

THE PLATTSMOUTH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Communicator

May 2024

MFJ to Stop Production

The following e-mail was received today:
April 25, 2024

Dear Fellow Hams and Friends,

It is with a sad heart as I write this letter.

As many of you have heard by now, MFJ is ceasing its on-site production in Starkville, Mississippi on May 17, 2024. This is also the same for our sister companies' Ameritron, Hygain, Cushcraft, Mirage and Vecronics.

Times have changed since I started this business 52 years ago. Our product line grew and grew and prospered. Covid changed everything in businesses including ours. It was the hardest hit that we have ever had and we never fully recovered.

I turned 80 this year. I had never really considered retirement but life is so short and my time with my family is so precious.

I want to thank all of our employees who have helped build this company with me over the years. We have many employees who have made MFJ their career for 10, 20, 30, 40 and more years.

We are going to continue to sell MFJ products past May 17, 2024. We have a lot of stock on hand. We will continue to offer repair service work for out-of-warranty and in-warranty units for the foreseeable future.

Finally, a special thanks to all of our customers and our dealers who have made MFJ a worldwide name and a profitable business for so many years. You all are so much appreciated.

Sincerely Yours, 73s
Martin F. Jue, K5FLU

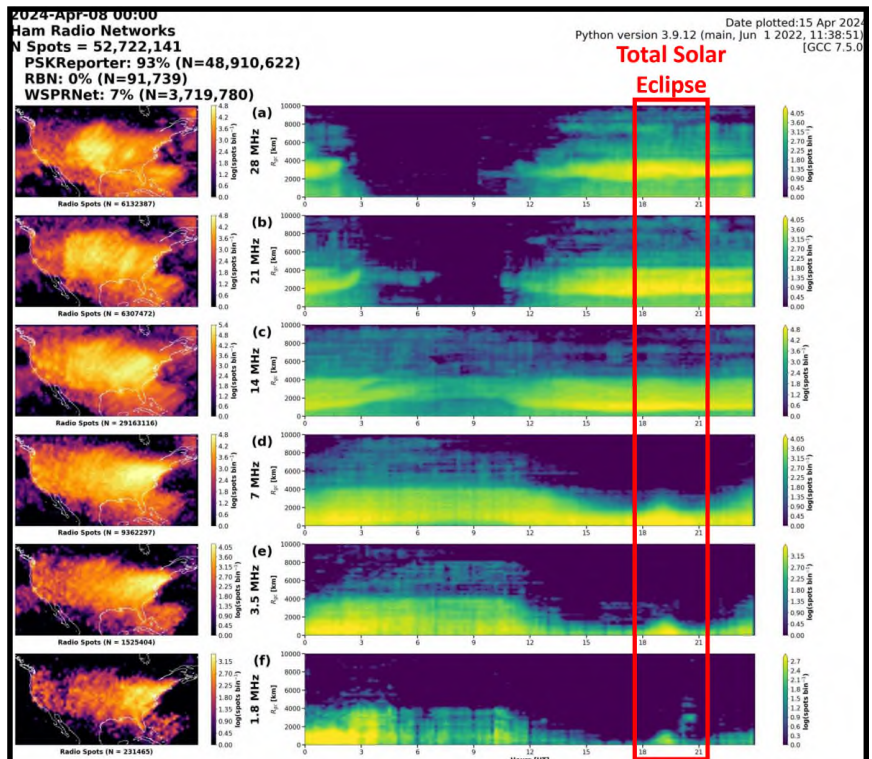


Solar Eclipse QSO Party First Results

(HamSci.org 4/18/24) The April 8, 2024 HamSCI Total Solar Eclipse QSO Party (SEQP) first results are in! Over 52.7 million radio communications were observed over the continental United States using the PSKReporter, WSPRNet, and Reverse Beacon Network networks. Eclipse effects were observed between 18 to 21 UTC, particularly on the 1.8, 3.5, and 7 MHz bands. These bands all showed enhancement in propagation resulting from the eclipse, suggestive of a reduction in D region absorption. The 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands also showed hints of eclipse impacts. A reduction in communications observed at near-ranges during the eclipse likely results from a reduction in ionospheric electron densities during this time. More analysis to be done in the future!

Special thanks to all the team members and volunteers who made this possible! This work was supported by the U.S. National Science Foundation and NASA.

<https://hamsci.org/article/april-8-2024-solar-eclipse-qso-party-first-results>



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**Charter Members #New Ham*

Note: Thanks to all who have paid their dues and those who have given additional donations. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please let me know of any corrections.



Meetings are 8am the last Saturday of most months at Mom's Café in Plattsmouth.

Tuesday night get-togethers at Plattsmouth Burger King at 6 PM or so.

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MINUTES of the MEETING

The March Meeting was held at Mom's Café on Saturday, March 30, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Roger Behrns at 8:38 am.

Those in attendance were Roger (KBØOGO), Ray (N5SEZ), John (KCØHYD), Shirley (KCØHYE), Chuck (AIØN), Jim (WØJRN), Derek (WØDBW), Gary (WDØCFC), and Shawn (NØPEU).

The Minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion by Gary and second by Shawn.

The Treasurer's report shows receiving \$20 in dues which leaves a balance of \$812.55 in the General Fund and \$315 in the Repeater Fund for a total of \$1127.55. The Report was approved on a motion by John and second by Chuck.

Roger noted that our liability insurance carrier was discontinuing club insurance so we will need to find another carrier. The ARRL sponsored insurance will be investigated.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 on a motion by John and second by Jim.



PLATTSMOUTH ARC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Name		Call Sign		Class
Address		City	State	Zip
E-Mail			Phone #	
Spouse Name		Call Sign		Class
Membership Type <input type="checkbox"/> Primary(\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse (\$5) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (\$5) <input type="checkbox"/> New Ham	● Additional donations are gratefully accepted. ● New Hams are free during the year they receive their first license. ● Please give this form and dues to the club treasurer or any club officer.	Donation for: <input type="checkbox"/> Repeater fund <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> General	Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer my donation to be anonymous.	
Any additional e-mail or cell phone #s?				

Meeting Calendar

8am, Sat April 27
8am, Sat May 25
at Mom's Café.
Field Day is June 22 & 23