



January 2nd 2018

Bloomington Amateur Radio Association

2017 Officers

- President, Matt Holden KØBBC
- Vice President, Bill Mitchell AEØEE
- Treasurer, Brian Esmay, ADØMJ
- Secretary, Dan Royer, KEØOR
- Special Projects, Matthew Stepaniak, NØTNL



For More Information

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Contact Matt, KØBBC or Bill AEØEE for more
information to get signed up



American Radio Relay League

WWW.ARRL.ORG

The national organization for
amateur radio

Supports amateur radio for
USA and the world



ARRL Dakota Division Website

www.arrldakota.org

Hamfest Calendar

Division News

Photos Of Past Events



Old Business

- Meeting Minutes
- Treasures Report
- ARRL Division Election
- Amateur Radio Parity Act



Annual Dues

- Help sustain the club by paying your dues on time
- \$15 Individual
- \$20 Family



Roster Update

- Please check your addresses and other data when paying your dues



ARRL Dakota Division Election

Director

Matt Holden

KØBBC

Vice Director

Lynn Nelson

WØND



ARRL Dakota Division Election
Three Year Term
January 1, 2018 until
December 31, 2021
First board meeting
January 18-21



Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017

HR 555 passes the house on
January 23, 2017.

No action in the Senate



www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act



New Business

- Club Officer Elections
- License Exams
- Net Control Schedule
- Upcoming Events



2018 Club Officer Election

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VE Exam Sessions In Bloomington

Saturday January 27th

<http://www.bloomington-ve.org>



Net Control

February 4th to remind
everyone of the February 6th
meeting



Hamfests

January 27th

St Paul Radio Club Auction

St Cloud Cabin Fever Reliver

March 24th

Midwinter Madness Buffalo



Operating Events

January 20-22

ARRL January VHF Contest

January 27-28

Winter Field Day

February 3

Minnesota QSO Party





Next Meeting

February 6, 2018

7:30 P.M.

Getting Started With Logbook Of The World

Tonight's Presentation

Matt Holden

KØBBC

The ARRL International
Grid Chase is underway!



ARRL

International
Grid Chase
2018



The ARRL International Grid Chase

On a Monthly basis, on amateur frequencies from HF to Microwaves, to contact amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees by 1 degree maidenhead 4-digit grid squares as possible.



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The event runs from 0000 UTC January 1, 2018 through 2359 UTC December 31, 2018. At the beginning of each month during 2018, the monthly scores will be reset to zero to begin the new month of competition.



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All FCC-authorized frequencies (excluding the 60 meter band). Permitted bands: 2200m(*), 630m(*), 160m, 80m, 40m, 30m, 20m, 17m, 15m, 12m, 10m, 6m, 2m, 1.25m, 70cm, 33cm, 23cm, and all higher FCC-authorized microwave bands. (** There are special requirements to use the 2200m and 630m bands*)



The ARRL International Grid Chase

Three mode categories will be recognized - **CW**, **Phone** and **Digital** (all voice modes count as **Phone**, all digital modes count as **Digital**).

All methods of contact are permitted (excluding QSOs made through repeaters, digipeaters, Echolink, IRLP, or non-satellite cross-band QSOs which do not count in this event). Satellite and EME QSOs are permitted.



