



# Hamgram

*Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.*

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## August Program Activity Announcement



Kyle Marek-Spartz, KDØGTK, will discuss amateur radio in ballooning at the Winona Amateur Radio Club August program night on Thursday, August 19.

As you may know, Kyle obtained his license via the club Technician Class course and testing session Spring of 2009. He is a student at the U of MN and is a member of the university/NASA ballooning team.

Kyle provided a very interesting demo of the use of amateur radio for weather telemetry at the club's field day site this June. I am sure he will review the unexpected results of the demo with us on Thursday.

He also has additional information about radiosonde devices and his experience with them.

Come out for a fun evening on Thursday at 7:00 PM at the Winona County Courthouse Annex. You won't be disappointed.

All amateur radio operators and other interested persons are encouraged to participate.

## Message from the President

Hello All,

Summer is marching right along, and so are club activities. July was chock full of club events—the GRSF special event station, the club annual picnic, several Skywarn events and lots of breakfasts!

Coming up is a license testing session on Monday, August 23, at 7:00 PM at Bluffview Montessori School. Be sure to get the word about this session out to anyone you know who might be ready to obtain their license or make an upgrade. Tests will be available for all classes of license.

Committees as established under the new by-laws continue to organize and get into the swing of their respective areas of focus. The Operating Activities Committee is working on some more activities for October and November, the Education and Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Aug. 23 VE testing session and is considering another fall General Class course and testing session. Public Service has been in contact with the SE MN ARES coordinator out of Rochester regarding the organization of amateur emergency communications in SE MN. The Voice Repeater Committee has equipment modifications in progress to get the 835 repeater back on the air and is prioritizing other voice repeater work to be accomplished after that.

I hope you have been taking advantage of the many aspects of amateur radio which the club has to offer.

73 ,

Len KCØRSX

# There will be a VE testing session August 23, at Bluffview Montessori School starting at 7:00 PM

## July 19, 2010 WARC Executive Board Meeting

Present: Clare (KØNY), Len (KCØRSX), Ken (NØJP), Les (KØBAD), and Lance (KBØYJU)

The meeting was called to order by President, Len Litvan (KCØRSX) at 1900.

The Secretary reported that both the ITRS 990 and the State of Minnesota Annual registration had been completed for 2009-2010.

The Treasurer reported that the club does not currently have a Sales Tax exemption number and certificate Clare further stated that because the club makes very few exempt purchases, obtaining one is probably not worth the effort. The board agreed.

### OLD BUSINESS

Efforts to get standing committees off the ground continue. Efforts will be made to solidify the following:

1. Public Service: Chair Walt (KEØXI) and members: Dick (NØVV), Steve (KDØBOD), Dan (WKØW), and Tom (NØPCY)
2. Operating Activities: Chair: Len (KCØRSX) and members: Dave (KC9RSM), Matt (KFØQ), Dick (NØVV)
3. Program Committee: Chair: Tom (WØMK) and members: Lance (KBØYJU), Clare (KØNY)
4. Voice Repeaters: Chair: Lance (LBØYJU) and members: Syed (KDØKTB), Eric (WBØNIU), Jordan (KDØKTD), Ken (NØJP)
5. Digital Systems: Co-Chairs: Les (KØBAD), Clare (KØNY) and member Jim (KBØTHN)

The board also made the following decisions regarding committee reports:

1. Committee report cutoffs will be at the end of each calendar month and are due to the Executive Board shortly thereafter.
2. Reports are to include cost information (funds expended during the month) and other relevant data.
3. "Relevant data" should include discussions of the types of activities as described in the by-laws.
4. Committee reports must be written.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Field day

Because of high winds there was some damage to member-supplied equipment during the Field Day weekend:

1. Matt (KFØQ): damage to rotator and camping table. Cost to repair not known.
2. Walt (KEØXI): damaged canopy frame (\$35 repair estimate received)
3. Russ (NØQK): damage to camper crank-up (possibly caused by operator error.) Repaired. Cost not known.

**Moved by Clare:** Pay Walt \$35 for repair/replacement of damaged frame. Motion passed.

**Moved by Clare:** Direct Secretary to send letter of apology and thanks to Russ. Motion passed.

#### VE Session

A VE Session will be scheduled for late summer. Mike (N8MD) will coordinate. Special accommodations, including providing an over-sized (141%) test booklet, will be made for one of the people being tested.

(See the VE Test Session announcement at the top of this page.)

**835 Repeater**

Progress is slow. The board determined where some of the equipment is located:

1. Old controller – Len (KCØRSX)
2. New 835 controller – Jim (KBØTHN) – Jim is awaiting interface documents necessary to install the controller into a water-proof box and provide I/O signal connectors.
3. Link controller for 64 – Erik (WBØNIU)

**Activities**

Possible club operating activities for the next month or so include:

1. Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge celebration – Thursday October 14 (with La Crosse club).
2. Boy Scouts on the Air – Saturday, October 16
3. Some sort of club-sponsored contest activity?

Len (KCØRSX) will take these suggestions to the operating Activities Committee.

The board decided to table the 64 remote receive project until the 835 repeater is again up and running.

The board discussed the apparent intentional interference issue on the 64 repeater I(especially spurious 911 calls). The discussion lead to the following:

1. We need to identify the official control operators (source: Dick, NØVV)
2. We need to work with Dick (NØVV) to develop a corrective action plan (Len will follow up on this action.)
3. We need to keep all related discussion off the air.

**Moved by Les:** Turn off the autopatch until further notice, except as it may be needed in cases of legitimate emergencies. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leslie D. Hittner*  
Leslie Hittner, KØBAD  
Secretary

## Treat List 2010

Month	Name	Call
January		
February	Len	KCØRSX
March	Ken	NØJP
April		
May		
June	Dick	NØVV
July	Club Picnic	
August		
September	Matt	KFØQ
October		
November	Tom	WØMK
December	Clare	KØNY

**Please consider providing treats on one of the open months.**

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**Executive Board**

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Ken Spittler (NØJP) Club Station Custodian, Dick Kolter (NØVV)

Dues: \$25.00 per calendar year per license holder.  
 \$30.00 per calendar year for all licensed members of the same family within  
 the same household.

Dues should be sent to: Clare Jarvis, Treasurer

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Board meetings are announced in advance (WEPNet).

Monthly club meetings are held on the third Thursday. The submission deadline for  
 the *Hamgram* is Wednesday of the week prior to that of the club meeting.



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