



Wavelengths

Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Net XWARN (W8XRN)

Nov 2018

147.1650+ (123.0) (Analog Only)
443.1000+ (123.0) (Analog + System Fusion)

Meetings: 2nd Monday, 7:30PM, Greene Memorial Hospital
(1141 N Monroe Dr, Xenia, OH) Herman Menapace Auditorium

President's Message

It has been an honor to serve as XWARN's president for the past three years, but I think it is time for someone else to take the reins and bring in a fresh perspective. I did agree to be nominated to run for vice president and, if elected, it is my plan to arrange to have presentations at the monthly meetings. Come to the meeting on November 12 and vote for next year's officers.

There are just two events left on the calendar for 2018: The Mideast Championships on Saturday, November 17 (Cross Country Invitational at Indian Riffle Park, Kettering) and The Resolution Run on Monday, December 31 (5k at Beaver Creek High School). Contact me at n8ado@arrl.net for more details or to volunteer.

In December, we will have our usual holiday party in lieu of the regular meeting. Details are still being verified, but we are expecting to return to the Golden Corral restaurant at 2490 Commons Blvd, Beaver Creek 45431, starting at 6:00 PM on December 10.

Best 73, Bob Baker N8ADO

Editor's Note

At the Nov 12 meeting coming up, XWARN will be holding elections for the 2019 fiscal year. There's been a slight update since the last meeting, and that is Bret is withdrawing from the race for Vice President. What this means is, the races are effectively uncontested.

Also, this newsletter is very light. Just the election stuff and minutes. I ran into multiple issues this month with stuff at work and home that conspired to reduce the amount of time I had to put into a newsletter. For next month, expect an article on coax and connectors at a minimum.

Elections for 2019 Fiscal Year

At the October meeting, nominations were announced for officers for the 2019 fiscal year. They are:

President: Liz Klink

Vice President: Bob Baker, ~~Bret Boggs~~

Treasurer: Steve Mackey

Secretary: Jason Bowman

Since nominations were announced, we received the following message from Bret Boggs:

After some consideration about my plans for the coming year and how I can contribute to the club, I withdraw my acceptance of the nomination for VP. I whole heartily endorse Bob for the position.

I feel I can better serve the club by focusing on my duties as trustee and increasing my involvement in our public service activities.

I would also be willing to do presentations on communication systems design, RF/analog design, or circuit card design and layout, should there be any interest.

The club no longer has absentee ballots. So if interested in making your voice heard, please attend November's meeting.

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Minutes: Oct 8, 2018

Bob opened the meeting at 1931 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

18 members present with 1 guest.

Cracker Barrel

Microwave Update Holiday Inn @ Fairborn. Oct 11-14, 2018.

Jim and Janese motioned to approve minutes. 1 no. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Membership. 46 members. No changes since last month.

Treasurer's Report. Editor's Note: Please see the Secretary or Treasurer for current expenditure and balance information. Motion to approve. Jim, Janese motioned. 1 no. Motion passed.

Public Service. Morgan's. We lost a participant on the course. Horrible traffic at Station 2. Open House at Beavercreek Firestation 61. 1000-1300. Want to exhibit XWARN trailer? Yes. Jim Beller and Liz will volunteer. Need someone to tow trailer. It might be 8500lbs. Sunday is Dayton River Corridor Classic half marathon. A week from Saturday on 20th Dayton District Cross Country meet. Need 8 sitting at 5.

Trailer. Buy draw bar for trailer and keep it in trailer so anyone can pull it.

Repeater. Talked with Tim. First weekend he can get to it will hang antenna on Clifton Road. We don't have Echolink setup under XWARN call sign. 443 is working fine now. Someone maybe replaced the power supply.

Website. Josh not here. Layout has been changed a little bit?

Facebook. About 260 followers.

Newsletter. Please send ideas. Jason has about 1 year left of making the newsletter without help. The newsletter may become just the President's Message and Minutes without more inputs and help from the organization due to the length of time required to produce a newsletter each month.

Mesh. Some of the equipment we own is at Jim Simpson's house. MVMA needs to set it up, config it, and change password to lock out a bad player. Someone changed name of the network on a node and everyone lost connectivity.

Old Business

Need valid EIN number for IRS tax exempt application. Need LifeLock for organization?

New Business

Got \$350 check from Morgan's. Donate some to robotics club at next month's meeting? Come out to robotics club meetings to see what XWARN's donation is supporting. Is Beavercreek club an Hamvention? No. Regional FIRST robotics is. Janese and Jim motion to make \$250 to robotics club. \$500 to Youth DX. Motion passed.

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Christmas party status. Already reserved at same location Golden Coral in Beavercreek/Fairborn. Second Monday in Dec.

50th Anniverasary of AMSAT at Hamvention. AMSAT logo for T-shirts?

ARRL National Convention at Hamvention next year.

Nominations. 1 nomination for President Liz Klink. Steve and Jason are willing to run again. Bret and Bob nominated for Vice President. Liz probably first woman President of XWARN. Expect articles from nominees on qualifications and vision.

Presentation. No presentation.

Gene Fisher has special device to add to a radio to make it powerful??? Gadget that goes with TYT radio. Bought DMR radio. Zoom Spot. Not a lot of people talk on the local repeaters. Opened up the world. It's been great. Rob Lunsford is DMR expert at DARA.

DMR on DARA truck? Doesn't make sense if you can't do other digital modes. D-Star on van because DARA owns D-star repeaters. Also a budget issue for the van.

Next meeting Nov 12, 2018.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting ended 2031.

Jason Bowman

Secretary

XWARN Mission

The mission of the Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Net (XWARN) amateur radio club is to conduct weather spotting nets during severe weather and other communication services for the City Of Xenia and all other Greene County communities.

In this capacity, we are set up to provide communication services as required to the Greene County Ohio Public Service Agencies and other local government entities. The communications services provided to the supported agencies may be for emergency purposes or to simply enhance their communications abilities. On an as needed basis XWARN provides similar services to various government entities of our surrounding counties.

Additionally, XWARN provides communications support to various community organizations in support of marathons, 5K runs, 10K runs, bicycle events, etc. to provide health and safety assistance to the participants and sponsors of said events.

In support of these goals, XWARN operates and maintains amateur radio repeaters and other equipment in Greene County.

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