



Minnesota Repeater Council

Fall 2018 Newsletter

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**THE Fall MRC
MEETING
Will be held
Saturday
October 27, 2018
at**

**Maple Grove
Fire Station 2
13450 Maple Knoll Way
Maple Grove MN 55369**

**Registration 12:00 noon
Call to order 1:00PM**

**Take interstate 94 to exit 215 Weaver
Lake Road / CR 109 head east to Elm
Creek Blvd, turn North at McDonalds.
Proceed to Maple Knoll Way, turn right,
the fire station is on the left**

**Park in the upper parking lot next to the
church, do not enter the lower lot beyond
the do not enter signs.**

**This meeting is hosted by the Maple
Grove Radio Club.**

If you have questions regarding
your repeater coordination or
membership please email or ask
before the meeting date!

**It is important that if your not
going to attend the meeting to
proxy your vote to someone who
can attend. This can be another
club member or any licensed
amateur, it does not have to be a
MRC member.**

Chairman's corner

I got an email recently about some discussions one of the more popular Twin Cities repeaters. The sender was not happy at how the subjects discussed, and the manner of their discussion, reflected on ham radio, and asked us to do something about the problem.

First, the part that should be obvious but sometimes isn't: We are not the repeater cops. There isn't any part of our job description that says anything about what people talk about or how they behave on a repeater. We can't even sanction a repeater that is blatantly operating in violation of the standards of coordination or Part 97 except by telling them they're no longer coordinated - a step we are almost always loath to take.

But that's not why I'm writing this, because there's another issue here we need to talk about.

Our society is locked in what seems, at times, to be culture war to the knife. There are times I fear that we're going to find ourselves in an actual shooting civil war before all is said and done. That prospect scares and saddens me, yet I see no way out of it.

The problem comes when people bring that culture war into ham radio. I will cheerfully admit I'm an OF. (First licensed in 1971. Now get off my lawn.) It wasn't all that long ago that politics, and religion, and similar topics where discussion generates more heat than light, were generally considered unsuited for discussion on the ham bands.

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Secretary, Treasurers & Coordinators Notes

Yes, there have been a few notorious cases, but they were notorious precisely because they were so unusual.

As things have gotten more and more polarized, that has spilled over into the ham bands. Sadly, that has led to more and more controversial discussions, and also to more and more people taking perhaps unwarranted offense at what others are saying.

I don't know about you folks, but I get on the bands to get away from all the culture war stuff. I'd really rather not have to wade through it there, as well. How about we keep all that out of where folks who might be listening to the bands with an eye toward getting a ticket don't get turned off by it?

By the same token, if you do hear something you disagree with, there are a couple of knobs on the front of the radio that you can twist. One is labeled CHANNEL or FREQUENCY or the like. The other is labeled POWER. Use them.

Don't be too offensive, and don't be too easily offended.

At the Spring meeting, the membership adopted a change to the bylaws that added a new class of member: inactive. You become an inactive member by not paying your dues, or by not submitting a coordination renewal, or by not coming to a meeting in person or by proxy

All you have to do to return to active status is fix whatever you didn't do. The rest happens immediately and automatically. That means if you're inactive because you haven't come to a meeting, and you show up, you are automatically active again. Simple, no?

Until next time...73, Jay

On September 1st I mailed out 188 annual update requests. As of Sept 14, 68 have been returned completed and entered. The post office returned 2 as undeliverable so far.

In July I updated our web hosting plan from a legacy plan to a current plan with more space and features including https with a Lets Encrypt certificate for less money.

I have not published any geo data at this time, waiting for the RFinder agreement. I do not want to release the data he is seeking until we reach an agreement.

I have created the inactive (INA) membership class in the database. To restore your full membership all you need to do is resolve the issue. This could be as simple as attending a meeting in person or by proxy, filing a update request for your coordination's or paying dues. You must attend one meeting every 27 months to maintain full membership. I used the check in sheets from the past meetings for counting attendance.

Coordination activity has been steady all summer with no problems.

The UHF band plan committee has meet online and will be making a proposal via the e-mail list before and at the meeting.

We will be holding elections at the fall meeting.

73's

Jerry Dorf, N0FWG
Minnesota Repeater Council

Minutes of the Minnesota Repeater Council

Spring meeting held On April 21, 2018
Owatonna Fire Station

Call to order by Chairman Jay Maynard at 1:00PM

Quorum was met with a total of 57 members in good standing on the roster, 16 in attendance of which 8 are non-metro.

Introduction of members and officers made.

