

Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. – November 2000
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Meeting Notice

The November meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be held in the Conference Room of the Winona County Courthouse Annex on Thursday, November 16, 2000 at 1900. The Nominating Committee should be presenting nominations for the club officers for the year 2001 at this meeting. KØBAD will finally present the long awaited program on Radio Direction Finding.

AUCTION

At the November 16, 2000 monthly WARC MEETING, the following items will be auctioned off to the HIGHEST bidder:

- 1) Road-Talker CB Radio [10-Meter conversion (?)]==With antenna**
- 2) Realistic HT speaker Mic (Compatible with Yaesu, Icom, and others but not Kenwood)**

Minutes Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc., October 19, 2000.

Meeting was called to order by Russ, NØQK, at 7:00 PM.

Terry, WBØEUU moved and Walt, KEØXI, second approval of the minutes as published in the *Hamgram*. Motion passed.

There was no ATV report. Gary, NØOWS, says that the node has been working fine.

Clare, KØNY, gave a report on the new repeater controller under consideration by the repeater committee. Dick, NØVV, gave the treasurer's report. Jerry, WAØX, moved and Bill, WBØPVO, second approval of report. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim, NØWE, mentioned that Matt, KFØQ, has Field Day Pins and they are really nice.

Russ, NØQK, has free hardline and guy wire.

Russ, NØQK says budget requests should be in by the November meeting.

Russ, NØQK, appointed Walt, KEØXI, chairman of the nominating committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ken, NØJP, moved and Ed, W5TWR, second the club applying for the call sign of WØNE (SK) with the FCC. Motion passed unanimous.

Bill, WBØPVO, bought the Icom 2AT with charger for \$51 and Clare, KØNY, bought the dummy load for \$9.

Steve, N9MFH, moved and Gary, NØOWS second adjournment at 7:35 PM. Motion Passed.

Present at the meeting were:

KØDHI, KØNY, KBØTHN, KBØVYO, KEØXI, NØJP, NØOWS, NØQK, NØVUS,
NØVV, NØWE, N9MFH, W5TWR, W9HWQ, WAØX, WAØZCW, WBØEUU, WBØPVO.

Treasurer's Report 11-7-2000

Bank balance as of 10-31-2000	\$1811.08
Petty cash on hand as of 11-07-2000	\$ 22.59
Deposit 10-30-2000	\$ 60.00
Checks outstanding	\$ 425.00
Balance as of 11-07-2000	\$1408.67
Allocated for expenses	
General expenses	\$ 091.50
Emergency reserve	\$ 250.00
Repeater committee	\$ 750.00
Un-appropriated	\$ 317.17

The following has been released by the Rochester Amateur radio Club:

Announcement
October 10, 2000

The Rochester Amateur Radio Club would like to thank everyone who has attended the RARC Hamfest and Computer event over the past 23 years.

While the RARC Hamfest and Computer Show has continued to be popular with attendees, the lack of attendance growth, continued increase of operating expenses, and declining dealer participation during the past three years have resulted in major concerns about the future financial viability of the event. After considerable review and discussion, the Rochester Amateur Radio Club has determined that it must discontinue the annual hamfest event.

Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Dave K7CJO, RARC President.

FOR SALE: Antenex low-profile 2-M mobile antenna w/NMO mag-mount. Ideal for local area mobile use where, when garaging your vehicle, it becomes a nuisance to get out and tip over a whip. \$50 for antenna, mag mount and coax. Jerry, WAØX. Ph: (507) 454-8395 (after 3 p.m.)

AWARDS

(From ARRL MINNESOTA SECTION eSIGNALS NEWSLETTER)

Who do you know that gives much of their time back to amateur radio? Who gives willingly to help bring new hams into the hobby/service? Is there someone you know who, without them, amateur radio would just be another hobby? Have you ever wanted to recognize a radio amateur for their efforts?

ARRL Instructor of the Year Award, Excellence in Recruiting Award, Hiram Percy Maxim Award, and Technical Award. These are just a few ways to say "thanks" to those people. If you would like to know more please check out ARRL web site

<http://www.arrl.org/ead/instructor/instructor/grants.html>

If you would like to download a nomination form to recognize someone,

<http://www.arrl.org/ead/award/application.html>

The ARRL Board of Directors established these awards to recognize the countless hours of work and/or service many hams put into the hobby through, teaching licensing classes, demonstrations, developing new ham radio technology, and/or serving their community through ham radio.

EDITORIAL**EDITORIAL****EDITORIAL****Rochester leaves a hamfest vacuum in southeast Minnesota**

By Les, KØBAD

With the announcement that Rochester will no longer sponsor its annual hamfest, there will be hamfest vacuum in southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. In recent years our club has sponsored a no-cost no-frills swapfest that has been gaining in popularity. Perhaps now is the time to expand our little swapfest while keeping in mind the things that have made it a success:

1. Keep our costs low. Zero. If possible so that we do not have to rely on "gate receipts" to keep the swapfest viable.
2. Do not rely on commercial interests. If they come to our swapfest, it should be viewed as a nice addition, not a fundamental requirement.
3. Expand the swapfest area to allow for tailgating in addition to inside tables.
4. Offer a small meal or coffee and rolls. This represents a minor risk in the event that we do not sell enough of our "sweet tooth inventory."
5. Provide one or two private meeting spaces for groups, such as PICONET, ARES, SKYWARN, WANA, etc.

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that may wish to conduct meetings or seminars during the event. If such groups elected to meet at our swapfest, it would increase attendance.

The above represent an increased investment of time and effort, but that investment should be well within the resources of our club. If we merely function as facilitators for other groups who wish to hold meetings, we can expand our swapfest without overburdening the club. We have several possibilities for free access to facilities for such an event. We ought to look into

them.

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