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## **Meeting Notice**

The October meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2001 at the Winona Courthouse Annex building. The meeting will begin at 1900. Jack Karnick, a representative of Digital Telecom Inc. (DTI), will be on hand to describe a program that DTI has in place to help non-profits save money on their phone bills.

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## **2002 Holiday Party**

Sue KEØS

**Join us for a wonderful evening of lively conversation and a delicious meal.**

The W.A.R.C. Inc. Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday January 16, 2002. It will be held at the Elks Club in Winona, MN. Mrs. Beck will cater dinner and there will be prizes for all. More details will follow in the November and December issues of the *Hamgram*. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan on attending. Just a reminder, as in past years the Holiday Party committee will be accepting donations of any new items for prizes. Please let us know ahead of time if you are considering donating a prize so we can plan accordingly. Due to your generous donations and the donations from businesses we frequent over the years we have been able to consistently have nice prizes for everyone attending.

Hope to see you all there!!

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## **Letters to the Editor**

Les,

I think it was inappropriate to include your views in the *Hamgram* on what action the US should take in the current crisis. To report our sympathy for all who these people left behind would have been more appropriate. This is a club newsletter not a soapbox.

I hope you understand why I feel this way.

Jim NØWE

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Les,

I fully agree with your editorial. An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind. This has been the case in the Middle East for over 2000 years. I feel it is important to identify the cause of the animosity and work toward resolution. That is not to say that criminals should not be punished, but the process should be reasoned and within the structure of international law, such as the war crimes trials.

Daniel L. Goltz

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## **CORES/FRN "MASS CONVERSION" PLANNED FOR ULS REGISTRANTS**

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Before the switchover to mandatory Commission Registration System (CORES) registration on December 3, 2001, the FCC plans to do a "mass conversion" from its Universal Licensing System (ULS) database.

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Once CORES becomes mandatory in December, everyone doing business with the FCC--licensed or not--must obtain and use a 10-digit FCC Registration Number--or FRN. The FCC called the move is "a first step" toward streamlining fee collection and tracking. Many amateurs registered with the ULS were assigned an FRN by CORES in a mass conversion last year. Affected amateurs were notified by mail.

An FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau spokesperson told ARRL this week that another mass conversion will be done prior to December. As a result, anyone who has registered a Taxpayer Identification Number--typically an individual's Social Security Number--with the FCC will be assigned an FRN, which will appear in the FCC amateur database.

The requirement to obtain an FRN extends to applicants for an Amateur Radio license as well as to anyone required to pay a fee to the FCC, such as those applying for a vanity call sign. An FRN will not be needed to file comments in rulemaking proceedings, however.

Amateur Service licensees not already registered in the ULS are encouraged to register their TINs soon, to save the step of a second CORES registration after December 3. To register, visit the FCC's ULS Web site <<http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>> and click on "Register TIN/Call Sign." (NOTE: The Universal Licensing System will be down for scheduled maintenance from 10 PM Eastern Time Friday, October 5, until 8 AM Eastern Time Monday, October 8.)

The FCC established CORES last year and has been in the process of implementing it. The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau concedes that a lot of issues remain undecided regarding how CORES/FRN will work for the Amateur Service. For more information on CORES/FRN, visit the FCC CORES Web site <<https://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/cores/CoresHome.html>>.

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