Chairman's Report: Jay Maynard K5ZC

Secretary & Treasurer's report: Jerry Dorf N0FWG
Reports presented to membership in the newsletter, and handout.

Frequency coordinator: Jerry Dorf N0FWG
Reports presented to membership in the newsletter, and handout.

Technical Committee: Alan Knutson WB0ZKB
Nothing to report

New Members:

Mike Thompson AE0MT REG Burnsville	Terry Johnson W0TRJ REG Atkin
Mike Steckelberg K0MJS ASC Becker Asc	Phil Lefever KB0NES REG Burnsville

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept all new members.

Old Business:

Coordination data committee: Nothing to report Ben Franske K0BEN will contact Rfinder

UHF Link/band plan committee: Chairman appointed Matt Genelin N0YNT to replace Paul Emeott K0LAV as no report was made.

Great Regional Library donation. Jerry N0FWG Completed

Bylaw Changes: Motion to accept the bylaw amendment was made. During discussion a motion to change Article II 2nd paragraph "active member" to "regular member" as part of the proposed amendment, motion to amend passed. Vote to approve the bylaw occurred, motion to change passes

New Business:

Digital Simplex: David Ventura asked what frequencies could be used for DMR simplex and hotspots. Chairman appoints Matt Genelin to make reconitions at the fall meeting as part of the band planning committee.

Fall Meeting: metro location, Maple Grove Fire Station

Meeting Adjourned at 1:50 PM

Jerry Dorf, N0FWG
Secretary Treasurer
Minnesota Repeater Council, Inc

Minnesota Repeater Council Checking Account

September 14, 2018

Date	Type	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance	Comments
1/4/2018	DEP	JUSTIN YUNKE		\$ 5.00	\$8,674.62	ASSOC DUES 2018
	DEP	JAMES HORN		\$10.00	\$8,684.62	REG DUES 2018
1/31/2018	DEP	Don Burgess		\$20.00	\$8,704.62	REG DUES 2019
	DEP	RAYMOND BARNES		\$10.00	\$8,714.62	REG DUES 2018
	DEP	Terry Johnson		\$10.00	\$8,724.62	Reg Dues Pending 2018
2/1/2018	DEP	BOB DARLOW		\$10.00	\$8,734.62	REG DUES 2019
3/10/2018	Debit	Postmaster	\$50.00		\$8,684.62	Stamps
3/26/2018	DEP	JAMES BABCOCK		\$20.00	\$8,704.62	Reg dues 2019
	DEP	GREG KITCHAK		\$50.00	\$8,754.62	Reg Dues 2023
	DEP	THOMAS TRAUGHBER		\$10.00	\$8,764.62	Reg Dues 2019
	DEP	WILLIAM MARTIN		\$30.00	\$8,794.62	Asc Dues 2022
3/30/2018	DEP	TOM SVIHEL		\$10.00	\$8,804.62	Reg Dues 2018
	DEP	ED JACOBSON		\$30.00	\$8,834.62	Reg Dues 2020
4/7/2018	DEP	Jeffery N Clarine		\$10.00	\$8,844.62	Reg dues 2019
4/23/2018	DEP	ADAM BJORKLUND		\$20.00	\$8,864.62	REG DUES 2019
	DEP	DAN SHARTLE		\$10.00	\$8,874.62	REG DUES 2018
	DEP	GEORGE CHRISTOFERSON		\$ 5.00	\$8,879.62	ASC DUES 2018
	DEP	MIKE STECKELBERG		\$ 5.00	\$8,884.62	ASC DUES 2018
	DEP	JOHN CZECH		\$20.00	\$8,904.62	REG DUES 2020
	DEP	PHIL LEFEVER / TCRC		\$10.00	\$8,914.62	REG DUES 2018
6/28/2018	DEP	DANIEL PETSINGER		\$10.00	\$8,924.62	Reg Dues Pending 2019
7/2/2018	Debit	Pair Networks	\$56.70		\$8,867.92	Web hosting
8/3/2018	Debit	Postmaster	\$150.00		\$8,717.92	Postage
8/4/2018	Debit	OfficeDepot	\$81.51		\$8,636.41	Envelopes
9/15/2018	DEP	JIM JOHNSON		\$20.00	\$8,656.41	Reg Dues Pending 2020

Notes:

1. New & pending memberships checks have been deposited to avoid the past "Stale Check" problems.
2. The date in the comment field shows dues paid to the end of that year.

