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FIELD DAY

June 22-24, 2012

Tartan Park

The MARC and SPRC Field Day operations are coming together as in years past. Towers and "comfortable" stations for CW and SSB, A GOTA operation and work on-going for VHF.

Set-up will start about 3:00 PM Friday, June 22 with operations from 1:00 PM Saturday, June 23 to 1:00 PM Sunday, June 24, followed by the tear-down fun.

Food service will be on hand from beginning to end as usual! Dinner Saturday evening 6 p.m., will be spaghetti and meat balls, garlic bread, 5 bean salad and potato salad. Lisa will be bringing the desert pastry assortment which is worth the trip alone! The usual picnic stuff will be available also.

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The final setup meeting will be on June 19th 7pm at the WOMR tartan park trailer.

73,
Ed
WB0VHF

SPRC Field Day Picnic 2012

Field Day weekend is almost upon us again. As usual on Field Day weekend, there will be lots of outdoor fun on tap at Tartan Park from Friday through Sunday. We'll be holding the Annual Field Day Picnic on Saturday evening, June 23rd, starting at 6 p.m. The traditional spaghetti supper will form the base, but there will be other picnic fare (burgers and brats, salads and such) available as well. Rumor has it that some of the famous tasty baked goods will also be available. There is never a shortage of food when master chef Dale and his helpers are involved. If you haven't been out to Tartan Park, it is a wonderful facility with a covered dining area and all the amenities. Lots of space for the young (and old) ones to run around, so bring the whole family. No tickets or reservations needed, everything is free. Hope to see you there.

FOX HUNT FINDS WIERDO IN BUSHES

On May 8, the Washington Technology Magnet School Radio Club held it's annual fox hunt. Steve Huntsman, AAOP, and Allan Klein, WONLY, supervised four students. Here is Allan's account of the event:

When we got to the school on May

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Presidential Ponderings

So, who is that new guy standing up in front at the end of our club meeting May 4?

Definitely a new face for you, since I joined the St. Paul Radio Club only last year (2011), and just now begin to recognize faces at the meetings. I still have to work hard at putting names to those faces, but I am sure you'll help me out. Licensed in 2008, my interest is public service/emergency communications using 2m/70cm FM equipment. No HF experience yet, but that will come later.

The summertime break has started, although several activities are coming up quickly.

Field Day: is June 22-24 at Tartan Park. Ed Jacobson would appreciate hearing from you if you can help out with the activities. Get ready for your DX'ing magic.

Licensing class: July 12-15 If you know of any Tech class operators interested in upgrading, there is a 4 day class for the General license being offered at the Minneapolis Veterans Hospital, 1 Veterans Drive in Minneapolis. It starts July 12 and finishes July 15. For more information or to register contact Tim Arimond, n0byh@arrl.net or call 952 593 9641.

Public Service: July 22 – 27 is the MS Society TRAM ride across Minnesota, from NW Minnesota to the Central

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Lakes region. The contact is Will Ziegenhagen, volunteer coordinator, will.ziegenhagen@nmss.org, or sign up at www.ms-scrum.org.

Yard sale: July 28 The Ninth annual MAGIC Yard sale will be July 28, 2012. It will start at 8 a.m. and go to 11 a.m. Free admission for buyers and sellers. Sellers please bring your own tables and chairs. For more info go to, www.magicrepeater.net and look for MAGIC YARD SALE. Save up your pennies for this one.

Summer is here. Keep your cool but the radios hot.

George, K0GCP

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8, there were dark clouds in the sky. We asked the students whether they wanted to go out on the fox hunt, even though it looked bad. They all said that they did want to, so we went ahead. Luckily, it stayed dry the whole time.

I was the fox, and Steve Huntsman went with the students. I hid in a narrow, weedy strip between two garages in an alley not too far from the school. The only problem arose when "civilians" walked down the alley and saw this fellow crouching down in the weeds between the two garages. Each time someone walked by and saw me, I quickly started transmitting in a loud voice, so they could hear me identify myself as part of the "Washington Technology Magnet School Radio Club"! I fully expected to see a police car come cruising slowly down the alley to check out the reports of a "wierdo" hiding in the bushes, but luckily for me, nobody reported me!

