



The Hamgram

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W1AW/Ø salutes volunteers from Minnesota

By Mike Cizek, WØVTT



STATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TALKED (OR DIGI) DAN GOLTZ, WKØW, LEFT, AND MIKE CIZEK, WØVTT, WHEN THE WINONA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB RAN W1AW/Ø FOR VOLUNTEERS ON THE AIR AUG. 6

St. Charles in Winona County, Minnesota, opened itself to the world Aug. 6 representing the state and its volunteers in the ARRL Volunteers On The Air (VOTA) event. Winona Amateur Radio Club operated once again as W1AW/Ø as part of VOTA that runs throughout the year.

The club had two two hour time slots on Sunday afternoon from 2000-2200z (that's 3-5 p.m. for you local types) operating 20 meter digital and 40 meter phone at WØVTT's marvelous station just outside St. Charles. At least half a dozen club members expressed interest in the event but when the time came, only two showed up, Bob Seaquist, W9LSE, handled

40m SSB with WØVTT while Dan Goltz, WKØW, ran 20m FT4 and FT8.

Contacts were a little slow on phone, but Dan had a steady stream of callers on digi with many calling in from Europe. The team had a total of 172 QSOs, evenly split with 86 each on phone and digi.

No event at WØVTT is complete without food! After operating, we headed to the Good Sport Bar & Grill in St Charles for a celebratory meal with some cold 807s.



MIKE CIZEK, WØVTT, TRULY RAN "BAREFOOT" DURING VOTA OPERATIONS.



WØNE at the County Fair

Cotton candy, a roller coaster, Tilt-A-Whirl, 4-H exhibits, farm machinery are standards for the Winona County Fair. This year there was more including an amateur radio station operated by members of the Winona Amateur Radio Club. The club was invited to be a part of Public Safety Day at the fair Aug. 12. To represent Ham radio we set up two stations, HF and VHF, with antennas on the county's tower trailer. We used the club's IC-718 on HF and AC9TO's FT-2900 on 2m FM. Amateur radio was mixed in with all of the first responders: police, fire, sheriff, ambulance, and the National Weather Service.

Our tribander on the tower attracted attention, but not nearly as much as the police dog demonstrations.

The goal was not to make a lot of QSOs, but rather to "show off" a bit of what we do and how we provide public service communications for events and emergency situations. Having Morse Code playing on the speaker of the IC-718 attracted a fair amount of attention and, despite the tri-bander being aimed south, we made a handful of contacts in Europe and around the states on 20m CW and SSB.

County Emergency Manager Ben Klinger, KEØTNM, was pleased with the way things worked out during the day, even though it was pretty slow going at first due to rainy weather. We have already been invited back again for next year.

Participants included: Marv Rodvold, AC9TO; Lance Tagliapietra, ADØUT; John Kowalik, K2OPT; Rick Kolter, KD9GVS; Mike Foerster, WØIH; Dan Goltz, WKØW; and Mike Cizek, WØVTT.



Radio club becomes part of community history



The story of Winona, from the native American encampments to the lumber, wheat, steamboating and railroads, even actress Wynona Ryder, is meticulously kept at the Winona

County Historical Society. Now the story of the Winona Amateur Radio Club is at the society's museum as well.

A full collection of the club newsletter, The Hamgram, numerous digital images, and a lengthy collection of newspaper articles about the club was presented to the historical society in July. The newsletter collection was kept by the Brom family, probably starting with Paul Brom, WØLUX, (sk) then his nephew Erik Brom, WBØNIU, (sk) and Jodie Brom, NØOUT. Les Hittner, KØBAD, contributed logs and QSL cards from the club's Shakespeare Festival special event station, N2B.

The club has other connections with the historical society. A number of club members programmed and set up the society's computer system. And for a number of years the club set up an amateur radio station at the society's headquarters as part of its open house.

WARC Executive Board (unofficial minutes)

Wednesday, August 2, 2023, via Zoom

Present: Board Members: Lance Tagliapietra, ADØUT; Paul Schumacher, KØZYV; Harro Hohenner, KG6RLM; Bob Seaquist, W9LSE; Slam Resto, KFØACN; Marv Rodvold, AC9TO. Guests: Dan Goltz, WKØW; Tom Wilmot, WØMK; Clare Jarvis, KØNY.

Called to order at 7 p.m. by Lance Tagliapietra, ADØUT.

Minutes (Published in the July Hamgram): Bob Seaquist, W9LSE. *Approved.*

Treasurer: Harro Hohenner, KG6RLM. *Approved*

Balance on 7/1/2023	\$5,834.76
Expenses:	
WØIH- ZOOM	\$57.37
AC9TO- Field Day gas	\$8.54
Balance reported by bank	\$5,834.76
Paid members	32

Trustee: Mike Foerster, WØiH

We supplied the Mosley Classic 33 beam for the Winona County Fair, along with the IC-718, Alpha Delta Tuner and the IC-125 Power Supply. The rig and power supply were returned to NØQK's garage.

The Witoka HF Remote needed a reboot July 30, and required a site visit to repair.

The other repeater sites are working well.

Public Service: Dan Goltz, WKØW.

