



# WISCONSIN ARES/RACES NEWSLETTER

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## **Meet the new co-editors of the Wisconsin ARES/RACES Newsletter**

(Note: The Wisconsin ARES/RACES Newsletter will now be under the auspices of Richard, K9RWE, and Heather, KC9QXD, who will function as co-editors. Here, in their own words, is a little introduction.)

Hello! Let me introduce myself as co-editor of your Wisconsin ARES/RACES newsletter!

My name is Heather Schulz. I hail from Racine, WI where I was raised. I moved to Waukesha in 2010 with my two kids after meeting my future husband (who got me into ham radio in the first place. That honor goes to Gregg Schulz, W9AWX). I got my license in 2009 and became interested in the community service aspect of amateur radio. I am a Girl Scout so the drive to help out and be part of the community is very dear to me. After attending the Waukesha County ARES meetings, I decided this would be the perfect outlet for me. I have participated in events such as the MS Walk that is held in the spring as well as the Waukesha Christmas Parade every year I have been involved with Waukesha County ARES/RACES.

In 2012, I was asked to be ASEC for Waukesha County. I learned more about the role and what I can bring to the group. Later in 2012, I became ADEC for SE WI, doing administration work for Larry Noldan, NZ9I, the DEC of SE WI.

In January of 2013 I upgraded to the General Class. I have also started a group dedicated to female amateur radio operators called the Pink HAMsters, in the state of Wisconsin.

If you have anything you would like to have in the newsletter send it to [newsletter@wi-aresraces.org](mailto:newsletter@wi-aresraces.org). I look forward to this awesome project!

73,

Heather Schulz, KC9QXD

ADEC SE WI-Admin  
Co-editor

Hello all!

I am Richard Engel, K9RWE. Born in Milwaukee, MANY years ago and although I lived in Bettendorf, IA, for a number of years, I have always called SE Wisconsin my home.

I had a cousin Ken, W9MOT, who sparked my interest in ham radio while I was a teen ager and while I was distracted by lots of things a teen-ager is normally distracted by, I never lost my interest in radio. When things finally settled down I was living in Iowa and it was time to do something about it. I got my first callsign, WN0BJT, upgraded straight to Advanced class a year later. I had a lot of fun operating a MARS station at the Rock Island Arsenal for several years and I was also heavily involved with emergency communication in the Quad Cities.

A number of years later I moved back to Wisconsin and as I was living in 9 Land, I requested a callsign change and was issued KE9QU.

After moving back I got a job with AES Milwaukee and worked there for 22 years ending up as the webmaster for the AES website. After I retired, I continued to do the website work AES for several more years. I also maintain several websites for several companies including for Alpha Delta, Kent Keys USA, and Outbacker USA. During the time at AES is when I requested the current callsign, K9RWE, containing my initials.

I got hooked up with ARES because a couple of hams around West Bend were asked to set up a ham radio station at St Joseph's Hospital. And from there we were in touch with ARES and away we went. I ended up an AEC and from there I also got connected with Washington County VOAD which I currently Chair.

As a ham, I have always enjoyed participating in emergency communications, ragchewing, CW on 40 mtrs (I'll be back to that soon as I have an antenna up), and at one time was very active on packet that is on the agenda soon also).

So that's me. Sort of. And believe me, that is the short version. Welcome aboard the new and improved Newsletter. Heather and I have some plans for the future for all of you.

Richard Engel K9RWE  
AEC Washington County  
Co-editor

This is for all the ladies in Wisconsin!!!!

Did you know there is a group for you? The Pink HAMsters is a group dedicated to female hams from a female perspective. The Pink HAMsters evolved from Cindy Downes K5CED in Oklahoma, who wanted to get



more females getting involved in amateur radio. Right now there is a net on Saturday nights at 8pm on the Milwaukee Repeater Club's frequency 146.910. I am working to get a statewide net up and running VERY soon. In the meantime, if you have Facebook, we can be found at-  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PinkHAMstersWisconsin> or  
[PinkHAMstersWisconsin@groups.facebook.com](mailto:PinkHAMstersWisconsin@groups.facebook.com)

Heather Schulz, KC9QXD  
Founder and Chairwoman Pink HAMsters WI

## **\*\*East Central News\*\***

### **Brown County**

#### **ARES CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS AND TOPICS**

The numbers were very low for the SET mostly because of no HF involvement and little communications. They are looking for input if they should leave it to the county level groups to run the SETs.

Membership rosters needed two times per year, January and July. People on the rosters MUST meet minimum requirements to be an ARES member.

Activity reports are needed for any call outs, they were really looking forward to the Green Bay Marathon report.

The ARRL is moving to promote ARES more in the direction of community events more so than emergency communications.

The State is encouraging us to utilize forms FDS 157 and FDS 212 they will be used more and more for upcoming reporting. And or ICS205 ICS217A.

Along the lines of reporting is a program called Drop Box that the EC's have been getting info on and the State has a lot of info in there Drop Box, they are going to be requiring us to make a county level Drop Box and AEC's and above will have access to the Drop Box system.

