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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 4, 2011
Socializing — 7:00 PM
Meeting — 7:30 PM

The program will feature Jim Richardson speaking on “Severe Weather and the Importance of Ham Radio”

Jim Richardson has 30 years forecast and warning experience in Minnesota and has been employed by the National Weather Service in the Twin Cities since August, 1979. Prior to joining the NWS, Jim worked for a year at the State Climatology Office, and at KSTP TV and radio. Jim received a B.S. degree in Physics from the University of Minnesota in 1975 and also attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He has worked with the NWS Skywarn program for many years. His ham radio call sign is WMØX and has been licensed since 1968.



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SPRC Planning Calendar

Fri, Feb. 4 SPRC Membership meeting
Sat, Feb. 5 VE exams
Fri, Feb. 11 SPRC Board meeting
Sat, Feb. 19 SPRC Breakfast

Calendar Details

Unless otherwise specified, the following details apply to SPRC events:

Membership Meetings:

7:00 PM Socializing; 7:30 PM Business Meeting & Program. Room 155 of the Murray-Herrick Campus Center at UST.

Board Meetings:

7:00 PM. 1st floor classroom of the O’Shaughnessy Science Hall (OSS) at UST. (Alternate location is the 2nd or 4th Floor Lounge).

Circuit Builders:

Saturdays, 9:00 AM (or after breakfast). Room 415 of the O’Shaughnessy Science Hall (OSS) at UST.

The University of St. Thomas (UST) is located at the intersection of Cretin & Summit Avenues, about 6 blocks 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.

For detailed maps, see <http://www.stthomas.edu/campusmaps>. Please contact Kim Schumann in Disability Services at 651-962-6315 or kjschumann@stthomas.edu for any accessibility requests.

Saturday Breakfast:

9:00 AM. Perkins in the Midway on University east of Snelling.

VE Sessions:

9:00 AM. Followed by EC Exams - Call Leon Dill, WØCOE at 651-688-9964 for more information.

Dale’s Details by NØPEY

It seems Mother Nature, working as the Wicked Witch of the North, has set her wrath on the SPRC. Which is a silly statement for the “When all else Fails”, emergency responders, that we should strive to be. But meetings and parties are not emergencies, and can be rescheduled. So when snow and cold cover this area, I cover up in my shack and plan ahead.

I had a wonderful bunch of Holidays with the family and I hope you did too. From here, we run the next five months to prep for the Banquet and Field Day/Picnic. Four good programs are in line, some contest involvement with the Mining Club for those that are interested, and we need all the help we can get.

Thanks to the group of volunteer helpers, and the many buyers and sellers, the Auction went off as expected. Turnout was lower than usual, 43, but so was the temperature, -4. Turns out we were competing with four other Ham related events that day. The comments we collected were quite positive so we will adjust and try it again next year.

I’m hoping that the Minutes will have most of the other news, if not we will pass it on at the meeting.

My request for input brought me nine responses. Some short and more with extended comments, from both old and brand new members. Thank you for the information and the Kudos’s in them. I will pass on what I can as time goes by. The easy stuff first.

Program ideas: What is the latest on D-Star, Satellite comms and equipment, Mobile ops and installation all bands, price of dues is fine, auction changes were for the better, Field Day Fun is in demand. We can work on these, if anyone can help make them happen, speak up soon.

One outstanding point we will work on is helping new members. To start the ball rolling, we will do a self introduction at the meetings, with an attached question to answer. Plan ahead, this month’s question is: What do I enjoy most about one or more of the Club activities?

See you Friday.

Dale, NØPEY, President

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