



XWARN trailer at the Xenia Township Fire Department Open House. The trailer has several radios and workstations that support Xenia Police and Fire. XWARN recently replaced the steps as well as purchased a club-owned receiver that will stay with the trailer so that anyone with an appropriate tow vehicle can tow it. Just make sure to bring a big truck. The trailer is supposedly around 10,000lbs and nose heavy.

Wavelengths

Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Net

Mar 2021

XWARN (W8XRN)

147.1650+ (123.0) (Analog Only)

443.1000+ (123.0) (Analog + System Fusion)

Meetings: 2nd Monday, 7:30PM, Greene County Fairgrounds Dining Hall (120 Fairground Rd, Xenia, OH 45385)

President's Message

Happy Spring!

Now is a great time to go inspect all your antennas. Both after the winter season and because of the impending storms. I hope you all got a chance to attend one of the online spotter training sessions. They prepare us for our ultimate mission as the Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Net. We had a statewide tornado drill this month. I'm proud to say that we were the county in all of Ohio with the most check ins. Thanks to Bob Baker, N8ADO, for being net control for this drill.

Covid is still a thing but many are vaccinated. I am happy to be a part of this mission, as well. It brings about hope that we can

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Air Force Marathon Expected to Take Place

Bob Baker (N8ADO) informed everyone at the last XWARN meeting that as of the meeting, the annual Air Force Marathon is fully expected to take place! The committee meetings have begun, and registration is estimated to begin May 1st. Volunteers are always welcome, and the more minds the better! New ideas are being tossed around this year, so if you want to contribute, feel free to come! We are looking forward to this year's marathon after the absence of one last year, so let's make this one better than ever!

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Public Service Events

Montgomery County Vaccine Distribution: Ham radio operators are needed to help with controlling the amount of traffic at vaccine distribution in Montgomery County. If you are able to help with this, please contact n8ado@arrl.net.

Bob Baker, N8ADO

A Letter from a Fellow Ham

Hi Robert,

Thanks for QSO and your QSL card. I hope my card has arrived in the meantime. I'm now studying at University of Auckland and my dad does all the QSL work while I'm away.

We went to Dayton/Xenia, OH last year for the Hamvention which was a great experience. I thought you might like some pictures in front of your trailer.

73 and hope to meet you on the bands again

Xenia, ZL4YL

Pictures on following page were sent with this letter to Bob Baker N8ADO.



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.



Minutes: October 14, 2019



Meeting was opened by Liz at 7:36.

Cracker Barrel

The XWARN repeater had some issues, reported by Janese Brooks (KD8DGB). The repeater seems to have fixed itself, but be aware that the problems may come back up.

February Minutes: Approved by Jim, seconded by Cindy.

Treasurer's Report. This month's income is \$60, with \$1.30 in expenses, adding up to a total current balance of

\$24, 299.41 as of this meeting (March 8). Motion to approve by Nigel and Janese.

Public Service. The Air Force Marathon committee meetings have started! Registration is expected to begin May 1st. Willing volunteers are always welcome (the more the merrier!). Ideas of creating another net for progress information to move traffic off the main net and other thoughts to even out net traffic as well as organizing it more in general are being thrown around, so anyone who has some ideas or is interested is welcome to come to the meeting!

Committee Reports

Membership. Yearly Paid: 38 as of meeting with 1 pending, Life: 8, Total Paid: 75.

Secretary's Report. I am happy to announce that the newsletter is now working again! As always I will continue to email the newsletter to the email reflector and if you wish I can provide a paper copy. As mentioned later under *Website*, all newsletters available at this time are in table format on the website, xwarn.net. I encourage you to try it out!

Trailer. It's spring again! Once the weather warms up, repairs are in order for the trailer, so we will be needing some helping hands for that. Date is to be decided based on weather.

Repeater. Nothing to report.

Website. Thankfully, Travis is doing much better and all is well. 6 posts were added to the webpage in February. PayPal is having some technical difficulties at the moment, so please

be patient while we try to work out a fix for that. On the brighter side of things, Travis switched the editor on the website to a better version with more features, which adds a calendar plugin for events and a signup plugin for public service sign up sheets. The newsletters have also been added in a table format, so go check it out at www.xwarn.net!

Facebook. As always, please let us know if there is anything you would like added.

Newsletter. See *Facebook*.

Old Business

The 4-H meetings will hopefully be starting soon! Anyone interested in signing up can do so on the 4-H Online website. The Fairgrounds are giving us a section for the 4-H club, and the equipment is ready to go for whenever we are permitted to start meeting.

New Business

The Ohio Statewide Tornado Drill will take place March 24 at 9:50 a.m. XWARN will be hosting a net for the drill. Regarding license exam classes: In person classes are more effective and widely preferred over video conferencing. Tech, General and Extra classes could be held in the same room if the class format is tweaked a bit. Part of the training in the new program would likely include helping people get comfortable with the idea of talking on the radio, what to do when you pass your license exam, and other new topics that are not traditionally covered by classes that we feel would be educational and informative. Other possible ideas such as hosting a net for new or aspiring operators to receive feedback on sound and to instruct them on how to talk, give signal reports, and the like.

Presentation

Bob Baker N8ADO gave a presentation on weather nets and how to run them. A 2004 Skywarn script was handed out with some ideas suggested for changes to the script, such as making it Greene County so that club ties will not interfere with important information transfer.

Motion to adjourn at 8:47. Chester and Nigel motion.

Danielle Edgington, KE8JNU

Secretary

President's Message

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go back to "normal.:" Regardless, we have been safely meeting in person and I am happy to see each and every one of you. Our next meeting is Monday April 12th and I am excited to see many of you.

Best wishes to you and yours.

73,

Elizabeth Klinc, KE8FMJ

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Wavelengths

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.

