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St. Paul Radio Club Ground Wave

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Happy New Year Monthly Meeting

January 6, 2016

UST OWS LL54

7:00 pm Socializing
Membership Meeting 7:30 pm

Program

When the Ground Wave was put together, no one had stepped up to do a program for January.

It's likely that members will be offered the opportunity to take a few minutes to share a ham-radio experience with the group.

Think about an interesting experience you've had, a challenging installation of a mobile, the time you fell off your tower, the oddest QSO ever—there must be something you'd like to share with all of us.



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Presidential Ponderings

The Ground Wave editor won't leave me alone. Well, let's see what I can come up with. It's tough--I always tried to avoid writing and homework when I was younger, and now it's still chasing me down.

The bands are in generally spotty shape for a ham mostly chasing DX; I might have to find a new mode--but the first thing that may interest me means a whole bunch of new gear: satellite and space station. Well then, the first thought for improving the station I have would be antennas. Well doggy do, it's been in the teens and below—not tempting for outside work. OK then, there is lots of gear to repair. Oh wait, I'm getting all kinds of things ready for moving my station (as well as everything else I own)--so no go there; more doggy do.

Not that there isn't anything else going on, the holidays and lots of parties and gatherings--there seems to be a minimum of one a week for a couple months. With all that going on, I don't have time to write much. That seems to be it for this month, so hope to see all of you at a few things soon. Don't forget the SPRC

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Dale's Details

Dale Maroushek, NØPEY

Happy New Year! What will 2017 bring for us? A new Government and all the fine things that were promised during the campaign for sure. We have to wait and see what happens.

The Club is always looking for program presenters, and I will report that I am working on two fellows that should be amazing. Matt Genelin (NØYNT) will do his DMR repeater show, and the other hopefully will be the life of a guy who did it all over the years. I've heard tell that we are working on another show-and-tell type night with individual hams telling short stories of their ham life. Get in line to sign up and thrill us with your story. If you have an idea or know of a program out there, let the Board know.

What a Holiday Party that was. We need another table for the food, which was top notch and from many ethnic backgrounds. Dan Fish gave a wonderful program, his experience and insight to work with the hobby as it changes make perfect sense. We thank him for hanging in there at age 74. Buy local, if you care

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The OWS building is located on the University of St. Thomas (UST) South Campus.

From I-94, take Cretin Ave south about a mile to Grand Ave. Turn right, then park in the ramp on your left or the surface lot on the right. In general, on-campus parking restrictions are not en-

forced after 6:00 p.m. on Fridays, but do not park in spots with parking meters unless paying or displaying a handicapped placard.

Enter the building just north of the parking ramp and take the elevator (in the hallway to the right) or stairs to the lower level. LL54 is not far

from the stairs.

For detailed maps, see www.stthomas.edu/campusmaps.

OWS: Owens Science Hall

Contact Kim Schumann in Disability Services at 651-962-6315 or kjschumann@stthomas.edu for any accessibility requests.

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auction on January 28th. Dig out that unused gear and the money burning a hole in your pocket and do your best to bring home more than you got rid of, hi hi.

73 de John, KDØCAC

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about having them stay around. And Maline, as the old saying goes, “you look marvelous.”

The Annual Auction will be on the 28th, flyer attached. I have four auctioneers onboard and looking for other helpers at setup and operations. We have a new computer system that should speed up the end process. We will feature the last of the donation from Brother Bob (see attached), and will have what’s left of the Kent Dickerman station. That gives you a month to dig deep into your overstock and junque boxes to sell or donate. Remember, all the net profit goes to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund. Normal event food will be for sale, but at this time I have no source of sweets or cupcakes.

Still looking for that new Vice President to fill the absence, but I can report that we have new volunteers for the door prize and refreshment

teams. Let’s welcome Scott and Mikhail into the zoo!

From what I’ve been told, the St. Cloud Hamfest is on February 18th and they are now 100 years old. They have a new larger location and will have a buffet. Interesting, the food hook was one of the things SPRC used to regenerate interest and participation over the years. It works very well. For info, go to hamfest.w0sv.net. So if you forget to get the XYL or YL a Valentine gift, take her to the Fest and let her enjoy the buffet while you shop. Yeah...that will work.

I suppose by now, it has leaked out that I am taking the Vice President’s position with the Mining Amateur Radio Club. Not to worry (or maybe there is), I will still be the extra voice at the SPRC Board meetings along with Jay Maher. SPRC has a 120 member base and I worked the last 18+ years to guide it. Mining has about 20 on a good day and many are dual members with us already. Just like SPRC, MARC has rules about terms of office and repeating office holdings. They have jockeyed themselves around the positions until new help is needed. I was VP many years ago when I could attend their Board meeting at lunch time. Now that I can do that again, I thought I could help them out and still work with the close

relationship our Clubs have had for many years now.

Fusion repeater update. Hopefully it will be active by now or very soon. Mike will be coming over and we should have it going, but the coverage will be very limited around my Maplewood location, until we get an amplifier for it.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From the food point, I vote for a hidden day between the Eves and actual Day to recover from the parties.

Lou Sica, ACØX

Sorry to say that Lou has moved to Chicago after a very active presence with SPRC. Over the years, Lou found the time to be our Volunteer Examiners Coordinator, taught classes for our Technician Class program, and presented a firsthand account of a lightning strike on his radio station. He helped his daughter Anna (KØANA) to progress from Tech to Extra class and was a usual helper/operator at Field Day. A big time contester, Lou could run the count up fast and was also a contributor to Minnesota Wireless club activity. You can send your farewells to ac0x@ac0x.com, Best wishes Lou!

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| Fri Jan 6 | 7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting. UST classroom OWS LL-54. See Page 1. |
| Sat Jan 7 | 10AM VE testing. Ramsey County Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr., Maplewood. Contact Leon Dill, WØCOE@arrl.net or 651-688-9964 |
| Sat Jan 7 | 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus* |
| Fri Jan 13 | 7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is OSS 415) ** |
| Sat Jan 14 | 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus* |
| Sat Jan 21 | 9AM SPRC Breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling. |
| Sat Jan 21 | After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus* |
| Sat Jan 28 | 8:30AM – 1:00PM SPRC Auction. Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 401 Concord St., St. Paul, MN 55107 |
| Fri Feb 3 | 7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting. UST classroom OWS LL-54 |
| Sat Feb 4 | 10AM VE testing. Ramsey County Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr., Maplewood. Contact Leon Dill, WØCOE@arrl.net or 651-688-9964 |
| Sat Feb 4 | 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus* |
| Fri Feb 10 | 7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is OSS 415) ** |
| Sat Feb 11 | 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus* |
| Sat Feb 18 | 9AM SPRC Breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling. |
| Sat Feb 18 | After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus* |
| Sat Feb 25 | 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus* |

*Circuit Builders is each Saturday morning if someone is available to open the lab and there is no conflicting activity. Check the SPRCCB Google Group to confirm that the lab will be open.
 ** Depending on business to be considered, Board Meetings are sometimes held electronically. Check with an officer or board member to confirm that the meeting will be at UST.