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NOVEMBER CLUB HAPPENINGS

Club Meeting
November 12, 2013
Program



Dick Wood W9JBE
talking on his Electcraft KX3

**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
MATC repeater 147.045 standard offset
127.3 Hz CTCSS



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The President's Shack November 2013

One of the big events in our club year happened last Sunday, our annual Awards Dinner. Over 30 members and spouses attended and enjoyed the evening from all indications. The program for the event was presented by Allison Davies of Shelter from the Storm Animal Rescue of Madison. Allison provided an interesting description of their pet rescue and Spay Me! operations.

Congratulations to Paul Hass, KC9JET, our 2013 Member of the Year. Although he was unable to attend the dinner, Paul will be the recipient of a plaque for this honor.

Thanks to the Awards Dinner committee for a job well done! This year's dinner was planned and executed by Chuck Dellis, Frank Humpal and Chuck Craven. For next year, Paul Hass will replace Chuck Craven.

Congratulations to Jim Laures, who just became KC9ZUG. Jim passed his Tech test in late October.

Our club's election of officers was held at the October meeting and all four office holders were elected to another four-year term. For the Board positions, Leroy Hass was reelected to another two-year term and Erwin von der Ehe, WI9EV, was elected to the one-year seat. Frank Humpal continues in the other two-year seat that was not elected this year. Congratulations, Erv, and welcome aboard!

The Board's proposal to endow our Dave Knaus Memorial Scholarship with the ARRL was approved at the last meeting and is moving forward. Howard will keep us up to date on progress.

The program presenter for our November meeting will

be Dick Wood, W9JBE who will tell us about his Elecraft KX3 QRP radio and some of his experiences with it. Should be interesting!

The ARRL 10 meter contest is coming up on the weekend of December 14-15, 2013. As most of you know, our club sponsors a piggy-back contest for our members for this contest. Submit your log to the ARRL as usual and also submit your log to Chuck, W9WLX, to enter the club competition. During the contest, work as many club members as possible for points in the club competition.

Mike Johnson, WO9B, has volunteered to administrate the Worked All Wisconsin Counties Award (WAWC) that our club sponsors. Thanks, Mike!

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

Had fun at the awards dinner. Thanks to all who were able to make it!

For anyone thinking of taking their test for the extra license I would be happy to lend you my The ARRL Extra Class License Manual. The one I have is good until 20June2016. For taking the test the book does have a self life. They also are not too bad as a reference manual. Besides the extra frequencies an extra class license gives you, it can also reduce the paper work to operate in some countries. To find out which ones, the ARRL web site is a good reference and they also have links to various countries equivalent to the ARRL which is a good source of information on operating in their country.

I'm looking forward to Dick Woods W9JBE talk on his Elecraft KX3 QRP rig. I believe he has also used an Yaesu FT-817. It will be interesting to hear what differences he has found between them. Especially as the KX3 is, in some sense, the next generation of that type of radio.

73 Frank KA9FZR

WARAC General Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2013

Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President, Tom Macon, K9BTQ. Overall meeting attendance was 26 with one visitor.

Elections

The club elections results are:

Tom Macon, K9BTQ, nominated and re-elected to office of president.

Steve Dryja, NO9B, nominated and re-elected to office of vice-president.

Howard Smith, WA9AXQ, nominated and re-elected to office of treasurer.

Chuck Dellis, W9WLX, nominated and re-elected to office of secretary.

Leroy Hass, KC9NST, nominated and re-elected as board member.

Erwin von der Ehe, WI9EV, nominated and elected as board member.

Program

The evening's program was presented by Steve Dryja, NO9B, Computer Security.

Business

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

Howard Smith presented the financial and business model of endowing the scholarship funds with the ARRL Foundation. Howard Smith raised the motion for a vote to endow the funds and John Zach, K9IAC second the motion. The motion passed 18 to 5.

The annual Awards Dinner will take place on November 3 at the Machine Shed restaurant in Pewaukee, WI. The cost is \$16 per person. See Howard Smith to make the purchase and reserve your spot.

Swapfest tickets are available to for advanced sale. Selling early helps the overall success of the event. Sell early!

Lynn Tamblyn no longer wishes to continue chairing the Work All Wisconsin Counties award. Volunteers were solicited and Mike Johnson, WO9B, agreed to take it over.

Announcements

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. Contact Pat Moretti, KA1RB, for more information.

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 9:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Dellis, W9WLX
Secretary WARAC

WARAC Board Meeting October 22, 2013

Howard Smith called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

Present: Tom Macon, K9BTQ, Howard Smith, WA9AXQ, Chuck Dellis, W9WLX, Leroy Hass, KC9NST.

Scholarship Funding

Questions raised at the October membership meeting have been forwarded to the ARRL foundation. There has been no response yet and Howard will follow-up.

