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MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 2, 2012

UST MHC 155

7:00 PM

night March 9th at OSS, the room is usually determined by availability--keep looking, we leave the door open. Hot items this month will be final Banquet selections, Officer candidate review, and station/repeater improvement.

For those that liked our Auction, and need a road trip, The Eau Claire Club will have one on Saturday March 10th. The web site is: <http://www.ecarc.org/auction.html>.

Breakfast is ready at 9 a.m. on Saturday March 17 in Perkins near University and Snelling Ave. Continue your radio fun at the Circuit Builders after that.

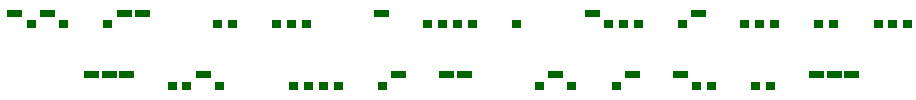
Since our usual April meeting day is Good Friday, we are moving the meeting to March 30th. Same location as always, room 155. We have a program on Universal Power Supplies scheduled. Mark this change on your calendar now, please.

Plan to shuffle out to Buffalo on Saturday March 31st for Midwinter Madness. Anyone interested in having a Club Table here again, let us know at the next meeting. Great place to set and rest and store your purchases while you shop 'til you drop. Info at www.k0ltc.org.

I told you it was going to be a busy month! So what did we do in January and February?

January 28th was our Annual Auction at the North St. Paul Community Center, for the second year. This venue works well for our sale. They kept us at the previous rate from 2011 and helped with setup on Friday night. The results in a nutshell: over 75 bidders, with over 200 lots sold; a nice donation from Dode Olsen for selling Dave's gear, some good profit from food sales. Over \$500 Net profit, so the Board authorized a \$600 donation to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund. Very few donations to the club this year, must

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The Art of CW

Tim Burd, WD9IGX, and Kurt Nordwall, KDØLKC

A presentation by Tim Burd, WD9IGX, and Kurt Nordwall, KDØLKC, will give us the history, background and the "Art" of CW. Tim has taught CW and Kurt is a collector and builder of keys as well as a CW aficionado--and they will bring this old, yet growing mode to us. Ed Jacobson, WBOVHF, will add some introductions and insight.

FACEBOOK USER?

Look for our group:

"St. Paul Radio Club"

Dale's Details

by NØPEY

Will March be a lamb or a lion this year? Last March the snow banks were over 6 feet high down the driveway, this year its bare ground and 40 degrees! We will have many Ham activities to attend this month, so let's hope for the lamb option.

Our regular March meeting will be on Friday the 2nd, room 155 as usual.

Our VE team will be testing again on Saturday March 3rd at the Roseville Community Center. The old Fire station has been razed and is being rebuilt.

The Circuit Builders group attempts to meet every Saturday at OSS, depending on confirmed attendees and availability of the lab. If you need more information, check our website under Circuit Builders and join the Google group.

The SPRC Board will meet on Friday

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.

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be the recession taking its toll.

February 3rd meeting speaker Chris Peterson, K9EG, did a wonderful job showing and telling us about the Shoreview towers and what changed when TV went Digital. His 6 meter station and UHF repeater at that height offer a very large area of coverage.

On February 4th some of our members and friends from the Mining ARC participated in the Minnesota QSO Party from the Tartan Park station. The combination of excellent gear, operators, band conditions, food and fun helped our score run up over 100,000 points in the MN multi-op category. The Plaque that SPRC sponsors for this party will probably be won by them for the 3rd time. At the Board meeting on February 10th, we also authorized the sponsorship of the MN QSO Party W/VE multi-op Category Plaque this year.

John Hunt and others continue to help Denise and the students at the Washington Technology Magnet Middle School with Ham Radio. With last week being School Club Roundup, things were more active and fun for all. John and Denise can always use more helping hands if you're free during the day.

Today, February 18th, many of you are attending the Cabin Fever Reliever Hamfest in St. Cloud. You are enjoying a beautiful day for the trip and I hope you find that special something you can't live without.

Next Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th, for you Top Band insomniacs, the SSB side of the CQ 160 Contest will be attended by many of our members and Mining ARC friends at the Tartan Park Station. The CW boys did very well last month and, with the new inverted L plus the high dipole, we expect to do very well on Phone operation. We'll be there from about 4 p.m. till the band dies at daylight both nights. I invite you all out for fellowship, food and refreshments at a great operating station. Stop on by to visit.

