

Wavelengths

March 2020

Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Net

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

Calendar of Events

Due to COVID-19, the No Buts About It 5K has been canceled and the Spring has Sprung 5K Run is postponed.

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March Meeting Minutes

Nigel motioned to approve last month's minutes and Jim seconded. Janese motioned to approve the balance and Dan seconded. Coming up, we have the Spring Is Sprung 5K run, which is postponed to a date which is to be decided. The ORRRC Marathon and Half Marathon is postponed to October 25, 2020. Some of XWARN's antennas were decided surplus. The club is offering them for sale. Some of you may be wondering why you were not "invited" to the meeting on Facebook; you need to friend Elizabeth to be invited to the meeting. On Facebook, you can only "invite" your personal friends to an event. The Statewide Tornado Drill on March 25 was canceled. The Montgomery County Spotter training is postponed. The meeting was motioned to adjourn by Jim, and seconded by Janese.

Hamvention Cancelled, Hamvention QSO Party Instead

Hamvention 2020 is officially cancelled! In place of Hamvention, Tim K3LR and Michael Kalter W8CI came up with the Hamvention QSO Party. On May 16, the Saturday of Hamvention, from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. EDST, you can operate for the QSO Party on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using CW and SSB. The exchange is a signal report and the first year that you attended Hamvention. If you have never attended Hamvention, send 2020. The contest is partly in remembrance of Ron W8ILC, who was at Hamvention every year and didn't miss it once. He passed away two days after the cancellation of Hamvention was announced. More details will appear later on the Hamvention QSO Party website, which is being set up now. After the contest, you may print a certificate at www.HVQP.org. Within 5 days of the event, send your score to 3830scores.com. The DARA callsign, W8BI, is worth 10 bonus points. If you work W8BI on all the available bands, that's 120 bonus points! Visit <https://wwrof.org/hamvention-qso-party/> for more details.

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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.

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13 Colonies Special Event

The 13 Colonies Special Event takes place from July 1st-7th. It is a fun event on all HF bands excluding 60 meters. The objective is to work each colony station. There is a station in each of the original 13 colonies to work, plus two bonus stations: WM3PEN and GB13COL. You may use any mode, but it is up to the colony station what mode they use. After the event, you can get a certificate by downloading and printing the log sheet and mailing it in. A \$5 donation is requested to help with next year's contest, but not required. You need to include a self addressed label for your certificate return envelope. For more details, see <http://www.13colonies.us/>

Mode Of The Month

This is a new section in our newsletter, there will be one every month from now on. This month's mode is called JS8. It is a mode that is in 15-second cycles, like FT8, but you can type messages like PSK31. In short, it is like PSK31, but you can use weak signals. The mode is JS8, and the software is JS8Call. It is a great mode to try, and you can install the software on any computer by going to <http://files.js8call.com/latest.html>. The message can be as long as you want, but it sends 13 characters in 12.5 seconds with a 2.5 second break between transmissions. The default frequencies are built in, and the layout is similar to WSJT-X, but it shows the waterfall in the center and has a box to type your message. It is good for hams who want to have a conversation and hams who want to test weak signal propagation on HF.



Stay Safe!

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