



Special Event Station WØCGM



South East Metro Amateur Radio Club

Newport Tower: Remembering the Milwaukee Road Railroad

On October 9th, 2010, the South East Metro Amateur Radio Club (SEMARC) along with the Newport Model Railroad Club (www.newportclub.us) commemorated the 104th anniversary of Newport Tower located in Newport, Minnesota, USA by a Special Event Station.

There was heavy rail traffic that day with 22 trains passing the tower. This made logging especially interesting as the tracks are very close!

This tower was built by the Milwaukee Road in 1906 to manage the confluence of railroad traffic into the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis originating primarily from Chicago, Illinois. Railroads managed by Newport Tower were The Milwaukee Road, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and The Rock Island.

The tower remained in operation until late 1983. Facing eminent destruction by the railroad, the City of Newport, city businesses and the Newport Model Railroad Club facilitated the tower's move to its present location on December 11, 1984.

The upper level where we broadcasted from is about 90% restored with its control levers and other signaling equipment.



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Special Event Location Details

Newport 55055 -92.9981W
Washington County - Minnesota 44.8722 N
Grid Square EN34MU Elev. 741 Feet

CONFIRMING QSO WITH:	DATE		
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UTC	FREQ (BAND)	RST	MODE