

# Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. – November 2003  
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## Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be held at the Winona County Courthouse Annex Building on Thursday, November 20, 2003 starting at 1900.

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**Special Note:** Dues for 2004 can now be paid and should be paid by January 1, 2004.

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### Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

#### Third Quarter 2003 Budget Report

Category	Budget	Total expended 10-31	Balance
Executive Committee	\$350.00	\$045.31	\$304.69
Activities – Christmas	\$100.00	\$092.59	\$007.41
Activities – Field Day	\$150.00	\$114.87	\$035.13
Rent and Dues	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$000.00
Insurance	\$500.00	\$106.00	\$394.00
Postage	\$150.00	\$111.00	\$039.00
Packet Committee	\$150.00	\$063.00	\$087.00
Repeater Committee	\$350.00	-----	\$350.00

### Treasurer's report as of October 31, 2003

Bank balance as of October 31, 2003	\$ 1,584.97
Petty Cash	35.76
Undeposited funds	53.17
Outstanding checks -	25.00
Balance:	\$ 1,648.90

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### October 2003 Meeting Minutes Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

#### Program

#### Three Months after the Alaskan Earthquake

**Presenters:** Donald Angst and Richard Angst (KCØMBT) - Cousins

The Winona unit of the Minnesota National Guard was deployed to Anchorage, Alaska for military exercise three weeks after the devastating Alaskan earthquake of the

1964. Three blocks of downtown Anchorage, Alaska were destroyed. The destructive debris was removed prior to the arrival of the Minnesota National Guard; however, the devastation of the residential area was documented. The angulation of the destroyed

residences attested to the uplifting forces of this quake. The surrounding mountainous area was depicted with many mudslides with complete destruction of the forests along the mountain sides.

It was very interesting to view Winonans on the C97 air transports, traveling on the typical first class accommodations of 1964. The cost of the round trip airfare to the American taxpayer was \$370.00 for the 12 hour, 2700 mile deployment. The planes cruised at 200 mph, at an attitude of 12,000 feet with 65 soldiers aboard and the crew of three.

Several photographs of Constellations were shown; and, I believe only three remain in operation today. This workhorse was used in commercial aviation by TWA and other major air carriers.

The entire program held your attention as well as the memories of the young soldiers who were probably friends and neighbors of many amateur radio operator in the audience.

It was interesting to notice the fine quality of the Kodachrome slides taken by Donald as well as the archival quality of the Ektachrome slides which faded during the past 39 years.

Thank you for the excellent presentation.

Program Duration: 7:00 P.M. to 7:40 P.M.

### **General Business Meeting**

7:55 P.M. October 16, 2003 Winona County Courthouse Annex

The opening session began with reference to the exhibition of the ARRL postage stamps as displayed by the local stamp collector, Alice Brancich. It depicted 50 years of service and support of the amateur radio community.

<b>Members Present:</b>	KC9CRM Jake	KC9ERJ Pete	N9MFH Steve
	KAØMLO Tom	KBØELR John	KCØMBN Scott
	KCØMBY Ryan	KØBAD Les	NØNUO Dolores
	NØPDD Bob	WAØX Jerry	KEØXI Walt
			NØVV Richard
			WBØEUU Terry

**Guests Present:** Bill Pichard KD7WXI and daughter Krystal  
Mark Smick N9UNW Gordon Bakkun NØTNC Len Litvan

### **Minutes of the September Meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club:**

The secretary was absent and the minutes of the meeting were not in the October issue of the *Hamgram*.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$1,607.11

### **Old Business:**

- A. **CPR:** The course is scheduled to occur on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> with full details in this issue of the *Hamgram* and at the next general meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club.
- B. **Christmas Party:** The selection of the site will be determined by KAØMLO - Tom, NØJP - Ken and Arnie - KCØJZE with a full report at the November meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club.

- C. **Russ Marsolek NØQK** will be conducting classes on becoming an Amateur Radio Operator at the Winona YMCA starting on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing for the next three Wednesday evenings from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

The license examinations will be administered on Wednesday, December 3, 2003.

- D. **Nominations Committee:** Caucus to be held, presumably at the Burger King Auditorium, with one delegate from Goodie (NØJP) and two delegates from Winona (KØXI and WAØX) at an undisclosed date and time for nominees to be presented for nomination at the December 2003 meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club.
- E. **Jerry Brancich (WAØX)** presented a short discussion pertaining to information outlined in the recent ARRL Newsletters.

### **FCC INVITES COMMENTS ON ADDITIONAL MORSE CODE REQUIREMENTS**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG HAMS**

- F. **Jerry Brancich (WAØX) donated a VHS and a DVD tape entitled:**

**AMATEUR RADIO TODAY BY WALTER CRONKITE (KB2GSD)** to be presented to our librarian for enrichment and loan to the members of the Winona Amateur Radio Club.

- G. **Mark Smick (N9UNW)** presented a personal topic related to emergency preparedness for Buffalo Count and Pepin County in Wisconsin. He is seeking the advise and assistance of the Winona Amateur Radio Club in reestablishing an emergency preparedness group for Buffalo County as it has been without this valuable program for the past ten years. In like manner, Pepin County has never had this program or a program of similar liking.
- H. **Jan Kelly** - I read the thank you note which Jan sent to the members of the Winona Amateur Radio Club thanking the group for the cards, gifts and prayers.
- I. No further discussion at this time.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Thomas E. Mauszycki. Seconded by Terry Petersen

8:20 P.M.

