



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

May 2021

XWARN (W8XRN)

147.1650+ (123.0) (Analog Only)

443.1000+ (123.0) (Analog + System Fusion)

President's Message

No President's Message was given for the May 2021 edition of Wavelengths.

4-H Club Update

Greene County Sheriff Gene Fischer informed XWARN members at the latest meeting that the 4-H club is soon to be up and running. He picked up the key equipment on April 13 (the day after the April meeting) and as soon as he gets clearance to use it, the 4-H club should be able to hold meetings. In addition, the XWARN meeting for May will be in the Buckeye Room in the 4-H Extension Office. The radios include an Icom IC-7300 and a Yaesu FT-991A, and a Yagi antenna has been installed and donated. Don't forget to tell any young people you know! You can register online on the Ohio 4-H website, and anyone who is interested is encouraged to!

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Public Service Events

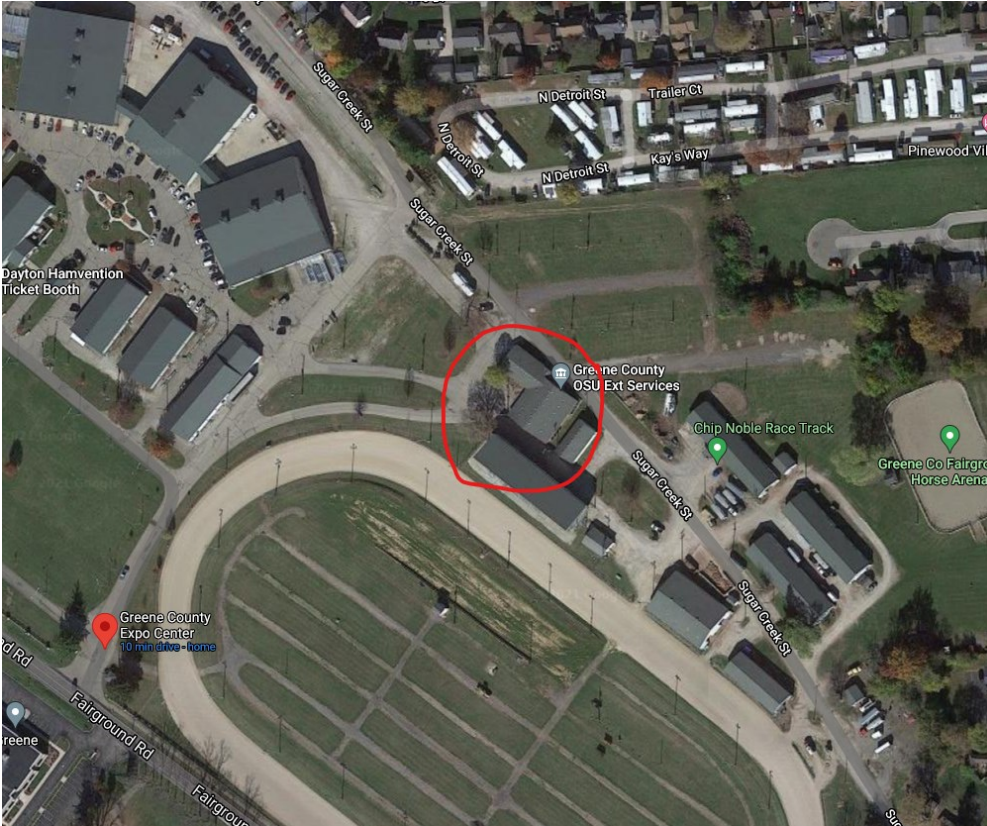
Montgomery County Vaccine Distribution: Ham radio operators are needed to help with controlling the amount of traffic at vaccine distribution in Montgomery County. If you are able to help with this, please contact n8ado@arrl.net.

Bob Baker, N8ADO

New XWARN Meeting Location!

The XWARN Meeting for June will be held in the Buckeye Room in the 4-H Extension Office at the Fairgrounds. If you are not familiar with the building, just look for the antenna! It is behind the grandstand. If you pull into the Fairgrounds at the entrance right past the horse racing track, keep going forward past where the previous meetings were and take a right. Hope to see you there!

