

ARRL Dakota Division

NEWSLETTER

2023 FIELD DAY EDITION

DIRECTOR NOTES

Field Day 2023 is mostly behind us except for a little cleaning up and getting the logs and summary sheets submit. This is the third year I've traveled around visiting various field day sites. In 2021 the focus was on SE Minnesota and Minneapolis/St Paul region. 2022 the focus was on eastern South Dakota, eastern North Dakota, and NW Minnesota. 2023 I traveled through NE Minnesota and the Minneapolis/St Paul area again. By the end of the weekend, I endured riding in a car for almost 1,100 miles over two days.

The weather in the region was all over the place. From tornados and severe thunderstorms to sunny warm temperature to cold damp and windy. Some clubs altered their weekend plans based on the weather forecasts to keep members safe or to avoid teardown in muddy conditions. In my travels I managed to experience most of the different conditions seen around the area except for the severe weather, that I managed to avoid.

The pages that follow have pictures of the various sites I visited along with a couple of maps showing the routes I traveled. It was interesting to see what some of the clubs did for their operation, from solar power to 100% battery power, to networking the various stations and the efforts put into making satellite contacts.

The best part of the weekend was meeting everyone and taking time to visit with people. Planning for next year is underway with several sites I have yet to see.

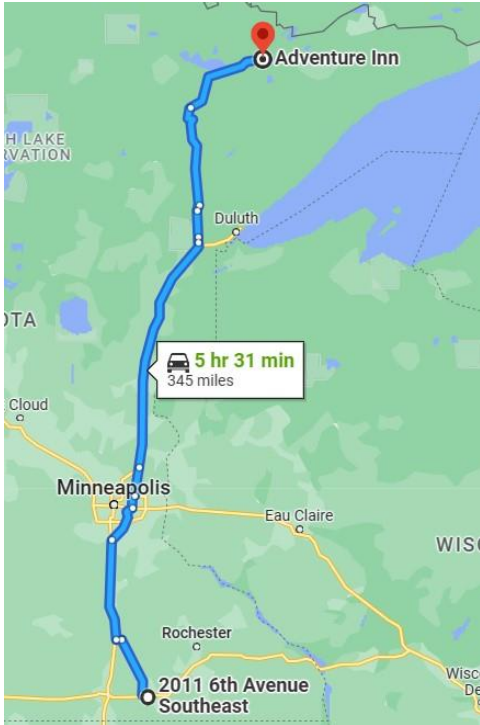
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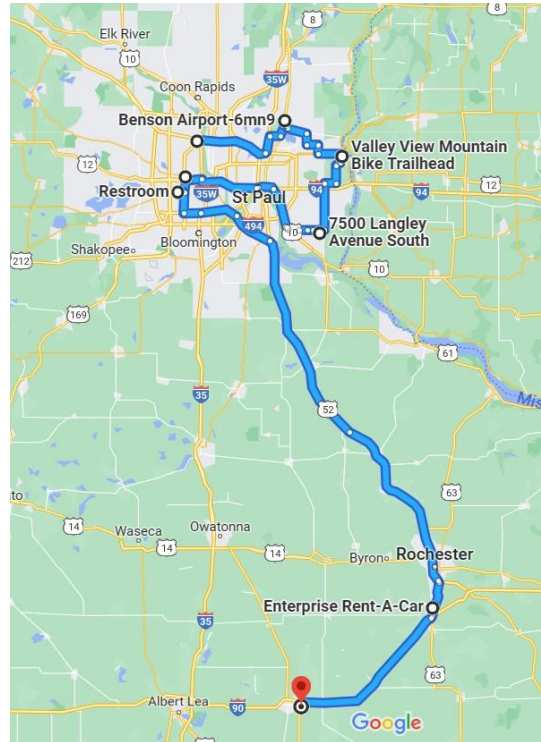
Dakota Division Field Day Site Visits

2021		2022		2023	
Owatonna Steele County	Owatonna, MN	Prairie Dog ARC	Tyndall, SD	Vermillion Range ARC	Ely, MN
Hiaowatha Valley ARC	Red Wing, MN	Sioux Empire ARC	Sioux Falls, SD	Mesabi Wireless Assn	Tower, MN
Winona ARC	Winona, MN	Lake Area Radio Club	Watertown, SD	Northern Lakes ARC	Grand Rapids, MN
Mississippi Valley ARA	LaCrosse, WI	Lake Region ARC	Fergus Falls, MN	Arrowhead RAC	Duluth, MN
Southeast MN ARC	Spring Valley, MN	Red River Radio Amateurs	Sabin, MN	Brainerd Area ARC	Brainerd, MN
Rochester ARC	Rochester, MN	Red River Radio Amateurs	Fargo, ND	Runestone ARC	West Union, MN
Austin ARC	Austin, MN	Forx ARC	Grand Forks, ND	St Cloud ARC	St Cloud, MN
Twin City FM Club	ST Louis Park, MN	Lake Agassiz RC	Grand Forks, ND	St Paul RC	White Bear Township
Maple Grove RC	Maple Grove, MN	Paul Bunyan ARC	Bemidji, MN	Stillwater ARA	Oak Park Heights, MN
Anoka County RC	Anoka, MN	Minnesota Wireless Assn	Park Rapids, MN	South East Metro ARC	Cottage Grove
St Paul RC & Mining ARC	St Paul, MN			Maple Grove RC	Golden Valley, MN
Southeast Metro ARC	Cottage Grove, MN			TCFMC	St Louis Park, MN

