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Wood County Amateur Radio Club

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Minutes

WCARC December meeting –

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM at the Wood County Fairgrounds Administration Building by Bob Boughton, N1RB.

Members Present:

Bob Boughton, Steve McEwen, Robert Dickey, Wil Roudebush, Bob Willman, Fred Leetch, Loren Phillips, Esther Creps, Bill Wilkins, Robert Bowers, John S. Gruber, Bob Johnson.

Guest: Dave Robichaux

Dave Robichaux, K5EYP, gave an update on the progress of the Wood County ARES organization, including equipment received, the repeater location and details. Currently the repeater will operate on 70 cm, but the antenna system is capable of operation on two frequencies (2 meters and 70 Cm) and has an effective radiated power of 250 watts.

The nominating committee reported the following names for the positions:

President: No volunteers at this time

Treasurer: Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJ

Secretary: John Gruber, N8MSU

News Letter: Bob Boughton, N1RB (if a new president is elected)

Hamarama: A discussion was held as to whether to continue having Hamarama. Because of the amount of work with few members available to perform the work, facility rental expense, and need for liability insurance, all resulting in very little revenue, it was unanimously agreed to discontinue it.

It was felt that the Club's energies could be better spent on activities such as reactivating meeting programs, training young potential hams

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130
147.18 & 444.475 MHz**

**Next Meeting
Saturday, February 19th
Location: Cousins Family
Affair Restaurant, Grand
Rapids- Time: 10:00 AM
Please e-mail to confirm:
snmcewen@wcnnet.org**

WCARC January Banquet

The WCARC Annual banquet was held on January 10th at the Family Affair restaurant in Grand Rapids, Ohio. Attendance was between 20 and 25 persons. The menu consisted of a choice between baked chicken and Swiss steak. Side dishes and dessert was furnished, and a good time of fellowship was had by all.

The Nominating Committee's slate of candidates: Steve McEwen (K8BBK)/Loren Phillips (W8PSK), rotating President and Vice President, John Gruber (N8MSU), Secretary, and Bill Wilkins, Treasurer (WD8JWJ), was elected unanimously.

Wood County ARES Group Formed

The Wood County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) has been officially reconstituted under the leadership of EC Dave Robichaux, K5EYP. The group has held several organizational meetings, the last being held on Saturday, January 29th at the Wood County Sheriff's Con

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(Boy & Girl Scouts, etc.) and sponsoring a Field Day station.

There was discussion concerning a more desirable meeting place rather than the Fair Grounds Administration building. The Wood County library was suggested as an alternate site. That site would be more visible and perhaps help attract new potential hams.

For those unable to attend Monday night meetings, there was discussion about having periodic Saturday morning breakfast meetings.

Without liability insurance, the funds necessary to maintain the Club's treasury would be minimal; and other possible fund raising options were discussed such as raising dues, requiring buying a raffle ticket for admission to the monthly meetings with a prize to be given annually to the ticket holder present at the ticket drawing.

The annual "Christmas Holiday Dinner" will be held at Cousins/Family Affair in Grand Rapids on the regular January meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

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ference Room. The next meeting is slated to be held on Saturday, February 26 th at the same location. It will involve basic training on the formatting of messages and passing of traffic. Future sessions are being planned to address liaison with first response groups such as the Sheriff, Emergency Management and Red Cross, operator safety in the event of an emergency, and proper net and other communication protocols.

Also planned is a weekly training net on the WCARES repeater on 443.5125 MHz +. The net will be held on Tuesday evenings at 20:30 local time. All amateurs who want to participate in the preparedness for an emergency in our area are encouraged to join in the net and the organization. To learn more about the organization, go to the web page at: www.woodcountyares.org. If you are interested in joining, please contact Dave at: drobichaux@RLCOS.COM.

WCARC Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Feb	1	K8OVO
Feb	8	WD8ICP
Feb	15	N8QMV
Feb	22	WB8NQW
Mar	1	N1RB
Mar	8	K8OVO
Mar	15	WD8ICP

Brain Teasers

1. Standing Wave Ratio is
 - a. a measure of the quality of an antenna
 - b. a measure of the quality of match to an antenna
 - c. a number that should be very high
 - d. the ratio of the wavelength to the length of the antenna
2. Reflected power is
 - a. rf that is bounced off your antenna from other stations
 - b. power that is reflected back to your power supply
 - c. power reflected back to the transmitter because of a mismatch.
 - d. rf that is reflected off a microwave dish
3. Ohm's law
 - a. is valid for all devices
 - b. is a good description of the characteristics of a light bulb.
 - c. is a good description of the characteristics of a metal wire
 - d. applies only to non-linear devices.

