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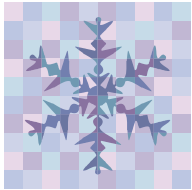
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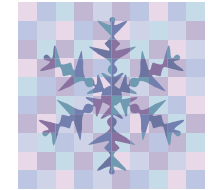
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## **Winter Holiday Party – Jan 15**

**Please join us on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at Winona's Family Restaurant**



**The party will begin at 6:00 PM with a social hour.  
Dinner orders will be taken about 6:30 PM.**



**Meals will be ordered from the menu this year, with a great selection  
—something sure to suite everyone.**

**As in the past, we will accept donations for prizes.  
The club will be providing additional prizes.**

### ***Program:***

***Travel Talk by Leslie Hittner –  
2013 Inland Waterway Tour from Moscow to St. Petersburg***

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# What are You Doing on February 7?

Wouldn't it be great to have a good way to enjoy our fun hobby during the dreags of winter?

Well, the answer is as close as the MN QSO Party which runs from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday, February 7!

And there are a couple of ways to enjoy the day. If you want to engage in a group effort, Matt, KF0Q, is opening up his home and station to folks who would like to join him for the day (or a portion of it, at least). Here is an opportunity to operate a good HF station (two transmitters and four antennas from 160-10 meters), socialize a bit, learn electronic logging, try your hand at contesting, and share time with friends and colleagues in the hobby. Matt is offering SSB and CW modes from his location. If you choose this option, please consider bring some snacks to contribute to the fun. Contact Matt KF0Q by email at [kf0q@hbc.com](mailto:kf0q@hbc.com) if you are at all interested in participating at his home. He can discuss more details of his plans for the day.

On the other hand, if you want to give your own fixed or mobile station a workout, operating independently might be for you. This option helps participants learn more

about their own rigs, antennas, and logging systems. And it certainly offers on-the-air time to improve operating skills.

The event is a somewhat laid-back contest with time to exchange pleasantries with fellow hams around the state and country. The exchange is simple: First name and county abbreviation (e.g., Jack WIN). Use of spotting networks is permitted.

The MNQP is sponsored by the MN Wireless Assn (see: <http://w0aa.org/index.php/mn-qso-party> for event details). There has been a club competition in the past, where individual ops indicate club affiliation on their logs for consolidated club scores. Winona ARC place 5<sup>th</sup> out of 17 clubs in 2014, and that was with only two Winona ARC logs submitted! The official status of the club competition for 2015 seems to be up in the air, but the fun of participating in the MNQP is still there. If you are interested in operating from home or with a mobile HF station. Please contact Len KC0RSX at [LJLitvan@gmail.com](mailto:LJLitvan@gmail.com) for help with any questions.

Have a great day enjoying the MN QSO Party on the 7<sup>th</sup>!

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# TONE IS COMING TO THE 146.640 REPEATER

Erik Brom, WB0NIU,  
W0NE station trustee

At the executive board's direction, we have changed the coordination on our 146.640 repeater to indicate that it is no longer carrier access - it will now require a 100.0 Hz CTCSS tone to key up the repeater. This information is being published in the repeater directory, but we don't plan to actually enable tone for about 6 months.

Please start updating your radios. We will announce a specific date when full implementation is imminent.

Please contact me if you have any questions.



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# SKYWARN TRAINING IS COMING



Todd Shea and associates at the NWS office in LaCrosse have been busy at work planning for the 2015 severe weather season already. The specific

date and location for Winona County training has not been announced yet, so keep your ear to the ground for that. It is recommended that spotters attend a training session every two years in order to keep abreast of changes and to refresh memories regarding accurate reporting. Here is the link to the LaCrosse NWS office 2015 Skywarn training schedule:

[http://www.crh.noaa.gov/arx/?n=skywarn\\_schedule](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/arx/?n=skywarn_schedule)

The schedule website above also has links to four very helpful topics for Skywarn spotters:

- [Role of the Skywarn Spotter](#)
- [Skywarn Spotter Convective Basics](#)
- [Spotter Reports and Data Quality](#)
- [Weather Spotter's Field Guide \(Updated June 2011\)](#)

These might be worth perusing before this year's training. Just a thought....

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**The first 2015 WARC Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, at 7:00 PM in the WSU Library. Topics include election of board officers and other items relating to activities of the club.**

**Membership Dues—**

**Payable Now!**

***What a bargain. WARC membership dues are still only \$25 per year for an individual and \$30 for a family. Annual dues for elementary through high school students whose parents are not club members are \$5.00 until youth finish high school or turn 18 years of age.***

***Dues are payable by the end of December.***

***Your club dues support many activities of the club including maintenance of hardware, cost of insurance, Field Day expenses, and others.***

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Dues: \$25.00 per calendar year per license holder.  
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Board meetings are announced in advance (WEPNet).

Monthly club programs are held on the third Thursday. The submission deadline for the **Hamgram** is Wednesday of the week *prior* to that of the club programs.

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