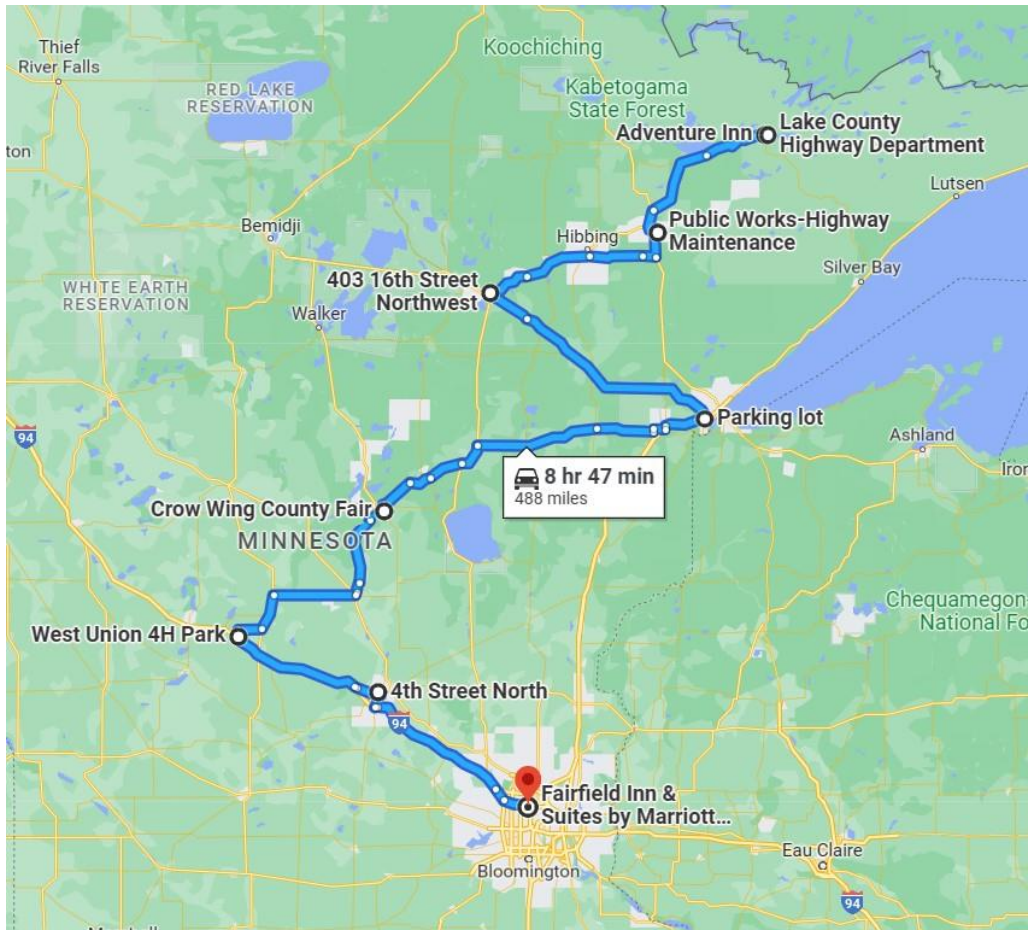
Friday Route



Sunday Route



Saturday Route



Vermillion Range ARC - Ely, MN (Sat 9 AM)



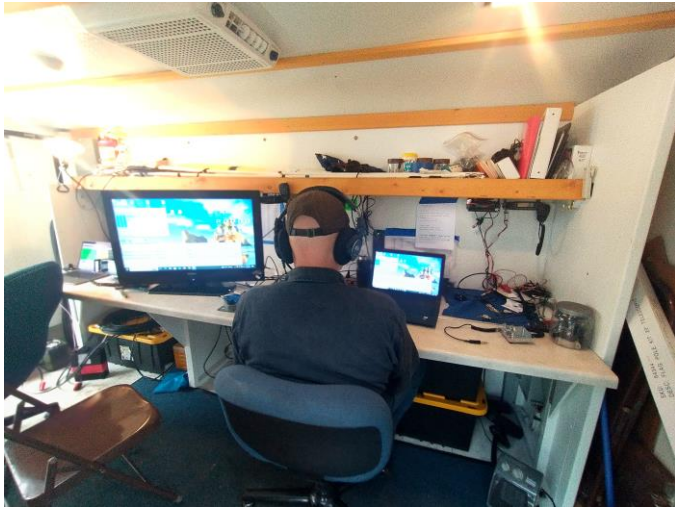
Mesabi Wireless Association - Virginia, MN (Sat 10:20 AM)



Northern Lakes Amateur Radio Club - Grand Rapids, MN (Sat 11:50 AM)



Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club - Duluth, MN (Sat 2 PM)



Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club - Brainerd, MN (Sat 4:40 PM)



Runestone Amateur Radio Club - West Union, MN (Sat 6:45 PM)



St Cloud Amateur Radio Club - St Cloud, MN (Sat 8:30 PM)



Thunderstorm near Bemidji - From I-94 near St Cloud (Sat 9:10 PM)



St Paul Radio Club - White Bear Lake, MN (Sun 7:45 AM)



Stillwater Amateur Radio Association - Oak Park Heights, MN (Sun 8:50 AM)



South East Metro Amateur Radio Club - Cottage Grove, MN (Sun 10 AM)



Maple Grove Radio Club - Golden Valley, MN (Sun 11:30 AM)



Twin City FM Club - St Louis Park, MN (Sun 12:30 PM)