That should cover everything until the next Ground Wave, and it killed off a couple of columns so Don doesn't have to add too much filler. Maybe next

month, some of you will send in an article so I won't need to write so much?

Dale, NOPEY, President

Membership Meeting

February 3, 2012

A meeting of the St. Paul Radio Club membership was called to order on February 3, 2012, at 7:33 PM by President Dale Maroushek, NØPEY.

Signed in on Members sheet: 32

Signed in on Guests sheet: 4

The Auction was successful – more detailed results later.

The April membership meeting will be on March 30 because our regular meeting date of April 6 is Good Friday and the school is closed.

Our Banquet will be on Saturday April 21st. Guest speaker will be Cathy Wurzer of Minnesota Public Radio/Twin Cities Public Television. Details to follow.

In May we will hold elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Some interest has been shown and more are encouraged to come forward.

Two SPRC members have articles in the February issue of QST: Mert Nellis, WØUFO, and Lou Sica, ACØX. Congratulations!

Tomorrow is the MN QSO Party. Members are encouraged to participate either individually or multi-op with the Mining club.

February 13-17 is the 2012 School Club Roundup. Members are encouraged to work school stations. Flyers are on the side table.

VE testing is tomorrow at the Roseville Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

The program was Chris Petersen, K9EQ, about one of the Shoreview towers, and the amateur and commercial installations there.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Iverson, WB9DAN, Secretary

Board Meeting

February 10, 2012

A meeting of the St. Paul Radio Club Board of Directors was called to order on February 10, 2012, at 7:06 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
George Power, KØGCP, At-large Board Member
John Faughn, KDØCAC, At-large Board Member

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND OTHER INTERESTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

Skip Jackson, KSØJ, Membership

Awards for the MN QSO Party are sponsored by MN clubs for \$75.00. The SPRC currently sponsors one category, but has been requested to sponsor another. A motion was made that we do this for this year, without committing to do so in the future. George moved, James seconded, motion carried. We will request to sponsor the Worldwide multi-op category, but will allow the contest sponsor, the Minnesota Wireless Association, ultimately to choose to use the money where needed.

The Auction profit was \$253.60. The Olson family, whose gear we sold, donated an additional \$200. The food profit was \$83.00.

A motion was made to round up the proceeds from the treasury and make a donation of \$600 to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund. George moved. Orcy seconded. Motion carried.

It was suggested that we need to evaluate and streamline our checkout process.

Upcoming programs:

Mar. – not confirmed
April (Mar. 30) – Uninterruptible Power Supplies
May – Skip
June – Field Day preparations

Minnesota QSO Party – the Mining/SPRC effort earned over 100,000 points.

Our Banquet will be on Saturday April 21st in the new St. Thomas Student Center. Guest speaker will be Cathy Wurzer of Minnesota Public Radio/Twin Cities Public Television. A recipient of our "Ham of the Year" award was nominated, seconded, and carried.

In May we will hold elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and

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St. Paul Radio Club Annual Banquet

The St. Paul Radio Club Banquet will be held April 21st, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the new Anderson Student Center (Rogge-Leyden Room, third floor—see directions on this page) on the University of St. Thomas campus. It is a beautiful new building, and we'll be enjoying the same great food and service that UST Dining Services has provided to us in the past. Our speaker will be Cathy Wurzer, a local author and on-air personality. Dinner will be \$10.00 per person and tickets must be bought in advance. We will have some nice prizes to be given out by random drawing.

Banquet Details

- When:** Saturday, April 21st
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.
- Where:** Rogge-Leyden Room
UST Anderson Student Center
(see directions below)
- What:** Buffet style dinner
Program by Cathy Wurzer

Menu

Fresh Sliced Fruit Display
Caesar Salad and Pasta Salad
Beef Tips with Wine Sauce,
Pearl Onions and Wild
Mushrooms
Flat Grilled Herbed Chicken w/
Sauce Béarnaise
Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetable
Assorted Artisan Breads
Dessert
Vegetarian meal option
available upon request

- Cost:** 10.00/person - must be paid no later than April 10th. Print out the form and bring it with your payment to the meeting on March 2nd or March 30th (April Meeting) or mail it to:
Jay Maher
3332 Longfellow Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Support the League

<http://www.arrl.org/join>

Banquet Directions

From the Cretin-Vandalia exit on I-94, take Cretin Avenue south to the St. Thomas campus. The Anderson Student Center is on the northeast corner of Summit Avenue and Cretin. There is a drop – off circle near the west entrance to the student center (off Cretin, just north of Summit).