New Coordinations

LOCATION	CALL	OUT	SPONSOR	AREA	DATE	USE	STATUS
DEER CREEK	N0WSH	146.925	BLAKE RICKBELL	NC	08/18/18	RO	CNST
ELLENDALE	KD0TGF	147.075	DANIEL PETSINGER	SE	08/18/18	RO	CNST
BALATON	WA0CQG	442.150	CARL ESTEY	SW	08/03/18	RO	CNST
ST PAUL	KE0NA	223.900	DAVID VENTURA	MET	08/03/18	RO	CNST
STATEWIDE	N0RUG	145.230	PETER WINTERS	ST	07/12/18	RO	OTA
STATEWIDE	N0RUG	442.700	PETER WINTERS	ST	07/12/18	RO	OTA
MANKATO	N0PBA	147.330	SEAN STEPANEK	SC	05/29/18	RO	OTA
MINNEAPOLIS	KB0FJB	443.800	RICHARD A WARYAN	MET	05/29/18	RO	CNST
CLOQUET	AA0AC	444.850	LEWIS DAVIS III	NW	05/05/18	RO	OTA
LE CENTER	KC0LSR	444.225	LESUEUR COUNTY A	SC	05/05/18	RO	CNST
MANKATO	K0JCR	442.525	JOE REIMEMANN	SC	05/05/18	RO	CNST
RAY	N0REE	146.760	KOOCHICHING ARES	NC	04/14/18	RO	CNST
SOUDAN	K5PFF	147.390	JOHN LINDQUIST	NE	04/14/18	RO	OTA

Minnesota Repeater Council

Membership and Renewal application form

Name of organization or individual sponsor: _____

Repeater Call: _____ Frequency(s): _____

Repeater Location(s): _____

Trustee information (MRC Main Contact).

Trustee Callsign: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ City: _____

Other: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Club or alternate contact/mailing address.

Callsign: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Application: Renewal New membership Trustee Change Database Update

- Regular Membership
Dues \$10.00 year
Organization or individual who is operating a Amateur Repeater Station on a frequency coordinated by the MRC. Has one vote at all meetings. Receives all mailings.
- Associate Member
Dues \$ 5.00 year
Organization or individual with a active interest in constructing an Amateur Radio Repeater station or in the activities of the MRC. Can participate in the activities of the MRC but has no vote. Receives all mailings.
- Newsletter
Dues \$ 5.00
Receives one copy of MRC newsletter for 1 year.
Or download for free from the MRC webpage

Signed: Repeater Trustee/Regular Member

Date: _____

Mail all Applications and dues to:
Minnesota Repeater Council
Jerry Dorf, N0FWG Secretary/Treasurer
601 Sunset Street
Buffalo MN 55313
763-682-2169
jerryd@jerryd.net

of years Paid: _____

Total Amount: _____

Check #: _____

Name on Check: _____

Other Info: _____

Membership Approval Granted: _____ Date: _____

Dues Paid for: 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033

Agenda
Minnesota Repeater Council General meeting
Fall 2018

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| <p>I. Call to order 1:00 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. WelcomeB. Establish quorumC. Introduction of officers and membersD. Review Agenda <p>II. Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. ChairmanB. Secretary & treasurer reportC. Frequency coordinators reportD. Technical Committee <p>III Individual Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. <p>IV. Applications for membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Daniel Petsinger KD0TGF Reg EllendaleB. Jim Johnson KB0CIM Reg CohassenC. | <p>V. Old business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Coordination Data / RFinderB. UHF Band plan committeeC.D. <p>VI. New business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A.B.C <p>VII. Election of Officers / Appointments</p> <p>VIII. Spring Meeting, Out state location.</p> <p>IX. Adjournment</p> |
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Delegate Registration (Proxy) Form

Regular member. _____

Repeater Call: _____ Frequency: _____

Trustee: Call: _____ Name: _____

A regular member is an organization or individual that is the Trustee of record for an operating repeater in the MRC frequency coordination database with MRC membership dues paid in full at the start of the meeting.

Primary Delegate Call: _____ Name: _____

Alternate Delegate #1 Call: _____ Name: _____

Alternate Delegate #2 Call: _____ Name: _____

Restrict voting privileges: If you wish to be registered for purposes if counting attendance, but do not want your assigned delegate to have voting privileges, check here

Duration of Proxy: Check here to allow this proxy to be used at future MRC meetings. This proxy may be altered or revoked at any time by the regular member. Check here to restrict voting to current meeting.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Regular Member (Trustee)

Please mail this proxy to the Secretary at least one week prior to the meeting. Advance registration is appreciated.