

WAUPACA COUNTY ARES/RACES

Participation in the ARRL Field Day 2023

JUNE 24-25, 2023

HELD IN WEYAUWEGA, WISCONSIN



Exciting and Fun Field Day



W-C ARES/RACES

Emergency Coordinator, Chuck Fritz

Waupaca County ARES/RACES spread the word about amateur radio to the City of Weyauwega this year! The group operated the full 24-hour period with three transmitters operating simultaneously and used three gas generators to supply power for the event. Throughout the event, 14 of the Waupaca County ARES/RACES participated this year in the outdoor event at a city parking lot in front of an IGA store and local restaurant. The first day was sunny and hot, but all the participants attending had a great time according to the group's comments on the Waupaca County ARES/RACES Sunday night net. Bob Martin, KA9EOK, stated it was the "best Field Day he experienced in 20 years".

Welcome City of Weyauwega Elected Officials

City of Weyauwega Administrator's Field Day Statement



Jeremy Schroeder
City Administrator

I, Jeremy Schroeder, City Administrator for City of Weyauwega, stopped at the Waupaca County Ares-Races field day on Saturday, June 24, 2023. I appreciate all of their efforts to support communities within Waupaca County with their services.

Jeremy Schroeder

Waupaca County ARES/RACES ARRL 2023 Field Day Coordinator, Carol Young, invited over 125 Waupaca County Municipality Elected Officials to this year's event and the City of Weyauwega Administrator, Jeremy Schroeder wrote about how he appreciates all the services that the Waupaca County ARES/RACES provides to Waupaca County. Other served agency officials that attended the event included a City of Weyauwega police officer and Assistant Fire Chief.



Pictured Left to Right: Chuck Fritz (AC9F) Waupaca County ARES/RACES Emergency Coordinator; Jeremy Schroeder, City of Weyauwega Elected Administrator; and Carol Young (K9SWR), Waupaca County ARES/RACES Field Day Coordinator and Public Information Officer

Best part of this year's Field Day was seeing the Waupaca County ARES/RACES put forth a "Team Effort" to bring awareness of Amateur Radio to the public and share knowledge with each other!

Educational Activity was a Big Hit!

Waupaca County ARES/RACES taught youth and adults that visited the 2023 ARRL Field Day how to install a Rattlegram App on their cellphone and send text messages via audio signals through the transceiver over the Waupaca County ARES/RACES 146.925 repeater to other Waupaca County ARES/RACES members that were in different locations. Visitors also had opportunities to ask members over the repeater other questions relating to amateur radio and learn how amateur radio helps with emergency preparedness.

Special Thank You to Waupaca County Post Reporter, James Card for attending this year's event and the article he wrote.



RADIO

BY JAMES CARD

STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA — In the parking lot of the old IGA grocery store there was an odd sight on June 24. Metal tape measures were stretched out on the ground and locked at full length in all directions. The ends were clipped to the metal base of a radio antenna.

Carl Young explained that grounded antenna work much better and this was a hack to get better reception and the tape measures were stuck to work with as opposed to wrangling around with coils of wire.

Young is a former U.S. Navy radio operator who was once in a situation

where the enemy was jamming all radio communication. He was able to identify and pinpoint where

the jamming signals were coming from and he relayed these coordinates to a fighter group that took care

of the airplane interceptors with some Hellfire missiles. "That pinned them down real fast," he said.

Young and his wife, Carol Young, are members of Waupaca County ARES/RACES. They were part of the American Radio Relay League field day in Weyauwega to demonstrate how amateur radio works and how it is relevant in a world dominated by the internet, smart phones and text messages.

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