

Winona Amateur Radio Club
Winona, Minnesota

Hamgram

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Party Jan 17!!

It will be a potluck for the annual Winona Amateur Radio Club Holiday Party. Join fellow club members and their guests at Goodview Haven, 3655 W. 6th St. The party, Thursday, Jan. 17, begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:15 p.m.

Hosts are Erik, WBØNIU, and Jodie, NØOWT, Brom. 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@hbc1.com, 507 452-5805, or on the 146.64 repeater.

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Club officers for 2019



Club officers elected Jan. 9 are: (L-R) Clare Jarvis, KØNY, secretary; Harro Hohenner, KG6RLM, treasurer; Paul Schumacher, KØZYV, president; and Lance Tagliapietra, ADØUT, vice-president.



This year's Minnesota QSO Party offers the comfort of Mike Foerster's, WØIH, garage rather than the past's snowbanks at Wilson. Suffering to erect an antenna at Wilson are (L-R) John Kowalik, K2OPT, Dan Goltz, WKØW, and Dale Cohenour, KEØEKD.

Reach out and touch all 87 of Minnesota counties Saturday, Feb. 2, during this year's running of the Minnesota QSO Party. Mike Foerster, WØIH, has generously offered to host the club at his home, 1403 Foxcroft Pl., Winona.

The club's radios will combine with Mike's 40M antenna is on the boom of my beam, so operating 20 & 40 could be

difficult. And there's access to Tom Mauszycki's, KAØMLO, Hi-Tower Vertical. There's also the possibility of turning Mike's 60M antenna into a 40M dipole.

Radio events: inside and outside

Warm glowing tubes in a cozy basement corner make winter more exciting for many an amateur yet there are many other exciting opportunities this time of year that involve getting together with fellow Hams in garages or even wading through snow. The bad news is that three of the listed events are on the same day as the MNQP. Whether your fuel is a canned soft drink or hot chocolate, there's a lot of operating for you!

NAQP

CW 1800 UTC Jan. 12 — 0600 UTC Jan. 13

SSB 1800 UTC Jan. 19 — 0600 UTC Jan. 20

The North American QSO Parties are favorites of beginners and seasoned operators alike. The NAQPs are low-power only which makes for a lot more breathing room on the bands.

(<http://ncjweb.com/naqp/>)

Winter Field Day

Jan. 26—27 1 p.m. Sat.—1 p.m. CDT Sunday.

This is Field Day in a snowmobile suit. Emergency communications may be needed even in the depths of a Minnesota winter so there's a need to practice setting up aluminum antennas wearing mittens.

(<https://www.winterfieldday.com/>)

FYBO

Sat. Feb. 2 from 1400Z-2400Z
“FYBO” stands for Freeze Your B____ Off, a QRP sprint sponsored by the Arizona ScQRPions. On a seasonally cold day Minnesotans can clean-up on this event because an operator's score depends not only on the number of contacts but also the temperature at the operating position.

(Editor's note:) On a bleak, cold, snowy Feb. 5, 2011 I sat in 18" of snow at a picnic table in Great Bluffs State Park and participated in FYBO. It was difficult wading through the snow, first to the picnic table, and then setting up a wire antenna. To make a long (cold) story short, my negligence and haste prevented any contacts. It is a

worthwhile challenge for Hams, especially Minnesotans rather than soft old Arizona guys. (5W max). (<http://azscqrpions.org/FYBO>)

AM Rally

0000 UTC Feb. 2—0700 Feb. 4

Listen and speak in high fidelity on that old classic, AM. It's as simple as hitting the “AM” mode button. It's open to all radio amateurs running AM using modern, vintage, tube, solid-state, software-defined, military, boat-anchor, broadcast, homebrew, or commercial.

(<http://www.amrally.com/>)

Wisconsin QSO Party

March 10, 1—8 p.m. CDT

The WIQP is much like the MNQP: casual, friendly and lots of counties (72) many of which are not apparently inhabited. (<https://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm>)

WARC Executive Board

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, Watkins Hall, Winona State University
(Unofficial minutes)

Present: Paul Schumacher, KØZYV; Erik Brom, WBØNIU; Dan Goltz, WKØW; Mike Foerster, WØIH; Harro Hohenner, KG6RLM; Clare Jarvis, KØNY. Guests: John Kowalik, K2OPT; Marv Rodvold, AC9TO; Bob Seaquist, W9LSE; Tom Wilmot, WØMK.

Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report for December 2018 Approved

Balance on 11/30/2018	\$1,642.62
Deposits:	\$995.00
Payments:	\$100.00
Balance reported by Merchants Bank	\$2537.62
Repeater Upgrade Project Status	
Collected \$1370.42	Goal \$1,000.00

Election of officers

Incumbent officers offered to remain in office. President, Paul Schumacher, KØZYV; Vice President, Lance Tagliapietra, ADØUT*; Secretary, Clare Jarvis, KØNY; Treasurer, Harro Hohenner, KG6RLM. *ADØUT was not present and if he will not/cannot serve, Dan Goltz, WKØW, agreed to serve in his stead as vice president.

Programs

It appears Yaesu National Sales Manager John Kruk, N9UPC, may give a program on Yaesu Fusion at a club meeting. The board agreed that Hams from the region be invited. Bob Seaquist, W9LSE, will provide publicity.

Public Service

The committee has been relatively quiet for the winter months. Dan met with Mike Bernatz of Ride the Ridges. There are some proposed route changes, so the club's APRS map may need updating. Dan plans a meeting of all amateurs in the area interested in public service/emergency response. A date and time has yet to be set. He tested the WARC SKYWARN alerting system, Mon., Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. with mixed results.

Repeaters

Witoka is doing "great." It was learned that a Yaesu Fusion mobile can command the repeater so the board will investigate buying a unit for the trustee's use. Erik and Clare, among others, are setting up connecting the two Fusion repeaters via the internet.

Mike, WØIH, reported work on the remote's 160m antenna seems to solve its SWR issues. He plans to experiment more using different auto-tuners.

Education

There will be a Technician class starting in early February. Harro and Mike will help. Paul will arrange a location.



Clare Jarvis, KØNY, shows off the club's newest Yaesu Fusion repeater during the club's Dec. 20 meeting. The unit may be set-up via a touch screen (inset).

Licensing classes

Winona

The Winona Amateur Radio Club plans licensing classes starting in February. Classes will meet on the Winona State University campus. Details will be announced soon.

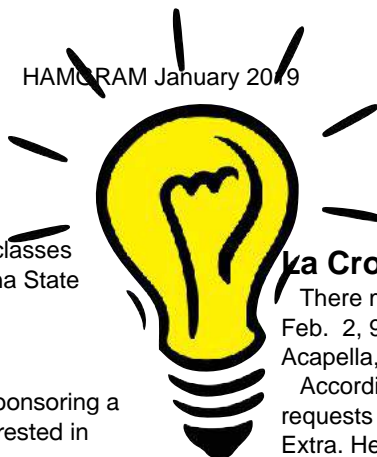
Viroqua

Viroqua's community radio station, KB9RPN, is sponsoring a free self-study group starting Feb. 11 for those interested in becoming a Ham.

The group will meet at the McIntosh Memorial Library, 205 S. Rock Ave, Viroqua four Mondays from 6-7:45 p.m. Attendance is free.

Participants will be able to visit the KB9RPN station in Viroqua and practice on equipment under the supervision of licensed operators.

For more information contact Larry Kapp, wt9m@hotmail.com or Rick Kettner at kettner@gmail.com



La Crosse

There may be license classes in La Crosse Saturdays Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2 at Church of Christ-Acapella, 3506 South 28th St. La Crosse.

According to Bill Wood, KE9XQ, there have been requests for all three levels, Technician, General and Extra. He expects Classes are tentatively set Saturdays at 9 a.m. Participants should bring a bag lunch.

Weather permitting testing should be March 2

For details and to register contact Wood at ke9xa@charter.net

Boat anchors

John Roche, KBØELR, suggests a newsletter that may be of interest to the boat-anchor crowd, The Northland Antique Radio Club Website. It's at www.northlandantiqueradioclub.com

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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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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