



# Hamgram

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

[www.w0ne.org](http://www.w0ne.org)

*January 2010*

## WARC 2010 HOLIDAY PARTY

Please join us on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Timbers Restaurant  
The party will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour and dinner orders will be taken at 6:30 p.m.

The meal choices will be:

Broasted Chicken, Ham Steak, \$10.99

Batterfried Cod @ \$11.95

or

Tenderloin Tips @ \$12.95

Meals include beverages except alcohol, salad bar, and a strawberry shortcake dessert.  
Other choices are available from the regular menu.

There will also be a kids menu.

As in the past we will accept donations for prizes. Please bring your prize donations to the party. The club will purchase additional prizes.

The restaurant will pass out individual bills.

An interesting program is being planned that involves attendee participation.



This party is open to all area radio amateurs  
and their families.

## December Annual Meeting Report (12/17/2009)

**Program: Jim (KBØTHN) Living Off the Grid**

Jim discussed the 8X10 foot demonstration house on his property near Fremont. The home, designed to be easily broken down and transported to trade shows, uses entirely renewable energy sources (wind, solar, etc.) Jim is actually living in this house as he completes the installation of all systems including high-speed internet!

**Annual Meeting: Len (KCØRSX) called the Annual meeting to order at 2016.**

There was not a quorum of club members present.

Secretary's Report was approved as published in the December with the following correction: Change Jim's report on 835 so that it reads as follows: "Jim (KBØTHN) - The 835 repeater controller has been mounted in a new weather (and rodent) tight container and *will be* given to Len (KCØRSX) for programming."

Len (KCØRSX) noted that the Project List in the December *Hamgram* did not contain the most recent updates of completed projects.

The following observations and actions were noted during this meeting:

1. There currently is no one filling the Member at Large position
2. Jim (KBØTHN) resigned from the Treasurer position
3. Clare (KØNY) resigned from the Vice-President position

Elections could not be held. Resignations could not be formally accepted.

Len (KCØRSX) described the ongoing Constitution and By Laws rewrite that is being undertaken in order to eliminate things such as the inability of the club to actually conduct an Annual Meeting. These changes will be presented at a future club meeting. See the club website for links to the proposed changes.

The following suggestions were offered as a means of increasing interest and participation in club events:

1. Conduct more emergency drills and practice communications (getting back to the core reasons for WEPNet).
2. Sponsor several coordinated contesting efforts in addition to the ARRL Field Day.
3. Offer to conduct seminars about the Amateur Radio Service at Boy Scout troop meetings, etc.
4. Create operating activities and other functions that will attract women amateurs to the club.

There being no possibility of further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2047.

There were no formal business items processed during this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Leslie D. Hittner*

Leslie Hittner, KØBAD  
Secretary

<b>Meeting Attendance:</b>	Les (KØBAD)	Ken (NØJP)	Delores (NØNUO)	Len (KCØRSX)
	Terry (WØEUU)	Dick (NØVV)	Bob (KC9IWE)	Jim (KBØTHN)
	Ed Sawyer	Jake (KC9CRM)		Lance (KBØYJU)

## Constitutional changes being proposed are designed to bring the club into the twenty-first century

By Les, KØBAD

During February and March four club members will propose sweeping changes to the club’s Constitution and By Laws. These changes are intended to make your “club experiences” valuable and to ensure that membership in the Winona Amateur Radio Club is valuable to you. Our club, like many organizations these days, is experiencing a decline in membership and member interest. My Kiwanis Club, area Lions Clubs, and other special interest clubs are experiencing the same sorts of declines. While interest in amateur radio, community service, etc., remains high; *participation in organizations that support these activities is declining.*

People are simply too busy to waste time at meetings. While they may be interested in participating in service activities, they are not necessarily interested in meeting every week to share a meal at a Kiwanis Club. Similarly, while hams may be interested in amateur radio, they do not have the time or energy to attend boring monthly business meetings. Therefore, we must give them amateur radio experiences without the business. We must improve the efficiency of our organization to ensure that we give our members *value* and not simply organizational discussions.

The Constitutional and By Laws changes that will be proposed are intended to do just that. The club will be run by an Executive Board. Executive Board members will meet regularly to conduct the club's business including scheduling monthly club educational and operating activities and maintaining club communications infrastructure. The monthly get-togethers of club members will no longer begin or end with business meetings. Members do not have to feel obligated to participate in an activity that does not interest them simply because it comes along with a *business meeting*.

