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# St. Paul Radio Club Ground Wave

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## NEWS AND NOTES FOR MAY 2012 — Volume 72, Issue 5

### MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 4, 2012

UST MHC 155

Socializing 7:00 p.m.

Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Program

### Ham Radio Potpourri

Skip Jackson, KSØJ

The May program will be in three parts. First we'll see *The DIY Magic of Amateur Radio*, part of the new ARRL public relations campaign to interest the nation's "maker and hacker" community in our world of ham radio. Second will be an update on the search for Amelia Earhart on Nikumaroro Island (Previously Gardner Island). The deep water search along the west coast of the island is the first time this area will be searched and it is thought that it is likely that, if Earhart landed on the island's reef, the aircraft would have been washed off the reef into deep water. The effort will be covered by the Discovery channel and any resulting program will be broadcast at a later time.

The last item is an entertaining video from Sweden--a group singing the catchy tune, *Come Join us on The Airwaves* while hanging unto a 100 foot tower.

Skip Jackson, KSØJ is the Minnesota Section Manager for the ARRL and is a long-time SPRC member who has been active on the board and volunteer positions.

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### 2012 SPRC Banquet

By Dale Maroushek NØPEY

This year's Banquet will be recorded as a Home Run! First base got us into the New Anderson Student Center with parking right underneath. The room with full media display capabilities is awesome. Second base came from the huge response from 58 members and guests, and the kitchen staff with another perfectly done buffet and excellent service staffers. Third base goes to Cathy Wurzer, our speaker from MPR. KSTP radio history and her Highway 61 book/video brought back memories and new insight into Cathy's career and our local area radio community. Overwhelming comments from members were expressed to me that this was the best program we have even seen. The race to Home Plate was the sneaky way Mert, our Ham of the Year, was introduced. I read *some* information from his QRZ page that tells us this:

WØUFØ WILLIAM M NELLIS Uses middle name Merton, short Mert. First license W9UFO June 1941. 1947-1950 W8CNC East Lansing Mich. 1951-1952 W4SXM Yorktown VA. US Navy Schools Mine Warfare. 1953-Present WØUFO St. Paul MN Works 98% CW and recently started kit and scratch building for working QRP. He belongs to ARRL, QRPARCI, NAQCC and MNQRP Club. Then I asked "William" to come forward, paused, asked again, people

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Dale shows our appreciation to Cathy Wurzer and photographer Denny Behr



Cathy held everyone's attention



Ham of the Year 2011  
Mert Nellis, WØUFO

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are looking around now, asked again for "William", still no one answers. It took five calls and became a huge surprise for Mert who was the only true William in the room! Mert's acceptance speech was short, thanking us for the honor and thinking this may inspire him to work on more Ham Radio Projects.

Knowing Mert, we should look forward to a QRP CW GPS DSP PSK31 Dick Tracy wrist radio by 2013. It may start out as a backpack unit, but 30 minutes in your Easy Bake Oven will get it down to size!

Thanks go out to all the wonderful people that attended the Banquet. To Jay Maher, for doing the front line coordination with UST food services and door prize selection. He was also official photographer for this event. To Skip Jackson our SM, and the ARRL, for furnishing some door prizes. To Allan Klein, our treasury, he writes the checks that pay for all our Ham Related extraordinary events. To Don Kelly, our GW Publicist, who is working overtime on this issue so you won't have to wait until late June to see the results. To all of our guests, be they YL, XYL, or friends, they seem to put up with our activities without question. Congrats again Mert, you deserve it!

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](http://www.stthomas.edu/campusmaps).  
MHC: Murray-Herrick Campus Center  
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## Banquet Footnotes

By Jay Maher NJØM

The SPRC Annual Banquet turned out to be another fun event. The turnout was great, thanks to Dale and his promotional efforts. We filled up the double dining room at St. Thomas pretty well. Dale has already recounted the highlights but what he didn't mention was how hard he worked to keep us on track. One of the best things about these events is the chance to get together with other members and socialize--once these hams get talking, it is pretty hard to slow them down. Dale does a great job as emcee and I want to thank him for that. Thanks to all the participants and helpers. I'd also like to give a special thanks to Skip Jackson and the ARRL for increasing the size of our prize pool.

