



# 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); Brian Becker (KD9VVO); Dan Bekeris (AC9JA); Dean Sommerfeld (KD9VLH); Joe Walesewicz (KD9USW); William Lund (KD9TNY); Carl Young (KD9RMZ); Leighton Trice (W9KL), Chuck Fritz (AC9F); David Wedde (KD9VOF); and Durand Larsen (KD9WWT)

Meeting began at 6 pm

- I. Chuck Fritz called the meeting to order.
- II. 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. A list of all members and their recorded certifications was sent around during the meeting for members to verify accuracy and know what documentation needs to be sent to WB9GBG.
- III. Chuck asked Carol if she had a copy of the MOU documents from the WI ARES Conference or if she could get him a copy of the MOU documents. Chuck and Dave plan on meeting with Theda Care Waupaca and King to establish MOU agreements.
- IV. Carol Young mentioned information about this year's Winter Field Day in conjunction with Waushara and Winnebago counties at the World War II Veterans Memorial Building in Wautoma to help promote amateur radio in Waushara County. Anyone interested in participating can contact Carol Young or George Lampere.

Visit [www.waupacacountyareswi.org](http://www.waupacacountyareswi.org) for more info.

V. Chuck mentioned the upcoming events (which can also be found on the upcoming events page of the Waupaca County ARES website):

- Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Hams and Eggs at Crystal Café at 9 am
- Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – **Post Holiday Banquet at Thirsty Perch in Iola**
  - Cocktails at 5:30 pm
  - Dinner at 6:00 pm
  - **RSVP to Chuck by January 8<sup>th</sup> to reserve a seat.**
- Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Copper J-Pole Build at Sabertooth Enterprises
  - Food Provided at 5:30 pm
  - Build begins at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Hams and Eggs at Crystal Café at 9 am
- Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Winter Field Day in Wautoma
- HRO Trip ?????

VI. Anyone interested in being a Sunday Night Net NCS or wanting to be removed from the NCS list needs to send WB9GBG (Dave Chroninger) an email asap.

VII. Meeting adjourned

VIII. Christmas Exchange began with gifts, cookies, and brownies. Members in attendance each contributed a gift valued at \$10 and each member chose a gift to start. Then members had an opportunity to swap the gift they had with another member. Finally each member opened their gifts (see photos below). It was a fun time.



IX. After the Christmas Exchange, Chuck mentioned the importance about repeater etiquette and avoiding politics, religion and profanity. Anyone with concerns about the KX9RT repeater etiquette should talk in person to Scott, KX9RT as he is the repeater owner and provides maintenance to the repeater.

X. A fire donation collection was taken at the meeting to help Steve Leitzke (KD9WYC) with his recent house fire.

XI. Chuck thanked everyone for a wonderful year in amateur radio and in the Waupaca County ARES group's efforts.

XII. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes to all! Please keep Tom Jensen at King in your prayers during this holiday season also!