



W-C ARES

Waupaca-County Amateur Radio Emergency Service MEETING MINUTES

WHEN DISASTER CALLS - AMATEUR RADIO ANSWERS



Meeting Attendees:

Chuck Fritz (AC9F); Dave Chroninger (WB9GBG);); Bob Martin (KA9EOK); Carl Young (KD9RMZ); Durand Larsen (KD9WWT); Rick Hutchison (KD9QQR); Joe Walesewicz (KD9USW); Jim Johnson (KD9RQC); Cody Lind (KD9QXL); Carol Young (KD9WRY); Brian Becker (KD9VVO), William Lund (KD9TNY); Al Mallek (K9WVM); and Leighton Trice (W9KL)

Meeting began at 6 pm Chuck Fritz called the meeting to order.

Leighton Trice provided a Mary Trice's treasurer's report: June 8, 2023 balance \$1,757.61.

Purchases: 4 Jacks \$94.79

OLD Business:

- a. When Severe Weather occurs, any amateur radio operator can activate a Sever WX Net. Spotters checking into the Severe WX net should keep track of all check-ins just in case the net operator has to leave the net.
- b. Chuck mentioned that Andy Carlin notified Chuck that the County's 39 repeater at Symco is temporarily down for about a month.
- c. Cody Lind gave an update on the trailer floor. The floor has been relayed in the trailer. Cody wants to put a transmission strip down yet and said he is looking for the transmission strip size to be 80"L x 4" W. Durand mentioned he would see if he could make one and will keep Cody informed.
- d. Leighton bought three scissor jacks for the trailer and adapters/wood planks were also discussed for using with the jacks.
- e. Leighton is working on the bench for the trailer and asked what the bench size, purpose, location, material type to be used does the group want the bench to be. Discussion about the bench was talked about.
- f. Chuck mentioned all members that have WICAM cards, and he will get cards for those who do not have cards yet.
- g. If you are interested in attending the AUXCOM class being held sometime in October in Oshkosh, Chuck mentioned you need to get a hold of Stan right away if interested. He believes the classes will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- h. George cleaned up the Wautoma repeater at the Wautoma water tower location. Chuck and Glenn went to the site to check out the system. At first the transmitter had receive problems, but Glenn fixed the repeater and now it transmits and receives good. The status of the Wautoma repeater is still being discussed with emergency managers, but George is working with them.



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III. NEW Business:

- a. Everyone thanked Joe (KD9USW) for donating a new laptop to the Waupaca County ARES/RACES group, and Cody (KD(QXL) for repairing the trailer floor.
- b. Dave (WB9GBG) mentioned it is time for people to let him know if you want to participate in the Waupaca Triathlon communications assistance with the Waupaca County ARES/RACES. The Waupaca Triathlon is held on August 19th. Leighton and Mary Trice will be the NCS station operators.
- c. Jim Johnson (KD9RQC) needed help with putting up a Yaesu KDX10 random wire antenna. Members provided ways to put the antenna up to Jim during the meeting. Jim stated he will use the suggestions and if he needs further help, he will contact the members for more information.
- d. Carol (KD9WRY) provided an update on this year's Field Day exercise being held at 108 E. Ann Street in Weyauwega (in front of old IGA store next to JD's Café). Anyone interested can find information on the Waupaca ARES website under the upcoming events page, on the Facebook page, or contact admin@waupacacountyareswi.org
- c. Upcoming Events: Chuck mentioned the following upcoming events/swapfests.
 - ⇒ June 17th—Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club Sunshine Swapfest at Lucky Dogs Labor Temple-Neenah
 - ⇒ **June 24th-25th—Waupaca County ARES Field Day Exercise— City Parking Lot located at 108 E. Ann Street in Weyauwega. Carol (KD9WRY) is this year's Field Day Coordinator and is looking for participants.**
 - ⇒ July 8th — South Milwaukee Swapfest in Oak Creek (outdoors)
 - ⇒ **August 19th — Waupaca Triathlon (Contact Dave –WB9GBG to participate). Donations we receive will be put towards a new radio for the group.**
 - ⇒ August 26th—Circus City Swapfest in Baraboo
 - ⇒ September 22nd and 23rd—Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) Superfest in Milwaukee
 - ⇒ **October 7th — SET/Taste of Norway — Iola — 8 AM to 3 PM**
 - ⇒ November 4th—Wisconsin ARES/RACES Convention in Wisconsin Rapids
 - ⇒ November 5th — FCARC Hamfest at Lucky Dogs Labor Temple on Green Bay Rd, Neenah.
- d. Chuck asked if anyone had any other questions, comments, or concerns. Carol (KD9WRY) asked the group in attendance if they thought it would be helpful to practice message handling procedures at a future meeting. The majority of the group thought it would be very helpful and a good idea.
- e. Members in attendance showed the items they have in the Go Box or Go Bag. There were quite a few interesting items and several whip antennas and 2 meter j-pole antennas that were built on a recent build day. This was a fun way to share with each other ideas for setting up under any conditions.
- f. Congratulations to Dave (WB9GBG) for winning the door prize (an extension connector).



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June 8th Meeting—Go Bag Pictures

