

Woodmont Amateur Radio Association – Meeting Minutes
08/14/19

Meeting began at 6:25 pm

Milford Oyster Festival:

Not participating this year, unfortunately, due to inability to bring our trailer.

New Role Created:

Events coordinator to work with PIO – Bob Bartha volunteered. Will work as point-of-contact between WARA and outreach organizations.

Upcoming Contests:

Digital QSO contest. End of month. Great for HF new operators!
Sept. VHF (6m etc.)
Nov. Sweeps (second weekend in Nov.)

Radio Room Floor Upgrade:

New laminate flooring courtesy of Ed and a 10 ft. workbench (42" high w/ equip. ground, power, soldering station, etc.).

New Tech Class Offered:

Milford CERT team had annual swear-in, so WARA will offer new Tech course in Fall. Applications will go live in a few weeks (already confirmed 4) and dates will be announced soon. Can offer additional tests on-demand through Sam if needed. Opportunity to schedule new exams, e.g. Extra, just let Ed/VE team know in advance. We also need new Volunteer Examiners (VEs)! Sign-up online.

ECOM (Emergency Comm. Level 1):

Introduction to emergency communications. Content from Tech course (nets, modes, panels, batteries, etc.) Ed/John will offer this course at WARA over one day (~8 hours). No book required, all online. Price (\$25-\$30) and date (Nov-Dec) decided in next few weeks. Will be study materials before the course and lunch offered.

Talk with Santa Event will be Planned Soon:

Possible pairing with Walmart. Likely won't do Milford Toys4Tots this year.

2020 Officers:

Will vote on new officers next month. Think about roles you might want to fill.

Website:

Need to update content and design. Want to post more content, since right now we only post minutes. Current site doesn't tell a story. Want it to be used as an outreach

tool to the public. Zach Levine will help to update. Want to link our QRZ page, Slackspace, classes, projects (balloon, robotics), etc.

QRZ Page:

Ralph Krohne is taking the lead to update the WARA page.

Call Sign:

Voted to update callsign from KC1CIL to W1WDT.

CubeSat Talk from Yale Club:

Sometime in October, Yale club will give a live talk at WARA regarding their upcoming cubesat launch. Financed through a grant they wrote and donors.