

# Special Event Station WØB

## South East Metro Amateur Radio Club Honors the Veterans of the Cold War September 12, 2009

The South East Metro Amateur Radio Club (SEMARC) honors the veterans of the Cold War by operating a special event station from the site of a B-52D crash in the City of Inver Grove Heights, MN. The crash occurred on September 16, 1958 at the site of the August Kahl farm where a city water tower is now located. A nice memorial plaque is located in a small park at the base of that water tower. This plaque was dedicated in 1996 to the Cold War Veterans and to the crew members of that lost flight. The park was added in 2008 when the memorial was moved from the hilltop to make room for the water tower..

The flight originated at Loring AFB in Maine with a normal flight crew of six and two training personnel. After several parts of a multipart training exercise were completed, there was one final practice bombing run over St. Paul Park, MN. During this high altitude run and the stressful evasive maneuver that followed, the aircraft lost a part of its vertical stabilizer. The plane went into a high speed dive from which recovery was not possible and it crashed just a few miles away.

All but one of the crew perished in the crash or in the attempt to evacuate the aircraft before the crash. The Copilot Capt. Jack D. Craft, Purvis, MS was the only surviving crew member. He was found just a short distance west of the crash scene. In addition, eight members of the Kahl family were injured by the crash and fire which demolished the family farm.

We wish to thank everyone that participated in this tribute to those that served in the Cold War.



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

### Special Event Location Details

Inver Grove Heights 55076	-93.0512 W
Dakota County - Minnesota	44.8213 N
Grid Square EN34LT	Elevation 950 Feet