

Hamgram

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Winona Amateur Radio Club
Winona, Minnesota

It's Party Time!

Winona's newest lodging treasure is the site for this year's annual Winona Amateur Radio Club Holiday Party. Join hosts Erik, WBØNIU, and Jodie, NØOWT, Brom at the beautiful Goodview Haven, 3655 W. 6th St.

The party, Thursday, Jan. 18, begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:15 p.m.

The event is a potluck so bring a dish to share. The club will provide water, soft drinks (coke, diet coke, 7-up), apple juice, coffee, tea, cups/plates/utensils. Bring your own alcoholic beverage/or special drinks if desired.

Members, families, and friends are all welcome.

Even if you are unable to bring a dish come as there will be plenty for all.

For more information, and to coordinate which dish to contribute, contact Syed Faruque, ACØVA, at 507 429-6898 or Erik Brom, WBØNIU, Ewbrom@hbc.com, 507 452-5805, or on the 146.64 repeater.

WHAT: Holiday Party Potluck

WHERE: Goodview Haven, 3655 W. 6th St.

WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 18, 5:30 p.m.

WHO: Club members, families, friends

MNQP set for Feb. 3

Football fans will look to Minneapolis Feb. 4 for the Super Bowl while Amateurs across the country will look to Minnesota Sat. Feb 3, for the Minnesota QSO Party. Paul Degallier, ADØUU, volunteered his garage as the operating point for the second consecutive year. Dick Lindner, WØRIF, and Mike Foerster, WØIH, head arrangements.

The Winona Amateur Radio Club has led the club competition in the MnQP for the past two years; it has done very well in club competition for several years.

It's easy to join the MWA, Minnesota wireless Association. Membership is free.



Three operators in Winona's award-winning 2016 MnQP operation included (L-R) Lance Tagliapietra, ADØUT, Clare Jarvis, KØNY, and Peter Ebertowski, KDØYOB.

Bouvet DXpedition underway with local Ham

The second most wanted entity, Bouvet Island, should be open for business any day! The first-most wanted entity, North Korea, may be a while, so focus your energy and antennas on what is called the world's most remote island. Plans call for 3Y0Z to be on the air in late January and early February with the earliest possible arrival by the team set for Jan. 23.

Two years of detailed planning have gone into the Bouvet Island DXpedition. "We want to live up to all that is expected of us on this 'generational' DXpedition, which is likely the largest and most challenging DXpedition ever," the DXpedition team said earlier this fall. "Indeed, there may never be another like it."

The team will be everywhere on the bands using all modes including the popular mode FT8 from the WTJS-X suite of new digital modes.

A dependency of Norway, Bouvet is a sub-Antarctic island in the South Atlantic. The last Bouvet activation was 3Y0E, during the winter of 2007-2008.

At least one team member is known to members of our club. He is Glenn Johnson, WØGJ, of Deborah, Iowa. Johnson was licensed at age 15 and within three months had contacted all 50 states with a homemade crystal transmitter.

He has led three major DXpedition to four Top Ten

Most Wanted areas (Kingdom of Bhutan (2000), Lakshadweep (2007)), Desecheo (2009), and Navassa (2015)) all of which were awarded DXpedition of the Year. He was also a team member of the HK0NA Malpelo (2012) and the K5P Palmyra (2016) DXpeditions.

Johnson has been a practicing orthopedic surgeon for 40 years. He is currently works for the Mayo Clinic Health System in Minnesota



Glenn Johnson, WØGJ



and Iowa. His specialty is Adult

Reconstruction and he has developed a highly-regarded practice specializing in outpatient partial knee replacement surgery and anterior hip replacement surgery.

Johnson has many other interests including gunsmithing, beekeeping, wood working and building furniture, draft horses and carriage driving and flying both airplanes and helicopters. He is also very active in local community affairs and in his local church.

Eagle Bluff SOTA activation

A cozy, warm shack is appealing this time of year to those of us for whom comfort is a priority while pursuing our hobby. That's not the case with everyone as Peter Ebertowski, KDØYOB, can testify. Dragging a radio, battery, antenna stuff and a thermos, Peter hiked to the top of Eagle Bluff, near Trempealeau, recently for his kind of DXpedition. "The snow was no problem, but underneath, a layer of oak leaves on frozen ground made for slippery footing," said Peter. "I was glad to have trekking poles to steady myself on the slopes."

Ebertowski likes participating in Summits On The Air (SOTA) activations which, by definition, mean hiking and possibly crummy weather. Necessity requires a minimum of weight when you're climbing summits and little weight translates to little power. Ebertowski has done his SOTA activations QRP with a little Yaesu FT 817 at 5 watts. On the Eagle Bluff activation he said he ran 40 watts, not QRP yet still not much power, still drawing a pile-up of Hams from coast-to-coast. Peter's 40 watts into a portable antenna was like honey at a fly convention. When he said "QRZ," the

band lit with callers. In the end, he had logged 49 contacts. "My Summits On The Air activation of Eagle Bluff was a success," he noted, adding "no hypothermia!"

Ebertowski used a Yaesu FT-857D powered by a 6 Ah LifePo4 Bioenno battery, using separate EFHW antennas for 20 meters and 40 meters. He also had a three-element beam for 2 meters, but didn't use it.

A highlight was a summit-to-summit conversation with KJ6HOT in California. Locally, on 146.52, he logged Bob Seaquist, W9LSE, and Ken Spittler, NØJP. On 20 meters he logged Mike Foerster, WØIH, and Rick Kolter, KD9GVS and, again, W9LSE. Dan Goltz, WKØW was among the 16 contacts Peter had on 7 MHz.

QRP operators are a lot like fly fishermen and trout. The fisherman has to have a great deal of knowledge: time of day, temperature of water, type of trout, casting from the bank or from mid-stream, etc. The QRP operator has to know propagation, bands, antennas, best frequencies and more.

