

# Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. – April 2002  
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## Meeting Notice

The April meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2002 at 1900 in the Winona County Annex Building basement conference room.

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### Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Archives

Delores, NØNUO

If you and/or a family member have pictures and/or articles in the Winona Daily News or the Winona Post, please clip them out and submit them to:

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Mark the envelope “Archives material.”

When sending the material to Darlene, please include your name and call sign. If the person in the article is not a ham, please identify that person as the “wife, son, daughter, and etc. of <name and call sign>.” It would be nice if each family was responsible for this service. There are many new hams in the club and someone who should be recognized might be missed if we don’t all contribute our part. These new Archives procedures become effective the day of the April 2002 club meeting.

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### TREATS 2002

April - Delores, NØNUO  
May - Adam, KBØVYO and Jim,  
KBØTHN  
June - Dick, NØVV  
July - None  
August - Walt, KEØXI and Jan,  
NØWRQ  
September - George, KØDHI  
October - Sue, KEØS  
November - Gary, NØOWS  
December - Lance, KBØYJU

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*Hamgram* did not receive WARC meeting  
Minutes for the month of March.

## Editorial

The following editorial does not represent official positions of the Winona Amateur Radio Club.

### What does this mean?

Les, KØBAD

What does the following extract, written by the FCC, mean? The club control operators have extensively debated a similar question this month. What do **you** think?

On July 15, 1993, the FCC relaxed the restrictions on the scope of permissible communications in the amateur service. *See Report and Order* in PR Docket No. 92-136. This proceeding involved three petitions and over 80 comments in which it appeared that the amateur service community appreciated both the benefits and the burdens of such relaxation.

In summary, the FCC relaxed the rules substantially as proposed by the American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ARRL) in order to allow amateur operators more flexibility to provide communications for public service projects as well as to enhance the value of the amateur service in satisfying **personal communications needs**. This allows licensees to use amateur service frequencies, for example, to facilitate events such as races and parades, to support educational activities, to provide **personal communications such as making appointments and ordering food**, to collect data for the National Weather Service, and to provide **assistance voluntarily even where there are other authorized radio services available**.

How much latitude should control operators have when extending the “such as” examples to real life situations on local repeaters? Can control operators, exercising their best judgements, be overruled by other club members who have different interpretations? If so, what mechanism exists, if any, for these disagreements to be resolved? Who has the final say? Who controls the control operators? It seems like the same disagreements keep popping up. Let’s resolve the disagreements once and for all and then abide by the final decisions – whether or not we might personally like them.

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