

WATTS HAPPENIN'

Newsletter Of The Wayne Amateur Radio Club



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

W8WOO Repeaters
147.21 Mhz (PL 88.5) • 443.175 Mhz (Fusion, D-Star, DMR)



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AUGUST MEETING

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The Wayne Amateur Radio Club meets on the third Thursday of each monthly .For August, that would be the 15th. This is changing to the second Thursday of the month starting in September. (See announcement below) We meet at the communication center on the corner of Oldman & Burbank roads in Wooster. Look for the 200' tower next to the building. Meetings start at 7:30 pm.

In addition to our regular reports, we will be discussing our participation in various community events, the final submitted ARRL Field Day results, and a presentation of "Hands On Radio" Experiment #176 • Dipole Feed Points.

MONTHLY MEETING CHANGE

At the July WARC meeting, there was much discussion concerning changing the monthly meeting night. It was precipitated by several member conflicts with other of their activities.

A motion was made to change the monthly meeting night to the second Thursday of the month starting with the month of September. The motion was 2nd and passed.

PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDARS ACCORDINGLY!

WARC GOES DIGITAL

With the extremely competent help of Silvercreek Amateur Radio Association (SARA) members John Wagner (N8CD) and Jason McCormick (N8EI), the 443.175 repeater is now operating as a multi-mode, digital repeater. The repeater can now handle Yeasu Fusion, D-Star and DMR. FM transmission is no longer available on this repeater.

A more detailed explanation and description can be found on the [SARA website](#).

There are many people to thank for this conversion. We'll be discussing more of the details at our monthly meeting.

• DX GROUP •



The group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be our annual picnic at Doyle Braun's (KI8L) home on August 27, 2019, at 6:30 pm. (Note the time change) The Wooster group will meet at the home of Tom Zilko (N8JBG) in time to car pool and be on the road to Ashland by 6:00 pm.

If you like to talk radio, work DX, or just need a night out this is your place. Among other things, we will be discussing recent contesting activity, upcoming contests, recent DX contacts and activities. In other words, "good ol' Ham Radio".

The WARC DX Group also promotes and participates in a weekly DX Net every Thursday beginning when you hear someone talking. The net will be on 147.345 (PL 110.9). Listen in, participate and work some DX. You'll find everyone very friendly and helpful.

Can you copy at 20 words per minute by hand?

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

About a month ago, this email from the ARRL was sent to the CWOps mailing list:

From: Fusaro, Norm W3IZ [<mailto:w3iz@arrl.org>]

Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 4:00 PM

Subject: W1AW Code Proficiency Certificate

Greetings Morse Code Enthusiasts.

I have some exciting news that I want to share with you! The ARRL has reinvigorated the W1AW Code Proficiency Certificate program. Several things have changed beginning with our new sponsor, Vibroplex, a legend in Morse telegraphy equipment. If you see Scott Robbins W4PA and the Vibroplex team at a hamfest or convention please be sure to thank him for his support. The Vibroplex logo will appear on the newly designed certificates (see below) and in the award recipient page that will appear every month in QST.

That's right, each month in QST we will publish the most recent recipients of the W1AW Code Proficiency Certificate, beginning with all the 2019 recipients. As a bonus, we are sending all the 2019 CPC holders a new certificate at no cost to replace their older style award.

The award is available to anyone who copies one solid minute of code during the qualifying runs. Complete program details can be found on the web at <http://www.arrl.org/code-proficiency-certificate>.

And to make the award available to more people we will double the number of opportunities to copy the CW text. Beginning September 2019, the qualifying runs will increase from twice per week to four times per week.

I am sharing this advanced notice with the Morse code clubs so that you can share it with your members. I have attached PDF files of the new certificate and the announcement that will appear in August QST, available in digital format July 8. I hope you are as excited about this as I am.

In closing, I want personally thank all of you who promote the use and proficiency of Morse code on the air waves and ask that you challenge your club members to submit their copy for the W1AW Code Proficiency Certificate.

73,

Norm Fusaro, W3IZ
Director of Operations

Almost immediately after I posted this to my blog (at KB6NU.Com), my friend, Paul, KW1L, replied, "How does one copy legibly at 40 wpm?" When I replied, "Typing," he countered, "On page 98 of the July 2019 QST, it says, 'Legibly copy at least 1 minute of text by HAND...'" To this, I replied, "Well, I guess you and I are both screwed then. I can't copy by hand at 20 wpm, and it's really not worth it to me to practice and get that fast. I'm guessing that I'm not alone in this regard. The upshot is that the ARRL is going to be sending out a lot fewer of these Vibroplex certificates than they think."

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I then emailed W3IZ for a clarification. He shot back, “By hand is to mean not using a code reading machine.” I suggested that he clarify this, both on the ARRL website and in QST. Of course, they haven't yet taken my suggestion, and the website still reads, “Copy one of W1AW's qualifying runs and submit one minute of solid copy (legible).”

