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St. Paul Radio Club Ground Wave

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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 4, 2011

UST MHC 155

Socializing & Mini-Hamfest

7:00 PM

Meeting — 7:30 PM

NOAA Rainfall and Stream Level Monitoring System

Randy Gawtry, KØCBH, of Timewave will make a presentation about the NOAA rainfall and stream level monitoring system. This system uses VHF radio, microwave, satellite and Internet resources to create a rainfall and stream level reporting system tied into local, state and national emergency and forecasting centers.

Randy Gawtry is the president of Timewave Technology, Inc. Timewave manufactures instrumentation and communication devices for the amateur radio, industrial and government markets. Randy has been a ham since 1960.

The University of St. Thomas (UST) is located at the intersection of Cretin & Summit Avenues, about 1 mile south of the Cretin Exit on I-94 in St. Paul. In general, on-campus parking restrictions are not enforced after 6:00 PM on Fridays, but do not park in spots with parking meters unless paying or displaying a handicapped placard.

For detailed maps, see www.stthomas.edu/campusmaps.
MHC: Murray-Herrick Campus Center
OSS: O' Shaughnessy Science Hall
Please contact Kim Schumann in Disability Services at 651-962-6315 or kjschumann@stthomas.edu for any accessibility requests.

Special Event

Don't forget the St. Paul Radio Club **Special Event** Saturday, November 5th. Contact information for HF is below. The Mining Club 3M repeater will be used for **local 2m check-ins: 147.1200 MHz**. If you're unable to come to the Special Event site, be sure to check in on 2m or, perhaps, ground wave 10m.

Questions?
Contact w0qt@usfamily.net.

Further information is available at www.stpaulradioclub.org. The operating schedule (times to sign up are still available) as well as map and directions to the Special Event will appear on the website soon. Come to operate or to just hang out. SPRC members will get free admission to the museum. Some club members at the socializing end of the operating site (boxcar) may want to help with receiving on 2m. There will be food (chili and hot dish)!

From QST magazine/ARRL website:

11/05/2011 | Minnesota Transportation Museum / Jackson St Roundhouse

Nov 5, 1300Z-2300Z, KØAGF, Saint Paul, MN. St Paul Radio Club. 28.350 21.350 14.250 7.240. Certificate. St Paul Radio Club, PO Box 9375, Saint Paul (ed. Note: Oops—should be North St Paul), MN 55109. Restored Historical Trains www.stpaulradioclub.org

FACEBOOK USER?

Look for our group:

"St. Paul Radio Club"

Dale's Details by NØPEY

After a shaky start getting things on track these last two months, I think the Club is ready for action again. We have good, solid programs for November and December and a lineup of presenters on call for 2012.

Randy Gawtry will be the November speaker, his Bio, History and Agenda are on the Front Page. Being Thanksgiving month, I'm confident that a couple of Turkeys will fly in for fun times. If you have a secret family recipe for a marvelous Turkey Day Dish that you would like to share, I'm willing to share mine for yours!

December is always fun times for SPRC, we have the Holiday Party. Think of it as a "kicked up" Pot Luck extravaganza, you bring whatever food treat you want too, and the Club offers the main courses of Meat, Cheese, Fruit and entertainment. We are bringing back Dan Fish to tell us about the "State of Ham Radio in the Retail World" and I'm looking for some questions to pass on to him beforehand so he can prepare accordingly. Send them to me at n0pey@arrl.net.

The Web site of the people that make our name badges and many other items is www.tagme-engraving.com/StPaulRadioClub.htm. If you want to purchase an SPRC badge or anything else from them, please make a direct contact.

November, 2011, is also election month for our two "at large" Board members. Notice that these two are elected on odd years and the officers are elected in May of even years. Bylaws Rule!

Introductions:

Skip Jackson is also the ARRL Section Manager, is affiliated with 41 Clubs around the area trying to help them achieve their goals. He promises to continue attending and guiding our club even if not a Board member.

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Jay Maher has been instrumental with our Washington School Project, arranges the Banquet and refreshments for the meetings. Likes the Circuit Builders and provides great dishes at the Picnic. I think he's ready for a promotion soon.

George Powers and John Faughn have entered the race and others may volunteer or accept nomination at the November meeting. Their champagne speeches will be limited to ten minutes each!

January brings the Auction, which is in the planning stage. Confirmed topics so far are a growing stack of radio gear to be sold from estates and donations, and the Pastry and Cupcakes Girls exhibited. We hope to have it back at the N. St. Paul Community Center again, on a Saturday morning, with food and fun as usual.

More info as we continue forward.

Dale, NØPEY, President

Membership Meeting

October 7, 2011

A meeting of the St. Paul Radio Club membership was called to order on October 7, 2011, at 7:35 PM by President Dale Maroushek, NØPEY.

Signed in on Members sheet: 19

Signed in on Guests sheet: 1

Tom Steele, Treasurer of the local chapter of the QCWA, spoke of his group's Saturday morning net on 3908 kHz. As members age and move to smaller housing, it becomes harder to get on 80 meters. They have therefore started using our repeater (145.31 MHz) for a daily roundtable net at 4:30 PM, M-F. All are welcome to join in.

