

# Wavelengths

The official newsletter of **XWARN**  
Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Net (W8XRN)

MARCH 2022

147.1650+ (123.0) (Analog only)

443.1000+ (123.0) (Analog + System Fusion)

Meetings: 2nd Monday, 7:30PM, Greene County Fairgrounds, OSU Extension Office

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello XWARN!

**W**e are very slowly getting back to normal. It is so good to see many of you again in person. Public service events are starting back up and I hope you all will consider joining.

I have watched Hamvention volunteer attendance dwindle this year. I really do think it will happen and all help will be needed. This means t-shirts! For those who are new and haven't yet experienced it, XWARN as a club makes and sells the Hamvention t-shirts. It will be your duty as a club member to volunteer two hours to sell the shirts. This is our biggest money maker and keeps our club good with funds. Please consider this with your schedule.

Be on the lookout for more information and hope to see you at the next meeting.

73,

Elizabeth KE8FMJ



**S**unday April 3rd is the Annual Ohio River Road Runners Club Full and Half Marathons. Both events begin at 8:00 A.M. at the NEW Xenia YMCA at 336 South Progress Drive in Xenia. The event winds around Xenia, then follows the bike path to Spring Valley and comes back.

We will be needing 15-20 volunteers. Bicycle-mobile operators would be helpful as well.

Checkin/Net Control will be at the XWARN Communications Trailer, which will be setup at the

YMCA starting at 6:30 A.M.

A directed Net will be held on the 147.165 repeater (123Hz PL).

Please come out and help out with this first large event for the year!

More information and a map regarding the event can be found at <https://www.runxenia.com/>

If you have any questions or if you can help work the event, Please email me at [kc8gle@earthlink.net](mailto:kc8gle@earthlink.net)

Thanks!!!

Mike Crawford KC8GLE

# FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

XWARN minutes 2/14/2022

Meeting started at 7:33 P.M.

## *Introductions*

### **Cracker Barrel**

From Chester- Goodwill has communications racks, large tripod if anyone interested.

Group is purchasing an American flag for meetings.

XWARN purchased ARRL books for 4-H group.

Weather spotting classes are online (see article pg 3)

## *Minutes Approval:*

Motion by Jim, second by Steve.

## *Treasurers Report:*

We have money. Please contact treasurer for detailed information. Motion to accept by Janese, second by Scott.

### **Public Service**

Xenia marathon is happening, most events earlier in year cancelled; early meetings for air force marathon started (date is sept 17); looks like we will have more events this year, but not done deal yet

## *Tech/repeater status:*

Both committee chairs were absent, but they have communicated with each other

*Website:* Travis has been working on it. If you have content, please email us.

*Membership:* No changes

*Facebook:* Content is always welcome.

4-H: meeting next Monday night

If you use amazon, please sign up for Amazon Smile

### **New Business**

Hamvention t-shirts

Meeting presentation

Adjourned at 8:31 P.M. by Chester and Cliff

## WAVELENGTHS

**W**avelengths is published monthly by the Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Net. Our meetings are currently held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the OSU Extension Service building at the Greene County Fairgrounds. You can find additional information about our organization at [www.xwarn.net](http://www.xwarn.net).

We welcome new and experienced Amateur operators and those interest in becoming an Amateur operator to attend our meetings.

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# GCARES OFFERS FREE LICENSE CLASSES



**H**urricanes, wildfires, mudslides and floods have once again highlighted the ways that amateur radio operators serve their communities. Amateur radio not only provides a way for citizens to communicate for their own safety but a way for them to assist others when cell phones and other communication systems fail or are overloaded.

For those interested in obtaining an FCC amateur radio license, the Greene County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (GCARES) is offering three Amateur Radio license classes starting February 20, 2022. The classes will meet from 7 to 9 P.M. each Sunday through April 24th. A test for all classes of licenses will be given May 1st at 6 P.M. in the Community Room at Beavercreek Township Fire Station 61.

There is no charge for the classes and Morse Code is

no longer required to obtain any amateur radio license. The classes are supported by the Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club (BARC), the Upper Valley Amateur Radio Club (UVARC), and the Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Network (XWARN) in addition to GCARES.

The entry level Technician Class course will be held in the Training Center at the Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club Clubhouse, Room 1, Sugarcreek Elementary School, 51 South East Street in Bellbrook. No experience is required and there is no minimum age required to earn a Technician Class license.

The General Class course and the Test Session will be held in the Training Room at Beavercreek Township Fire Station 61 located at 1295 Dayton-Xenia Road just west of Orchard Lane.

The Extra Class course will be held in the Training

Room at Fairborn Fire Station 2 located at 2200 Commerce Center Blvd. just south of Dayton-Yellow Springs Road.

To register for a course or for more information, please contact Lyle Steinhardt by email at [KEoCZV@arrl.net](mailto:KEoCZV@arrl.net) or by phone between 5 P.M. and 9 P.M. at 605-484-0178. You may also register at the first class meeting.

\*Amateur radio is authorized by the FCC and you must register with the FCC and obtain an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before getting a license. To visit the FCC website and login or register, click here <<https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp>>.\*

Textbooks may be purchased from the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) at <https://www.arrl.org/shop/Licensing-and-Education/>.

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