

Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Apr 2008

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Meeting Notice

Near Vertical Incident Skywave

The Winona Amateur Radio Club April meeting will feature a program by Red Haines (WOØW) describing amateur radio station operation for close-in regional contacts. Special practices are required on high frequency bands in order to avoid “skip zones” which hinder radio communications for regional uses such as emergency back-up support. Red’s program will address special antennas, frequency selections, and regional network considerations for this important style of radio operation known as near vertical incident skywave (NVIS).

The public is invited to the meeting, which begins at 7:00PM on Thursday, March 20, 2008, in the lower level of the Winona County Courthouse Annex, 202 West Third Street, Winona. All area amateur radio operators and other interested persons are encouraged to attend. It is not necessary to be a member of the Winona Amateur Radio Club to participate.

Tentative Meeting Agenda

Welcome & introductions

Review Agenda

Program – Red, WOØW

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

- Remote Receiver project status
- Infrastructure Needs project status
- KAGE Repeater Site upgrade - cost estimates
- Mobile Radio Platforms project - cost estimates

Upcoming Activities

- May 15 club meeting - NWS tour - Car pool meeting at Fleet Farm lot (approved by Fleet Farm)

- MN Sesquicentennial Special Event Station (May??) - Status report Dick Lindner - confirmation of support & planning.
- Great River Energy Bicycle Festival & Nature Valley G.P. - 6/12/08 Cannon Falls - no communications from event coordinators (Sep 07)
- June 12 club meeting – Dick's (NØVV) river cabin - Len to set up Heathkit HW-8 portable station.
- Field Day - June 28-29 - confirm club's participation, identify leadership, secure site, balance later.
- GRSF Special Event Station - July 5-6 - brief project status report
- July 17 Summer club picnic - brief status report

Other general topics

- Membership dues still not all in
- New member packet (Len)

New Business

- Member Phone List - how to make available for club business and possibly for emergency notifications
- Future distribution of the Hamgram

Minutes of the march 20, 2008 meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Since no one showed up to open the Court House Annex even after being paged from the LEC, Clare (KØNY) offered the break room at the Old Winona Knitting Mills Building as a meeting site. By 7:30 p.m. our President, Lance (KBØYJU) was giving his talk on Linking Linksys WiFi Routers to get greater range by reprogramming the firmware in certain older models that are friendlier to reprogramming.

At 8:25 the business meeting was called to order by Lance (KBØYJU)

Reports:

1. The Meeting Minutes and Treasurers' report is in the *Hamgram*; there is no Treasurer's Report for March.
2. Erik (WBØNIU) made a report for the repeater committee:
 - A. After being repaired on March 8, the 835 repeater died again a few days ago. Erik questions a battery problem and he will set up another visit to the site Friday morning.
 - B. The remote receiver project for the 64 will be finished this year.

C. New infrastructure needs are:

1. 2 trailers for emergency operations with a full set of batteries and maybe a small portable telescoping tower.
2. All new equipment at 64 and 440 transmitter sites except for duplexers which can be reused but may have to be tweaked to retune them.

Clare (KØNY) stated that he has a log of all recent site visits on the Club WIKI.

Old Business

1. **Motion by Ken (NØJP)** to empower Ken to organize the summer picnic; to spend up to \$50 of club funds on the picnic, and to pick the site of the picnic. Second by Paul (KØZYV). **Carried.** Clare (KØNY) promoted an area just west of the Old Knitting Mills Building as a site for the summer picnic.
2. Clare (KØNY) announced that the call sign for the Special Events Station at the Shakespeare Festival would be “N2B”
3. It was announced that SKYWARN training would be 6:30 pm March 26 at The Winona State University Science Lab Center.

New Business

1. Lance (KBØYJU) announced that the Bike Race would take place in June again and our club would use Packet Radio and handhelds through Repeaters to support the race.
2. **Motion by Clare (KØNY)** for our club to acquire a “give away” used beam antenna from Russ (NØQK) since the club beam needs extensive repair. Second: Paul (KØZYV). **Carried.**
3. Mike (NØBUI) and Terry (WØEUU) will each give away one older 2-meter handheld to a new member ham who has limited financial means.
4. Announcement by Clare (KØNY) “LEAVE THIS ROOM PRISTINE!”

At 8:48 pm Clare (**KØNY**) **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Terry (WØEUU) second. **Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Wilmot, WØMK

Attendance:

Erik	WBØNIU	Dick	NØVV
Paul	KØZYV	Akshy	KDØDCE
Tony	WØIU	Jim	N9MFI
Tom	WØMK	Bob Sequist	KC9IWE
Red Haines	WOØW	Harro Hohenner	KG6RLM
Skip Green	K7YOO	Ken	NØJP
Clare	KØNY	Lance	KBØYJU
Terry	WØEUU		
Liz Wirt		Abbie Wirt	
Art Osborn	WØJDC	La Crosse Visitor	
Jeff Pahl	KØJSP	Red Wing	KØJSP@ARRL.NET

Most Recent Treasurer’s Report

Date	Document #	Description	Amount	Balance
1/1/2008		Balance Forward		\$ 680.10
1/3/2008	712	Postage	\$ (41.00)	\$ 639.10
1/28/2008	11177	Dues, 2008	\$ 185.00	\$ 824.10
1/28/2008	11177	Donations	\$ 75.00	\$ 899.10
1/28/2008	11177	Holiday party and petty cash	\$ 71.00	\$ 970.10
2/5/2008	1036	Deposit slips	\$ (8.75)	\$ 961.35
2/21/2008	713	Ken Spittler, Holiday part expenses	\$ (28.50)	\$ 932.85
2/25/2008	12089	Dues, 2008	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,037.85
3/11/2008	11134	Donation from NØPDD	\$ 12.50	\$ 1,050.35
3/11/2008	11134	Dues, 2008	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,080.35
		Balance Forward		\$ 1,080.35

Tha *Leslie D. Hittner* taking notes at the March meeting.

Leslie Hittner, Secretary

SKYWARN Spotter training schedules

One area SKYWARN Spotter training session remains:



7:00 pm	April 15	Lake City, MN	City Hall 205 W. Center Street
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All newly licensed hams are invited to the Thursday (April 17) night meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club. The program begins at 7:00 p.m.

If anyone else has some extra equipment laying around, we have a lot of new hams in the area that could make use of it.

Three of them are young teenagers without a lot of financial resources.

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\$30.00 per calendar year for all licensed members of the same family within the same household.

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Board meetings are announced in advance (WEPNet)

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Lance (KBØYJU) discusses Linksys Routers (last year's discussion)



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