If you missed this year's Banquet, make sure to come next Spring. The word is getting out on the Banquet – good fun, great food, great price! Where can you get a good time like this for even less? I'll give you a hint. Put the SPRC Field Day Picnic Supper on your calendar (June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Tartan Park).

## Dale's Details

By Dale Maroushek NØPEY

I'm composing this two nights before the Banquet, but I know the front page of the GW will have a picture of our 2011 Ham of the Year on it. So congratulations Mert Nellis WØUFO! It will look good on your resume. Who will be next year's recipient?

Our table at Mid Winter Madness was visited by many and we may get some new members in the coming months. Most of those that I talked to were "getting back into the hobby". Luckily, the hobby has stayed the same yet expanded greatly to

accommodate whatever aspect they wish to pursue at this time. Morse Code is on the hot list of interests and we will have a class set up for next fall. If someone would take command of a Club table at Field Day, we score 100 points. In July, we should have a table at the Magic Yard Sale, and we can sell stuff too!

May 5<sup>th</sup> ARAC Hamfest up in Superior WI is next, followed by Twinsland Tailgate on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3M. You get the two-fur-one there if you stop by the Everything Under the Sun Sale (it's free) run by the Mining ARC next to the big building. Maybe plan a lunch trip up that way and see what I'm serving.

Field Day is approaching fast, June 23-24, so seven weeks to find the people, make the plans and get it done. Ed Jacobson, WBØVHF, is chair again, so jump on board soon and volunteer to see what we do this year.

This is election month for our officers. Nominations and volunteers are accepted right up to the election time. We have a slate of candidates now, more would be better. As we have stated many times, you will not be alone, the experienced Board members help guide the new members. A team effort, with many delightful discussions, is a good way to describe the fun.

Nominations at this time:

President: George Power, KØGNP

VP: (none)

Treasurer: Allan Klein, WØNLY

Secretary: Jeff Iverson, WB9DAN

Joseph Clysdale, KDØJCC

Ben Premack, KDØETG

Summer things to watch for: repeat installation and revamp at UST; another Special Event at the Train Museum; escort duties for walking, running and biking events; actual emergency or health and welfare responses. Remember: When all else fails, Ham Radio is there.

Dale, NØPEY, President



**SK Marv Mahre, WØMGI**

Marvin Alfred Mahre, Age 83, of Maplewood passed away peacefully on April 22 following prolonged health issues. Marv, WØMGI, was licensed in 1950 and was an active member of the SPRC, SARA and the MN Transportation Museum (MTM). He was listening to SARA's Top Band Gang just two nights before his death (A WØMGI Top Band On-Air Memorial is planned for early May). Full announcement in St Paul Pioneer Press.

### Membership Meeting March 30, 2012 (April Meeting)

A meeting of the St. Paul Radio Club membership was called to order on March 30, 2012, at 7:32 PM by President Dale Maroushek, NØPEY.

Signed in on Members sheet: 28  
Signed in on Guests sheet: 2

The April meeting was held on March 30, 2012 because of Good Friday.

The business meeting was paused at 7:35 PM for the presentation by Michael Bowden on Uninterruptible Power Supplies.

The business meeting resumed at 8:53 PM.

Terry Londroche, NØGOI announced that the new repeater will be delivered tomorrow at the Buffalo hamfest.

Tomorrow is the Midwinter Madness hamfest in Buffalo. We intend to have a table, but have not purchased one yet. Terry Londroche, NØGOI, plans on arriving at the hamfest early and will buy one for us. He will be reimbursed.

