



W-C ARES

Waupaca-County Amateur Radio Emergency Service MEETING MINUTES

WHEN DISASTER CALLS - AMATEUR RADIO ANSWERS



Meeting Attendees:

Dave Chroninger (WB9GBG); Chuck Fritz (AC9F); Carol Young (KD9WRY); Carl Young (KD9RMZ); Rick Hutchison (KD9QQR); William Lund (KD9TNY); Bob Martin (KA9EOK); Leighton Trice (W9KL); Glenn Haroldson (N5IIA); Joseph Walesewicz (KD9USW); Bob Worden (KD9RKG); John Haferbecker (KD9NLQ); Duran Larsen (future ham)

Meeting began at 6 pm

Chuck Fritz called the meeting to order and had attendees introduce themselves.

Chuck mentioned the following upcoming 2023 events:

Iola Bump and Jump will be held May 7th (weather depending) on the ski hill on CTY MM in Iola.

We will need members to set up their spots throughout the race to provide communications to NCS for Emergency communications.

Field Day 2023 will be held at 108 E Ann Street (Grocery Store/City Parking Lot) in Weyauwega, WI this June 24th-25th. Carol Young passed out flyers during the meeting with the details. A copy of the flyer will be posted on the Waupaca County ARES RACES website under the Upcoming Events webpage.

Waupaca Triathlon will be held August 19th and W-C ARES will have members that report from their assigned stations to NCS. The Triathlon Bike Race has two courses: a short and a long course.

SET-Taste of Norway will be held again in Iola on October 7th.

Skywarn Spotter schedule:

Chuck read off the following registration links dates and times for Skywarn spotter training. There also is an advanced training that you can take.

****Sign up on our website Training page**

Where this information and more information Can be found!

NWS Green Bay Skywarn Spotter Training

Each year NWS Green Bay provides several online storm spotter training opportunities using GoToMeeting Webinars. These live interactive training sessions are conducted by a NWS meteorologist and available to you at no cost via your computer, or by using the GoToMeeting app on your smartphone or tablet.

To sign up for one of our online classes, simply click on "REGISTRATON LINK" of the class you would like to attend.

WEATHER SPOTTERS CLASS - VIRTUAL		Registration Links
Date	Time (CST)	Registration Link
Saturday, April 15, 2023	7 PM	2023 Skywarn Spotter Talk - Standard #1
Sunday, April 16, 2023	7 PM	2023 Skywarn Spotter Talk - Standard #2
Monday, April 17, 2023	10 AM	2023 Skywarn Spotter Talk - Standard #3
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	7 PM	2023 Skywarn Spotter Talk - Standard #4
Thursday, April 20, 2023	10 AM	2023 Skywarn Spotter Talk - Standard #5
Thursday, April 20, 2023	7 PM	2023 Skywarn Spotter Talk - Advanced #1
Tuesday, April 25, 2023	10 AM	2023 Skywarn Spotter Talk - Standard #6
Thursday, April 27, 2023	10 AM	2023 Skywarn Spotter Talk - Advanced #2

Notes:

- Each class will have roughly the same content, so you only need to attend one session- but, you may attend more than one class if you wish.



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New Business Items were discussed:

Chuck and Rick attended the District Emergency ARES meeting last week.

Hospital Radios – Wis Comm Radios are required in each hospital and the hospitals were given a radio. They use a VHF trunk system. Stan is researching the hospitals with the radios. *The radios need to be tested each month* Chuck will reach out to Mark Wilfur (New London Fire Chief) who is in charge of maintenance at the Waupaca Riverside Hospital and our contact person for getting into the radio room. Entrance to the hospital radio room will probably be with the Waupaca County ARES Badges that were given out this year to members who completed ICS 100 and 700 certifications. Check-in process through emergency room was discussed. More information will be finalized once Stan checks the hospitals and Chuck talks to Mark Wilfur.

King Radio – Carl Young asked about the radio at King Veterans Home. Chuck mentioned Leighton tested the radio recently and it works. It is located in the King VH Fire Department building in the Security building section. The radio is in the room to the right in the Security building.

Both the hospital and King radio may need to be updated with updates that Dave (WB9BGB) has.

SIMCOM – May 3rd – May 5th, 2023, SIMCOM will be held in Brown County.

The schedule is as follows:

Day 1 - Training

Day 2 – Interagency Connecting

Day 3 – Experiment Day (1/2 day)

Exact Brown County location TBD

The SIMCOM exercise will be ICS heavy
and very militaristic!



MINI SET – Stan (K9STN) wants to run a MINI SET during a week. It will be about an hour long and include Winlink with VARA. No Date has been set yet! WI ARES has a VARA Board that only ECs and AECs have access to.

Neighboring Nets – A list of our neighboring nets is being added as a subpage to the Net Information Page of our Website--- please check it out!

DNR County Wildlife Session gave three new **DNR County Maps** to the Waupaca County ARES/RACES.

One of the DNR County Maps will be in the EOC Room

Two of the DNR County Maps will be placed in the Waupaca County ARES/RACES communications trailer.

Chuck explained how to use the maps during the meeting to the attendees. He referenced pages 85-90 and explained color coding, roadmaps, aerial views, zones, and zone names. These DNR Maps are expensive, but they were given to the W-C ARES/RACES.

Certificates and Training –

Chuck asked Dave to provide a report of what members from the group sent traffic messages to Dave about staying in the group.

If you have not sent a traffic message to WB9BGB (Dave Chroninger) stating that you want to stay as an active member of the Waupaca County ARES/RACES, please make sure you send Dave a traffic message.

Sunday Night Net- NCS and Backup – If you are a backup NCS on Sunday Night Net, we ask that you pass the WI ARES RACES HF Net Message for the corresponding week.



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Other Items:

- ◆ **Jefferson Swapfest** is on Sunday March 19th, 2023. Please find the information about this Swapfest on our website under the Upcoming Events/Other Clubs Events page.
- ◆ **Madison Swapfest** in Stoughton is Sunday, April 15, 2023. Please find the information about this Swapfest on our website under the Upcoming Events/Other Clubs Events page.
- ◆ Leighton Trice (W9KL) gave Mary Trice's **Treasurer's Report** to the group. Waupaca County ARES/RACES currently has \$1,852.40 in their account.
- ◆ Leighton Trice (W9KL) mentioned the **Groups I.O. is no longer active.**
- ◆ Chuck shared the **WI ARES RACES Bulletin** from Stan (K9STN) showing the Winter Field Day article for the Waupaca ARES RACES was included in the Wisconsin ARES/RACES East Central District Bulletin, publication March/April 2023. Chuck also shared the information from the bulletin about upcoming events and net information page.

Glenn Haroldson (N5IIA)

Beekeeping Presentation

by Glenn Haroldson (N5IIA)

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Glenn explains layers of beehive



Final Bottom Board



What does a Queen Excluder do?

CONGRATULATIONS Rick (KD9QQR) for winning tonight's door prize: An Ugly Balun (an RF Choke to prevent common mode voltage off the antenna from coming back into the radio). The wire that was supplied with the ugly balun is sufficient to cover any HF band for all classes of amateur radio licensees short of 160 M.

Chuck adjourned the meeting around 8:15 pm