

ARRL Dakota Division

NEWSLETTER



DIRECTOR NOTES

With this the second edition of the Dakota Division Newsletter, you will see some changes from the first. Part of the changes is attempting to come up with a layout/format that doesn't take hours to develop. Another is figuring out what information should be in this newsletter and what should be in the weekly update emails. Example is the VE testing has been removed from this newsletter and moved to the weekly updates.

The frequency of this newsletter I've moved to attempting every other month with maybe a periodic special addition. While the original goal was monthly it quickly became apparent that would be challenging as I would be spending most of my time writing newsletters.

Make sure your Field Day planning includes posting your site on ARRL Field Day Locator site. Several people use this to help find your Field Day site, including myself, Section Managers, and other ARRL Field Appointees. As in the past I'll be visiting several sites on Saturday and Sunday. For those sites I plan to visit you will receive an email from me a few days before with approximate time.

Take note in the Hamfest Calendar two new Section Conventions. For the first time in many years each state/section will be hosting a convention. July will have ND & SD Section Conventions and October will bring a new convention in Richfield, MN hosting the Minnesota State Convention. Fargo will be hosting the Dakota Division Convention end of September. I will be at 3 of the 4, missing the ND Section Convention in Minot. Vice Director Lynn Nelson, WØND will be covering that one. Hope to see you at one of these events.

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Bill Lippert ACØW

Director Dakota Division

VOLUNTEERS ON THE AIR (VOTA)

W1AW/Ø - MINNESOTA

Minnesota closed out the first round of Dakota Division activations in May with some mediocre band conditions. Seems most of the activity was limited to 40 and 20 meters. There was some 2- and 6-meter activity, I haven't heard how that went yet. While we are still waiting to hear about QSO counts Minnesota hams operated W1AW/Ø a total of 267 hours on the HF bands. This breaks down to 92 hours phone, 102 hours digital and 73 hours CW. I think we achieved a nice balance between the modes compared to other states.

I'm aware of four clubs that activated W1AW/Ø. These are KDØCL, Amateur Radio Association of Bloomington; WØSV, St. Cloud ARC; WØNE, Winona ARC; and WØRRC, Richfield ARC. Thank you for organizing this and getting on the air. Along with the four clubs, 33 individuals took to the air as W1AW/Ø. This includes KØBBC who drove from Sioux Falls and operated in the very southwest corner of Minnesota (see picture).

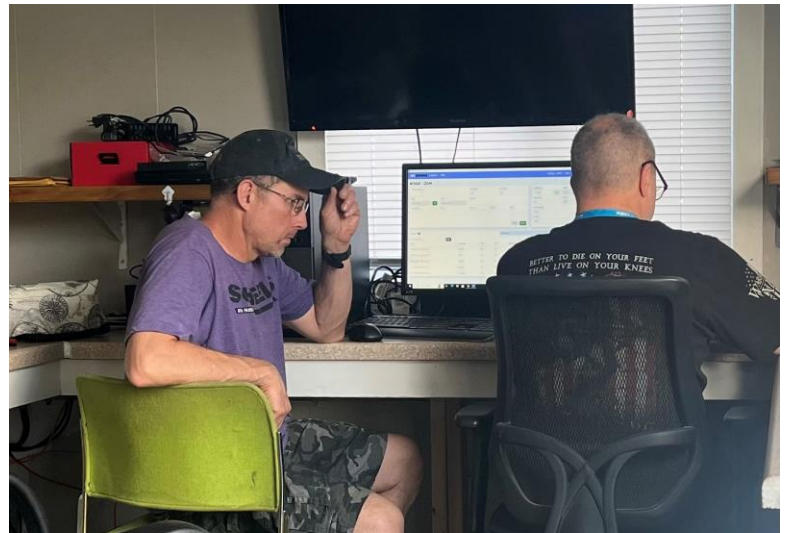
Thank you to everyone that helped to put W1AW/Ø on the air in Minnesota.

The dates for the next W1AW/Ø visit to the Dakota Division are:

Date	State	Coordinator	Contact	Sign up Website
7/19 - 7/25	South Dakota	Matt Holden, KØBBC	mtholden@gmail.com	ok.arrl.org/w1awsd
8/2 - 8/8	Minnesota	Don WA6ZMT, Jim KØMHC	arrl_mn_acc@donkelly.biz	ok.arrl.org/w1awmn
8/23 - 8/29	North Dakota	Lynn Nelson, WØND	lnelson@arrl.org	ok.arrl.org/w1awnd



Winona ARC members operating W1AW/Ø at WØVTT QTH



St. Cloud ARC members operating W1AW/Ø at the club's station WØSV



KØBBC at Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa tri-corner operating W1AW/Ø from mobile

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

MINNESOTA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

While generally located in Minnesota, the Minnesota Wireless Association has members in Minnesota and all states/provinces surrounding Minnesota. The club currently has 247 members within that area.