The State ARES has two open positions. They need someone for the State Newsletter and for the Training Officer positions.

Marathon County and the DNR have been utilizing ATV (*Amateur Radio* Fast Scan TV) and they are in love with it and several other municipalities also like it, so they are encouraging everyone to start looking into it for our areas.

The State is going to be assigning us a primary simplex channel with a PL tone, both VHF and UHF.

WeComm is going to be starting up a net for their VHF linking system on the last Thursday of the month starting Thursday October 31 at 7:00pm they will be looking for a net manager and control operators for the linking system.

#### **DISTRICT MEETING:**

The next district meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am location TBD.

There will be some solar energy classes coming up, more info soon.

There will be a Drop Box class soon as well.

Monthly reports are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

The WIN (Wisconsin Interstate Network) system needs more participation.

A reminder to check into the Sunday HF net.

SIMCOM will be in Winnebago County this coming year.

#### **2014 Cellcom Green Bay Marathon**

I'm hoping to get a head start on getting the word out this year and give us a little more time for planning a successful event.

For more information, go to this website:

[\(http://groupspaces.com/Cellcom-Marathon-ARES/\)](http://groupspaces.com/Cellcom-Marathon-ARES/)

Dennis L. Carr

Brown County ARES/RACES

## **\*\*North West News\*\***

### **Douglas County**

As an EC I am always looking for ideas to bring to our group to further their interest and keep them involved. Every so often I will pass out a piece of paper and ask for suggestions. It's always interesting to review the suggestions. One thing I find is that we have to remember that part of our group is relatively new and wants to learn and review what others take for granted. We plan time to go back to the basics and the old timers have fun working with the newbies. I always enjoy answering questions from our new members that I once asked myself (I always have more of my own to ask too). Once a year we all bring our go kits and open them up to compare ideas. Every so often we will empty our trailer and review its contents. Sometimes we end a meeting early and break out into groups and review our different communication stations in the EOC. We have done special classes on digital modes and need to do more. We talk about the need to be organized so when

\*we get the call we are ready personally and on our home fronts. Some of our local EOC groups(there are 4 in the area) are very formal and don't seem to create the interest that our open group meetings do. This newsletter can be a great way for ECs to share ideas. I need more too. Thank you, Dave Miller W0NWO, Douglas County EC

**\*\*South East News\*\***

**Update regarding Larry Noldan, N29I SE DEC**

On September 3, he had cervical spine surgery which resulted in a complicated and longer than usual recovery time. He had a follow up surgery done on November 7, which will help in his "downtime" recovery period. He thanks you very much for the card and well wishes. Hopefully he will see you all at next year's conference.

**Skywarn**

November 17, 2013 should be a wakeup call for all ARES members that severe weather in the Midwest is not a spring only event. We were lucky. For the most part, the severe weather missed Wisconsin, but parts of southeast Wisconsin were under severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings for several hours. However, the closeness of the event and watching the recovery efforts, which continue today, should bring to light the need to prepare for the everyday events which could affect one or several counties, not just the extreme events which would affect multiple districts.



Image of Washington, IL minutes after an EF-4 tornado struck the town

How prepared are you for an event like this? How would you and your teammates communicate? Do you know the common repeater and simplex frequencies for the counties surrounding you? Do you have a hard copy printed with this information on it? If your County Emergency Management asked you to communicate on their system, would you be able to? These are all questions we hope to never need to answer, but should be ready to.

As a Skywarn trainer who goes to many of the counties in Southeast Wisconsin to assist in teaching the public and amateur radio operators how to evaluate, identify, and report severe weather, going beyond the required every other year training is important to maintaining our member's level of training. Work with your local National Weather Service office and Emergency Manager, create a program that keeps emergency communicators fresh on reporting local severe storms, and you will help your team maintain awareness and communications ability when these severe weather outbreaks happen year around.

Gregg Schulz, W9AWX  
EC Waukesha Co

**Waukesha County**

Sunday, November 24, the city of Waukesha held its annual Christmas parade. Waukesha ARES/RACES once again was there to lend their eyes and ears for the parade officials. Eighteen hams in all were strategically placed along the parade route from the staging area to the finish line. The net control station was placed at the Waukesha Memorial Rooftop Parking lot. While this was a low-key event, there was training on using tactical call signs and relaying information to the net control. The following are the the hams who donated their time for a few hours on Sunday:

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| Darlene Berglund KC9SBN   | Karen Burris KC9WQJ   |
| Roger Boogren AK4MI       | John Glass KC9OIC     |
| Max Hamm KC9UEA           | Tom Hamm N9TPH        |
| Jerry Kilgore WA9VNM      | Glenn Letts N9NLO     |
| Frank Lubinski KC9RAT     | Al Maahs KC9IJJ       |
| Mike Nienhuis KC9UHL      | Warren Schall K9IZV   |
| Dan Schalk KC9WQM         |                       |
| Gregg Schulz W9AWX        | Heather Schulz KC9QXD |
| Skip Sharpe W9REL         | James Zevalkink KM6X  |
| Fred Randolph, Jr. KC9PXP |                       |

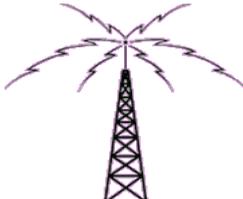
The "hotwash" at a local diner to go over the events of the parade





Pictured bottom photo: Mike Nienhuis KC9UHL, Glen Letts N9NLO, Gregg Schulz W9AWX  
 Pictured top photo: James Zevalkink KM6X, Dan Schalk, KC9WQM, Heather Schulz,  
 Photos by KC9QXD .

