

Wavelengths

October 2020

Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Net

147.1650+ (123.0) (Analog Only)

443.1000+ (123.0) (Analog + System Fusion)

Meetings: NOW at the Greene County Fairgrounds Dining Hall!!



President's Message

Hello XWARN members!

It was so amazing to see so many of you in person again at the October IN PERSON meeting! Many thanks to Sheriff Gene Fischer, KX8GCS, for making this happen. I'm also happy to announce that we have the same room (Greene County Fairgrounds Dining Hall) booked for the next two months. December will also double as our Christmas party, which Karen Baker has graciously volunteered to plan again. I know our website has fallen behind again; however, Travis Lansing, KE8LTL, has volunteered to take it over! Hopefully we can get it up to date soon and full of good information to make sure you are always in the know of current activity.

Have you heard of the new 4H Club for Ham radio? Do you know of all the tower projects at the Fairgrounds? Our original repeater is finally going back online October 24/25th! Learn all of this and more by coming to our next meeting, November 9th at the Greene County Fairgrounds at 7:30pm. Do you have QSL cards? Bring some with you to join in on the meeting's monthly presentation! See you then!

73,

Elizabeth Klinc KE8FMJ

Calendar of Events

Oct 24 - Cross Country Event
(contact N8ADO for details)

If you know of any events you would like me to add to this list, please email me at secretary@xwarn.net.

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October Meeting Minutes

I was unable to attend, but Karen Baker kindly took the minutes for me, thanks so much! The minutes for this month are **very** long, since we have not had an in-person meeting for seven months.

XWARN Meeting Agenda

Greene County Fairgrounds

October 12, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions-see sign in sheet (no guests)

- * Cracker Barrel:
 - Chester wanted suggestions for a hammer that would easily bury rods for an antenna
- * Minutes from previous meeting: due to COVID there has been no minutes
- * Treasurer report: amount announced and Janese and Travis moved to accept
- * Secretary report: Danielle not present and Karen Baker offered to be scribe
- * Committee reports:
 - Public Service: Mike Crawford reported the modified Young's Charity Bike Ride went pretty well
 - ◇ Bob Baker announced Dayton District Cross Country meet would be Oct 24 and volunteers still needed
 - ◇ Resolution Run is still on for NY eve
 - Trailer:
 - ◇ Members who used trailer on Field Day reported the mast won't stay up and so needs to be fixed-no action reported so far
 - Repeater: Jim Simpson had information that all is well and reported several upcoming projects
 - Web site: no action on website prompted Travis to volunteer to see what he could do get the site to be up and running again
 - Membership: Jim Beller reported 7 Lifetime members and 62 paid members
 - ◇ next month the dues are due-send checks to Box 562 but discussion is to change to PayPal for convenience
 - Facebook: it's not up to date and so Liz will address this herself
 - Newsletter: Not reported

- * Miscellaneous:
 - next test session is November 15 and is open to all especially the students completing the recent courses
 - Jason Bowman has filed the necessary annual reports for club as our Stat Agent but wants club to secure another member for this position. Steve Mackey volunteered for the position.
- * Old Business:
 - Since Covid, XWARN hasn't met since March 2020
 - Jim Simpson promises the repeater will be fixed
 - Jim Simpson/ Janese moved to spend up to \$1500 for an IC 7300 to donate to the 4H Radio
 - Club –we have several members involved in this 4H club to motion passed easily
- * New Business:
 - Thanks to Gene Fisher, XWARN has the use of the fairground building for the next 2 months and since that includes December, we will incorporate a Christmas party with that regular meeting.
 - ◇ Jim Simpson/Jim Beller moved to pay the GCF \$25.00 each month for the use of the building.
- * Presentation:
 - No presentation
- * Liz announced that all current officers have agreed to stand for office next year. Next meeting is Nov 9th and will be elections, slate is current officers and 14 members needed for quorum.
 - Cliff/Janese moved to adjourn.

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Membership Report

Membership Reminder - - XWARN dues for 2021 are \$ 12.00 and are due in November. You may submit payment for your 2021 dues in a number of ways.

Cash or check to either Steve Mackey or myself at the meeting. However, you may want to use Steve's preferred method of paying online at the XWARN web site via PayPal or a credit card. You may also send a check to XWARN at P.O. Box 562, Xenia, Ohio 45385. Should you have any questions please send me an email at KC8OKU@ARRL.Net. Additionally, if your email changes for any reason please go to the XWARN web site and in the members section please make the required change. This will ensure that you will continue to receive all email notices, newsletters, etc. Additionally, please send me an email that you have made the change for the off-line membership records.

Thanks, Jim Beller / KC8OKU / Membership

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Mode of the Month

SSTV, or Slow Scan Television, is a unique mode that is easy to use. You can pick a picture of your choice to send and choose which variation of the mode you want to use, and all you need is a radio, an antenna, and a computer with a program. Some common ones are Scottie 1, Martin 1, Scottie 2, and Scottie DX. A rather uncommon but very quick mode is B/W 8. A nice feature of this mode is that the program used by every operator that I have seen uses the same program, MMSSTV, or its variation, MMSSTV YONIQ. Both programs automatically recognize which variation it is receiving, and, if you choose to respond, switch to that mode when you transmit. You can use any picture, the same one each time, a different one every time, or anything in between! The frequencies commonly used often tend to be in the center of an SSB conversation, so watch out when you switch! Every year the International Space Station transmits pictures through SSTV which is fun as well, and it doesn't take up much of your time because they send the pictures sometimes even at night, so you can just set your computer to receive it. A list of common frequencies can be found [here](https://www.amateur-radio-wiki.net/sstv-frequencies/) (<https://www.amateur-radio-wiki.net/sstv-frequencies/>). The download for MMSSTV is [here](https://hamsoft.ca/pages/mmsstv.php) (<https://hamsoft.ca/pages/mmsstv.php>) and the YONIQ version [here](https://hamsoft.ca/pages/mmsstv-yoniq.php) (<https://hamsoft.ca/pages/mmsstv-yoniq.php>). Beware when you first download the YONIQ version, it was originally made for Spanish so you will have to change the language! Have fun with this mode!!

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