



W-C ARES

Waupaca-County Amateur Radio Emergency Service MEETING MINUTES

WHEN DISASTER CALLS - AMATEUR RADIO ANSWERS



Meeting Attendees:

Dave Chroninger (WB9GBG); Brady DeCamp (KD9YRC); Steve Leitzke (KD9WYC); Carol Young (KD9WRY); Bob Martin (KA9EOK); Larry Faehling (KL7IBV); Brian Becker (KD9VVO); Stan Piekarczsk (K9STN); Dean Sommerfeld (KD9VLH); Al Caldiero (KD9YBU); Joe Walesewicz (KD9USW); George Lampere (AB9CQ); Cody Lind (KD9QXL); William Lund (KD9TNY); Carl Young (KD9RMZ); Rick Hutchison (KD9QQR); Jack DeWolf (KA9TQC); Chuck Fritz (AC9F); and Steve Fenske (K9NNR).

Meeting began at 6 pm

- I. Chuck Fritz called the meeting to order and had attendees introduce themselves.
- II. Dave Chroninger reported that a new laptop for the EOC was purchased for the group and will have a SignalLink that Chuck donated put with it at the EOC. Dave has another SignalLink with the laptop that Scott donated that will be put at King. Each location will now have a laptop and SignalLink. Dave recommended routinely going to each one and do testing and updating. Members recommended at least every three -six months. It was mentioned that the equipment be labeled and an equipment usage sheet be set up near the equipment for facilities to see who was recently there. Stan recommended that we put three contact names on each radio location with contact information.
- III. ICS 100 and 700 proof of certification needs to be sent to Dave Chroninger (WB9GBG) asap to show you are a qualified ARES/RACES member. Along with that Chuck read off the roster who still needs to get documentation sent to Dave and Chuck. Chuck needs a message in NTS form from members stating they want to stay ARES/RACES. Here is an example:

ICS documents are uploaded
Into ARESCONNECT WEB EOC.

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE
RADIOGRAM
VIA AMATEUR RADIO

NUMBER	PRECEDENCE	RX	STATION OF ORIGIN	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE	
5	R		your callsign	10	your city/state		current date	
TO					THIS RADIO MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT			
TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ I want to stay in the Waupaca County ARES/RACES group					AMATEUR STATION		PHONE	
					NAME		_____	
					STREET ADDRESS		_____	
					CITY, STATE, ZIP		_____	
FROM			DATE	TIME	TO		DATE	TIME
REC'D your callsign			current date		SENT			

THIS MESSAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED BY DATE OF ORIGIN BY A LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR. WAUPACA ADDRESS IS SHOWN IN THE BOX AT RIGHT ABOVE. AS SUCH MESSAGES ARE HANDLED SOLELY FOR THE PLEASURE OF OPERATING NO COMPENSATION CAN BE ACCEPTED BY A "HAM" OPERATOR. A RETURN MESSAGE MAY BE FILED WITH THE "HAM" DELIVERING THE MESSAGE TO YOU. FURTHER INFORMATION ON AMATEUR RADIO MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ARL, HEADQUARTERS, 225 MAIN STREET, NEWINGTON, CT 06111

- IV. Chuck also needs members to attend SkyWarn training through the National Weather Service and provide certifications showing the members are SkyWarn Spotter qualified. This training is usually held in April each year. On the Waupaca County ARES/RACES roster an asterisk "*" indicates members who are qualified Skywarn spotters and their information can be accounted for during skywarn nets for relaying to the NWS.

- V. Chuck reminded members that for the next December meeting we will be having a “Gift Exchange”. Each member in attendance is to bring a wrapped gift and the gift cost needs to be kept under \$10.00. Chuck asked members to bring treats for the Christmas exchange. Information about how to wrap and label the gifts are as follows: **(1) Wrap your gift (2) Do Not Label the gift (3) Bring the gift and put it in the center of the table to be exchanged during the meeting. <Do not put any names on any gifts>**

- VI. Chuck asked about a Post Holiday Banquet location and time in lieu of the January meeting. Many members agreed that the “Thirsty Perch” in Iola was a good location and good food for the banquet. Chuck will inquire with the Thirsty Perch and get more details before January 11th. The Post Holiday Banquet would be in the evening of January 11, 2024.



- VII. Waupaca County ARES/RACES attendees of the 2023 WI ARES/RACES Conference shared information enjoyed at the conference. It was a good conference and highly recommended that members try to attend future conferences.

Waupaca County ARES/RACES members attend the
2023 Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference
In Wisconsin Rapids, WI



- VIII. The following upcoming events were mentioned by Chuck:

- i. Hams and Eggs at Crystal Café in Iola on November 25th
- ii. Hams and Eggs at Crystal Café in Iola on December 16th

- IX. Carol and Carl Young, George Lampere, and Stan Piekarczsk gave a presentation explaining what AuxComm is about and the importance of attending any future AuxComm courses when the courses are available.

- X. Other comments to be brought forward to the meeting included:

- i. Andy Carlin and Steve Fenske will provide Survey 1,2,3, FEMA Damage Assessment training at an upcoming Waupaca County ARES/RACES meeting possibly in February or March. Stan mentioned ARES is great for Damage Assessment. More information will be available closer to February.
- ii. Carol Young mentioned that new members and any members who have not submitted “member shack photos” for the Our Members page of the website can email them to admin@waupacacountyareswi.org if they want a photo added near their name.
- iii. Carol Young mentioned that Olen Park in Clintonville is being considered for the June 2024 Field Day location.
- iv. Carol Young mentioned that Winter Field Day is being planned for Kusel Lake County Park in Wild Rose and Waushara County ARES and Central Sands (Portage) ARES are onboard with making it a Tri-County Winter Field Day.
- v. Chuck Fritz provided the Treasurer’s Report of \$2,318.68 and it will be reduced by the cost of the new laptop amount.

- XII. The meeting adjourned around 7:30 pm.