Steve and the students eventually found me, but it took a while because my signal was too strong for them to get a good bearing (we didn't use any of those attenuators we built last year, which was a mis-

take—they really do help). The students had the best luck with an old HiGain handheld of John Hunt's, because it was possible to take the whip antenna fully out of the socket. When the antenna was totally removed, it worked the best at direction finding. Next year, we should be sure that the fox can reduce his transmit power to make it easier for the students to get a good direction fix.

After we had finished, and were nearly back to the school carrying our handhelds and antennas, an older fellow walked out of the school. He saw us, stopped, and said, "Well, well, what do we have here? It looks like two old hams and a bunch of our students coming back from a fox hunt." It turns out that he is a ham who teaches as a fill-in at the school. He had no idea that the Radio Club even existed. After we told him about it, he said he would drop by in future

Dale's Details

By Dale Maroushek NØPEY

I was going to call this the Last Detail, now that I'm the Past President. Not so fast I said to myself. I'm still on the Board and will only be less active, not gone.

We have another fabulous Field Day coming up starting on June 22nd thru 24th. Tartan Park becomes W0MR 2A MN and K0AGF GOTA station, with hopefully a VHF station for extra points. The planning meeting will be at Tartan Park on June 19th at 1900. The location is usually the trailer, but find us by site. Ed Jacobson is our FD Chair, so contact him to volunteer. More information is available on our website and at the ARRL website.

As usual, the food will be plentiful all weekend with the Saturday night picnic of spaghetti and meat balls and Lisa's deserts.

My summer project will be installing my Yaesu FT -857 in the RV and making some contacts as we travel around. Just have to remember to take the antennas down before heading out. I think I'll go start that now! See you at Field Day!

Dale, NØPEY

Membership Meeting

May 4, 2012

Prior to the meeting, Tom Sturm of the University of St. Thomas Radio Club announced the following allocation of duties among leaders of the UST club: Tom Sturm will be in charge of repeaters, and siting. Joe Kreitzer will be in charge of room scheduling, audio-visual requests, and key requests. (It was noted that Joe can get very busy in his job and may need up to a month's notice.) Paul Beckman will be in charge of recruiting for the UST Radio Club.

A meeting of the St. Paul Radio Club membership was called to order on March 30, 2012, at 7:39 PM by President Dale Maroushek, NØPEY.

Signed in on Members sheet: 34

Signed in on Guests sheet: 3

The Banquet was a big success. Fifty-eight people attended. The food and the program were well-received. Thanks to Jay and Dale for their work on arrangements and publicity.

Dale announced that long-time member and former *Ground Wave* editor Marv Mahre, WØMGI, is a Silent Key.

The April minutes were approved.

The business meeting paused for the program at 7:42 PM. The program was a three part one by Skip Jackson, KSØJ: update on Amelia Earhardt, ARRL DIY amateur radio video, and "Come and Join us on the Airwaves" video.

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The business meeting resumed at 8:34 PM.

Guests were introduced.

The Pavak Museum Garage Sale is May 18-19th.

Beta testers reported that the digital edition of *QST* works well.

The June 3rd Minneapolis Marathon needs volunteers. See Dave Johnson.

Our certificate for our contribution to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund was given to Club Historian Joe Zwirn.

A man named Don Lamache is working to get his license while his deceased father's call is still available. Those who can help are encouraged to do so.

Jan Bierbaum, KDØBZZ, is back in town after her medical incident that kept her in Arizona. Welcome back Jan.

The ARRL has asked clubs to get involved with Boy Scout troops. We have had limited luck with this in the past, but are open to suggestions.

June 2nd will be the Tailgate Swapfest and Everything Under the Sun Sale at 3M Center in Maplewood.

The MS Society needs amateurs to help with its events. See www.ms-scam.org.

Field Day: we have a CW Chair, need SSB Chair. Set up on Friday, operate on Saturday, take down on Sunday.

