

Wisconsin Valley Radio Association News & Notes



August 2007 Edition

Upcoming Events:

Chicago FM Club Radio Expo 2007 Relocates: The fall hamfest formerly known as Grayslake has relocated and changed event dates. The event will be held this year at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere Illinois on September 29 & 30, 2007. Visit their website for additional details and camping information.

Articles & Updates:

Bike Tours Completed: Both the GRABWAAR and Bike Northwoods Tours have been completed. Thank you to WVRA members Jack Klein N9LIA and Mark Rasmussen N9MEA who assisted with communications on both tours this year.

24 Hours of Nine Mile 24/9 Bike Race Completed: July 28 & 29th hundreds of cyclists converged on the Nine Mile Recreation Area for a 24 hour bike race. 2007 marked the first year the WVRA has assisted with communications at the event. Thank you to the following members who helped at the event: Dan Sharpee KB9RXA, Sherrill Baumann N9UAG, Dennis Shawl W9PBB, Bob Slane W9BVX, Mark Rasmussen N9MEA, Jack Klein N9LIA, Mike Wild KB9DED, Kim Baumann KC9LFH, Matt Baumann N9NMH, Jon Gelhaus KC9AEJ, Joe Mullan KC9GRD, Travis Augustine KC9JVC, Matt Kaskavitch KC9LWC and Jerry Graebel W9GLG who worked a double shift at the event. The WVRA has been asked to help again next year and received a donation of \$200 from the event organizers as a thank you for our assistance.

“Opt Out” Available for WVRA E Mails: Anyone wishing to “opt out” of WVRA generated e mails may contact Mark Rasmussen N9MEA by e mail, regular mail at the WVRA PO Box address or by phone at any time. Individuals selecting “opt out” will no longer receive updates, information or newsletters from the WVRA.

WVRA Voice Systems: 52.890, 146.865, 147.135, 224.640, 444.100 PL 114.8
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Net Control Openings: The WVRA currently has net control openings available. We could also use a few alternates to serve as net control operators if the regular operator is not able to do their net. Interested parties may contact Bob Morange WA9NBC for information on open dates or to volunteer. You can also check the net section on the WVRA website for information on openings for net control operators.

WVRA Club Member Roster Available via E Mail: Anyone interested in receiving the current club roster may request one anytime via e mail from WVRA Treasurer, Jack Klein N9LIA. The roster has been removed from the website due to privacy concerns.

Nets Offered by the WVRA:

Wisconsin Valley Radio Association is currently hosting three nets. If you have any questions regarding the nets or would like to volunteer to run a net please contact Bob Morange WA9NBC.

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm on 147.135 (tone 114.8) - The **Wednesday CW Net** is a place to practice copy of Morse Code (CW) in preparation for the 5 WPM CW test and to get back in practice if your skills are rusty. **** Please note: This net is on hiatus until after Labor Day in September****

Wednesdays at 9 pm on 147.135 (tone 114.8) - The Wednesday night net is a formal net for the purpose of selling, buying and making announcements and is immediately followed by The Rain Report.

Thursdays at 9 pm on 444.100 (tone 114.8) - The Thursday night net is an informal discussion net, normally open to general conversation with no agenda.

WVRA Meeting Schedule:

The WVRA holds a general meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Marshfield Clinic Wausau Center Patio Room. The meetings normally begin with a presentation or program related to amateur radio, followed by the general business meeting. Participants are asked to park and enter on the west side of the building.

The WVRA Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Wisconsin State Patrol Headquarters Bldg. Attendees are asked to park and enter on the south side of the building.

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Membership Information

Who can join the WVRA? Anyone! Whether you are a licensed operator, interested in obtaining a license or just a person interested in the amateur radio hobby the WVRA welcomes you! The WVRA often participates in special events that allow individuals who are not licensed to experience amateur radio by working on the air with a licensed operator. Annual membership dues are collected at the April meeting each year and are \$25 single or \$37.50 family. Members can join anytime and we welcome prospective new members to sit in on our meetings and decide if you would like to join us as members. Interested parties may contact any WVRA member or board member for additional information.

Send In Your Articles and Ideas!

The WVRA News & Notes is a publication of the Wisconsin Valley Radio Association. We welcome input and suggestions from members, non-members, other amateur radio clubs, non profit groups, etc. as well as articles, project ideas and announcements. Please try to have your materials submitted to Lisa Rasmussen KC9DOS by the 20th of each month for publication in the next edition.

What Happens After Material is Received?

Materials received for publication will be reviewed by the newsletter staff for content. Every effort will be made to publish the material in its original form in the next available issue. If an article needs to be edited or paraphrased for size or content, the original author will be contacted prior to publication and will be included in the editing process. The original author always has the right to withdraw their submission if he or she is not satisfied with the edited product. Information and announcements featured in this newsletter may be posted to the WVRA website if appropriate and vice versa. We will not take materials from other websites or organizations without requesting and obtaining permission to do so. If we are informed of an error, we will print a correction as needed or retraction if requested. We will make every effort to give credit to authors for materials they submit to us. If you submit material and wish to remain anonymous, please tell us so at the time of your submission.

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Contact Us!

The WVRA Board of Directors consists of 7 elected members who serve a one year term beginning and ending in April. Our current Board of Directors is:

President: Jon Gelhaus KC9AEJ

Vice President: Brent Schaefer K9MIX

Secretary: Lisa Rasmussen KC9DOS

Treasurer: Jack Klein N9LIA

Net Manager: Bob Morange WA9NBC

Equipment Manager: Mark Rasmussen N9MEA

Public Education/Activities Director: Jerry Graebel W9GLG

Please feel free to contact any board member via e mail, phone or on local repeaters if we can be of assistance.

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