Wisconsin QSO Party

The new rules for the Wisconsin QSO Party need to be published beyond the WIQP reflector for feedback. Suggestions include WARAC website and other reflectors. Tom will continue to work on expanding the portability of the log checking program.

2010 Audit

Tom Macon made a motion to accept the 2010 audit report and Leroy Hass second. Motion was unanimously accepted.

WAWC

There is a WAWC award pending. A certificate will need to be sent to the recipient.

Programs

November, Review of the Elecraft KX3, Dick Wood, W9JBE.

December or January, Spotting. Dean Jeutter, K3GGN.

Future program, Ham Nation segments.

Software 1 Form

There are multiple questions on the Software 1 application form that do not apply to WARAC. Tom Macon will refer back to Steve Dryja for additional input on how other non-profits addressed the questions.

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2013 Budget, and 2010 & 2011 Audits

2011 audit will target completion next month. 2012 audit will need an alternate auditor since Howard Smith would be in conflict of interest. 2013 budget will be read in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Dellis, W9WLX
Secretary WARAC

Mark your calendars. The ARRL 10 Meter contest takes place the second full weekend of December. The contest starts at 0000 UTC Saturday and runs through 23:59 UTC Sunday, December 14-15, 2013. WARAC will once again have its friendly club competition. Watch for additional details and the submission form in the December Hamtrix.



Thanks to Allison Davies for taking the time to share her passion for animal rescue and welfare at our recent Awards Dinner. If anyone wishes to contact Allison with additional question, she can be reached by email at wis_animalrescue@yahoo.com. Shelter from the Storm's website is available at <http://members.petfinder.com/~WI209/index.html>.

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.

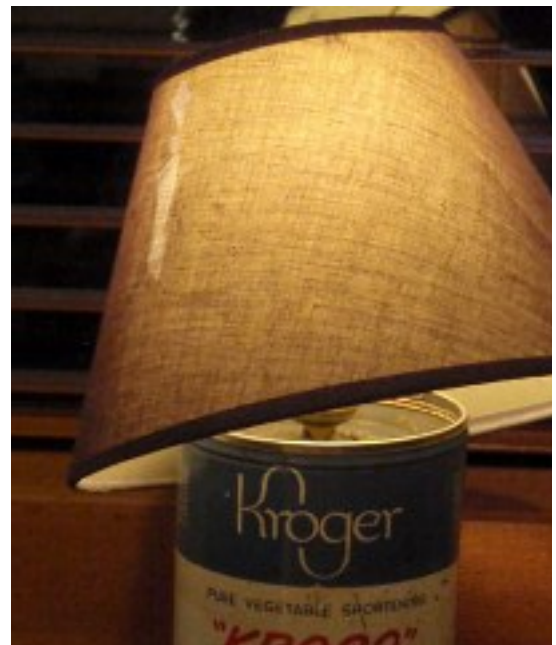
Phil Gural, W9NAW
Swapfest Chairperson

2013 WARC awards Dinner

**David Knaus Memorial
Scholarship Recipient**

Congratulations to

**Kathryn Swenson,
KC9OYG
2013 Recipient!**



Louie Golembiewski W9GSV a Korean War vet was on the Saturday 2Nov13 honor flight. Be sure to thank him for his service and ask about the flight

Stars and Stripes Honor Flight (SSHF) will host 187 veterans when it takes off this Saturday, November 2. This flight, on two chartered Delta aircraft, will take the veterans on a one day free trip to Washington, DC to see their memorials. This is the 20th Honor Flight mission out of Milwaukee. To date, 2,896 veterans have taken a Stars and Stripes Honor Flight since its inception in the fall of 2008.

Some interesting facts about the veterans on Saturday's flight:

- 187 vets ranging from 76 -96 years old
- 45 WWII; 142 Korean Veterans
- 2 female veterans, both from WWII

Stars and Stripes Honor Flight opened up its application process to Korean War veterans this year and the response has been overwhelming.

There is currently a wait list of more than 700 Korean War veterans. "Because we have such a long wait list now of Korean War veterans, we decided to make our final flight of the year a double flight," says Paula Nelson, President of Stars and Stripes Honor Flight. "We have two planes on Saturday, so that one flight can have a Korean War memorial focus for the 142 Korean War veterans traveling with us. We will continue to fly WWII veterans as soon as they sign up."

In addition to the veterans and guardians, Stars and Stripes Honor Flight will also be taking a middle school student from Cedarburg's Webster Transitional School on the trip. Mikayla Wankowski is the co-winner of an essay contest for middle and high school students. The students were tasked with researching a veteran from WWII or the Korean War who is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Mikayla will be condensing her research down to a eulogy which she will deliver on Saturday during the stop at Arlington. The other co-winner, Ellie Huffman from University School, will fly in the spring on the next Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.



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- 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.