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OCTOBER CLUB HAPPENINGS

Club Meeting
October 8th, 2013
Programs



1) Officer Elections

2) Steve Dryja NO9B presents
Protect against computer threats

3) There will be a vote on endowing the David Knaus
Memorial Scholarship as
explained in the "Scholarship fund" article pg 5 of this
hamtrix

**Join us for a pre-meeting dinner
at Johnny V's Classic Cafe
1650 S 84th St at 5:00pm**

WARAC 2-meter net
Every Wednesday at 8pm
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The President's Shack October 2013

It's already October and that means that it's time for our annual election of officers. Our four main office holders (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) are all willing to run for another term, but we will need one new Board member since Dave Schank has indicated that he will not be able to continue. Nominations for all offices, including Dave's Board position, will be accepted from the floor.

Another important item of business at the upcoming meeting regards our scholarship program. The Board is recommending that we endow our David Knaus Memorial Scholarship with the ARRL and is asking for a membership vote to approve this. Look elsewhere in this Hamtrix for an article by Howard with more information.

The program presenter for our October meeting will be Steve Dryja, NO9B, who will tell us how to protect against computer threats (viruses and other malware). He will also talk about solid-state drives and other performance upgrades. We all struggle with computer issues from time to time, so I'm sure this program will provide us with interesting and useful information.

You have probably noticed that this is not the program that was originally announced. Unfortunately, our original presenter, Gary Sorenson, W9ULK, had to cancel a few days ago. We will have him do his program at another time..

Next month's program will be by Dick Wood, W9JBE, about experiences with his Elecraft KX3 QRP transceiver.

Our club's Annual Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 3. It will again be at the Machine Shed Restaurant. Look for more information and a sign-up sheet elsewhere in this issue of Hamtrix.

For some years our club has sponsored a Worked All Wisconsin Counties Award (WAWC), a certificate awarded to anyone who submits verified QSO's with all counties in Wisconsin. Lynn Tamblyn, K9KR, has handled this award since it's inception, but would like to hand it off to someone else. We will talk about this more at the meeting and I'll be looking for a volunteer!

And, as always, don't forget our before-meeting dinner at Johnny V's Classic Café, 1650 S. 84th St. at 5:00PM.

See you at the meeting! Bring a friend!
Tom, K9BTQ

From the Editor

This Hamtrix is a little bit late due to the change in the meeting presenter and finalizing the plans for the awards dinner.

I'm finding that my contention that if your retirement is good you have a hard time figuring out how you had time to work is true! I hit my one year retirement anniversary and keep adding to my calendar... Of course it might be because I've also slowed down a little but I tend to ignore that. Still it's getting harder to ignore listening to my body hi hi.

Not much is new on the Ham radio front I usually have my radio turned on but not much operating. Will keep this short.

73

Frank KA9FZR

WARAC General Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2013

Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President, Tom Macon, K9BTQ. Overall meeting attendance was 23.

Program

The evening's program was presented by Pat Moretti, KA1RB, Official Observer Program.

Business

Motion was made and accepted to approve the August meetings minutes as published in Hamtrix.

Endowing the scholarship fund is under discussion. \$38,000 would need to be endowed to continue a \$1500 scholarship without using principle. The board is addressing questions. All members can ask any questions they may have.

Flyers for the January 2014, WARAC swapfest are available. See Phil Gural, W9NAW. Please help to get the word out early.

Announcements

Pat Cain, K0PC, sent a thank you to the club for his recently received Wisconsin QSO Party plaque.

Next month's program is the election of officers and the opportunity to meet your ARRL Section Manager, Gary Sorensen, W9LUK.

The WARAC Awards Dinner will take place on November 3, 2013, at the Machine Shed in Pewaukee. Mark your calendars!

Classes for Technician and General Licenses will be held at AES from 9:30a – 2:00p starting September 7. Sessions will go for 6-8 weeks with an Extra class to follow. Feel free to drop in. There is no charge for the class, but the study book would need to be purchased.

Two new members joined, Mike Johnson, WO9B, and Erv von der Ehe, WI9EV.

Erv, WI9EV, and Steve, NO9B, shared some recent antenna work experiences.

2 meter net every Wednesday at 8:00 pm on 147.045, + offset, PL 127.3. Join in!

CQ Tuesday, 1:00 pm 3rd Tuesday at Country Buffet

The Nut Net breakfast is at Genesis Restaurant, 8:30 am, 4th Tuesday of the month.

Johnny V's is the place for the WARAC pre-meeting dinner. The dinner starts at 5:00 and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Dellis, W9WLX
Secretary WARAC

WARAC Board Meeting September 24, 2013

Howard Smith called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm.

Present: Tom Macon, K9BTQ, Howard Smith, WA9AXQ, Chuck Dellis, W9WLX, Dave Schank, KA9WXN, and Frank Humpal, KA9FZR.

Scholarship Funding

The Board recommends the scholarship funds of the club be transferred to the ARRL Foundation to endow the Dave Knaus memorial scholarship. The recommendation will be published in Hamtrix and voted on at the next membership meeting.

Wisconsin QSO Party

Tom Macon and Chuck Dellis will compile the list of WIQP certificate that were undeliverable by email and Chuck Dellis will send them by postal mail.

WAWC

Lynn Tamblyn resigned leading WAWC. Club members will be solicited to lead the award.

Programs

October, ARRL, Section Manager, Gary Sorenson W9LUK.
November, Review of the Elecraft K3, Dick Wood, W9JBE.

Club Operation Manual

Frank Humpal and Howard Smith will write the Awards Dinner document, Howard Smith will write the Scholarship document, and Chuck Dellis will write the Roster Preparation & Club Database document.

