

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS



*November 2004
Newsletter*

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

From The Chairman

First, again my thanks to the Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club, and Jim Staatz, KG9RA for hosting our last meeting. We had another great turnout, and some good conversation.

Given the turnout numbers (High in Eau Claire and low in Tomahawk) I'm considering dropping our meeting in Tomahawk and just going with Eau Claire for our future summer meetings. This will give us three meetings per year, Fox Valley, Eau Claire and Milwaukee. Any comments on this?

Renewal-grams have gone out from the Coordinators, please update your info on them, and return them to Milt ASAP!

Our next meeting will be in Milwaukee on Nov. 13th.

73 Gary, N9UUR

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 go to:

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

Next W.A.R. Meeting:

**Saturday Nov. 13th, 2004
1:00 PM**

Brisco County Wood Grill
N96 W16865 Cumberland Ct
Menomonee Falls WI

*US Hwy 41/45 and
Hwy Q EXIT*

Lunch gathering at Noon,
Meeting starts at 1:00PM

From the Assistant Coordinator

So far this year we have issued 18 new coordinations, and have 6 more in process. When you receive a coordination letter, please note that you have 6 months to place the system on the air and must contact me when construction is complete or to ask for an extension of the construction period.

By now many of you have received a W.A.R. renewal form. A thank you to those who have sent in their renewal forms. 60% of the renewals have been returned. Please return your renewal form to me if you haven't already. Dave has simplified the process for generating renewal forms so we will be able to send them out on a more regular basis. Also, the renewal form now being generated is in a new, more compact, format.

When you contact me regarding a repeater please specify the repeater's callsign, frequency and city. The repeaters are sorted in the database by those attributes, not your name or the name of your club.

If you have copies of the W.A.R. coordination forms in your files or on your computer, please delete them and download them from the web site as you need them. (Remember that the forms can be filled in online, or downloaded and then filled out on your computer, and printed.) I've received old versions of the forms that were dated 1999. Please use the latest versions, found online. Also, print the forms single sided, don't print on both sides of the paper. All forms are to be mailed to me. If you send them to Dave you will delay the processing of your coordination request. (The obvious exception would be when responding to a query from Dave.)

When filling out a coordination form remember that latitude and longitude are given in degrees, minutes, and seconds. The minutes and seconds must be entered as whole numbers (no decimal) in the range of 0 to 59.

Remember that coordinations are to be requested BEFORE any changes are done on a repeater system.

Milt, N9WSZ
W.A.R. Assistant Coordinator

**Wisconsin Association
of Repeaters
July 10, 2004
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Gary Bargholz, Chairman. The meeting was held at Connell's II Restaurant at the Eau Claire (WI) Airport.

Introduction of members and guests:

N9UUR	Gary Bargholz
N9WSZ	Milt Klingsporn
KA9FUR	Dave Karr
WB9PMF	Tim Rose
N9VOY	Robert Rose
WD9HFT	Gale Sorum
WB9RBD	Jim Broulette
N0EDV	Scott Littfin
KG9RA	Jim Staatz
KC9AMC	Ron Larson
W9RMA	Ron Anderson
N0FWG	Jerry Dorf
AA9FW	Paul Iverson
N9QFW	James Delaney
KA9OMC	Steve Hart
N9RSU	Leroy Dick, Sr.
WB0WOT	Scot Thompson
N9VSV	Jeananne Bargholz

Gary, N9UUR thanked Jim, KG9RA for arranging the meeting location and then talked about the meeting location for the July meeting, in general. For the past few years, the July meeting has alternated between Eau Claire and Tomahawk. The Eau Claire location seems to draw many more members than Tomahawk. Gary will take under advisement and consider Eau Claire as the location for the July meeting.

Secretary's Report:

There were no additions or corrections to the March 6, 2004 meeting minutes and thus, approved as published.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance on July 10, 2004 is \$2891.86 including the expense for the July newsletter. No outstanding bills exist at this time. Treasurer's report was approved. (Gary noted

that the treasury would be much richer if the renewal notices went out.)

Newsletter E-mail Update:

It was decided to eliminate the e-mail notice list. It turns out to just be a "pain" to maintain a good list as so many people drop and change e-mail addresses. We will now (again) just send everyone the Newsletter and Listing via U.S. Mail. We also now have an e-mail remailer at QTH.net, and will send a notice there to let those people know when the newsletter is available for download on the www site.

Frequency Coordinator's Report:

Dave, KA9FUR talked about renewal forms. He has condensed the form to one page. It should be quicker to complete and it will cost less to mail.

Milt, N9WSZ talked about the forms posted on the web site. They are set up so that one can "fill-in-the-blank," print, sign and mail. The forms must be sent to Milt or delays in processing will occur. (Stop sending forms to Dave.) Milt said that electronic versions of the form will not be accepted unless they are in PDF format.

Dave reported that he's working closely with new coordinators in Illinois and Michigan. Relationships with neighboring states are better.

Dave is attempting to keep ARRL repeater directory listings as up-to-date as possible. A discussion took place about ARES and ARES/RACES identifiers in the directory but for space purposes, the ARES identifier will only be used (and only if the emergency coordinator confirms a machine is as such – in writing).

Minnesota Repeater Council Notes: The next MRC meeting will be on October 23, 2004. Members are "waffling" between 40 and 50 mile spacing and this will be an agenda item at the meeting.

The MRC is currently working with an uncoordinated, hi-profile, emergency service repeater issue. Attempts are being made to coordinate the repeater pending a request to move. (Unlike Wisconsin, the Minnesota coordinator cannot de-coordinate a repeater. This must be done via a 30 day notice and then a vote at their meeting.)

Minnesota shares similar issues with Wisconsin (and other states) i.e. lat/long issues; de-coordination issues, etc.

Other Announcements: NPRM (2 meter linking) is still open for comments. IRLP concerns are an FCC issue; not a coordination issue.

The next Wisconsin Association of Repeaters meeting will be held on November 13, 2004 in Milwaukee.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeananne Bargholz, N9VSV, Secretary pro-tem

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