

# WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS



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Newsletter

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## From The Chairman N9UUR

I'd like to thank all those from the Northwest area of Wisconsin and many from Minnesota who took the time to come to our last meeting in Eau Claire. It is a long trip for some of the officers to get there, but it was WELL worth the trip for me in many ways. I was very pleased to see over 30 people at the meeting, and even more pleased to hear the comments, input, and discussions that took place, especially with our counterparts from the Minn. Repeater Association who attended.

Many topics were discussed at the meeting. Paul, K0LAV, requested that WAR accept renewals via e-mail. On the surface this seems like a good, and even efficient idea. I did talk it over with Dave Karr our Frequency Coordinator, and to be direct and blunt, we best stay with actual paper. The fact remains that for every one of you who is capable of creating a well formatted letter and converting it to pdf and attaching it to an e-mail and sending it in, there are many who can not do that. The end result is more work formatting and figuring out "what the heck is this" on Dave's part. WAR sends out a printed document for our renewals. I feel the easiest thing really is to make corrections on that paper, copy it, and send it back to Dave. And by the way, speaking of renewals, I have been on Dave's back about the fact that here we are in October, and the January renewals aren't out yet (hint hint again Dave) Hopefully we'll all see them soon, maybe even by the Oct. 26 meeting.

**Next W.A.R. Meeting:**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Saturday Oct 26th, 2002**  
**Brisco County**  
*Wood Grill & Saloon,*  
Menomonee Falls WI  
145 and County Highway Q  
N43d 11' 28.5" W88d 07' 6.7"

Meal at 12:00 Noon  
Order off the Menu  
Meeting 1:00 PM

WAR has approved the MHz split concept for VHF SNP frequencies. These frequencies will be used for low power, emergency, portable or deployable repeaters.

And it's time to recognize that we're out of Bandwidth for 440 repeaters in southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. The Milwaukee, Chicago and Northern Indiana area is one of the most populated metropolitan areas in the US, and it's time to start some discussion within WAR, and with our neighboring Coordinators about having a plan (before it's too late). Some have suggested 12.5khz splits for repeaters, WAR prefers not to do this. We need to look at the Bandplan itself, and make some room.

The next WAR meeting will be held in Milwaukee on Saturday, October 26, at the Brisco County Restaurant. Hope to see you there.

73, Gary, N9UUR

Wisconsin Association  
of Repeaters  
July 13, 2002  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Connell's in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Gary Bargholz, N9UUR, WAR Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m.

Introductions followed:

N0NAS	Doug Reed
KB9ENO	Bill Niemuth
AA9FW	Paul Iverson
WB0WOT	Scot Thompson
N9QFW	James Delaney
W9BAR	Bob Faller
WB9MHS	Virgil Burmeister
K9LAV	Paul Emeatt
N9FUC	Jerry Dorf
N9UUR	Gary Bargholz
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KB9UZY	Ken Heintz
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KB9VCO	John Balow
WB9HFT	Gale Sorumm
KG9NG	Sam Rowe
WB9BVQ	Tom O'Brien
AA9AW	Walter Atlas
K9PJB	Dick Drew
W9RMA	Ron Anderson
KB9R	Joe Eide
KA9OMY	Stephen Bluem
N9RSU	Leroy A. Dick, Sr.

### Secretary's Report

Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO, WAR Vice Chair, represented the Secretary's report in Mark Heimmermann's, KF9CS, WAR Secretary, absence. Virg, WB9MHS, made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed; this was seconded by Bob, W9BAR. This was approved by member vote.

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was represented by Gary, N9UUR, in Jim Sheetz's, K9OQO, WAR Treasurer's absence. The balance for July 11, 2002 is \$2,354.58. WAR received \$338.71 and spent \$263.87 during this quarter. Virg, WB9MHS, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as printed; this was seconded by Bob, W9BAR. This was approved by member vote.

## Communications

Gary, N9UUR, reported WAR newsletter articles are due 30 days before newsletter distribution. Mark, KF9CS, is updating the official WAR documents. Policies are on the WAR Web site.

