



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); Dan Bekeris (AC9JA); Bob Martin (KA9EOK); Terry Schilling (N9AOT); Carl Young (KD9RMZ); Durand Larsen (KD9WWT); Rick Hutchison (KD9QQR); Joe Walesewicz (KD9USW); Jim Johnson (KD9RQC); Cody Lind (KD9QXL); Natasha Lind; Carol Young (KD9WRY); Brian Becker (KD9VVO), and Dean Sommerfeld (KD9VLH)

Meeting began at 6 pm Chuck Fritz called the meeting to order and new members were introduced.

OLD Business:

- a. Anyone who completed the Skywarn Weather Spotter Training Classes needs to send a copy of their WX Spotters Certificates to Dave Chroninger (WB9GBG) ASAP.
- b. Waupaca County ARES/RACES members need to send a radiogram to Chuck Fritz stating that you want to stay a member of the group , please get that done asap.
- c. Chuck reminded everyone present that it is important to do the training messages on Sunday Night Nets. Carol mentioned that the Radiograms and ARL codes/meanings are posted on the website under the Training tab to help with taking messages.
- d. Hospital Radio Update: Chuck mentioned that members will need to use their ARES badge to enter the Emergency Room Entrance for emergencies only for getting to the Hospital Radios. There will be 24/7 security and the duty officer will need to be called to get you to the radio room and unlock it.
- e. Upgrades to frequencies on radios on 8800s include 2 sides (1 side numbers and 1 side alpha numerical).
- f. Mini-SET was held on April 10-12. There will be an upcoming Hospital Surge Exercise on June 6th.
- g. On the Waupaca County ARES website there is a subpage under the Net Information page that includes Wisconsin ARES Nets and other Nets. Chuck recommends that members try to check-in to area Nets.

III. NEW Business:

- a. Iola Bump & Jump Race is done and went well. We had nine station operators and our trailer was set up with a NCS operator. We had one medic need between stations 8 and 9 and Dean handled the issue well. Thanks to all who participated in the 2023 Bump & Jump Amateur Radio Communications Support.
- b. Backup repeater plans: Our backup repeaters are the 147.39 repeater with 118.8 (which you can adjust your tone squelch to avoid hearing the 10-minute repeater message) and the 146.9 County Simplex.
- c. Severe Weather is starting up! During Severe Weather Nets, each check-in should help out by keeping track of all check-ins in case NCS would need to leave the net.



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III. NEW Business: (continued)

- a. During Severe Weather, someone will need to call Andy Carlin (KC9ESO) at 715-258-4464 and leave a message if it is after hours. For emergency services we provide, we are covered under the county insurance but Andy needs to be called to activate insurance coverage.
- b. Trailer Updates:
 - Cody will be fixing the flooring in the trailer when the weather stays at good drying temperatures so the glue bonds.
 - Discussion about putting a bulkhead for coax through trailer was discussed.
 - Benches: The small bench in the front helped nicely organize the front items. Rick will think about how to improve it some more. Leighton is working on the side bench for the trailer.
- c. HF Antenna for the EOC Update: Chuck thinks that Scott and Leighton have all the materials needed to get the antenna up and working. We are waiting for an update from Scott. Weather interfered with getting it running last fall/winter.
- d. WICAM Cards - Anyone who had their pictures taken at the April 2023 meeting, your badges are being printed at this time. Should have your badges by June meeting.
- e. **AUXCOM Class**— It will be a 3-day class and needs 15-18 people. The date is TBD (Possibly in Fall). Participants need ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 certifications. **Contact Chuck by May 18th if you are interested in attending.**
- f. Wautoma Repeater Presentation— Chuck presented photos of the Wautoma Repeater and mentioned a group will be going to help get the repeater cleaned up and operational during the next week or so.
- g. Upcoming Events/Swapfests: Chuck mentioned the following upcoming events/swapfests.
 - ⇒ June 3rd—Green Bay Swapfest
 - ⇒ 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
 - ⇒ November 4th—Wisconsin ARES/RACES Convention in Wisconsin Rapids



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IV. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 8th, 2023

- a. All Members— **BRING YOUR GO BAG for Show-N-Tell!**
- b. Keep New Radio Discussion going.
- c. Get more people to Participate in Field Day—See Upcoming Events page on website to sign up to participate or call Carol at 920-915-8960.
 - i. Discussion about networking N3FJP Logging Software on all computers for Field Day. (KD9WRY has setup a network with all Field Day computers)
 - ii. Discussion about setup/take down times
 - iii. Discussion about radios being used for Field Day and operating as 2A with GOTA
 - iv. Field Day Rules discussion
- d. Get more people to Participate in Waupaca Triathlon—
Contact Dave (WB9GBG) at 715-496-3651.

V. Carl (KD9RMZ) and Terry (N9AOT) presented WinLink to the group members.

VI. Door Prize Drawing was done. Terry (N9AOT) donated a whip antenna for the door prize. Dean (KD9VLH) was the winner.

VII. Meeting adjourned.