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## NEWS AND NOTES FOR APRIL 2011 — Volume 71, Issue 4

### APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 1, 2011

Socializing & Mini-Hamfest  
7:00 PM

Meeting — 7:30 PM

### Another Perspective on the Last Flight of Amelia Earhart

By Skip Jackson, KSØJ

This presentation is a little different than most on the subject as it will focus on the more interesting technical aspects of the around-the-world attempt including details of her radio equipment and communications practices of the time. Also, some details about her technical advisors, the planning, and a fair amount about her aircraft.

We will conclude with a summary of the latest news in the search for the answers about the mysterious outcome.



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### SPRC Planning Calendar

Fri, Apr. 1, SPRC Membership meeting, 7:30 PM.  
Sat, Apr. 2, VE exams  
Fri, Apr. 8, SPRC Board meeting  
Sat, Apr. 16, SPRC Breakfast

### Calendar Details

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

#### Membership Meetings:

7:00 PM Socializing & Mini-Hamfest;  
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](mailto:kjschumann@stthomas.edu) for any accessibility requests.

#### Saturday Breakfast:

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

#### VE Sessions:

Usually the 1st Sat. of the month, 9:00 AM. Followed by EC Exams - Contact Leon Dill, WØCOE at 651-688-9964 or [w0coe@arrl.net](mailto:w0coe@arrl.net) for more information.

### Dale's Details by NØPEY

More snow and the rivers are rising fast. Bridges are closed and getting around the metro will be a challenge.

Last month's tour of the Pavek Museum was a real treat. History at its best, sure brought back good memories. If you missed it, put it on your things to do list, it's worth it.

Stop by our Club table at Midwinter Madness and say hello. We will be on display and looking for new members.

The Banquet is still in the works. Now we have a place and possible dates but no speaker yet. Any ideas can be passed on the Jay Maher.

June 4<sup>th</sup> is a double header, Tailgate Swapfest and Mining Everything under the Sun Sale. Both will be on the 3M campus, so when you finish looking over the Ham gear, come over to the garage sale and see what other goodies you can find. Mining Radio Club is in charge and if you can lend them a hand sometime during the day, let me know. I do the food stand there and workers eat free.

Field Day and the Picnic come up on the weekend of June 25<sup>th</sup>. It appears we will have to do things differently this year. The digital station and all of Ralph's wonderful gear will be absent, as they are playing with others this year. So, we really need to get chair people lined up soon. Many little jobs to do and it all comes together making it the best weekend of the summer. No spaghetti this year either, the main event will be grilled steaks, chicken and the usual burgers, brats and dogs. Join the fun and grab a position, show us what you can do.

Next meeting is Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup>, April Fools Day. I wonder what we can do to make it interesting? Be sure to attend and see for yourself.

Keep thinking Spring  
Dale, NØPEY, President

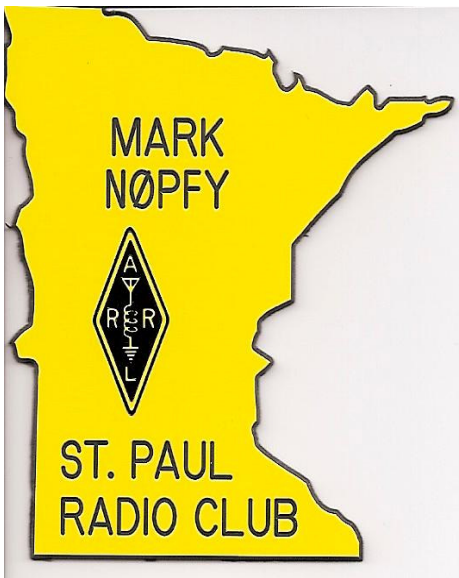
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## **ANNOUNCING THE SPRC MINI-HAMFEST**

To add some “pizzazz” to our meeting nights, the SPRC Board of Directors is proposing that we 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, and you are so inclined, 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).



Interested in an official St. Paul Radio Club name badge? They are available from Tag-Me Engraving (<http://www.tagme-engraving.com/>). The cost is \$9.00 plus shipping and tax. They accept PayPal on their website.

### **WØHPD, SK**

It is with sadness to note that James Swisher WØHPD became a silent key on March 19, 2011. He was very active over the years in the MN NTS and was a member of the SPRC.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to one of our newest members, Joel Iverson, KDØNUW, who passed his Technician exam at the SPRC VE session on March 5 at the age of 10. Joel is a 4th grader at Zanewood Elementary in Brooklyn Park.



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