Our Banquet will be on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Guest speaker will be Cathy Wurzer of Minnesota Public Radio/ Twin Cities Public Television. Meal will be the Grand Buffet as in previous years. Registration is \$10. Reservations are pushing 36 – there is room for more.

Field Day is June 23-24 – time to start planning. Ed Jacobson, WBØVHF, has graciously volunteered to be the chair again. The site and towers are secured.

Good news – Janet Bierbaum is doing well, but she is still not able to travel. Magic Yard Sale is July 28 at 37 Hatch in St. Paul.

Tailgate Swapfest and "Everything under the Sun" sale is June 2 at 3M Center.

The minutes were approved.

Jim Klassen gave the Treasurer's report for Allan: The Treasury is doing well. Members may contact Allan for details.

In May we will hold elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Dale gave a review of officers since 1998 and made an appeal for new blood on the Board.

Don Kelly, WA6ZMT, Ground Wave Editor, made an appeal for members to send him material to be printed.

Richard Moore is coordinating a Technician class in the Minneapolis schools. He has 21 girls in grades 5, 6, and 7 interested. He would like some help with putting on demos. Contact him for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey A. Iverson, WB9DAN, Secretary

### Board Meeting April 13, 2012

A meeting of the St. Paul Radio Club Board of Directors was called to order on April 13, 2012, at 7:18 PM by President Dale Maroushek.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Dale Maroushek, NØPEY, 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:  
Jay Maher, NJØM, Food & Banquet  
Chair

We need to get confirmation from Skip as to whether he is doing the May program and which program he is doing.

The new donated repeater was picked up in Buffalo. Terry and Tom have gotten in touch with each other about planning for the project.

We received a "thank you" from the ARRL for our \$600 donation to the Spectrum Defense Fund. It included an invitation to their Thursday night event at Dayton. Dale will check around to see who is going that could use the invitation.

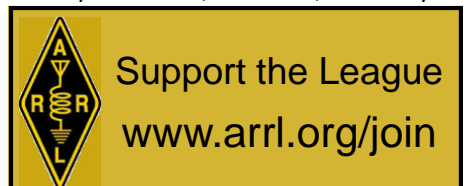
Banquet: 58 have registered; podium is arranged; door prizes have been procured.

ARRL clubs are asked to encourage participation in the "Rookie Round-up" operating event for new operators. SSB event is in April, RTTY in August, and CW in December.

In May we will hold elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. George Power, KØGCP, has agreed to run for President. That leaves Vice President and George's vacated At-Large positions open. Ben Premak and Joe Clydesdale have expressed interest in being on the Board. If they are willing to run for these positions, we could have a full slate. Dale will check to see if they are still interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 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.

Sat Apr 28	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Fri May 4	7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting. See program info on page 1. Rm 155 MHC, UST campus.
Sat May 5	9AM VE testing followed by EC exams. Roseville City Hall. Contact Leon Dill W0COE@arrl.net or 651-688- 9964
Sat May 5	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat May 5	9AM – 2PM Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club Hamfest. Head of the Lakes Fairgrounds, Superior, WI.
Fri May 11	7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor lounge or OSS 415).
Sat May 12	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat May 12	9AM – 6PM Northern Lights Radio Society, Aurora 2012. First Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake, MN
Sat May 19	9AM SPRC breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
Sat May 19	After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat May 26	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Jun 2	7AM – 1PM TwinsLAN Tailgate Swapfest. 3M Center, Maplewood, MN.
Sat Jun 9	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Jun 16	9AM SPRC breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
Sat Jun 16	After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Jun 23	Field Day 2012. SPRC/Mining Radio Club. Tartan Park
Tue Jun 19	7PM Field Day Planning meeting Mining Radio Club trailer, Tartan Park
Sat Jun 23	6ish PM SPRC 2012 Field Day Picnic. Tartan Park
Sun Jun 24	Field Day 2012. SPRC/Mining Radio Club. Tartan Park
Sat Jun 30	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.