February Contests

The full contest line-up for the month of February includes the following:

Feb 5-8	0000 to 0400 Z	80/40/20m
North American Sprint		SB
Feb 5	1400 to 2359 Z	160 m to 10m
Minnesota QSO Party		all modes
Feb 5	0000 to 2359 Z	80 m to 70 cm
NNY QSO Party		all modes
Feb 5-6	0000 to 2400 Z	160 m to 70 cm
New Hampshire QSO Party		all modes
Feb 5-6	0001 to 2359 Z	10 m
Ten-Ten Winter QSO Party		SB
Feb 5-6	1700 to 0500 Z	160 m to 10 m
Delaware QSO Party		all modes
Feb 5-6	0000 to 2400 Z	160 m to 70 cm
Vermont QSO Party		all modes
Feb 5-6	1100 to 1700 Z	160 m to 10 m
YL International QSO Party		all modes

It's Time to Renew!!!

The first of the year brings with it a reminder to all members to renew your membership. The dues are:

Senior/Student	\$10.00
Regular	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00

When you renew, please take time out to fill out the renewal application form. For many the information is the same as last year, but many times things like phone numbers and e-mail addresses change. The comments on what you would like to see the Club do in the upcoming year are also very important -- the Executive Committee takes this information very seriously and tries to have a Club that fits your needs. A copy of the application form is included in this newsletter. Please send completed forms and your dues for 2005 to P.O. Box 534, Bowling Green, OH 43402. ■

Feb 12-13	1500 to 0300 Z	160 m to 2 m
Louisiana QSO Party		all modes
Feb 13	0000 to 0400 Z	80/40/20m
North American Sprint		CW
Feb 12-13	1200 to 1200 Z	160 m to 10 m
Dutch PACC 'test		all modes
Feb 19-20	0000 to 2400 Z	80 m to 10 m
ARRL DX 'test		CW
Feb 26-27	1300 to 1300 Z	80 m to 10 m
UBA (Belgium) DX 'test		CW
Feb 26-27	0600 to 1800 Z	80 m to 10 m
REF (France) DX 'test		SB
Feb 27-28	1700 to 0300 Z	80 m to 10 m
North Carolina QSO Party		all modes
Feb 26-27	1201 to 2359 Z	160 m to 6 m
Virgin Island QSO Party		all modes
Feb 26-27	2300 to 2300 Z	75 m to 20 m
AM QSO Party		AM only

February Hamfests

Feb 13 Mansfield-Intercity ARC
7 am to 3 pm---Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield, OH. Contact Dean, KB8MG, (419) 522-9893, deanwrasse@yahoo.com

Feb 13 Livonia ARC
8 am to 12:30 pm--- William Costick Activity Center, Livonia, MI. Contact Bill, w8WSJ, (248) 486-6443, swar@larc.mi.org

Feb 26 LaPorte ARC
7 AM to 1 PM---Civic Auditorium, LaPorte, IN. Contact John, N9ROH, (219) 363-8545, n9roh@k9jsi.org

**Membership Dues
for 2005**
Payable to WCARC
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2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Regular-\$15===Family-\$20===Senior/Student-\$10

DATE _____ ARRL MEMBER? Y _____ N _____ DATE OF EXP. _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CALL _____ CLASS _____ E-MAIL: _____

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY? _____

Please Circle All That Apply:

Active Bands: 160 80 75 40 30 20 17 15 12 10 6 2 220 440 higher

Modes: CW SSB PACKET RTTY FM DX MOBILE QRP AMTOR PSK31 SSTV

ATV EME SAT APRS RC

Interests: Traffic DX Contests Foxhunts Satellites Nets Antennas

Computers Emergency ARES/RACES Skywarn Classic Radios

Do You Own a Computer? Y _____ N _____ If yes, what operating system _____

Do you plan to upgrade your license? Y _____ N _____ If yes, what class? _____

What kinds of meeting programs would you like to see? _____

What type of equipment would you like to see the Club purchase? _____

Other activities you would like to see the Club offer _____

General Comments _____

SIGNATURE _____