-Heather Schulz, KC9QXD



- Sunday:**
- 8:00 AM WIARES/RACES 3967.0 kHz
  - 9:00 AM Kewanee Co. 146.805 PL 146.2
  - 6:30 PM Waushara Co. 147.285 PL 123.0
  - 7:00 PM Fond Du Lac 145.430 PL 97.4
  - 7:00 PM Grant Co. 147.360 PL CA
  - 7:00 PM Green Co. 145.110 PL 123.0
  - 7:00 PM Oneida Co. 146.940 PL 114.8
  - 7:00 PM Sauk Co. 147.315 PL 123.0
  - 7:00 PM Winnebago Co. 147.240 PL 107.2
  - 7:30 PM Lincoln Co. 145.430 PL 114.8
  - 7:30 PM Calumet Co. 147.300 PL 107.2
  - 7:30 PM Marquette Co. 146.745 PL 123.0
  - 8:00 PM Outagamie Co. 146.655 PL 100.0
  - 8:15 PM Waupaca Co. 146.925 PL 118.8
  - 8:30 PM Tri Co. ARES (Marinette Co, Oconto Co, and Menominee Co. MI) 145.470 PL 114.8
  - 9:00 PM Richland Co. 146.910 PL 131.8

- Monday:**
- 7:00 PM St. Croix Co. 145.130 PL 110.9
  - 7:30 PM Dodge Co. 146.640 PL 123.0
  - 8:00 PM Shawano Co. 147.225 PL 114.8
  - 8:00 PM Marathon Co. 146.820 PL 114.8
  - 8:00 PM Walworth Co. 146.865 PL 127.3
  - 9:00 PM Milwaukee Co. 147.165 PL 127.3
  - 9:00 PM Polk Co. 147.195 PL 110.9
  - 8:30 PM Waukesha Co. 444.125 PL 127.3 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Mon

- Tuesday:**
- 0000-2400 State Winlink Net [wb9rq@winlink.org](mailto:wb9rq@winlink.org)
  - 7:00 PM Manitowac Co. 146.610 PL 107.2

- 7:00 PM Rock Co. 145.450 PL 123.0
- 7:00 PM Wood Co. 146.790 PL 114.8
- 8:00 PM Barron Co. 443.650 PL 110.9
- 8:00 PM Portage Co. 146.670 PL 114.8
- 8:00 PM Watertown 146.460 SIMPLEX

- Wednesday:**
- 7:00 PM Ashland Co. 146.550 PL CA
  - 7:00 PM Bayfield Co. 146.550 PL CA
  - 7:00 PM Juneau Co. 146.850 PL CA (1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of Month)
  - 7:00 PM Kenosha Co. 145.450 SIMPLEX
  - 8:00 PM Dane Co. 147.150 PL 123.0
  - 8:00 PM Jefferson Co. 145.490 PL 123.0
  - 8:00 PM Racine Co. 147.270 PL CA
  - 8:30 PM Clark Co. 146.775 PL 114.8
  - 8:45 PM Jackson Co. 145.390 PL 131.8
  - 9:00 PM Price Co. 147.00 PL 110.9
  - 9:00 PM Sawyer Co. 147.045 PL 110.9
  - 9:00 PM Washburn Co. 146.655 PL 110.9

- Thursday:**
- 6:30 PM Florence Co. 146.850 PL CA
  - 7:00 PM Dunn Co. 146.685 PL 100.9 (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month)
  - 7:00 PM Adams Co. 147.030 PL 123.0
  - 7:00 PM Columbia Co. 147.015 PL 123.0
  - 7:00 PM Ozaukee Co. 147.330 PL 127.3
  - 8:00 PM Sheboygan Co. 443.225 PL 107.2
  - 8:15 PM Washington 147.210 PL 127.3
  - 9:00 PM Vernon Co. 145.170 PL 131.8

*For any corrections or to have your ARES/RACES net added to the list, please contact the newsletter staff at the information below.*

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

The newsletter is published the first week of every other month. Articles, ideas, photos, and events should be submitted no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the previous month, unless in the event of an emergency or major drill. We welcome articles, ideas, photos, events, and stories from every ARES/RACES member throughout the State of WI.

Please submit all newsletter articles, photos, stories, ideas, and events to:

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