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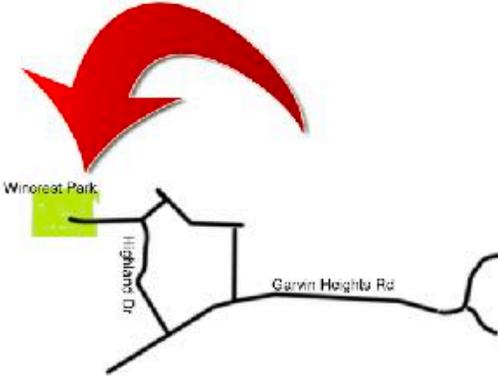
June 2017

Winona Amateur Radio Club
Winona, Minnesota



The premier Amateur Radio event of the year will be observed by the Winona Amateur Radio Club from about noon, Friday, June 23, through mid-afternoon, Sunday, June 25. Of course the event is ARRL Field Day which, as experienced Hams know, is THE event of the year, a time to check out skills, have fun with other club members and really exercise the radio muscles.

Wincrest Park



The Winona Amateur Radio Club Field Day operation will be high above the city in Wincrest Park (see map) setting up Friday afternoon, June 23 and operating from 1 p.m. Saturday to 1 p.m. Sunday. All club members are welcome and, in fact, strongly encouraged to make an appearance, says Field Day Chair Lance Tagliapietra, ADØUT.

New Hams can learn from some highly skilled operators — and the Winona Amateur Radio Club has many excellent radio operators in its ranks. — and even go on the air! Of course, Techs must have a General or Extra with them but club members are excited to have new Hams operate.

There will probably be more than 35,000 radio amateurs on the airwaves. Contests can be pretty hard-core, DXing has impenetrable pile-ups and the routine “nets” have their own variety of liabilities. But Field Day is for all of us, the young, the old, the experienced, the new, the skilled and the...um....still learning.

Winona Amateur Radio Club’s Field Day has something for all its members (and friends). The heavy brass pounders can rack up the points, the contesters check off one QSO after another and the new Hams can watch, learn and get on at their own speed to discover the joy of HF.

FIELD DAY!



Prepare for Field Day at the Winona Amateur Radio Club’s meeting 7 p.m., Thursday, June 15. Co-chair Lance Tagliapietra, ADØUT, will preview and hype our Field Day event. The meeting is in Conference Room B in the Winona County Office Building, 202 West Third St. The doors will be unlocked 6:45 until 7:15 Visitors are invited.

Hams help athletes



Syed Faruque, ACØVA, encourages a rider on the “sprint” course.

Four hundred-forty-five brave and hardy souls swam, biked and ran the 2017 Trinona triathlon Sunday, June 11 and they participated with the help of 11 brave and hardy members of the Winona Amateur Radio Club. Starting in the bleak hours of dawn, club members set up the communications network that helped keep Trinona athletes safe and Trinona organizers informed.

The event bills itself as “the Battle For The Bluff” that features one of Bicycling Magazine’s “Top 100 Climbs in the U.S.” That means club members must be stationed strategically on the 24.85-mile bicycle course to monitor riders for race organizers. There, club members not only communicate critical information but they also move barricades, hand out water, stop motorists and cheer on the riders.

Trinona is a run up to two major, upcoming club events, ARRL Field Day June 23-25 and the Ride The Ridges Bicycle Tour Sept. 16.

Club volunteers for Trinona included: Steve White, KDØBOD; Syed Faruque, ACØVA; Bill Soranno, KBØNKX; Paul Degallier, ADØUU; Jennifer Mandell, KEØMKR; Dan Goltz, WKØW; Les Hittner, KØBAD; Melanie Reap, KDØNTM; and Bob Seaquist, W9LSE. Chair was Lance Tagliepietra, ADØUT.



Riders made a sharp, abrupt turn around in East Burns Valley under the watchful eye of Bill Soranno, KBØNKX.

Value

A food server at Trinona thanked some of the Winona Amateur Radio Club members for volunteering. "You do a lot in the community," she said. It is true the WARC provides quality service for the community. It must continue answering calls for help, assessing the needs and doing an outstanding job fulfilling the need.

It is critical that the club provides value in the community and doesn't simply have members talking to one another on the radio. Part 97 gives Hams frequency privileges in order to help with emergency communication and it is up to us to not only show up for emergencies but to provide a valuable, accountable, acknowledged service.



Jennifer Mandell, KEØMKR, left, and other enthusiastic volunteers monitor the corner of highways 44 and 21 for Trinona June 11.

WØNE Repeaters

146.640 PL 100.0 Hz *

146.835 PL 131.8 Hz **

444.225 PL 100.0Hz FM Voice C4FM Digital *

442.150, 100 Hz. FM Voice C4FM Digital *

SkyWarn Net when activated.

** Sunday 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. The monthly program is open to the public.

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