

# Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Feb 2006

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## Meeting Announcement

The February meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club will take place on Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Winona County Annex Building on West 3rd Street. Jim Jarvis will present a program demonstrating surface mount electronics assembly. The meeting is open to all licensees and radio enthusiasts.

## No Minutes

Rather than a regular business meeting, the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. held its annual holiday party in January. Thus, there are no meeting minutes as such.

An estimated 38 people attended the party, which was held at Prime Steak & Cake. Erik, Jodie, and Emily Brom presented a picture show and description of their visit to Winona's Sister City, Kagota, Japan. The evening was great fun.

## VE Session Schedule

By Jim Brown, NØWE

Here is a tentative schedule of VE sessions in the area:

**Rochester**    March 23<sup>rd</sup>    June 15<sup>th</sup>    October 19<sup>th</sup>  
December 14<sup>th</sup>

**Location:**    Red Cross Building  
310 14<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Rochester

**Contact:**    Robert Domkey  
507-398-5964

**Time:**        6:30 PM

Walk-ins welcome

**Lacrosse**    February    May    September  
November

**Details will follow soon.**

If Winona VEs wanted to fill in some or all of the blanks we could have sessions in January, April, July or August.

## ARRL FIELD DAY 2006 PACKAGES, RULES NOW AVAILABLE

The ARRL Letter  
Vol. 25, No. 06  
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The 2006 ARRL Field Day package

<<http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/06-fd-packet.pdf>>

and rules (HTML version

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/rules-fd-2006.html>>)

(PDF version

<<http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/06-fd-rules.pdf>>) now are

available on the ARRL Web site.

"The only rule change in 2006 involves the GOTA ('Get On The Air') station bonus-point structure," says ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "An individual operator may earn a 50-point bonus for completing 50 QSOs at the GOTA station. They may earn an additional 50 bonus points when they reach 100 QSOs."

Henderson notes there's a 100-QSO cap for bonus points per individual GOTA operator, but additional GOTA operators may earn the bonuses for the club, up to a maximum of 500 GOTA bonus points.

"Additionally, Field Day operations can double their GOTA bonus points by having a designated GOTA Coach/Mentor supervise the station whenever it's on the air," Henderson notes. "The GOTA Coach/Mentor may talk the participants through the QSOs and serve as control operator, but GOTA participants must make and log all QSOs themselves." This means that if a Field Day group has a GOTA Coach/Mentor, the 50 and 100-point bonuses GOTA

operators earn will double to 100 and 200 points respectively, while the maximum GOTA bonus increases to 1000 points.

ARRL Field Day 2006 will be Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25.

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\$30.00 per calendar year per license holder and members  
of the same family within the same household.

Dues should be sent to: Richard Kolter, 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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