There is a hamfest on October 22 in Sioux City, IA.

There is a hamfest tomorrow in Lake Elmo.

The minutes were approved as published.

Upcoming programs include Randy Gawtry on NOAA Stream Level Monitoring and Chris Peterson on the 6 meter repeater on the Shoreview tower.

In November we will have elections for our two at-large Board members. Jay

November Quiz

What is this place?

Hint: See page 1 (or see the October Ground Wave)

See you on November 5th.



Maher, NJOM, is interested in running for re-election. Skip Jackson, KS0J, has decided to step back. George Power, K0GCP, has expressed interest. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Orcy Lyle, W0QT, spoke about our upcoming Special Event Station at the Minnesota Transportation Museum on Saturday November 5 from 8 AM to 6 PM. We will have one station in an 80 foot train car. A list with 30 minute operating slots was passed around. The museum will give Special Event Station visitors free passes to the museum. Food will also be served. Local contacts and talk-in will be on the 147.12 (Mining ARC) repeater.

Circuit Builders will meet October 15th after the club breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

The night's program was by Tom Sturm, N0BGO, on Soldering.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Iverson, WB9DAN, Secretary

Board Meeting

October 14, 2011

A meeting of the St. Paul Radio Club Board of Directors was called to order on October 14, 2011, at 7:05 pm by President Dale Maroushek

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dale Maroushek, NØPEY, President

James Klassen, KBØUAZ, Vice-President
Orcy Lyle, WØQT, Past-President
Jeff Iverson, WB9DAN, Secretary
Jay Maher, NJØM, At-large
Skip Jackson, KSØJ, At-large

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND OTHER INTERESTED MEMBERS PRESENT:
George Power, KØGCP
Don Kelly, WA6ZMT, Ground Wave Editor

Alan will talk with Jill at Farnsworth School to bow out of helping them with ISS contacts.

Leon talked with Bob Hellwig, KØIKV of MARA. Their repeater can be made available for special events.

Programs:

Randy Gawtry, November 4, NOAA Stream Monitoring

Dan Fish, Dec. 2

Feb./Mar Eric Westgard, TwinsLAN 2.0 Project or Chris Peterson on Shoreview tower 6 meter repeater.

Special Event Station, November 5 at Minnesota Transportation Museum

Will have food

One station in 80 ft train car

Still need a few more operator sign-ups

Visitors will get name tags for free admission

Need SPRC banner

Has been listed in QST and ARRL website

Don needs GW input by next Friday.

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Parking occasionally is still a problem at UST. Some members do not like to drive at night.

January Auction – we will try to get same place as last year. Set up 8:00 AM, Seller set up 8:30 AM, Auction to begin at 9:30 AM.

April 6th is Good Friday – will we need to change meeting night?

We need to elect two at-large Board Members in November; officers in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Iverson, WB9DAN, Secretary

Classified Ads

Have something of interest to your fellow hams? Highlight it in the Ground Wave for free.

Need a House Sitter?

Don Kelly, WA6ZMT, is still looking for house sitting opportunities for the winter. If you, or a friend, is headed south to escape the snow, Don will look after your home and shovel the snow while you're gone. 952 474-2766 or dk@donkelly.biz.

This space is NOT intentionally left blank. It's available for your input to the Ground Wave—and you haven't submitted anything to fill it!



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

- Fri Nov 4 7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting. See page 1 for program details. Rm 155 MHC, UST campus
- Sat Nov 5 9AM VE testing followed by EC exams. Roseville City Hall. Contact Leon Dill, W0COE, at 651-688-9964 or W0COE@arrl.net
- Sat Nov 5 8AM-6PM SPRC Special Event Station at Minnesota Transportation Museum. Contact Orcy Lyle, W0QT for details.
- Sat Nov 5 8:30AM-1PM NARC (Northland Antique Radio Club) indoor swap meet. St. Croix Lutheran High School, 1200 Oakdale Ave, West Saint Paul, MN.
- Sat Nov 5 No Circuit Builders today
- Fri Nov 11 7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is 2nd floor lounge or OSS 415).
- Sat Nov 19 9AM SPRC Breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
- Sat Nov 19 After breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST campus*
- Sat Nov 26 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST campus*
- Fri Dec 2 7PM SPRC Holiday meeting. Members bring potluck with club providing additional treats. See GW for details. Rm 155 MHC, UST campus
- Sat Dec 3 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST campus*
- Fri Dec 9 7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is 2nd floor lounge or OSS 415).
- Sat Dec 10 9AM VE testing followed by EC exams. Roseville City Hall. Contact Leon Dill, W0COE, at 651-688-9964 or W0COE@arrl.net
- Sat Dec 10 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST campus*
- Sat Dec 17 9AM SPRC breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling
- Sat Dec 17 After breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST campus*
- Sat Dec 24 No Circuit Builders today

* Circuit Builders is each Saturday morning if someone is available to open the lab and there is no conflicting activity. Check the SPRCCB Gmail Group to confirm that the lab will be open.