



W-C ARES

Waupaca-County Amateur Radio Emergency Service MEETING MINUTES

WHEN DISASTER CALLS - AMATEUR RADIO ANSWERS



Meeting Attendees:

Dave Chroninger (WB9BGB); Cody Lind (KD9QXL); Al Caldiero (KD9YBU); Al Mallek (K9WVM); Steve Leitzke (KD9WYC); Brian Becker (KD9VVO); Bob Martin (KA9EOK); Leighton Trice (W9KL); Carl Young (KD9RMZ); Carol Young (KD9WRY); Chuck Fritz (AC9F); Rick Hutchison (KD9QQR); Dean Sommerfeld (KD9VLH); Joe Walesewicz (KD9USW); Shelly Young; Kim Hutchison; and Durand Larsen (KD9WWT).

- I. Meeting began at 6 pm Chuck Fritz called the meeting to order.
- II. New members Al Caldiero (KD9YBU) and Steve Leitzke (KD9WYC) were introduced and welcomed.
- III. Chuck reminded everyone present that the proper meeting etiquette needs to allow one person at a time talking and multiple conversations at one time are not good etiquette.
- IV. OLD Business:
 - a. Chuck asked Dave how the updating of the Yaesu FT 8800 radios in the trailer, at King, in the EOC, and the hospital was coming. Dave mentioned he is still working on two locations but the EOC and Trailer radios are updated.
 - b. Waupaca Triathlon Information was provided by Dave (WB9BGB) about the upcoming Waupaca Triathlon on August 19th, 2023. Dave will send information to all who signed up so far as to location of each station operator. Operators will need to be at their station locations by 6:45 am as the race begins at 7 am. Leighton (W9KL) and Mary Trice will be the Net Control Operators. The Waupaca Repeater (146.925) will be the main frequency to use for the bike races.
 - c. Leighton stated when calling the Net Control Station for the Waupaca Triathlon Bike Race, the following procedure is required:
 - a. When calling W9KL Net Control state "This is Checkpoint # 1 or whatever your checkpoint station number is." Then WAIT for Leighton to say "Go ahead". After hearing the go ahead you might state "Bicycle #? Just passed my station".
 - b. When ending a transmission with W9KL Net Control, end the transmission with your call sign.
 - c. If there is an emergency—Dial 911 with your cell phone and give dispatch the correct information. After you are done handling the emergency, call the Net Control Station with your radio and relay that you dialed 911 for an emergency.
 - c. Chuck thanked Joe (KD9USW) for letting members use his building for build projects. He also thanked Carl and Carol Young for the donation of the ICom 718 for the trailer.



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Old Business continued:

- d. ROT ideas after the National Night Out in New London included the following ideas:
 - e. Chuck donated a Big Power Supply that Greg will be working on.
 - f. Ideas about a large rig runner for the center of the counter or aluminum plates for bulkheads with caps being donated by Joe (KD9USW). Bob thought a Panduit with slots and labels under the desk would work.
 - g. An awning for the trailer doorways was suggested to keep rain off the flooring of the inside the trailer.
 - h. A safety spot for generators to be located was also discussed.
 - i. Leighton mentioned the trailer is insured by the county and anyone that pulls the trailer will need to provide proof of insurance, a valid driver's license, and should contact their own insurance company to make sure it would be covered if they pull the trailer.
 - j. Leighton mentioned he has been working on the storage bench for the trailer and is halfway through completing it with about \$51.25 into it so far.
- k. Carl Young (KD9RMZ) provided information about how the Wednesday Night Tech Nets are going and stated they are getting some attendance but starting out slowly.
- l. The next build project idea is a "linked dipole" for any band with Anderson power poles and a 1:1 balun. At this time no date has been set for the next build project at Sabertooth Enterprises in Waupaca. More information will be sent out when a date and time are established.
- m. Carol Young reported that the New London Police Department National Night Out went well. About 11 members participated and brought awareness of amateur radio and the Waupaca County ARES/RACES to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Clintonville 5K Race—For this year, Clintonville will not need communication assistance from the Waupaca County ARES/RACES as they have adequate coverage for this year's race.
- b. George Lampere (AB9CQ) is working on getting the Wautoma Repeater up and running. He said they decided to leave it at the water tower and will let everyone know once it is up and running.



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Upcoming Events:

- a. Waupaca Kiddie Triathlon will begin at 6 pm on August 18th.
- b. Waupaca Triathlon Bike Race will need our volunteer station operators at their stations at 6:45 am on Saturday, August 19th.
- c. Circus City Swapfest in Baraboo is August 26th.
- d. Bear Creek Kraut Run is September 9th. If you are interested in assisting, contact Stan (K9STN).
- e. Wisconsin Parks on the Air (WIPOTA) is Saturday, Sept. 16th from 11 am to 6 pm.
- f. HRO Superfest in Milwaukee is September 22nd and 23rd, 2023.
- g. Radio Expo in Belvidere at Boone County Fairgrounds is September 24th. Chuck mentioned that it is about 90% outdoors and if you are looking for “radios for sale” you will find them there.
- h. SET/Iola Taste of Norway is October 7th, 2023. Discussion was made about possibly including the King and Hospital radios to test during the Simulated Emergency Test exercise.
- i. WI ARES/RACES Convention will be held from 9 am to 4 pm in Wisconsin Rapids on November 4th. The convention is free but there is a cost for the lunch.
- j. FCARC Swapfest will be held this year on November 5th at the Neenah Labor Temple on Green Bay Rd in Neenah.
- k. Leighton stated the group’s checking account must keep a \$100 balance and provided the treasurer’s report as follows:

Beginning Balance:	\$1,757.61
Tuner Cost	-205.62
Shirts Cost	-378.75
Trailer Bench Cost	-51.25
Plant for KB9OTS Funeral	-47.48
Ending Balance:	\$1,074.51

- l. Rick Hutchison presented a program on a “Magnetic Loop Antenna/Amplifier”. The presentation can be found on the website and YouTube channel.
- m. Chuck mentioned the passing of Roger Steinbach (KB9OTS) and asked members wear group t-shirts and to attend funeral on Friday, Aug. 11th .

Chuck adjourned the meeting around 8:30 pm