**Interim Secretary:** Thomas E. Mauszycki

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### **First Aid/ CPR Class**

By Walt, KEØXI

A two-evening, 6 hour refresher class will be held Tuesday, November 18 and Wednesday, November 19 at the Red Cross Building at 1660 W Kraemer Drive in Winona. The sessions will run from 6 to 9 PM each night. Approximately 1.5 hours will be on first aid and the remainder will be on CPR. You may want to encourage your spouse to attend so you will have help available in the event you are the one to keel over.

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## General Considerations in an Emergency

The following was taken from a presentation made by Tom, KC9ECI, during a recent WEPNet Session:

1. Watch out for the vehicle traffic. Assume that drivers are not watching out for you.
2. Establish a working rapport with people at Emergency Services today. If they don't know you and your abilities on sight, you will not be thought of in a hectic situation. If you need introduction and referral, have the commercial radio repair service personnel introduce and recommend you. (Many of them are hams.)
3. Report to the Incident Commander for assignment. If he/she doesn't acknowledge your presence and assistance, you are just another "rubbernecking spectator" and will be asked to leave.
4. Accept any task, no matter how menial or outside of the scope of what you thought you might be doing. If asked to gas up the generator, remember that radios, lights, and rescue tools don't work without a power supply. Once you have proven yourself able and competent with one task, you will be asked to help with other more important matters.
5. Be prepared to help fix a communications problem fast. If the Command Post needs a VHF antenna fixed or a microphone connector replaced, have the tools and know-how at your immediate disposal. Keep in mind that anyone can push a PTT switch and start talking, but keeping things working takes a special talent.
6. Stay out of the way of emergency operations personnel. You are no help if you are in the way. Also, park your vehicle well out of the way of emergency vehicle access and egress routes.
7. Look professional, act professional, and you will be treated as a professional. Be an asset, not a pain in one.
8. Be prepared for several hours of hectic activity without a break. Take your restroom break before arriving on scene, there will not be time or facilities available on site. Have a bottle of water or Gatorade with you when you arrive, you will need it before you know it.
9. Have a "thick skin" and don't become offended by rough language or caustic comments. Remember this is a highly emotional situation for everyone involved. Adrenaline and frustration run rampant and things get said in the heat of the moment that can cause hurt feelings and resentment. Don't let it affect you or your performance. The privacy of the after-action critique is the time and place to discuss and vent, not at the scene in front of the open microphone of a local TV reporter.
10. Keep in mind that communications gear is merely a tool. Emergency personnel don't care how it works, just that it does and is reliable. Third party traffic means that while you control the RF functions, someone else can handle the microphone.
11. Remember that in an emergency, anyone and anything can legally be commandeered and pressed into service by officials at the scene. Don't bother arguing the point at the scene.

There will be a time and place for that later, where a judge will decide what actions were reasonable at the moment.

12. Be prepared for anything, and have several options available in case you have to “switch gears” without notice. Remember that Murphy's Law will be the prevailing authority. That's why you have a spare tire and insurance for your car and phone change in your pocket!

**The WARC Holiday Party is scheduled for January 15 at 6:30 PM at the Winona Steakhouse, 3480 Service Drive, Goodview.**

**A variety of menu options has been obtained for our group at an attractive price.**

**More details to follow in the December and January issues.**

**Plan now to attend.**

## **FOR SALE**

New Radio Shack 2 meter, 5/8 wave, magnet mount antenna  
Model 19-210 - \$20 - See Ken, NØJP

## **Gadget Corner**

By Walt, KEØXI

### **Recently seen -15 Minute Rechargeable AA batteries**

The wait for recharging has dramatically dropped with the new AA NiMH cells and chargers. Not only do they recharge in 1/4 to 1/50th the time of regular cells, these new cells are rated at 2,000 mAH. That is more than twice the capacity of NiCads, and about 25% more than most NiMH cells. These cells come with a special charger. I have seen pricing from \$29 to \$35 for a charger and 4 AA cells. Cells are also available separately. Combined with a small DC to 120 VAC inverter for portable operations, a person does not have to worry about running out of AA cells. I haven't seen other cell sizes yet, but I suspect they are coming.

## **WARC is not affiliated with ARRL**

By Les, KØBAD

The question of club affiliation with ARRL came up at the September meeting. At that time I indicated that I believed the WARC was not affiliated with the ARRL. I recently checked with the ARRL WEB site listing of affiliated clubs and indeed the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. is not listed.

### **Club affiliation requirements**

To become an affiliated club, WARC must meet the following requirements:

- At least 51% of our voting membership must be full or associate ARRL members.
- At least 51% of our voting membership must be licensed amateurs.
- WARC must have a club constitution.
- Our club's goals must not conflict in any way with the goals of the ARRL.

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Look who made it to the ARRL (Minnesota) WEB Site!!

Stearns Co ARES EC Jack Maus, WØMBD,  
Ken Spittler, NØJP (of Winona), chat with  
MN STM Bob Meyer, WØLAW.

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