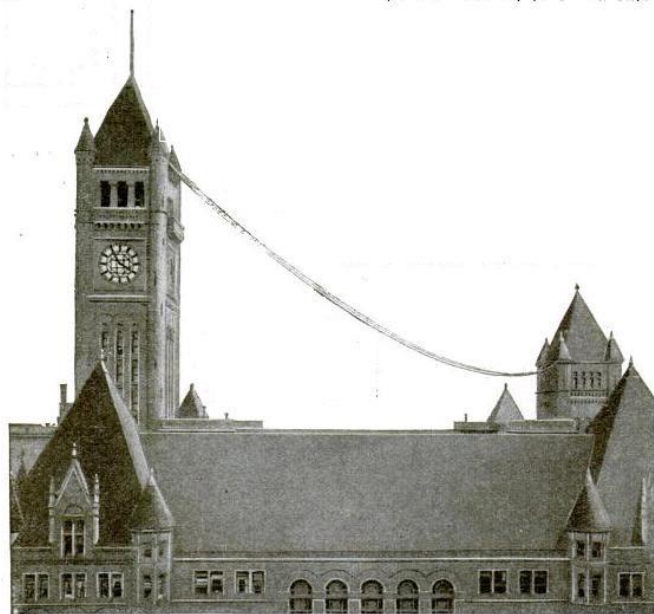
The club's mission is to promote contesting in our region. As part of this, the organization competes nationally in the club competition of several events, typically finishing in the top 5 of the events the group targets.

Members in MWA range from beginning contesters learning the ropes to veteran contesters who are capable of finishing in the top 5. This summer 3 club members will be participating in the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) being held in Italy July 8 & 9. These individuals are NE9U, NGØC, and ACØW.

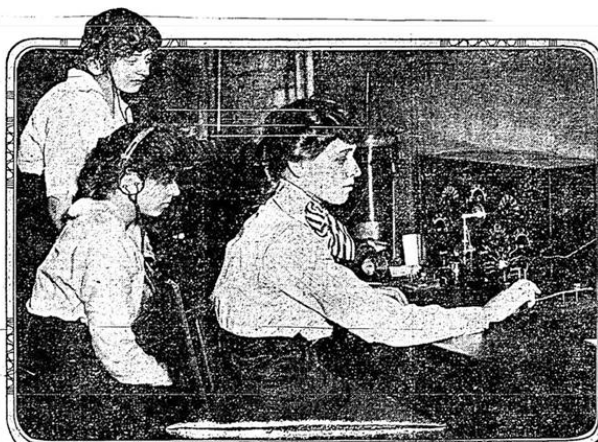
Recently the club had it's 113th birthday. The club was officially formed on May 9, 1910, when members met to adopt a constitution and elect officers. Originally the club was named the Minneapolis Wireless Association and changed it to Minnesota Wireless Association in 1914 when the organization served hams in most areas of the state. At the May 9th meeting an inspection committee was named. The purpose of the committee was to assist hams in how to adjust and operate their equipment so they would have a clean signal. Today MWA educates it members and ethical and proper operating techniques, which is a tie to its origins.

In 1913 the club was assigned call sign 9ZE. They had a station on the 4th floor of Minneapolis City Hall, which the building still exists. The picture from 1915 shows the antenna the club used. The clock tower is 340 ft tall. In 1914 19-year-old Philip Edelman was President and in 1915 the Minneapolis Tribune note the organization had 4 women as member. The article made special note that the women owned the equipment.

They received 9ZT in 1920 with Don Wallace (W6AM) as trustee. 1924 the call sign as changed to 9EF. There was a period the club did not have a call sign. Then in 1947 they received WØAA, which they still hold today. In 1968 the club became an ARRL Affiliated Club. Then in 1973 the organization start publishing the National Contest Journal (NCJ). The magazine is celebrating it's 50th year this year and is now published by the ARRL. MWA members have served as editor of the magazine over the years. These include KØTO, KØAD and KØMD. The club's website is www.w0aa.org



Minneapolis Wireless Club Boasts Four Girl Members



"Dabblers in the ether" able to tinker with complicated mechanism as successfully as masculine followers of Marconi.
From Left to Right—Dina Torgerson, Ruth Jacobson and Elinor Jacobson.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversary	Years	Type	Club Name	Club Call	Location
7/14/1958	65	ARRL Affiliation	Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club	KØND	Dickinson, ND
6/23/1967	56	ARRL Affiliation	Albert Lea Amateur Radio Club	WAØRAX	Albert Lea, MN
7/20/1982	41	ARRL Affiliation	Paul Bunyan Amateur Radio Club	WØBJI	Bemidji, MN
6/13/1986	37	ARRL Affiliation	Wadena Area Amateur Radio Club	NØWN	Wadena, MN
6/24/1989	34	ARRL Affiliation	Pierre Amateur Radio Club	WØPIR	Pierre, SD
6/2/2010	13	ARRL Affiliation	Northwoods Amateur Radio Group	KDØJFO	Wirt, MN
7/1/2016	7	Organization Date	Vermillion Range Amateur Radio Club	KØVRC	Ely, MN
6/18/2019	4	ARRL Affiliation	Metro Skywarn, Inc	KØMSQ	St Paul, MN

If your club is missing and should be listed contact me at ac0w@arrl.org to update our records.

DIVISION HAMFESTS

June 3	9:00 - 5:00	Plymouth, MN	Aurora 23 - NLRS	http://www.NLRS.club	SM
June 17	8:00 - 12:00	Plymouth, MN	Twin City FM Club	https://tcfmc.org	DIR, SM
June 24	June 25	FIELD DAY			
July 8	8:00 - 12:00	Roseville, MN	Magic Repeater Club	www.magicrepeater.net/fest.htm	
July 8	8:00 - 1:00	Minot, ND	ND Section Convention	http://k0ajw.com	VD, SM
July 8		Rapid City, SD	Tail Gate & Swapfest	http://w0blk.com/index.html	
July 15	8:00 - 12:00	Sioux Falls, SD	SD Section Convention	http://w0zwy.org/	DIR, SM

Abbreviations: DIR - Director; VD - Vice Director; SM - Section Manager; CC - Card Checker

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