The club operated at the Winona County Fair and though rainy weather reduced attendance it was a good learning experience. The club needs a new identifying sign or banner as we

no longer have one. Members provided communications support for Storm The Farm. Paul Degallier, ADØUU, led the operation. Storm organizers praised the club's work.

A Ride-The-Ridges rider wanted assurance of safety because of severe allergies. I and the ride director agree that we can strive to provide the best conditions for all riders, but if the demands become too stringent they will not be possible to met. Our recommendation is that he should check-in at every rest stop to narrow a possible search area should he have an issue and his companions call for help.

The Waumandee Time Trials communication support, Sept. 23, needs nine more volunteers.

County Emergency Manager Ben Klinger KEØTNM, noted there have not been weather call-outs yet. He says the new command trailer early will be ready in September and available for the Winona Health full scale exercise Oct 7. Amateur radio gear will move into its new LEC spaces in December.

Program: Sam Resto, KFØACN.

The Aug. 17 club meeting will be a live hands-on demo and tutorial of Yaesu Fusion functions. Future programs will be Bill Lippert, ACØW, a competitor in the World Radiosport Team Championship will talk about contesting and Scott Neader, KA9FOX, of QTH.com on digital operating.

Adjourn: 7:51 p.m.



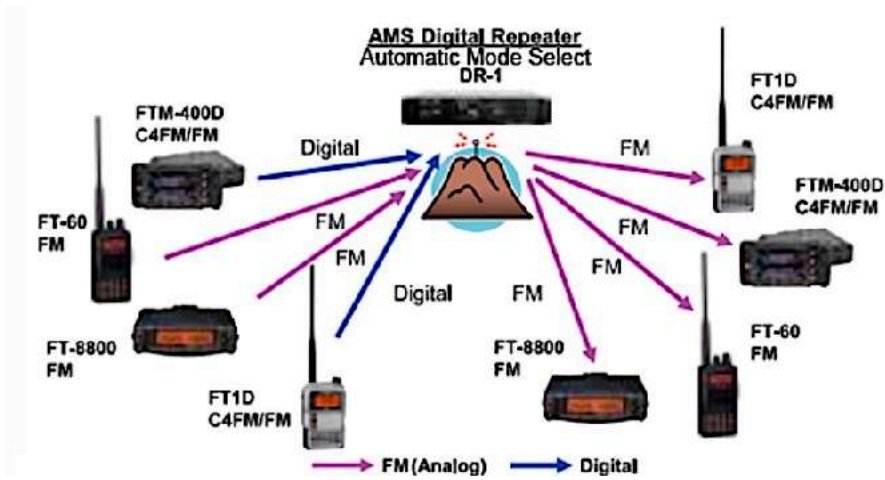
Dates

- Club meeting, "Fusion," Thurs. Aug 17
- Ride The Ridges Support, Sat Sept 16
- Waumandee Time Trials Support, Sat Sept 23
- ARRL 2023 Minnesota State Convention, Sat. Oct. 14

Club Quiz

1. Who organized the Winona Amateur Radio Club?
2. What year was the club founded?
3. Members of the club helped "save" Winona from a flood in what year?
4. What young lad operated an amphibious "duck" rescuing folks during the flood.
5. Did Winona have a Ham Radio Shop?

Answers on page 4



The connections available on Yaesu Fusion and Yaesu WIRES offer huge and sometimes confusion choices. Narrowing the choices and learning to operate the radios and getting into the system can be a challenge. Your gateway to Fusion and WIRES will be at the **August meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17**, in person or on Zoom.

Meeting explores Fusion and WIRES

In person at the Winona County Office Building, 202 West Third St., Winona or Zoom video. ([https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6881820303?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6881820303?pwd=Z0JuRjZlUXJ2U1RMk1BFS3lvUEhsZz09)

America Link,” and “MNWis” are places to park your Yaesu HT on a rainy day. Lounging in your hammock you can chat with Hams across the world.

Meeting ID: **688 182 0303**

Password: **WarcBoard**

Or you could enjoy a chat on the “WINONA MN CONNECTION” operated by NØQK.

The monthly program is open to the public.

Quiz answers

1. Walter Haessinger, WØPPZ, of the Winona Police Department organized the club.
2. The Winona Amateur Radio Club was founded in 1946
3. The great flood of 1965 almost inundated the “island city.”
4. Young Les Hittner, KØBAD, operated St. Mary’s “duck” and his radio during the flood.
5. Winona’s go-to electronics store was Hiawatha Electronics.

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WØNE Repeaters

146.640 PL 100.0 Hz *

146.835 PL 131.8 Hz ** FM Voice C4FM Digital

444.225 PL 100.0Hz FM Voice C4FM Digital

442.150 PL 100.0 Hz. FM Voice C4FM Digital

* SkyWarn Net when activated.

** **Sundav Night Net—8:30 p.m.**

Winona Amateur Radio club meetings are 7 p.m., third Thursday of the month at the Winona County Office Building, 202 West Third St., Winona or Zoom video conferencing. ([https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6881820303?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6881820303?pwd=Z0JuRjZlUXJ2U1RMk1BFS3lvUEhsZz09)

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Dues: \$30 per calendar year per license holder. \$35 per calendar year for all licensed members of the same family within the same household.

Send dues to: Treasurer, P.O. Box 1451, Winona, MN 55987

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