



Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

-- When All Else Fails...AMATEUR RADIO --

March 2013

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March 2013 Program

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2013

Time: 7:00 PM (Please arrive 10-15 minutes early for safety talk and other prep.)

Program: TRW Manufacturing Plant Tour. TRW manufactures (among other things) circuit board assemblies through finished product of the Remote Climate Control Module which is used in a variety of vehicles built by Ford Motor Company. TRW is currently running 3 shifts, so we should see a very active production floor during the tour.

No open toed shoes or narrow heels may be worn in the production facility.

In order that TRW can plan appropriately (number of guides, etc.), please let Lance KB0YJU know by Tuesday, March 19, if you will be participating. LanceTag@hbc.com

MEETING LOCATION: TRW Manufacturing Facility, 5752 Industrial Park Road, Winona, MN.

Interested in Wednesday Coffee???

Several hams have been meeting for an informal coffee time regularly on Wednesday afternoons at McDonalds West in the past couple of months. Ken N0JP assures us that ALL ARE WELCOME to join in—including non-

hams. He reported that there have been as many as 15 attendees at the coffee sessions. Topics of discussion at the sessions have been very broad, we understand. Details: Wednesdays, 3:00 PM, McDonalds West. Have fun!

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

- TRW Facility Tour – March Program – Thursday, March 21.
- Arcadia Brut Challenge – Communications Support – Saturday, May 18.
- The Trinona in Winona – Communications Support – Sunday, June 9.
- ARRL Field Day 2013 – June 22-23.
- Great River Shakespeare Festival – Special Event Station – July 13-14.
- Club Picnic – July 18.

Field Day 2013—June 22-23

WARC Planning Already in Progress

Matt KF0Q, chairman of the Operating Activities Committee, has already challenged the committee to begin planning for Field Day 2013. As you may know, ARRL Field Day is the largest on-the-air operating event in Amateur Radio. It draws tens of thousands of radio amateurs to the airwaves each year, bringing new and experienced ham radio operators together. Field Day is a radio operating activity, educational event, and public demonstration...all rolled-up in FUN!

The Winona club has actively participated in FD for many years and has received great support from local agencies and organizations which are supported by the club's emergency communications capabilities--the City of Winona, Winona County, the Winona Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, Emergency Management Coordinator, the Red Cross, and others.

The club has also received support in the form of Field Day site visits from elected officials from the US House of Representatives, the MN House and



Senate, Winona County, City of Winona, and several Winona County townships.

Recent educational demonstrations have included Amateur Radio TV, microwave transmission capability, data-transmitter balloon launches, APRS

capabilities, and other facets of the Amateur Radio Service.

Matt has suggested that there may be an opportunity to focus on a "Get-On-The-Air" station for 2013.

You will be hearing more about Field Day 2013 as time goes on. There are opportunities for all club members to contribute to this fun, educational, and competitive event. It is a great opportunity to learn and have fun.

SKYWARN TRAINING 2013



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It's that time of year again—
storm season is approaching.

The LaCrosse office of the
NWS has posted their
Skywarn training sessions.

They again promote that
people with interest in
reporting storm conditions attend a training
session every other year.

The training schedule posted on the
[LaCrosse NWS website](#) shows that there is
not a session scheduled in Winona County
this year; however, Dan Goltz WK0W is

attempting to provide a local training session
for us. When details become known, the
club will help publicize the date, time, and
location.

In the mean time, there is a training session
April 1 in Rochester and April 16 in La
Crosse—both at 6:30 PM. PLUS THIS
YEAR, the NWS is offering region-wide
webinars on March 22 (10:00 AM), April 9
(2:00 PM), and April 17 (6:30 PM). See the
LaCrosse training schedule for information
about obtaining access to the webinars.

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“SILENT AUCTION” Equipment Sale at February Program

Thanks to all who took advantage of the silent auction at last month's program. Matt KF0Q, the club Treasurer, reported income of \$193 from the auction. Plus...Fred's items found good homes!

There are still a few items left plus lots of miscellaneous cables, cords, connectors, power strips, coax, battery chargers, connectors, coax connection sealers, AM/FM radio, fuses, etc., etc., etc. The Board is considering the best ways to get these items into the hands of hams who could make good use of them.

Minutes of WARC Board: The March meeting of the Executive Board was postponed to Thursday, March 21 after the club monthly program due to weather and personnel availability issues. All members are invited to attend board meetings.

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New WARC Shirts are Coming

The shirt and jacket orders have been submitted to our supplier, [Kelly Printing and Signs](#), in Preston. The shirts and jackets should be in VERY soon. Thanks to Brad Kelly K0BDK for taking a personal interest in locating shirts and



arranging the customized embroidery for the club. It is very much appreciated.

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Dues: \$25.00 per calendar year per license holder.
\$30.00 per calendar year for all licensed members of the same family within the same household.

Dues should be sent to: Matt Burt, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1264, Winona, MN 55987

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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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