



19th Annual Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference

ARRL Convention

In Cooperation With WeComm, Ltd

Saturday, October 21, 2017, 9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Mc Millan Memorial Library, 490 East Grand Avenue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Talk-in – 146.790 – PL114.8

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND MORE...

The 19th Annual Wisconsin State ARES/RACES Conference/ARRL Convention will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017. We want you to attend! Come and learn about operating digitally as ARES/RACES members! We will have sessions on using digital voice modes on VHF/UHF, digital modes on HF, and linking of analog and digital modes. That's a lot of digital!

Be prepared to learn about new ways of logging your events or activations and how it can help you as an ARES/RACES operator. In addition, there will be a review of the 2017 SET. What did we learn from the SET, and how do we improve on the ever-evolving relationship with our served agencies? As always, there will be plenty of time for ham radio camaraderie during lunch, a fashion show of ARES/RACES apparel, and chance to win fabulous door prizes! Yes, we are once again a designated ARRL-sanctioned event! Join us as we reconnect and remind ourselves just how important we are as volunteers in our communities.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The 19th annual Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference 2017 is presented by WeComm, Ltd, and held at the McMillan Public Library in Wisconsin Rapids. The conference is FREE and open to anyone interested in ARES/RACES. If you are planning on attending, we ask that you please register. **We have a new online registration process! All registrations will occur online. If you prefer to pay by check you will be instructed where to mail in your check, in your confirmation email.** To enjoy lunch at the library, you must register online prior to the registration deadline of **October 13, 2017**. On the day of the conference, you can walk-up at the library and register, but no lunch can be purchased.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY!

The Conference Committee feels fortunate that we can hold our free conference in such a beautiful facility in Wisconsin Rapids. Therefore, we feel it is important to give back to the Wisconsin Rapids community, so we have a local non-profit organization serving lunch at the conference. The proceeds raised will go toward their scholarship program for their youth and adult members. The lunch menu includes: Turkey & ham sandwich, chips, fresh fruit, pickle, cookie and either water, soda or milk (white or chocolate). **Lunch is \$12.00 and must be purchased in advance.** Lunch is a great time to socialize plus we will be giving away super door prizes (you must be present to win). You won't want to miss it!



REGISTRATION DEADLINE

For your convenience, conference registration will open on **Monday, September 1, 2017. Registration with lunch can be made online until Friday, October 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM.** All payments by check must be received on or before October 13, 2017. Registration without lunch can be made online until Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 12:00 PM.

SOCIALIZE AFTER THE CONFERENCE

Following the conference at 5 pm there will be more time to socialize at the Lake Aire Supper Club, in Wisconsin Rapids. We have found Lake Aire Supper Club to be the best place to relax and network after the conference. Check out their menu on-line <http://www.lakeairesupperclub.com>. Let us know when you register, if you are interested in joining us.

PARKING AT THE LIBRARY

To allow library patrons access to their facility we ask that you park your vehicle in the library overflow parking lot, across the street. **Registration will not open until the library does at 9:00 AM!** Be advised If you arrive early, know that you may be standing outside until the library opens to the public.

HOTEL CLOSEST TO THE CONFERENCE LOCATION

Hotel Mead (across the street from the library)

451 East Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, 54494, 800-843-6323

SPECIAL ROOM RATE AVAILABLE FRIDAY 10/20 AND SATURDAY 10/21:

\$84.00 plus tax, for single or double occupancy. Make reservations by October 11, 2017, to secure one of the blocked rooms. **Make sure to mention Wisconsin ARES/RACES when booking!** If you have an AARP ID mention that also!

OTHER HOTEL OPTIONS

*The hotels listed here are purely alternatives to staying at the Hotel Mead. It is best to always consult the hotel reviews on the internet prior to booking an alternate lodging location.

MOTEL 6 WISCONSIN RAPIDS

911 Huntington Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

(715) 423-3211, FAX (715) 423-2875

1-1/2 miles (5 minutes) south of Hotel Mead

\$42.99 to \$51.95 plus tax

AMERICINN OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS

3010 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

(715) 424-3444

2 miles (6 minutes) south of Hotel Mead

\$99.90 to \$124.99 plus tax

QUALITY INN

3120 8th St. S., Wisconsin Rapids, WI, 54494

Phone: (715) 423-5506 Fax: (715) 423-7160

2 miles (6 minutes) south of Hotel Mead

\$89.95 to \$99.99 plus tax

AMERICANS BEST VALUE INN

3410 Eighth Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

(715) 423-8080, (Fax) (715) 423-3595

2 miles (6 minutes) south of Hotel Mead

\$69.99 to \$89.99 plus tax

SLEEP INN & SUITES

4221 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, 54494

Phone: (715) 424-6800, Fax: (715) 424-6810

20 1/2 miles (33 minutes) south of Hotel Mead

\$79.00 to \$116.00 plus tax

COMFORT INN

1660 American Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54467

16 1/2 miles (22 minutes) northeast of Hotel Mead

Phone (715) 342-0400, Fax: (715) 254-2165

\$69.99 to \$73.95 plus tax