The changes being proposed will mandate that the club conduct two Semi-Annual Membership (business) Meetings. All other business will be conducted by the Executive Board. We want you to come to club activities to learn about amateur radio or to participate an operating activities. That will be efficient use of your time. That will allow the Winona Amateur Radio Club to offer *value* to area amateur operators while those interested in club operations can invest their time on the activities of the Executive Board and its operational committees.

I urge all area amateur operators to renew or join the Winona Amateur radio Club, Inc. We need your ideas for educational activities and operating events. We need your help with amateur radio public service and emergency communications activities. And we will be able to offer these events with a minimum of organizational overhead time. Your precious time will be qwell -spent.

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For more information about the proposed changes to the Winona Amateur Radio Club Constitution and By Laws, see the club's website (<http://www.wone.org>) or contact Len (KCØRSX), Les (KØBAD), Ken (NØJP), or Clare (KØNY).

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## Message from the President

Len Litvan KCØRSX

Happy New Year Everyone,

Here's hoping the holiday season has been great and that you and yours have had a safe and joyous beginning to 2010. Sunspot numbers are going up. It should be a fun year for hams!

See you all at the holiday party on Thursday, January 19. Bring the spouse and kids. Ken has put together a really nice evening for us all. Thank you , Ken.

As mentioned last month, the club constitution and by-laws are currently being reviewed for some much needed updating. The intent of the update is to make club time more valuable to members by removing some of the excess administrative detail from club program meetings. The Executive Board becomes more responsible for conducting the business side of the club. A draft of the proposed changes is available on line at [http://goldeneye.jarviscomputer.com/warc/WARC\\_Constitution-By-LawsFull-Revision\\_Les\\_12-09\\_D..pdf](http://goldeneye.jarviscomputer.com/warc/WARC_Constitution-By-LawsFull-Revision_Les_12-09_D..pdf) Please take the time to read and study the changes, and then forward any comments or suggestions to Les KØBAD, Clare KØNY, Ken NØJP, or me. It is planned to distribute copies of the changes at the holiday party and February meeting so that a vote on adoption can be held at the March meeting.

Speaking of February, it is also planned to conduct the delayed officer elections for 2010 at the February program meeting. There was not a quorum at the December session, and it was felt that the holiday party in January should focus on—partying! So please put February 18 on your calendar for elections plus formal presentation of the proposed constitution and by-laws revisions.

73 ,  
Len KCØRSX

## For Sale

### Butternut "Butterfly" beam model HF5B

Two-element 5-band mini -beam. Three years old. Originally \$400. Asking \$150.  
Contact, Leslie Hittner, KØBAD Tel: 507.452.3481 or 507.313.8217

## Approved 2009 Project List

**Blue** indicates project has been completed and goal fulfilled.

\* The General Class course was cancelled because of lack of enrollment. The single enrollee does not yet have any class of

Project	Description	Target Date	Leader(s)
Technician Class Course	Public course to prepare persons for Technician Class license testing.	Jan-Feb 2009	Len KC0RSX & Les K0BAD
VE License Testing	Public license testing	Mar 2, 2009	Dick N0VV
Storage Unit for Club Property (Winona Knitting Mills)	Complete the storage unit for club property.	Feb 28, 2009	Jim KB0THN & Len KC0RSX
Repair Club Beam Antenna.	Repair antenna for Field Day 2009.	Jun 25, 2009	Dick W0RIF & Clare K0NY
Trinona Communications Support (Added)	Provide backup route communications support to triathlon in Winona – primary communications in selected areas.	June 14, 2009	Les K0BAD
Remote Receiver - KHME site	Install remote receiver at KHME site for 146.640 repeater.	Jun 25, 2009	Len KC0RSX
Field Day 2009	Club participation in ARRL Field Day 2009.	Jun 27 & 28, 2009	Steve KD0BOD & Len KC0RSX
GRSF Special Event Station	Support Winona's Great River Shakespeare Festival.	Jul 18 & 19, 2009	Les K0BAD & Len KC0RSX
Weekend on Wheels Communications Support	Provide "SAG" support and other communications support for WOW.	Jul 31-Aug 2, 2009	Len KC0RSX
Equipment Upgrade/Replacement - KAGE Site	Plan to replace and upgrade equipment at KAGE site (2 meter and 70 cm). Consider adding digital capability.	Oct 30, 2009	Open
*General Class Course (Cancelled)	Public course.	Oct-Nov 2009	Len KC0RSX
VE License Testing (Cancelled)	Public license testing.	Mid-Nov 2009	Dick N0VV

license. He will study on his own and then sign up for the Technician Class.

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At Large: Open

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: Jim Jefferson 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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