Gary reported this morning an e-mail re ector was added to the WAR Web site. In actuality it is two re ectors; one is an open e-mail discussion group, while the other is for announcements only. You will find announcements, meeting notices, etc.. on the second e-mail re ector. It should be a small amount of e-mail. This is intended to improve communications between WAR and its members. Members and interested parties must sign up for more the more advanced e-mail, they will not be added automatically.

### Frequency Coordinator's Issues -

Gary, N9UUR represented this portion for Dave Karr, KA9FUR, WAR Frequency Coordinator.

Paul, K0LAV, requested the renewal form be electronic. This request will be taken under advisement.

Gary, N9UUR, reported Dave, KA9FUR, requested a motion to drop the 145.230 shared noncoordinated frequency (SNP). His rationale is there are no consistencies from state to state. Illinois did not implement it. As a result of a past agreement WAR would honor Minnesota's 145.230 SNP use. Illinois does not have an argument with this. A motion to approve Dave's, KA9FUR, request to abandon the 145.230 SNP was made by Virg, WB9WMS, and seconded by Bob, W9BAR. The motion was approved by member vote.

Dave, KA9FUR requested another motion be made. This motion consisted of 1Mhz splits for VHF SNP frequencies. These frequencies would be for emergency, portable or deployable repeaters. They would be low power, with low antennas for use from one day to one month. Sev-

eral attendees from Minnesota indicated there was a problem with this with their simplex operators. A second item of concern was for the inability of operators to program their radios for the 1Mhz split. A Motion was made by Sam, KG9NG, to approve this. The motion was seconded by Jeananne, N9VSV. The motion was approved by member vote.

Southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois are out of bandwidth for 440 repeaters. Dave, KA9FUR, through Gary, N9UUR, requested a motion be made to consider the following idea. Create some space in bandplan for 440 MHz, which could be used for UHF repeaters. The Milwaukee/Chicago/Northern Indiana area is the third of fourth most populated metropolitan area in the US. Dave suggests to begin putting links in a tighter band to free up space for coordination of repeaters from 441.975 to 446.975, where technically possible, repeaters could be added. Minnesota ATV repeater owners have an issue with any UHF repeater frequency below 444 MHz. WAR has been moving them to 434Mhz. A potential consideration would be to open the band plan frequencies to drive down the 440 band frequencies for repeater use. A discussion for 12.5khz splits for repeaters took place and Gary, N9UUR stated WAR prefers not to do this. Some repeater associations are implementing those tighter splits. A good discussion took place, but it was decided further discussion is necessary before any further action can be taken. The WAR discussion group is a good place for the ow of ideas on this subject.

Gary, N9UUR reported WAR, which is a member of the NFCC, and its current chair is Nels Harvey, WB9JOB. Nominations for three open NFCC offices have been made, and there are four candidates. No one knows the nominees except for Nels, WB9JOB and Dave, KA9FUR. Nels, WB9JOB made a recommendation WAR vote for N3NN, K3KJK, and K3OBM. Gary, N9UUR was appointed as the official balloter.

Minnesota Repeater Council representative Jerry Dorf, N0FUC reported they removed the word simplex on 426.250 MHz. Shared noncoordinated frequencies of 921 to 927 MHz is already active in the state. They have changed the protection radius for 920 and 1200 MHz repeaters to 60 miles for voice and 30 miles for ATV repeats. The also are con-

sidering specifying one allocation for 1200 MHz FM ATV, which needs to be at the bottom of the band. They specified 1250 MHz as the frequency. There is very little activity so it should not be an issue. Minnesota needs concurrence from The 1.2 Ghz groups. They have several current requests for repeaters. Wisconsin and Iowa need to agree. Various Minnesota ARES groups are interested in this as well. They would operate on 1.2 GHz in and 427 MHz out. This ATV would be used for emergency communications.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Virg, WB9MHS and seconded by Bob, W9BAR at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Vice Chair & Acting Secretary

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