

Wavelengths

June 2020

Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Net

147.1650+ (123.0) (Analog Only)

443.1000+ (123.0) (Analog + System Fusion)

Meetings: Temporarily on the 147.165 repeater at 7:30 pm second Monday of each month due to COVID-19 pandemic.



President's Message

Calendar of Events

All events are currently cancelled or postponed. For a list of postponed and cancelled events, please refer to March's newsletter, which specifies which events are cancelled and which are postponed.

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June "Meeting" Minutes

Bob N8ADO was net control for this month's meeting net. Jim KC8OKU, the new Membership chair, gave the list of members: 7 Life, 61 Paid, with a total of 68 members. XWARN's financial acts this month were paying the insurance, giving a scholarship, and collecting dues. As always, we hope that everyone is doing well and we can't wait to see you when we get back to normal.

Mode of the Month

During our meeting net, the possibility of a digital mode setup at Field Day was discussed, so I decided to write about FT8. FT8 can be a bit debatable among hams, as some think it saved amateur radio with low power contacts around the globe while others think of it as the end of the world and say they would rather do anything but FT8. Nevertheless, many hams use it and find it easier since it requires very little activity and you can win many awards with it. FT8 is similar to JS8, a mode already featured in this section several months ago, except in FT8 the auto-sequencer does all the work for you: once you receive a response, it automatically sends the signal report, RRR for received, and 73. FT8 is very useful when you are away from home because using a program available to nearly every device called VNC, you can view your screen from phone, tablet, laptop, you name it! VNC has been very useful for us when we are waiting for the movie to start at the movie theater (hi hi). Using FT8, I have finished all of the awards on QRZ.com that are currently available. The software for FT8 is called WSJT-X, which also includes JT-9, JT65, WSPR, and more digital modes. FT8 also has a variation called Fox and Hound, which I have yet to begin playing with that! From what I know, it is mainly used for contesting. Have fun on the air!



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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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Wavelengths 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 Greene Memorial Hospital Auditorium. You can find additional information about our organization at www.xwarn.net. We welcome new and experienced Amateur operators and those interest in becoming an Amateur operator to attend our meetings.

