

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS



March 2005
Newsletter

Member: Mid-America Coordination Council
Founding Member: National Frequency Coordination Council

From The Chairman

Of interest to many HAMS in the Milwaukee metro area, is the moving of the Milwaukee ARES owned repeater from 146.670MHz to 147.165MHz. Sounds simple...

This move is of interest to all repeater owners and W.A.R. members, as it shows the level of cooperation between Ill and WI Coordinators, and FOUR repeater owners that were affected. To make this happen, many people had to come together for the "common good". The Chicago/Milwaukee area is just plain FULL on two meters. There was a long standing overlap issue with two 146.670MHz machines, one in Milwaukee, and another in Chicago 60 miles away, over the years, they both somehow just got "bigger", and there really is no use in pointing fingers across the border now.

Working together solves the problem. REPORTING YOUR LOCATION, HAAT AND ERP DATA CORRECTLY keeps the problems away. Thinking a new antenna or AMP doesn't require a NEW Coordination look WILL bring trouble. Our work is only as good as the data YOU give us.

I would also like to thank Carl Bergstedt for his help, and years of service as the now retired Ill Coordinator, and welcome Aaron Collins N9OZB to that position. Given the recent work and cooperation on the "67" issue above with Dave Karr, I think we're good for the future. Thanks guys.

Our next meeting will include the election of new Officers for 2005, and be held in Appleton on March 12th.

Gary, N9UUR
W.A.R. Chairman

Next W.A.R. Meeting:
Saturday March 12th, 2005
1:00 PM

**Offices of the
American Red Cross
Appleton, WI**

1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
Appleton, WI 54911

From the Assistant Coordinator

We're off to a busy year, having issued 12 new coordinations already. Eight of which were for a change in ERP or repeaters moving to new locations.

Please remember that WAR's policy is that a repeater's coordination will become invalid if the station is relocated, or if the Effective Radiated Power (ERP) is increased beyond what it was coordinated for. All we ask is that you submit a coordination form with the new information before you make any changes to a repeater. To those of you who do this, thanks; it makes things easier for Dave Karr and myself.

When a repeater is coordinated, whether a new repeater or one that moved or changed it's ERP, I send out a coordination letter. That letter contains the details of that coordination as it appears in the WAR database. Among the items this letter includes is the latitude and longitude of the repeater, the antenna HAAT and gain, and the ERP. This serves to let you know what the repeater is coordinated for, and some of the details of that coordination. Also in this form letter is the statement "You have 6 months to place this system on the air and must contact

me when construction and move is complete (e-mail is fine) or to ask for an extension of the construction period." We currently have a number of coordinations that far exceed the 6-month period. I will be sending out letters to those owners this spring informing them that we consider this to be an in-active coordination and the coordinated frequencies will be returned to the WAR frequency pool and made available to other applicants.

As you know, renewal letters were sent out last September to repeaters that had not been renewed prior to August 2003. The new format made it easier for me to keep the database updated. I hope you also found the form easy to use and update. We're now working on a follow-up renewal letter to send out to those repeater owners who did not respond to last September's mailing. Shortly after that mailing, I anticipate that we will send out renewals for those repeaters in the mid-2003 to mid-2004 range. With the changes Dave Karr has made in generating renewal letters it will be easier for us to stay on top of the renewal process in the future.

A number of you have contacted myself or other WAR officers asking if you're still "OK" or if you should send in a coordination form to keep your renewal status up to date. If you're concerned about your coordination, please view the listings on the WAR web site. The Update date listed there is what is used to generate the renewal letters, so you can check when your renewal letter might be expected. Please don't bother filling out and mailing in coordination forms as a renewal.

Milt, N9WSZ
W.A.R. Assistant Coordinator

**Wisconsin Association
of Repeaters
November 13, 2004
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm. by the Chairman, Gary Bargholz. It was held at the Brisco County Restaurant in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Introduction of members and guests:

KF9CS Mark Heimmermann
KG9NG Sam Rowe
KA9FUR Dave Karr
N9GMT Bob Schmidt
KA9WXN Dave Schank
N9KWW Ron Henry
K9IZV Warren Schall
N9UUR Gary Bargholz
N9VSV Jeananne Bargholz
K9OQO Jim Sheetz
WA9JOB Nels Harvey

Secretary's Report:

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Sam, KG9NG made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Jim, K9OQO and approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance for November 13, 2004 is \$ 3,790.38. On June 1 WAR received \$295 from the ARRL for the 2004-5 repeater directory. Jeananne, N9VSV, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Sam, KG9NG and approved by unanimous consent.

Communications:

The web site has been running fine. Milt is able to update the web site with the latest frequency listings. Only a few have signed up for the group's reflector. To sign up for the reflector go to: "http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/war".

Gary invites anyone with an article for the newsletter to submit it to Gary at n9uur@wi-repeaters.org. Remember to submit the article

30 days before the next meeting date.

Frequency Coordinator:

As of today a total of 180 renewals sent and 77 have not responded. The second round is going out in the next few weeks. Indicating the last chance before decoordination begins.

News of neighboring states:

Illinois – Their previous coordinator has resigned, and a replacement has been approved. The IRA Annual meeting will be held on April 23, 2005. The relationship between us is strong.

Minnesota – Many people from Minnesota attended the July WAR meeting in Eau Claire. This relationship is good.

Michigan – their communications have become sporadic. Their relationships between neighboring states are strained.

Issues have arisen over the ARES designations in the WAR database. There were suggestions of: eliminating it, go back to old method, require single point contact from ares/races.

The general agreement is to only accept ARES/RACES updates from a designated state of Wisconsin ARES appointee. The updates should be sent to WAR's Assistant Coordinator in electronic form and list the repeaters which be designated with an ARES/RACES affiliation.

Chairman's Report:

General discussions on the redirector do not affect the WAR mailings and coordination. If you have an issue with a policy procedure or coordination please submit the detail and location to help processing any requests.

New Business:

Meeting dates:

There was a discussion to reduce the number of WAR meetings. The final decision is to have the number of WAR meetings remain at 3 per year. The dates for 2005 are:

March 12, 2005
Appleton - The Red Cross
Building, 1302 E. College Ave.

July 16, 2005
Eau Claire - Connell's II
At the Airport

November 5, 2005
Milwaukee - TBA

The next meeting is WAR's election of officers for 2005.

Nels, WA9JOB, moved that the meeting be closed. Warren, K9IZV, seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Heimmermann, KF9CS
W.A.R. Secretary

**Wisconsin Association of
Repeaters E-mail Reflector**

W.A.R. has started an e-mail list serve for Wisconsin Coordination issues, and Repeater Building.

Please sign up at:

<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/war>

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