Elections: George Power, KØGCP, resigned his At-Large Board Member seat prior to the meeting in order to be able to run for President. The Board put forth the following slate to run for the Board:

President: George Power, KØGCP
Vice-President: Joe Clysdale, KDØJCC
Secretary: Jeff Iverson, WB9DAN
Treasurer: Allan Klein, WØNLY

Additional nominations were solicited from the floor – none were forthcoming. Nominations were solicited for

the now-vacant At-Large Board Member seat. Jay Maher, NJØM, agreed to be nominated. Additional nominations were solicited from the floor – none were forthcoming. A motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot for the proposed slate of officers. Moved, Seconded, and Carried. Congratulations to all. Thanks for volunteering, and thanks to the departing officers.

As per the By-Laws, George immediately took over the chairmanship of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey A. Iverson, WB9DAN, Secretary

Board Meeting

May 11, 2012

President George Power KØGCP called the meeting to order at 1910. Vice President Joe Clysdale KØJCC, Treasurer Allan Klein WØNLY, John Faughn KØCAC, Jay Maher NJØM, Dale Maroushek NOPEY, Skip Jackson KJOS and James Klassen KBOUAZ were present.

We discussed Field Day operations noting that John Faughn is Phone Chair, John Warinsky is CW Chair and Ed Jacobson is FD Chair. Normal set up starts on June 22nd about 1500 at Tartan Park. The last meeting for planning is on June 19th at 1900 at the Mining Club trailer. George will be able to spend the whole weekend with us this year. Dale will have his food service diner as usual. Kirk will have a network for logging again. The class from our school project will be invited.

The Picnic menu was established at Spaghetti and meat balls, Potato salad, garlic bread and 5 bean salad. Joe will fill in as beverage person, Jay makes the sauce, and Dale makes the pasta. The usual FD fare will also be available, and Lisa's deserts will be enjoyed.

The dates were chosen for next year's meetings: Sept 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 2nd Dec 7th, Jan 11th, Feb 1st, March 1st, April 5th and May 3rd. We will info Joe Kreitzer so he has maximum time to request space for us. The meeting room may need to move as construction continues at UST. Board meeting will continue to be held on the second Friday night in the Science building at 1900.

Summer activities for the Club: nothing is scheduled, but a Foxhunt or special training may materialize.

Jay Maher will be the Program Chair and we passed some possibilities around for him to work on.

George and Joe had questions about many of the internal everyday happening with keeping the Club going. They were brought up to speed accordingly.

As expected, having new people on the Board brought forth new ideas and outside contacts. We will be incorporating these into our future plans. Remember the Board meetings are open to all members and we encourage your attendance and comments.

Dale Maroushek, Past President

The ninth annual **MAGIC REPEATER yard sale**

Saturday, July 28, 2012.

37 Hatch St. Paul.
8AM-11AM.

Free admission for both
buyers and sellers.
Please bring your own
table and chairs.

Talk in on 145.170. 100.0 tone.

We will have some prizes from
Radio City, ARRL and
MAGIC Repeater System

Take 35E to Maryland Ave. Go west
on Maryland to Sylvan Ave. Go
south on Sylvan to Hatch.



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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 Jun 16	9AM SPRC breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
Sat Jun 16	After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Tue Jun 19	7PM Field Day Planning meeting Mining Radio Club trailer, Tartan Park
Fri Jun 22	3PM -? Field Day 2012 setup. SPRC/Mining Radio Club. Tartan Park
Sat Jun 23	Field Day 2012. SPRC/Mining Radio Club. Tartan Park
Sat Jun 23	6PM 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*
Sat Jul 7	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Jul 14	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Jul 21	9AM SPRC breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
Sat Jul 21	After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Jul 21	8AM- noon. Chippewa Valley ARC tailgate swapfest. Eagles Club, Lake Hallie, WI.
Sat Jul 28	8AM – 11AM. Ninth Annual Magic Repeater Yard Sale. 37 Hatch St., Saint Paul.

*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.