W-C ARES

Waupaca-County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

MEETING MINUTES

WHEN DISASTER CALLS – AMATEUR RADIO ANSWERS

Meeting Attendees:

> Chuck Fritz (AC9F); George Lampere (AB9CQ); Carol Young (KD9WRY); Carl Young (KD9RMZ); Rick Hutchison (KD9QQR); ; Bob Martin (KA9EOK); Joseph Walesewicz (KD9USW); Durand Larsen (KD9WWT); Al Mallek (K9WVM); Dean Sommerfeld (KD9VLH); and Cody Lind (KD9QXL).

I. Meeting began at 6 pm Chuck Fritz called the meeting to order and introduced new members {George Lampere (AB9CQ) and Durand Larsen (KD9WWT)}.

II. OLD Business:

    a. Chuck mentioned that the WX (Weather Spotter) classes links are listed on the training page of the Waupaca County ARES/RACES website and the classes start this coming Saturday, April 15th. If you want to sign up, please go to the training page of the website and click on the link to enter your email and registration info.

    b. Iola Bump and Jump Bike Race is Sunday, May 7th at the ski trails on the Winter Sports Complex ski hill north of Iola (E398 County Rd MM, Iola, WI) . The Waupaca County ARES group will be providing communications for the 2023 Iola Bump and Jump Bike Race. Frequencies will be Primary: **146.49 Simplex,** Secondary **146.925 repeater PL 118.8**, and back up **147.390 repeater PL 118.8**. If you are signed up to assist at the Bump and Jump Race, please get to your position by **9 a.m.** The Remote Operations Trailer will be open at 7:30 a.m. Prepare for any type of weather conditions and bring supplies for your station for the full day. **Recommended supplies include**: a working HT with extra batteries, a chair to use at your check point, appropriate clothing for weather, food/water/snacks and insect repellent. Shifts are 9 a.m. to Noon and Noon to 3 p.m. **Make sure to Check Out at the ROT at the end.** Chuck Fritz handed more information at the meeting and if you plan on attending, contact Chuck at ac9f54@wi-net.com to obtain a copy of the handout.

    c. Chuck mentioned that the Sunday training messages from the Wisconsin ARES HF Net will be read at the Waupaca County ARES/RACES Sunday Night Net by the backup NCS. Sunday, April 16 Sunday Night Net backup NCS is Dan Bekeris AC9JA. Dean and Carol mentioned that the forms Leighton provided to Dave for members to use when writing down the messages is very helpful. Chuck also recommended members go to other ARES nets listed on the Waupaca County ARES/RACES website.

    d. Hospital Radios/WISCOMM—no news back from Stan at this time. Topic will be held until next meeting.

III. NEW Business:

    a. Theda Clark Waupaca Riverside Hospital Radio—Chuck will get in there to check on the radio.

    b. King Veterans Home Radio is located in the security building. Leighton and Chuck checked this location out.

    c. Dave Chroninger (WB9GBG) needs to upgrade the radios with his laptop/software.

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New Business continued:

    d. Waushara County Radio Plan — Chuck announced that Waushara County ARES will be partnering with the Waupaca County ARES/RACES. Waushara County ARES AEC is George Lampere (AB9CQ). George will be the new EC for Waushara County when they establish enough members. George mentioned priorities as the Waushara County ARES EC will be to l (1) locate an EOC room location, (2) work with Theda Care in Waushara to have a radio in it, (3) work on developing a SOP (Standard Operating Procedures). An article was published in the Waushara local paper explaining the valuable lifeline ARES provides in Emergencies. George is excited to work with Waupaca County ARES and the new Waushara County Emergency Manager. George stated there are about 43 hams in Waushara County and he is working on getting members for a Waushara County ARES group. If you would like more information, please contact George Lampere at AB9CQ1@gmail.com.

    e. Back Up Repeater Plan— Chuck mentioned that the KX9RT repeater antenna was damaged during some past weather conditions and needs some work. The repeater is Operational, but it will need antenna repairs yet.

IV. SIMCOM 2023—May 3rd-5th will be held at UW-Green Bay campus (2420 Nicolet Dr,   Green Bay, WI 54311.

    Registration is Open! If you plan on attending,

    You Need to Register by: April 22, 2023

    Link to Register at is as follows: https://forms.office.com

For a list of each day's times and activities, see Waupaca County ARES/RACES Upcoming Events page and click on the SIMCOM Daily Events Button.

V. Chuck mentioned that Stan let him know the Waupaca County ARES/RACES missed the mini-SET held April 10-12, 2023.

VI. Public Information Officer (PIO) Position: Chuck motioned to elect/appoint Carol Young (KD9WRY) as the Waupaca County ARES/RACES PIO. Bob Martin (KA9EOK) seconded the motion and all in attendance agreed.

VII. Upcoming Swapfest/Events:

    a. April 15, 2023—MARA Madison Swapfest held in Stoughton

    b. June 3, 2023—Green Bay Swapfest

    c. July 8, 2023—South Milwaukee Swapfest (Outdoor) in Oak Creek. (Chuck said this is a good one to go to).

    d. August 26, 2023—Circus City Swapfest in Baraboo

    e. September 22 and 23, 2023 — HRO Superfest in Milwaukee

    f. November 4, 2023—Wisconsin ARES/RACES Convention in Wisconsin Rapids at the library. Chuck would like to

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IV.   Waupaca County ARES/RACES Trailer Update:

     a.   Cody Lind mentioned he will try to work on the flooring of the trailer this week at his home.

IV. Logging Software Presentation was presented by Carol and Carl Young (KD9WRY & KD9RMZ). During the presentation, a handout was provided with links to several types of logging software used by amateur radio operators. Topics in the presentation included: (1) Events and Contesting, (2) Logging Software Explanations, (3) Software that will be used for Field Day 2023, (4) how to export logging files from logging software programs, (5) how to customize log files, (6) POTA —Parks on the Air, and more. The PowerPoint Presentation from tonight's meeting will be added to the Waupaca County ARES/RACES Website on the bottom of the Training Page. This PowerPoint file lists logging software URLs and POTA file format that was handed out at the meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS Chuck (AC9F) for winning tonight's door prize: An annual Wisconsin State Park Admission Sticker to be able to participate in POTAs and enjoy Wisconsin's State Parks for 2023. Enjoy the State Parks Chuck!

VIII. Chuck adjourned the meeting around 8:30 pm