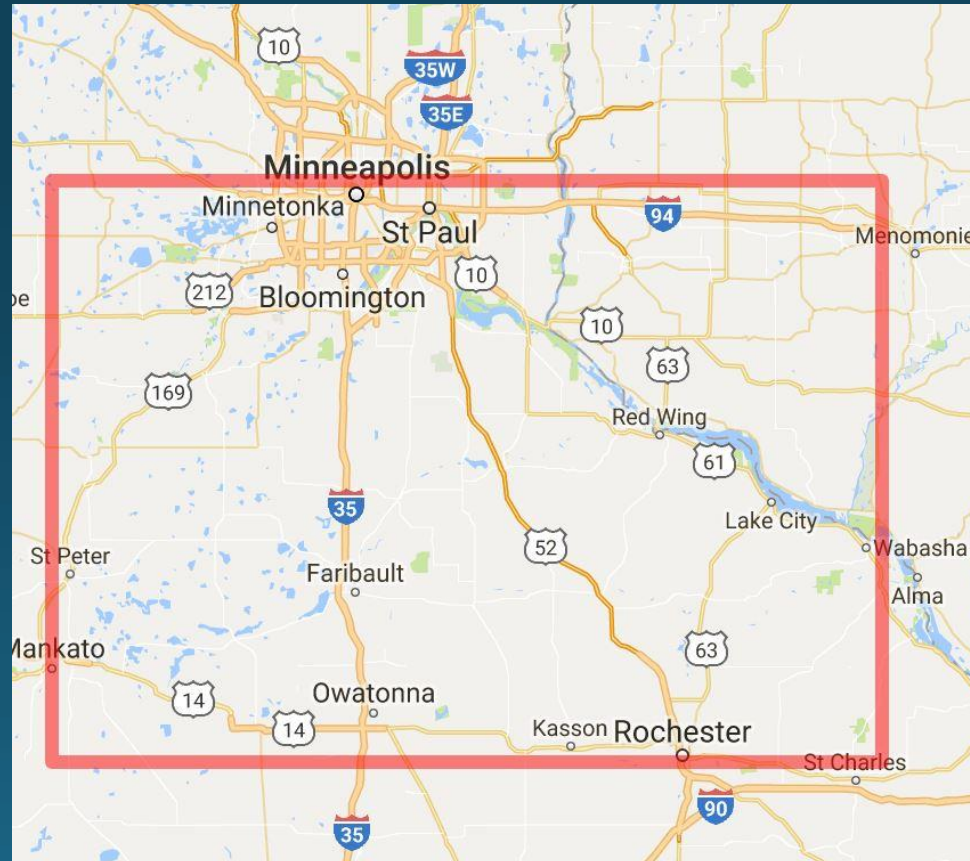
Take to the mountains and high seas

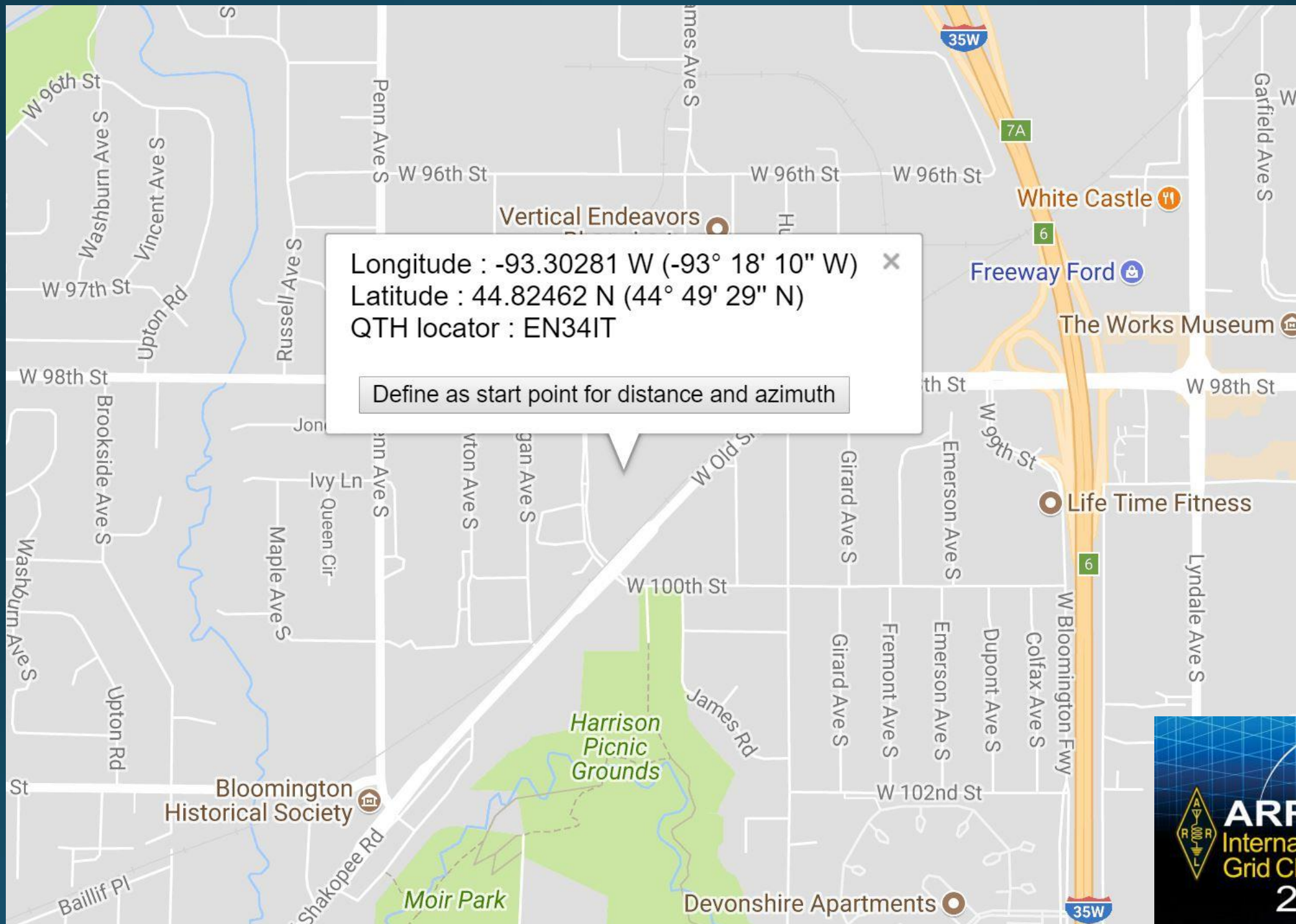
- Fixed
- Portable
- Mobile/Rover
- Maritime Mobile (MM)



What Grid Am I In?

- You can map your location using this handy Google Maps tool from F6FVY - see <http://qthlocator.free.fr/index.php>





Web Sites You Need To Know

- <http://www.arrrl.org/international-grid-chase-2018>
- <https://igc.arrrl.org/>



Get Started With LOTW

<https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/getting-started/>

1. Install TQSL
2. Request Your Initial Callsign Certificate and LOTW Account Password



Next Meeting

Bring your LOTW
postcard and laptop to
complete the
registration process