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Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, is the author of the KB6NU amateur radio blog (KB6NU.Com), the “No Nonsense” amateur radio license study guides (KB6NU.Com/study-guides/), and is one of the presenters the ICQPodcast (ICQPodcast.Com). Feel free to reply to his CW CQs at any speed you so choose.

NOTE: You can find an image of the new certificate at <https://www.kb6nu.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Code-Proficiecncy-Certificate-Vibroplex-768x597.jpg>

WEEKLY CLUB NET

Every Wednesday evening at 9:00 PM local time (0100Z), the Wayne Amateur Radio Club sponsors a net on 2 meters and 70 cm using both of the club W8WOO repeaters. The frequencies are 147.21 Mhz and 443.175 Mhz (no PL). For both net and emergency purposes, the repeaters are crosslinked. Tom Zilko (N8JBG) handles the check-ins and net activity. It is a general information net and everyone is welcome to participate. Give it a try.

MONDAY LUNCHEON

Every Monday at 11:30 am, area amateurs meet at the north end Wendy's (by Lowe's and Walmart) for lunch. All amateurs and friends are welcome.

ANYTHING TO ADD?

If you have any announcements that you want to put in a newsletter or you feel inclined to write an article, let me know. You can email me at K8RMC@arrl.net and I'll do my best to get it in writing.

Wayne Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of July 18, 2019 Meeting

President Tom Zilko (N8JBG) opened the meeting at 00:30Z hours with 9 members and guests present.

Secretary's Report • Russ McQuate • K8RMC

The June 20, 2019 minutes were published in the monthly newsletter with copies available at this meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made, 2nd and passed.

Treasurer's Report • Russ McQuate • K8RMC

A report detailing the current finances of the WARC was presented and discussed. A motion to accept this report was made, 2nd and passed.

Trustee's Report • Garry Foster • W8GMF

Garry reported no significant interruptions in repeater operation. The needed parts were ordered, received and delivered to the SARA club members to facilitate the conversion of our 440 Mhz repeater to "All Digital".

Emergency Coordinator • Doug Hunter • KE8JNH

In Doug's absence, Garry reported the upcoming Rittman Fire Department Breakfast to be held July 27, 2019, and the Heart & Soul run to be held August 3, 2019. The run needs Ham volunteers.

Skywarn – Stan Kinney • N8RNK

No significant activity for the period. The net was activated for two short times during the period.

Steering Committee • Duane • WD8BVV

No report

DX Group • Russ McQuate • K8RMC

- The June meeting was held at Scotty Meyer's shack (KG9Z) on the 25th. The July meeting will held at John Bastin's shack (K8AJS) on the 23rd ..

Hamfest and Computer Shows

Follow links in newsletter or go to W8WOO website.

Old Business

Russ McQuate presented preliminary results of our ARRL Field Day event. He is currently preparing the online filing with ARRL and will present the final submitted results at the August meeting. He also requested any photos of the event.

New Business

The Pan Ohio Bike Ride has requested the use of our repeater as they pass through Wooster on July 25, 2019. A motion was made, 2nd, and passed.

The W8WOO website was discussed. Tom Zilko will contact David Balint to get an idea of how to update the data.

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Principally due to meeting conflicts, there was discussion on changing the club's monthly meeting night. After much discussion, a motion was made to change the monthly meeting night from the 3rd Thursday of the month to the 2nd Thursday. The motion was 2nd and passed. The change will be effective starting in the month of September 2019.

Several members requested a program on QSL procedures. Russ McQuate will contact "Goose" Steingass (W8AV) and try to set up a program.

ADJOURN

Next meeting • August 15 2019

Motion to adjourn was made, 2nd and passed.

Submitted by Russ McQuate • K8RMC • WARC Secretary

HAMFESTS

A more complete listing of hamfests can be found on the ARRL web page.

Great Lakes Division Hamfests from ARRL:

8/3/19	Columbus Hamfest	Columbus, OH
8/3/19	U. P. Hamfest	Escanaba, MI
8/10/19	DX Engineering Hamfest	Tallmadge, OH
8/10/19	Central Kentucky	Lexington, KY
8/11/19	Seaway Trunk Swap	Port Huron, MI
8/17/19	GARS Germantown	Germantown, OH
9/7/19	GRAHamfest	Wyoming, MI
9/7/19	CMARC Hamfest	Okemos, MI
9/8/19	Findlay Hamfest	Findlay, OH
9/8/19	Greater Louisville	Shepherdsville, KY
9/14/19	Central Kentucky	Richmond, KY
9/15/19	Adrian Hamfest	Adrian, MI
9/21/19	GMARC Trunk Swap	Shelby Twp, MI
9/21/19	OHKYIN ARS Hamfest	Cincinnati, OH
9/22/19	Cleveland Hamfest	Berea, OH