

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS



November 2012
Newsletter

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

From the Chairman

At our July meeting, we had a great deal of feed back from repeater owners about many different topics. I think it helped us see that we need to do a better job of communications with our members. It seems that many people have assumptions about WAR and our policies. Over the winter, I plan on working with Dave, Milt and Gary about creating better instructions and examples of what is needed in our paperwork. If there is something that you feel that needs addressing in our paperwork, please let us know. I know most of you would suggest using online forms. We are no where near that at this time. If there is something in our policy that doesn't make sense to you, please ask the question. We will try to give you the best answer.

One of the biggest assumptions I hear, "WAR is the repeater police". No we are not the repeater police. We are a coordination organization that's sole purpose is to help protect repeaters from interference. We don't go out searching for uncoordinated repeaters and issue tickets. Dave and Milt work off of the information provided by the owners of coordinated repeaters in Wisconsin and surrounding states. If you as an owner decide to make a change to your system and not consult WAR first, you may cause unintended interference to another system. If you don't provide proper information to us, we cannot protect you from interference.

Next W.A.R. Meeting:
Saturday November 10th, 2012
1:30 PM

Connell's II
Chippewa Valley Airport
Eau Claire, WI

3800 Starr Ave
Eau Claire, WI 54703

In the last newsletter I talked about some by-law changes that I would like to see done. I thought I would have had time to work on it before the November meeting, but I haven't. I'm going to continue to work on this over the winter. We will publish the proposed by-laws on the website before the next meeting in the spring.

Just before the July meeting, Mark Helmmerrmann KF9CS resigned as Secretary do to personal reasons. I want to thank Mark for his years of service. November will be our annual election meeting. If you are interested in running for an office please let me know.

I should also mention that renewals are due by November 15th. If you do not have your annual renewal in by this date, you will be decoordinated. Check the forms over to make sure we have the proper information for you and your system.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Dave KA9WXN
W.A.R. Chairman

From the Assistant Coordinator

Here is the list of repeaters that have received second renewal notices, sorted alphabetically by city.

Second notice renewals were mailed to this list on September 7th, and are due back by November 15th, they will be de-coordinated on that date if the renewal is not returned.

N9GMT	442.350	Allenton
N9BDR	443.575	Baraboo
N9GMT	444.500	Baraboo
N0BZZ	146.700	Bayfield
N0BZZ	443.850	Bayfield
N9GMT	444.950	Berlin
WD9BGA	147.225	Blue Mounds
WD9BGA	444.050	Blue Mounds
N9GMT	444.600	Fond du Lac
N9KAN	53.070	Madison
N9KAN	443.400	Madison
N9BDR	444.375	Madison
KB9DRZ	444.575	Madison
W9RH	145.390	Milwaukee
N9GMT	443.800	Milwaukee
KC9ASQ	146.745	Montello
KD9UU	443.675	North Freedom
N9GMT	443.625	Oshkosh
KC9QKJ	224.800	Racine
NS9Q	145.150	Rhineland
KC9FWD	147.285	Wautoma

Milt N9WSZ
W.A.R. Assistant Coordinator

**Wisconsin Association of
Repeaters
July 7, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Chair Dave Schank, KA9WXN, called to order the regular meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters at 1:30 PM on Saturday, July 7, 2012, at Greenfield Fire Station 2.

Attendance:
The following persons were present:

KA9WXN Dave Schank
WB9TYT Dan Bolander
K9OQO Jim Sheetz
N9WSZ Milt Klingsporn
KB9RCG Margie Klingsporn
KB9KBK Jim Westover
WA9JOB Nels Harvey
KA9FUR Dave Karr
KA9BAB Carl Guse
N9UUR Gary Bargholz

Plus several others from the Fox Valley...the sign-in sheet is MIA and if located, names will be included once found.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Dan Bolander, WB9TYT, motioned, seconded by Nels Harvey, WA9JOB, to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved. Treasurer's Report Assistant Frequency Coordinator Milt Klingsporn, N9WSZ, advised two deposits made (\$175.00), bringing total to \$6,106.35. Nels Harvey, WA9JOB, motioned, seconded by member Dan Bolander, WB9TYT, to accept report. Treasurer's Report approved.

Coordinator's Report: Assistant Frequency Coordinator Milt Klingsporn, N9WSZ, advised 14 new coordinations were received and of the 181 renewals sent in May, 119 (66%) were returned.

Dave Karr, KA9FUR, advised the following updates: WAR has begun using a model-based approach, not solely based on mile

distance. Working well with MN and IL. Working on "best practices" guide.

Congress directed the FCC to find 500 MHz of spectrum to reallocate. NTIA spectrum is subject to this as well. Spectrum use is being looked at and includes Amateur Radio allocations. WAR is more apt to allow relevant coordinations based on modeling in the interest of allowing more spectrum use.

Discussion about model-based coordination practices. As an example the new 147.165 in Appleton and the Milwaukee 147.165. WAR is working with IRA to create a proposed policy.

PL plan optional not set in stone. Plan for traveler convenience more than anything. Any PL can be used as long as they don't interfere with other repeaters/states.

There was a coordination question about Kenwood TKR750 Repeaters
> Don't like 600 kHz spacing
> Run low power, lots of filtering, still a problem.

National Frequency Coordinator's Council (NFCC) Report. Nels Harvey, WA9JOB, advised the following updates:

New NFCC President: Mark Stennett, NA6M. New NFCC Secretary/Treasurer: Tom Ray, W2TRR

ARRL wants to update/re-write NFCC-ARRL Memorandum of Understanding. This may change how much money is paid out per repeater listing.

NFCC incorporation expired; re-incorporate discussion in New Business section.

New Business: Chair mentioned incorporation of WAR. Nels Harvey, WA9JOB, advised incorporating WAR is a good idea. When asked for reason by attendees, Dave and Nels stated incorporating WAR would provide CYA-type coverage to the board and that WAR already has a Tax ID number.

Formalize by-laws, annual meeting, etc... The suggestion was made to look at Illinois and Minnesota groups.

Recruiting of new members, retaining existing members. What is the draw? There needs to be a reason to come to a WAR meeting.

Suggestion to provide training on what WAR is and does. This may help with perception as most repeater owners don't know or don't care.

Meeting schedule. The previous WAR meeting schedule was quarterly on the 2nd Saturday: March, June, September and December.

Much discussion on the W.A.R. renewal process.

Next Meeting:
Saturday, November 10, 2012, at 1:30 PM in Eau Claire.

Adjournment:
Dan Bolander, WB9TYT, motioned, seconded by Jim Sheetz, K9OQO. The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM.

Submitted by
Jim Westover, KB9KBK
W.A.R. Vice-Chairman

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