

WATTS HAPPENIN'

Newsletter Of The Wayne Amateur Radio Club



Monthly Meeting • Third Thursday • 23:30Z
Wayne Co Communication Center • Corner of Burbank & Oldman Rds • Wooster, Ohio

W8WOO Repeaters
147.21 Mh (PL 88.5) • 443.17 Mh (No PL)

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SPECIAL EDITION

WINTER SKYWARN

Skywarn WINTER weather spotter training will be held on Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Ashland County Sheriff's Annex, 1205 E. Main St. Ashland, OH 44805. Please arrive a few minutes early for check-in registration. Skywarn Training is open to anyone interested in learning more about the weather and severe weather spotting. Training will be done again by a representative from the National Weather Service Office in Cleveland.

This is a new Winter Weather class. This class will be similar to the spring weather session but will be about winter weather conditions, snow, ice, blizzards and lake effect snow. Learn about hazardous weather that could affect your family's safety and what weather conditions to report to the Cleveland NWS that will aid the forecasters in making alerts and forecasts.

If you want to attend a training session, but can't make this one check this link for additional sessions:

www.weather.gov/cle/skywarn_schedule

If anyone has questions about the training session, contact Doyle Braun 419/281-2757

INFO FROM N8CEY

Gang, I may have mentioned I have a new friend in WX4TV. James Lea worked camera for the likes of Al Roker and Cantore. James is now a freelance photojournalist who specializes in hurricanes and severe weather. He's well respected by the National Hurricane Center. He live-streamed much coverage of Michael, reporting his position on APRS and checking into the Hurricane Watch Net several times with valuable information. But then, he got sidetracked, put his camera down and started assisting with communications full time...because there ~was~ no other communications.

I highly commend these videos because THIS is what amateur radio emergency service (the act, not the organization) is all about.

Watch these- and note the jerry-rigs needed to get on the air, the tremendous impact amateur radio has in this crisis, and the effort it takes from the hams involved to make it work.

<https://youtu.be/F8UIR-mzMRM>

This second piece is nearly an hour, you don't necessarily have to watch the entire thing, but it is pretty riveting. Listen to James' account of message handling, how they're coping with having absolutely nothing, yet they made it work!

<https://youtu.be/lfNQUTMinEE>

Another note, our DELARA family is highly involved- Terry Webb, N0TW has one or two things to do with the storm:

President of 10-10 International Net.

Net Control for Florida Phone Traffic Net - 3940 kHz - Fridays - 7 am

Net Control for Northern Florida Phone Net - 3950 kHz - Monday - 7:30 pm

Net Control for 10-10 International Net - 28.380 MHz - Friday - 2 pm

I have a 4 element Quad up 80 ft (10, 15, 17, & 20 meters)

40 m dipole at 100 ft

75 m full-wave loop at 110 ft

12 el 2m beam at 120 ft

2 m vertical at 100 ft

4 el 6m beam at 128 ft

80 m vertical at 80 ft

3 towers 120, 110, 70 ft high

All antennas went through the hurricane and the only damage was some twine supports holding up raised radials for my 80 m vertical.

BTW, Terry tells me they were on the narrow boarder of the storm- only weathering 84 MPH winds. Those traffic nets have been extremely busy, as you might imagine. Ham Radio is ~STILL~ the main resource for communications. It involved creativity, ability to free-style antenna construction, and very, very long hours.

Imagine yourself in this situation! Do you carry the necessary "stuff" to install an antenna, put a radio in place and handle a boatload of messages? Do you have message forms, IS 213 forms, and more in print so you can use them right away? For northern Florida, this is "show time" for amateur radio.