2A	207	2	MN	21

In summary the 2013 ARRL Field Day exercise was safe and successful but leaves a good amount of room for improvement. The committee will be taking a serious look at the 2014 event and hopefully get suggestions from others outside the committee to make the next event even better. 73, Matt KF0Q

2013 Family Picnic Photos



WONE—UHF CONTEST STATION



Minutes of WARC Board Meeting held on Monday, July 8, 2013 are below. Minutes of the August 5 board meeting were not yet available at the time this Hamgram was released.

Minutes of WARC Board Meeting held on July 8, 2013 at Watkins Hall, Winona State University.

**Present: Matt (KF0Q), Paul (K0ZYV), John (K2OPT), Dan (WK0W)
Bob (KC9IWE), Syed (AC0VA), Lance (KB0YZU), Erik (WB0YZU)
Call to order by Paul at around 7 PM.**

Agenda
0. Minutes of last meeting 1. Treasurer Report 2. Committee Reports 3. Other items to be added
Minutes of Last Meeting
Minutes of last meeting were approved by voice vote.
Treasurer's report

Treasurer report was approved. Treasurer Matt mentioned club does not have Minnesota State Tax Exempt number. Matt did contact the state confirm the information. If board thinks it is worthwhile, Matt can pursue the issue. Form needs to be filled up and sent to authorities. After discussion board did encourage Matt to pursue the State Tax Exempt application.

Committee and other Reports

Lance (Repeater Committee) mentioned that 440 Repeater is not working. Bob mentioned he had no knowledge that we also have a 440 repeater. Lance mentioned 440 Repeater range is very short and drops out very fast. Lance mentioned 440 Repeater work is done, telemetry will be installed. External Antenna will be used for telemetry.

Erik and Matt are working on 835 Repeater to work better.

Board discussed Operating Activity Report from Matt. Report has info on just completed ARRL Field Day 2013. The ambitious Field Day was a success with great turnout. Winona Mayor, MN State senators paid a visit to Field Day site. Matt has the Field Day Score Summary in the report.

Next would be GRSF – Special Event N2B July 13-14 and ARRL August UHF contest – August 3-4.

John mentioned he is helping new hams with Antenna setup and other stuff. Board approved Matt to buy some filters that are needed.

Meeting was adjourned at around 8 PM.

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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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