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NEWSLETTER



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Maple Grove Radio Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Fire Station #2 in Maple Grove, Minnesota. Meeting time is 7 - 9 pm. Fire Station #2 is located at 13450 Maple Knoll Way. This is at the Northeast corner of Elm Creek Blvd and Maple Knoll Way. Enter at the upper door on the East side of the building.

Calendar of Events

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Meeting 7:00pm
- May 19-21<sup>st</sup> Dayton Hamvention at Greene County Fairgrounds near Dayton, Ohio
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline Newsletter Articles
- May 22<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Jun 6<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting
- Jun 9-11<sup>th</sup> MS 150 Bike Tour
- Jun 17<sup>th</sup> Grandma's Marathon
- Jun 20<sup>th</sup> Deadline Newsletter Articles
- Jun 23<sup>rd</sup> Setup for Field Day at **Gleason Fields, 18815 67<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Maple Grove, MN**
- Jun 24<sup>th</sup> Field Day begins at 1800 UTC
- Jun 25<sup>th</sup> Field Day ends at 2059 UTC
- Jun 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- Jul 11<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting
- Jul 19<sup>th</sup> Deadline Newsletter Articles
- Jul 19-23<sup>rd</sup> MS TRAM Bike Tour

CLUB	LOCATION	OUTPUT	OFFSET	ACCESS	MODE
KØLTC	Maple Plain	147.000	Plus	none	WFM
KØLTC	Maple Grove	443.550	Plus	114.8	WFM
<b>AFFILIATED CLUBS:</b>					
NØFWG	Maple Plain	444.375	Plus	118.8	WFM
NØFWG	Plymouth	444.375	Plus	114.8	WFM
KØYTH	Robbinsdale	444.775	Plus	114.8	WFM
KAØKMJ	Dayton	442.850	Plus	CC1	DMR

**May Program Topic:**

Chris Petersen will be talking about Fusion and other digital modes. He will also setup several radios to provide a live demonstration of Fusion.



Skywarn Spotter Training 2017

Roy Wood's President Letter

I have been asked to write an article for the newsletter for some time. Unfortunately the editor has gotten suspicious of my excuse that the dog ate my article. Especially since she found out I don't have a dog and realized I write these on a computer.

So here goes my random thoughts (probably inspired by sunspots and cosmic rays)...

Membership seems to be doing well. We keep getting applications, which is a good sign (obviously they have never seen me run a meeting). As a member please be active in making the club better. If there is something you would like to see done, bring it to the boards' attention. Things don't just happen; if you see a need, volunteer to do it. Everyone is busy, not just you.

The radio room is nearly complete. Since the pulling of one thousand feet of cable in November, the furniture has been set up (lucky us, it just fit), the patch panel wired, the VHF radios connected, the high power HF station setup, computers installed, and a new HF radio purchased. Left to be completed are installing one more HF antenna so all radios can be operated, getting HF digital modes working, and general organization.

A big thanks goes to the Maple Grove Fire Dept. for providing a wide screen television, cable TV, a printer/FAX/Copier, and phones for Skywarn use.

MidWinter Madness was a success again this year. The vendors I spoke to were pleased with the turnout and thought they had done better this year than last in sales. I believe we are the largest such event in the state and provide a valuable service to the amateur radio community.

Something to think about is the aging population of our vendors. Where can we find people willing to sell at our event? Some vendors are driving long distances to attend. How can we assure them of a large base of potential sales? If we want to keep doing the Hamfest in the future we will need to evolve to meet the needs of Hams. I like the event because the local source of parts has dried up and electronic components are available there. So to keep me happy, I'm

looking for volunteers for next year's MidWinter Madness planning committee to help make the event better. I would like to see our attendance grow to one thousand people. How do we do that?

Field day is almost upon us. We won the ARRL 3A class trophy for the state last year. Let's see if we can do it again this year (although we weren't trying to do it last year). Maybe accidents can happen twice. We will be discussing Field Day at the May meeting and the June meeting will be a setup/test equipment meeting.

The club sponsored Skywarn Net Control Station has already been used twice for near misses of severe weather this season. I wish to thank everyone who has volunteered (or been strong armed) to work Maple Grove Skywarn to provide the NWS with this service. It is thankless, disruptive to your personal life, inconvenient and yet critical to provide information to the National Weather Service so that they can protect the community at large. I would like to thank the members for making this radio club what it is. It doesn't matter what I do, it matters what you do.

Thanks! Roy Wood WØREW