Once inside the student center, take the elevators at the west end of the atrium to the third floor. The Rogge-Leyden room is to your left as you exit the elevator.

Parking for a limited number of vehicles is available in the Anderson Student Center Ramp (entrance on the west side of the building, off Cretin just north of Summit). Swipe a credit card at the entrance and the doors will open. You will repeat the process to exit (cost is 1.00/hr). If the student center ramp is full, the larger Anderson Parking Ramp is located one block south at the southwest corner of Cretin and Grand Ave.

Other parking possibilities include on-street parking and various campus surface lots. Parking permits on campus are not enforced after 6 p.m. on Fridays (or on weekends) meters and restricted parking are enforced.

SPRC MINI -HAMFEST

We'll continue to offer a "mini-hamfest" to the amateur community during our social meeting time from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. This will not be the place to bring in tons of boat anchors or thousands of parts and magazines, but if you have one or two things you would like to sell, this may be the place for you.

The rules are simple:

- There is no fee for selling or buying – this is a service to the amateur community.
- Each seller will be allowed a maximum of two linear feet of table space.
- There will be absolutely no selling during the program or business meeting.
- If your item does not sell, you are welcome to donate it as a door prize.
- If your item does not sell and no one wants it as a door prize, you are obligated to take it home with you (it is now illegal in Minnesota to put electronic equipment in the trash – it must be recycled properly – which often means you must pay someone to do it).

Banquet Program

Cathy Wurzer

Cathy Wurzer is currently the host of Morning Edition on Minnesota Public Radio. She is also the co-host of Almanac, a weekly public affairs program produced by Twin Cities Public Television for Minnesota's statewide public television network. Wurzer has won four Emmy Awards for her work on Almanac. Prior to her return to radio, she was an anchor and reporter for WCCO-TV, the CBS affiliate in Minneapolis. She has also been a talk show host for WCCO-AM radio, a producer for KMSP-TV, and political reporter for KSTP-AM radio. She holds degrees in broadcast journalism and urban studies from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Wurzer was a trustee for the UW-River Falls Foundation and a member and past president of the Society for Professional Journalists, Minnesota chapter. She is the author of "Tales of the Road: Highway 61." In her spare time, Cathy rides, trains and shows horses, fly fishes for trout, and loves clay sculpture and creating mosaics.

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Treasurer. Some interest has been shown and more will be encouraged to come forward.

Two of our members who are also involved with another repeater in town have approached us with the idea of putting a second receiver site for their repeater at our repeater site. After discussion, the issue was tabled because of concern over our relationship with St. Thomas and our lack of technical information on how it all might work. Input will be sought from Tom Sturm and more technical details will be requested from the group making the proposal.

We still need to clarify who has/needs signatory privileges on our bank account.

After our Special Event Station there, we made a contribution to the Minnesota Transportation Museum. As no acknowledgement has been received, there is concern about whether or not they got it. We will investigate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Iverson, WB9DAN, Secretary



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Meeting locations at UST are subject to change due to changes on The University of St Thomas campus.

- Fri Mar 2 7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting. Rm 155 MHC, UST campus. See page 1.
Sat Mar 3 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Mar 3 9AM VE testing followed by EC exams. Roseville City Hall. Contact Leon Dill, W0COE, at 651-688-9964 or W0COE@arrl.net
Fri Mar 9 7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is 2nd floor lounge or OSS 415).
Sat Mar 10 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Mar 10 8AM 25th Annual Eau Claire ARC Auction, Grace Lutheran Church, 202 W. Grand Ave, Eau Claire, WI
Sat Mar 17 9AM SPRC breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling. (wear green)
Sat Mar 17 After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Mar 24 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Fri Mar 30 7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC April Membership mtg. Rm 155 MHC, UST campus. ***Note early date!**
Sat Mar 31 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Mar 31 8AM - 1PM Midwinter Madness Hamfest, Buffalo Civic Center, Buffalo MN
Fri Apr 6 See March 30
Sat Apr 7 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Apr 7 9AM VE testing followed by EC exams. Roseville City Hall. Contact Leon Dill, W0COE, at 651-688-9964 or W0COE@arrl.net
Fri Apr 13 7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is 2nd floor lounge or OSS 415).
Sat Apr 14 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Apr 21 9AM SPRC breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
Sat Apr 21 After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Apr 21 6 PM SPRC Annual Banquet Rogge-Leyden Room, Third Floor of the new Anderson Student Center, UST Campus
Sat Apr 28 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.