To learn more about SOTA, go to www.sota.org.uk/

WARC Board Meeting

Dec. 4, 2017

Watkins Hall, Winona State University

Present: Board Members: Harro Hohenner, KG6RLM, Syed Faruque, ACØVA, Paul Schumacher, KØZYV, Dan Goltz, WKØW, Erik Brom, WBØNIU, Mike Foerster, WØIH.

Guests: John Kowalik, K2OPT, Tom Wilmot, WØMK, Clare Jarvis, KØNY.

Called to order by Paul at around 7 PM.

Treasurer Report for end of November 2017 approved.

Balance on 10/31/2017 \$1,618.54

Deposits:

Dues/contribution \$100.00

Payments: RemoteHams.com check cashed

\$50.00

Balance as reported by Merchants Bank \$1,668.54

Discussion of whether club needs a credit card to make the payments? Board decided against credit card. Paul asked if person in charge of domain name has been changed from Les Hittner, KØBAD, to anyone else? Harro will investigate. Paul reported club build project is cancelled because of oscillator price and non-availability and that he would like to build only one first and see how it operates before making more. Board also discussed few items of Rochester Amateur Radio Club newsletter because our club was mentioned there. Paul mentioned Rochester club is more involved in digital mode. Syed will provide to Harro, Club's renewal registration with MN Secretary of State as non-profit.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Holiday Party to be held Jan. 18. There is already budget approved for the party. Syed will work on the party organization. Board discussed location with suggestions of Golf Course/Signatures/Green Mill which may be overpriced for us. Erik suggested Goodview Haven which has an opening that day. Syed will look for catering option.

Witoka tower. Mike, WØIH, said Mike/Harro/John has been working on Witoka tower to make improvements. John provided Balun/Choke to put into antenna. They also fixed few wiring issues. Work will continue per Mike. If a budget is needed to buy anything for Witoka, Mike will request. John then provided a more detailed explanation of issues and his take. John brought his tuner for show and tell. Mike would like

a new printer at Witoka tower. Also, there is a possibility of putting a tri-bander antenna at Witoka. Erik mentioned phone line at KAGE site was not answering. Ken, NØJP, noticed that and reported to Erik. This has happened before. Erik plans to visit the site. Erik has been monitoring logs of KAGE site for anomalies.

Education committee. Paul reported licensing class was successful. Participant in the class passed the test. General Licensing class is planned for January. There is interest in General Class.

Emergency Service Committee. Dan, WKØW, reported that at our last meeting he suggested we learn more about WINLINK. The Rochester group seems to be doing quite a bit with WINLINK. He contacted Bill Osler about doing a program for us. He responded that he would be glad to do that, but is unavailable until after April, as he has a job doing tax preparation.

Dan met with Sheriff Ganrude last Friday. He remains supportive of our group and what we do in our public service mode. Regarding the appointment of a new emergency manager, he is a bit frustrated with the process. There is some disagreement between the county board and the police officer's union as to what the position should be, and how it should be funded. At this time the county is no closer to filling the position than last July.

Regarding the Winona Fire Department taking responsibility in the interim, Andrew Leisson, a fire fighter who has been our contact with the Winona Fire Department, and trained on siren activation and the remote computer activation equipment has very recently resigned to take a new position in another part of the state. Again, this leaves no one formally in charge of siren activation. Although dispatchers have the capability of doing it, they must rely on someone else to decide when to activate.

Dan was asked to appear before the county board to give an opinion on how to make the position more beneficial to the county.

Harro reminded everyone to pay the club dues. Paul asked Harro to put the request in reflector.

Meeting was then adjourned.

The new is old on the board

The new leadership of the Winona Amateur Radio Club is pretty much the old leadership. At its Jan. 10 meeting the club's executive board re-elected Paul Schumacher, KØZYV, president; Lance Tagliapietra, ADØUT, vice-president; and Harro Hohenner, KG6RLM, as treasurer. The only change in leadership is Clare Jarvis, KØNY, who was just elected to the board and the board elected him secretary, succeeding Syed Faruque, ACØVA, who did not run for re-election.

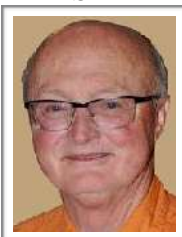
The club's executive board usually meets the first Monday of each month in Watkins Hall at WSU.



KØZYV



KG6RLM



KØNY



ADØUT



History Never Stops

Will the Winona Amateur Radio Club be a part of history? Rather, will the club be a part of the Winona County Historical Society's annual open house as it has in the past? Keep your calendars open for Sunday, Feb. 11 just-in-case.



WØNE Repeaters

146.640 PL 100.0 Hz *

146.835 PL 131.8 Hz **

444.225 PL 100.0Hz FM Voice C4FM Digital *

442.150, 100 Hz. FM Voice C4FM Digital *

SkyWarn Net when activated.

** Sunday Night Net—8:30 p.m.

Winona Amateur Radio club meetings are 7 p.m., third Thursday of the month at the Winona County Office Building, 202 West Third St., Winona. The monthly program is open to the public.

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At Large: Dan Goltz, WKØW; Mike Foerster, WØIH

Dues: \$25 per calendar year per license holder. \$30 per calendar year for all licensed members of the same family within the same household.

Send dues to: Treasurer, P.O. Box 1451, Winona, MN 55987

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The fun and easy-going Wisconsin QSO Party, Sunday, March 11, will help ease you into Daylight Saving Time. The Wisconsin QSO Party is a short, friendly, run from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. and another great opportunity to get on the air, hone skills and have a great time. The casual style makes for a non-threatening introduction for new comers and a time to renew on-air acquaintances for old-timers.

