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Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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October Program - Oct 16

WHAT: October Club Program: The focus will be on preparation for the club's three big activities coming up on Saturday, the 18th: The emergency preparedness drill, the JOTA station (K2BSA/0), and the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge special event station (K9P). Additionally, the second candidate for Winona County Sherriff, Ron Ganrude, plans to be at the meeting for a "meet and greet" period with program attendees. This is in recognition of the understanding that the Sheriff is the one elected official closest to club interests and relationships.

There will be a social period after the program. We hope to see everyone there.

DATE & Time: Thursday, October 16, 2014 -- 7:00 PM

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

WHERE: Conference Room B, Winona County Office Building, 202 West 3rd Street, Winona, MN. Doors will be unlocked from 6:45 to 7:15 PM. If you are late, please try the 146.835 repeater to have someone let you in.

Upcoming WARC Activities

Sep 18 - Emergency Preparedness Drill

Oct 18 - JOTA 2014—callsign K2BSA/0

Oct 18 - Trempealeau Special Event with RARC

Nov 15-16 - ARRL Nov. Sweepstakes (Phone)

The September VHF Contest

Log has been Submitted

Matt, KF0Q reports that the club ended up with 102 QSOs in the log—garnered by three ops—KF0Q, W0IH, and KCORSX. Thanks, Matt for your leadership, time, and equipment to offer local hams the opportunity to learn more about the high bands.

Like DXing? You might take a look at [this short video](#) forwarded by John, W9RPM.

The [WONE website](#) may have a new look coming. Keep in touch.

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MN QSO Party Results Are Out!

By Matt Burt, KF0Q

As was mentioned earlier this year, the team for W0NE had a great time and broke some new ground with good participation this year. I am really pleased to say that our team was able to beat the score from 2013 by over 2,000 points! It is especially pleasing to know that the last hour challenge I placed on the team to better the 2013 effort was fulfilled! Thanks a ton to team W0NE and most notably Matt-KD0YSY and Peter - KD0YOB for stepping up to the effort in their inaugural contest debut!

Other notables for Winona County include really nice scores from Mike - N0BUI, and Len - KC0RSX for their single operator low power efforts.

The 2014 score for team W0NE is yet another new record score for Winona County (Multi-two) that put the team in third place overall for Multi-op in-state stations

The Winona Amateur Radio Club also placed 5th in the overall club competition with only two entries!

Please mark February 7, 2015 on your calendars for next year's event. **Can we do it again?**

The full results for the 2104 Minnesota QSO Party can be found at:

http://www.w0aa.org/docs/mnqp/MNQP_2014_RESULTS.pdf

Please check out the link, which contains the feature article from our Hamgram along with the results.

73,
Matt – KF0Q

BIG ACTIVITY DAY COMING UP – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

One thing about ham radio---it's kind of hard to get bored because there's never anything to do. Case in point: Saturday, October 18. The club committed to three activities, and then the dates got set for us!

So here's the rundown. Feel free to pick your preferences. The October 16 program will focus on final planning and additional details.

Emergency Preparedness Drill:

What: Emergency preparedness drill to ensure that various area agencies and groups can work in an integrated manner.

Who: All interested hams participating with several Winona County agencies and response groups.

When: Saturday from 7:00 AM until approximately noon.

Where: To be announced, but some “tromping through the woods” can be expected.

Other info: The club, under the leadership of Erik WB0NIU and Dan WK0W, has been pulling together quite a capability for the event—APRS

tracking, 2-meter repeater and a 440 simplex channel. Erik and Dan have also successfully tested a cross-band repeater for the drill.

If you want to help out with the drill, please contact Erik at ewbrom@hbc.com

Jamboree-On-The Air 2014:

What: The club's second consecutive year of providing a JOTA station for local scouts.

Who: Scouts of all ages—both girls and boy-- plus any hams who would like to help introduce amateur radio to young people.

When: Saturday with operation beginning at 10:00 AM until mid-afternoon.

Where: St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1303 West Broadway, St. Winona.

Other info: The station, operating with the special callsign K2BSA/0, is one of 200 currently registered for JOTA operations. The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2012 JOTA had nearly 700,000 Scout participants at more than 13,500 amateur radio stations! A participant patch is available, as is a certificate/log sheet that can also be used to fulfill a Radio Merit Badge

requirement. Anyone interested in helping with K2BSA/0 should contact Matt KF0Q at kf0q@hbc.com

More information on the JOTA can be found at:

<http://k2bsa.net/tag/jota>

<http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx>

<http://www.arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota>

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge Special Event Station--K9P:

What: Special event station K9P operating in conjunction with the Riverland ARC as part of the 2014 NWR Week.

Who: All hams of the WARC and Riverland ARC and others interested in ham radio.

When: Saturday with operations from 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

Where: The station will be located in the RARC trailer at the refuge's maintenance shop, near the visitor center. The Trempealeau refuge is at W28488 Refuge Rd., Trempealeau, Wis.

Other info: This is part of a national ham radio event connecting National Wildlife Refuges from Alaska to Texas. For details go to:

<http://kp1-5.com/new/nwrweek.htm> and/or

<http://www.nwrweek-radio.info/>

There had been concern about the national event but RARC President Greg Miller, KA9FOZ, says the event has been so popular among club members that it should continue.

Licensed Hams are invited to help operate the station, bring your own rig to play with, and--of course--to enjoy the camaraderie, chow and scenery. If you go, be sure to bring food!

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The WARC Executive Board is meeting next Monday, Oct. 13, 7:00 PM, at the WSU Library—Room 109. The board meetings are always open to club members and others interested in the club. The October meeting minutes will be published in the next Hamgram.

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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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