2013 Budget, and 2010 & 2011 Audits
No further actions at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Dellis, W9WLX
Secretary WARAC

Scholarship fund

One of the goals of the scholarship committee is to manage the Scholarship Fund to produce the maximum rate of growth. For many years, the Bank Certificate of Deposit (CD) was the ideal choice. Today, the bank CD provides a typical rate of return of only 0.25% on the principle, which is almost insignificant. Clearly, another option is needed to produce better growth.

Two years ago, the administration of the Scholarship Award was moved to the ARRL Foundation. One of the options that is available to our Club is to Endow the David Knaus Memorial Scholarship. To endow our scholarship, the ARRL Foundation creates an Endowment Fund for the David Knaus Memorial Scholarship and then we transfer the money in our Scholarship Fund to the Endowment Fund. Each year the Scholarship Award will be made from the interest generated from the Endowment Fund. Currently, the ARRL Foundation pays a rate of return of about 4% on the Endowment Fund principle, which is much better than the 0.25% paid by the bank CD. They do charge a 0.5% management fee for managing the Endowment Fund and administering the Scholarship Award.

Another goal of the Scholarship committee is to have enough money in the Endowment Fund so that the scholarship would be funded into the future without any additional money added to the Endowment Fund. Today, the scholarship fund is very close to being able to do that. When the endowment fund reaches \$38,000, a \$1,500 scholarship award can be supported indefinitely. This, of course, assumes that the rate of return remains at 4%

and does not go down.

At the last board meeting, a resolution was passed to have the ARRL Foundation create an Endowment Fund for the David Knaus Memorial Scholarship, and to transfer the money in our Scholarship Fund to the Endowment Fund. At the October club meeting, the Club Membership needs to vote to confirm this resolution. The Scholarship Committee and the Board has approved this. I hope that you will too.

Howard Smith, WA9AXQ
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

October 2, 2013

TICKETS TICKETS TICKETS TICKETS

WARAC 2014 Swapfest is only a few months away!! This is the club's yearly fund raiser. We are asking all members to take five (5) admission tickets and sell them at the advance price of \$4. This will save the buyer \$1 over the door price. Please note that these tickets are not for early admission to this event.

Thank you for your continued support of this event.

Phil Gural, W9NAW
Swapfest Chairperson

WARAC ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2013
5:00PM QSO TIME ---- 6:00PM DINNER

The Machine Shed Restaurant
N14 W24145 Tower Pl
(I-94 & Hwy J, exit 294)

Dinner Menu

Old fashion Pot Roast, Roast Turkey breast with stuffing
Roasted Baby Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole
Caesar Salad, Cold Slaw and Cottage Cheese
Dessert is Brownies
Coffee, Tea, Milk, Soda or Lemonade is included

Program will be announced pending
confirmation of speaker

also the year in review
Swapfest- WIQSO party- field day more
Presentation of
2013 Scholarship Certificate
Awards
Member of the year award
contact Phil Gural or Tom Macon if you need transportation

sign-Up sheet below--- Fill out and bring to club meeting

Awards Dinner
Reservation Form
Sunday, November 3, 2013
5:00pm QSO time --- 6:00pm Dinner

Name..... Call.....

Number of people attending Amount (\$16 each).....

sign-up Deadline October 29, 2013

Bring form and money to club meeting or mail to:
Howard Smith WA9AXQ
4760 S Woodlawn Pl
Greenfield, WI 53228

Make checks payable to:
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ARLX011 Wayne Green, W2NSD (SK)

Wayne S. Green II, W2NSD ("Never Say Die"), of Hancock, New Hampshire, died September 13. He was 91. A well-known and often outspoken figure during what some consider Amateur Radio's golden years in the 1950s and 1960s, Green helmed CQ Magazine for 5 years before becoming the self-proclaimed "El Supremo and Founder" in 1960 of 73 magazine, which he published until 2003.

"The purpose of [73] at that time was to get more hams building equipment," Green recounted in a radio interview several years ago. A hallmark of 73 was Green's iconic, rambling, and wide-ranging "Never Say Die" editorials, in which he rarely missed an opportunity to tweak the ARRL and his magazine competitors for their perceived shortcomings. In 2012 Green contributed back issues of 73 to Internet Archive.

"Wayne will be remembered in many different ways by many different people, but he will be long remembered," said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "He maintained his membership in the ARRL despite being a persistent critic. In the early days of packet radio he gave me some good advice as to how the ARRL should promote the new technology: 'Talk about it as if everybody's doing it, and eventually they will be.'"

Indeed, Green often was ahead of the curve in promoting such technologies as single-sideband phone, solid-state, FM, and the marriage of computers and ham radio, and he went on to found and publish Byte and other computer-oriented publications. "I live mostly in the future," Green was quoted as saying.

The "Final" in his blog sums up Green's overarching philosophy. "Wayne Green passed away September 13, 2013 in a peaceful, painless transition from this life on Earth. An eternal optimist, and one who loved to share his never-ending zest for life, he was a friend to many and will be missed greatly. Wayne was not afraid of dying and was very much ready to embark on his next great adventure to the afterlife."

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- WARAC Memorial Scholarships
- Wisconsin QSO Party
- Midwinter Swapfest
- Worked all Wisconsin Counties Award
- Amateur Radio Classes

WARAC holds meetings on the second Tuesday of each month and board meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM at:

**St Peter's Episcopal Church
7929 W. Lincoln Avenue
West Allis, WI**

Entry is off the alley at the rear of the church.
A wheel chair ramp and chair-lift are available.