Fairgrounds Image



The circled building is the Extension Office, where the meeting will take place. The red location marker near Fairground Rd is where you need to turn in. If you are familiar with 4-H judging, you will know this building.

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 Bob (Liz was absent) at 7:32 p.m. ET.

Cracker Barrel

Nothing to report.

April Minutes: Motion to approve by Don Stark, seconded by Jim Simpson. Motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. We have money. If you would like to examine the Treasurer's Report, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary. Janese Brooks, Jim Beller

motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Service. Volunteer registration for the annual Air Force Marathon opened May 1st, so anyone interested is encouraged to sign up. The Marathon takes place September 18th.

The Horse Endurance Ride is on the calendar to take place on August 21st and 22nd; Bob Baker N8ADO will be unable to attend, so please reach out to us if you are interested in coordinating.

The Young's Charity Bike Ride is a one day event, taking place on September 11th, 2021.

The Pan Ohio Hope Ride will take place from July 22nd to 25th; XWARN will be providing repeaters and the like.

The Ohio River Road Runners Marathon, known as the River Corridor Classic, is on the schedule as of now for October 8th. Information can be found at raceentry.com.

Committee Reports

Membership. Paid as of meeting: 46 total. The PayPal link was still having issues as of the meeting, which are being worked on as quickly as possible.

Secretary's Report. As usual, Newsletter is being done by Secretary. The position is still open if anyone is interested, but doing the newsletter is no big deal to me. If you have content you are interested in adding to the newsletter, please reach out to me. Don't be shy, I am always looking for new content for the newsletter!

Trailer. We have a trailer; the license plates have been renewed. A repair day for the mast will be planned in the (hopefully) near future.

Repeater. No committee members present.

Website. Travis Lansing KE8LTL has been posting frequent updates on the website.

Facebook. We have a Facebook page; Liz Klinc was absent.

Newsletter. See *Secretary*

Old Business

4-H club update: According to Greene County Sheriff Gene Fischer, we are in! At least one desk was brought in during the week of the meeting. If you have any children, grandchildren, or other relatives interested in electronics, engineering, communications, or just having fun and learning something in the process, now is the time to sign up! The XWARN meetings are now taking place in the Buckeye Room, as it has been cleared by the Extension Office. At the meeting, the door to the radio room was open for viewing.

NVIS day report: Bob Baker N8ADO brought pictures of the setup that operated as W8XRN. A team of 5 people achieved 16 contacts in 143 counties. A simple flat-top dipole antenna (approximately 25 feet) was used. 2 other groups in Greene County were active. XWARN was the first group to check in with the state after a pileup of about 20 people. XWARN has been doing NVIS for 3-4 years, but there was more interest this year than other years past. A report was sent to the state.

A new repeater controller has been purchased for \$676.71. The vote to pay for it was moved by Janese Brooks and Bob Baker.

New Business

Hamvention virtual activities (forums and the like) are available at hamvention.org. Other organizations also held activities such as a radio event on HF.

Field Day this year is June 26-27; despite the meager throw-together setup last year, we had more contacts than ever and placed 3rd in the country (although mainly because no one else showed up). Bob Baker N8ADO proposed that, because of the uncertainty, we should just show up and put some stations on the air; assurance for the usual picnic or restrooms can't be obtained (as of the meeting; the recent announcement about all restrictions going away except assisted living/nursing

homes may have changed the situation) but we will try to put something on.

XWARN donated money to the Fair Board for letting us use their building from September through November 2020, and a motion to donate \$100 for letting us use the Dining Hall was moved by Janese and Chester.

Presentation

Bob Baker N8ADO gave a presentation on RF radiation. It was a general explanation instead of an in-depth report, as the DARA meeting covered the same topic in great detail and most at the XWARN meeting also attended that meeting.

Next meeting is June 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Buckeye Room. Since some have not been to the new location yet and it is still relatively new to some, I have left the map on the previous pages.

Motion to adjourn motioned by Jim Elliot and Jim Beller.

Danielle Edgington, KE8JNU

Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danielle Edgington". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and title.

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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.

