



Wisconsin ARES/RACES Newsletter



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*Happy Holidays from Wisconsin
ARES/RACES!*

ARES RACES NEWS

Of course the biggest news of the past few months is the Wisconsin ARES/RACES State Conference. If you didn't attend it, there are photos and audio files that can bring you up to date about what happened at the conference. Again, the whole conference committee did an amazing job of putting together some very interesting speakers with some exciting things to talk about.

And we also want to congratulate John Wagner, KB9ULF, our EC of the year for 2015. In addition to that, Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO, was given the Senior Leadership Award for 2015. These were well deserved accolades for both recipients. We thank the people from Jefferson County, Donna Haugom the EM for Jefferson County, Dan Spangler, KC9IKI, EC for Jefferson County, and Denny Rybicke, K9LGU, for putting on a great discussion on how to implement a response during an activation.



The display of Go Kits I'm sure has inspired a number of ARES members to take a look at their own radio equipment with an eye toward making something work just a little better on a response.

In the afternoon, a presentation by Donna Haugom, EM from Jefferson County titled "***Implementing Response During An Activation***" gave a view of an Activation from three different points of view. First from the position of the Emergency Manager, secondly from the view of the Emergency Coordinator for Jefferson County and then from Denny Rybicke, K9LGU, who was out in the trenches. It was a very good presentation of how things come together on an activation.

Brian Jansen, KC9GMW, followed with a presentation about Narrow Band Emergency Software AKA NBEMS. This is a few pieces of software that will format and help you send proper digital messages. A very nice presentation.

Jim Darrow, KB9MMC, answered the question "Why Winlink?" It was a perfect follow up to the NBEMS presentation. The ability to communicate clearly and easily is essential to our mission.

The next step in our digital afternoon was presented by Andy Cox, KC9TAE, Outagamie County AEC - PIO and Rodney McComb, KD0EBT. Mesh networks wirelessly connect computers and devices directly to each other without passing through any central authority or centralized organization.

And then came the time many in the audience were waiting for. The awarding of prizes! And there

were many and they were really nice prizes. Congratulations to all of the winners!

During the day we also learned from Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO, President of WeComm about not only the progress WeComm has made, but some insight into the future of WeComm. It has been, is, and will be a fantastic organization and has contributed a lot to our ability to perform our mission in Wisconsin.

During the lunch break, Kyle Schaefer, KC9SDK, and daughter Emma, demonstrated some new clothing possibilities for ARES/RACES members. NICE LOOKING stuff.

After lunch Dr Stan Kaplan, WB9RQR, was presented a Special Award on his retirement because of his extensive contributions over the years to Wisconsin ARES/RACES. He will be missed. There are a lot of ARES/RACES people online because of Dr Kaplan.

And when all was said and done and the Wisconsin Rapids Library closed it's doors, quite a number of the Conference attendees went out to dinner together and swapped stories and ideas.

All in all, another wonderful conference. If you didn't attend this year, would you really want to miss out on all the fun and information next year. Start planning for next year. The conference Committee is.



Some parting thoughts from Kathy Schramm, KB9UAZ Chairman of the Conference Committee:

"I think one of the highlights to the conference was the excellent display of the Go Kits. It was obvious that with each kit, each owner had put much time and thought into assembling it. But I really loved the range of kits that were on display. It confirmed to me that anyone could assemble the basic kit and add on to it year after year. The sky is really the limit on how creative you want your Go Kit to be as well as how much you want to budget for it. But we saw a great demonstration of possibilities, inspiring us all."

(Now, if you notice, Kathy is sporting some none radio additional hardware. Our leader took a nasty fall a couple of weeks before the Conference but the trooper that she is, showed up and did a great job helping out as always.)

<http://www.wi-aresraces.org>

If you haven't looked in on the Wisconsin ARES/RACES website recently, take a few minutes and look in. There have been a few changes made to hopefully make it easier to use. It has a whole new navigation system, both on the left side of the page and a text only navigation system at the bottom of the page. And if you click on "Leadership" on the left navigation vertical bar, you will see that the links to individual counties are not only through our traditional state map but through an alphabetical listing too.

And there is now an online calendar too. Let me know if something should be on our calendar!

Best of wishes for 2016!
The Newsletter Staff

Sunday:

8:00 AM WI ARES/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 Brown Co. 147.120 PL 107.2
 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 Menomonee Co. MI)
 9:00 PM Richland Co.

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

Tuesday:

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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 (1st
 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 (1st

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

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 the State of WI.

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 stories, ideas, and events to:

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